

ON TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023, AT 7:00 P.M. THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HELD IT'S (EXECUTIVE SESSION) MEETING IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED AT 95 W. VETERANS HIGHWAY, JACKSON, NJ, 08527

Present: Martin Flemming, Council President; Stephen Chisholm, Jr., Council Vice President; Nino Borrelli, Councilman; Jennifer L. Kuhn, Councilwoman; and Scott Sargent, Councilman

Others present: The Honorable Mayor Michael Reina; Terence Wall, Business Administrator; Gregory McGuckin; Township Attorney, Brent Pohlman, Attorney; and Mary Moss, Township Clerk

Certification was read into record:

“As Clerk of this meeting, I publicly announce that in compliance with the provisions of the “Open Public Meetings Act” adequate notice of this meeting of the Jackson Township Council has been advertised in the manner prescribed by law.”

A motion was made by Councilman Chisholm seconded by Councilman Sargent to go into Executive Session.

RESOLUTION R129-23

- A) Personnel/Professionals:
- B) Litigation/Potential Litigation: Update
- C) Potential Land Sale/Land Acquisition: Update
- D) Contracts/Agreements:

A motion was made by Councilman Chisholm seconded by Borrelli Councilman to close Executive Session.

Adjournment: 7:24 p.m.

7:30 P.M. - RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING IN THE MAIN MEETING ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call:

Present: Martin Flemming, Council President; Stephen Chisholm, Jr., Council Vice President; Nino Borrelli, Councilman; Jennifer L. Kuhn, Councilwoman; and Scott Sargent, Councilman

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/PROCLAMATION:

MEALS ON WHEELS OF OCEAN COUNTY- PROCLAMATION

OPENING COMMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL:

COUNCILMAN BORRELLI- He starts off with saying he joins Mayor Reina and their former colleague on the township council Alex Sauickie who represents the 12th Legislative District including our town of Jackson and urging Governor Murphy to reverse the public school funding cuts which will have a devastating impact on taxpayers and school programs and services in Jackson. He says 6.2 million lost in aid in our town alone and in many other towns in our State, it is obvious Republican areas in our State like ours are taking the brunt of the unfair address of school cuts. Urges fellow residents to call the Governor’s office at (609) 292-6000 or email the Governor on the State of New Jersey website to urge him and his administration to stop playing partisan politics and reverse these cuts backing up his rhetoric to make us a stronger and fairer New Jersey. He mentions how recently announced a Court ruled that the State of New Jersey has now to consider transportation costs when calculating State education funding for school districts busing is a big and growing issues facing Jackson and it would greatly help ultimately the State will not turn the corner until the school funding formula is fixed. He advises that there are two (2) events coming up in the town, the first event is the Senior Expo 2023 held at Jackson senior center on Friday, March 31, 2023 from 9am to 1pm for more information call (732) 928-2313. The second event is Jackson recreations

annual Easter egg hunt held in Johnson Park Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 10am to 11:15am for two (2) and three (3) year olds up to third graders and parents have to bring their own baskets and the Easter bunny will be there to take photos. The rain date will be Sunday, April 2, 2023 and for more information call 732-928-1260. He closes with saying it was good seeing you all and have a good evening.

COUNCILWOMAN KUHN- She says good evening to the residents of Jackson and starts off with thanking the Mayor and Administrator for bringing us Ordinance 11-23. This ordinance is collectively approximately 114 acres, this is a win win for all residents of Jackson it is a great way to purchase land through preservation it's a great way to help the Board of Education as they weed through their budget crisis after the Democrats in Trenton cut our state funding. She says in her continued effort to promote local businesses and businesses pending in our town United Skates should be opening at the end of the month and she has visited there and you can find more details on their website. She is also happy to announce on behalf of Jackson Library that the new sensory space is open and the space provides a calm relaxing atmosphere located on the second floor of the Jackson Library and she is very excited that this will be something beneficial for the Jackson residents. She thanks everyone and wishes a goodnight.

COUNCILMAN SARGENT- Waived comments for the evening.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT CHISHOLM- Thanks Mayor for the Meals on Wheels Proclamation and says it is good to support the people that are out there helping our seniors. He notes that in the past a lot of people have a tendency to not pay attention to what is going on in Trenton and that we really need to and as you have heard tonight about our Board of Education the taxes, we send out tax dollars that go to Trenton and some of them come back to local towns and then getting redistributed to other towns that is not ours. He says that we have been cut almost nineteen (19) million dollars over the course of four (4) years. He says why we can't find that money in Governor Murphy's budget because he raised his fifteen (15) billion and can't find (19) million of our tax money to give back. He says get on the phone with your legislators and governor and demand better from them. Wishes everyone a Happy Saint Patrick's Day, a goodnight and god bless.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FLEMMING- Waived comments for the evening.

MAYOR REINA- Thanks Council for what's on the agenda tonight and the support they have shown Administration in helping get things done. He says it is nice to work with people who understands the needs of Jackson and working together and moving the town forward. He and Council President Flemming met with the Board of Education last week to discuss the shortfalls of Trenton and to touch on what Council Vice President Chisholm said money is sitting somewhere they refuse to release and there is money being given to other school districts that are plus millions and millions of dollars. He says he doesn't know why the NJAEA is not stepping forward and giving every child the proper education and should be funded the same. Thanks everyone for coming out and wishes a great evening and to get home safe.

APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES:

FEBRUARY 28, 2023

A motion was made by Councilman Borrelli, seconded by Councilman Chisholm to approve the minutes of February 28, 2023 upon the following vote:

Roll call vote: Ayes 5- Nays 0- Absent 0- Abstain-0

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES: PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL CONSIDERATION

NONE

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION – FIRST READING

ORD7-23 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE 5-23 AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF LANDS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON AND BELLEVUE ESTATES, LLC PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-16

A motion to approve Ordinance 7-23 on first reading, advertise the approval and notice of second reading and public hearing to be held on March 28, 2023 by Councilman Sargent seconded by Councilman Borrelli, upon the following vote:

Roll call vote: Ayes- 5 Nays 0- Absent -0 Abstain-0

ORD8-23 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A DRAINAGE EASEMENT BY

NEGOTIATION, PURCHASE, CONDEMNATION OR EMINENT DOMAIN, FOR A PORTION OF PROPERTY KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 7501, LOT 16, A/K/A 60 IROQUOIS PLACE, TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, NEW JERSEY

A motion to approve Ordinance 8-23 on first reading, advertise the approval and notice of second reading and public hearing to be held on March 28, 2023 by Councilman Chisholm seconded by Councilman Borrelli, upon the following vote:

Roll call vote: Ayes- 5 Nays 0- Absent -0 Abstain-0

ORD9-23 AN ORDINANCE REZONING BLOCK 21401 LOT 6

A motion to approve Ordinance 9-23 on first reading, advertise the approval and notice of second reading and public hearing to be held on March 28, 2023 by Councilman Sargent seconded by Councilman Borrelli, upon the following vote:

Roll call vote: Ayes- 5 Nays 0- Absent -0 Abstain-0

ORD10-23 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 244-142 ENTITLED, "LOTS OF RECORD"

A motion to approve Ordinance 10-23 on first reading, advertise the approval and notice of second reading and public hearing to be held on March 28, 2023 by Councilman Sargent seconded by Councilwoman Kuhn, upon the following vote:

Roll call vote: Ayes- 5 Nays 0- Absent -0 Abstain-0

ORD11-23 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5

A motion to approve Ordinance 11-23 on first reading, advertise the approval and notice of second reading and public hearing to be held on March 28, 2023 by Councilwoman Kuhn seconded by Councilman Sargent, upon the following vote:

Roll call vote: Ayes- 5 Nays 0- Absent -0 Abstain-0

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ON RESOLUTION(S) ONLY:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT (RESOLUTION(S) ONLY):

NONE

BILL AND CLAIMS:

Councilman Chisholm, seconded by Councilman Borrelli , upon the following vote:

Ayes 5 - Nays 0- Absent 0-Abstain 2-Chisholm (BRI18, RUT04) Borrelli (DEL01, EYE01, RUT04, STA01, TREASURE)

A motion was made by Councilman Borrelli, seconded by Councilman Chisholm to approve the listed resolutions as a consent agenda was approved upon the following:

Roll call vote: Ayes 5- Nays 0- Absent 0-Abstain 0

Resolutions are filed in the Township's Clerk's office and posted on the Township's website.

A motion was made by Councilman Chisholm, seconded by Councilman Borrelli to open the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT, ANY TOPIC

- 1) Gregory Stafford Smith-266 East Veterans Highway- Asks where the land is approximately that the Board of Ed is offering?

Council President Flemming says it is several parcels and Mr. Stafford Smith can see him after to give him a list of blocks and lots. He says most of the parcels they are holding are for future expansion.

Mr. Stafford Smith requests if the Township website could be updated with a map that lists all the current projects that are under construction and what type of projects they are so people could see at a glance how the Township is growing.

Mr. Wall said he will take a look at it and get it updated accordingly.

- 2) Goldie Berkovitz-145 White Road- Comes forward to appeal the land swap and Ordinance to be adding the additional lots.

Council President Flemming answers, "it was one tiny lot that was missed."

Ms. Berkovitz asks, "what is the advantage of adding the lot or just the swap in general"

Council President Flemming stated that by adding a little lot was to finish the land swap and says he does not even think the lot was 3,000 feet because that is how it got missed on one of the maps but it had to do with the entire land swap.

Ms. Berkovitz asks what is the advantage of the land swap to Jackson for the entire community and what are we looking to gain here?

Council President Flemming answers it was determined by the Administration and Mayor and followed up with the Planning Board that the land was more feasible to be used on White Road then on Leesville Road.

She asks in what way?

Council President Flemming answers, "to better to handle the traffic and closer to the water so they can bring water to the site and says she can read the Transcript of the Planning Board meeting to better understand and get a clearer idea of the project.

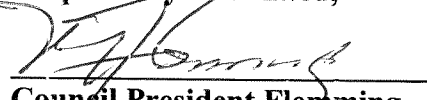
She says she understands and thanks them.

A motion was made by Councilman Chisholm, seconded by Councilman Borrelli to close the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilman Chisholm, seconded by Councilwoman Kuhn to adjourn this meeting was upon the following vote at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Council President Flemming