

MINUTES

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Council Vice President announced that the meeting was accessible to the public online and those who did not have the ability to access Zoom on a computer were able to participate using the telephone.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER APELL	
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM CARTER, III	ABSENT
COUNCILWOMAN SANGEETA DOSHI	
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE GOLKOW	
COUNCILWOMAN CAROLE ROSKOPH	
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRIAN BAUERLE	
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID FLEISHER	ABSENT

Council Vice President reviewed the agenda.

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

2023-4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL TO BE ENTITLED, "VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES: NOTICE, REGISTRATION AND FEES," PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE, INTENT AND APPLICABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY BY MORTGAGEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT, AS WELL AS THE REGULATION, LIMITATION AND REDUCTION OF REGISTRABLE REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, REPEALER, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Special Counsel Howard Long stated this ordinance updated the prior ordinance in order to reflect the new legislation.

RESOLUTIONS

2023-5-1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

2023-5-2 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE FY 23 BUDGET, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3, OF CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948

2023-5-3 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Michelle Samalonis, Controller, explained money can be moved from one line item to another in the final two months of the current budgetary year.

- 2023-5-4 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OR CANCELLATION OF VARIOUS ITEMS, DIVISION OF TAX COLLECTIONS-SEWER
- 2023-5-5 RESOLUTION RECORDING MUNICIPAL LIEN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:27D-131.1 AT 1138 WINDING DRIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

Special Counsel Howard Long, said he spoke with outside counsel and they were fully informed of the circumstances and had everyone's approval.

- 2023-5-6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 676

Erin Knoedler, Business Administrator indicated that the conditions of the contract were advantageous to both parties.

- 2023-5-7 RESOLUTION FOR THE CONTINUED UTILIZATION OF THE OMNIA COOPERATIVE PRICING CONTRACT FOR TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION PRODUCTS AND SERVICES TO MEET VARIOUS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS
- 2023-5-8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR PRIVATE COLLECTION AGENCY FOR MUNICIPAL COURT DEBT

Erin Knoedler, Business Administrator, noted that this service will attempt to collect court fees owed to the township, and the customer will be responsible for paying the collection agency's service fee. She continued by saying that the courts are only permitted to collect fines imposed before COVID.

- 2023-5-9 RESOLUTION TO AWARD BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE CHERRY HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 2023-5-10 RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF BUS SHELTERS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL
- 2023-5-11 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE FOR THE CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Kempf stated this software combines two programs that the police currently utilize.

- 2023-5-12 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) 2023 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN INDICATING PROGRAM GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS FOR THE 2023-2024 PROGRAM YEAR

Council Vice President Bauerle stated the action plan is yearly presented to HUD annually for evaluation and feedback.

Erin Knoedler, Business Administrator said that we might adjust how we use the funds throughout the year depending on the goals.

- 2023-5-13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE CASH SAFETY & STABILIZATION GUARANTEE AND THE CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND TRANSFER OF PORTION OF CASH GUARANTEE TO A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR PEDIATRIC DENTAL ASSOCIATES (PARKING LOT EXPANSION - PBC#10122)

2023-5-14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE CASH SAFETY & STABILIZATION GUARANTEE AND THE CASH PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE AND TRANSFER OF PORTION OF CASH GUARANTEE TO A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR KIWI OFFICES CHERRY HILL LLC (PBC#9989)

2023-5-15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS TO CONNECT CHALLENGE GROVE PARK WITH THE CROFT FARM MUNICIPAL COMPLEX IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

Councilwoman Apell inquired as to whether anything might be done to assist the pedestrians in crossing Bortons Mill Road.

Erin Knoedler, Business Administrator remarked the Township is talking about installing blinking lights.

2023-5-16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2023-JUNE 2024 FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

2023-5-17 RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 3-YEAR HOME CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN

Michelle Samalonis, Controller stated the county will use their federal HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds to rehab properties within the township.

Councilwoman Roskoph inquired as to the process used to determine which families qualify for rental assistance.

Primo Cruz, Township Solicitor stated there is an application procedure and an income requirement.

ADOPTED: MAY 22, 2023

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

**PATTI CHACKER, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

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COUNCILMAN WILLIAM CARTER, III	ABSENT
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PROCLAMATIONS AND/OR COMMENDATIONS

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON PRIOR REGISTRATION - World NF Awareness Day May 17, 2023

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Golkow, seconded by Councilwoman Apell the minutes of April 24, 2023 were approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, and Council Vice President Bauerle

ABSTAIN: Councilwoman Roskoph

COMMUNICATIONS – CORRESPONDENCE

APPLICATIONS FOR A TEMPORARY USE LICENSE

TOTAL (3) LICENSES

CHALL-Cherry Hill Atlantic Little League 5K
470 Evesham Road, CH

June 10, 2023
7:30 -9:30am

Cherry Hill African American Civic Association-Juneteenth Parade
At Croft Farm

June 17, 2023
7:00 am-5:00 pm
Rain-date June 18, 2023

Fox Hollow Swim Club 5K Walk/Run
Harrowgate Drive, CH

September 23, 2023
8:00 am – 10:00 am

BLOCK PARTY APPLICATIONS

TOTAL (2) LICENSES

Block Party Cooper Park Village Winding Way, CH

May 13, 2023
2:00 pm-6:00 pm
Rain-date May 20, 2023

Block Party Erlton North Windsor, CH
New York Ave between Maine Ave and New Hampshire Ave

May 20, 2023
1:00 pm -5:00 pm

APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY VENDORS OF SEASONAL MERCHANDISE

TOTAL 1 LICENSE

Wynnewood Garden Center LLC Spring Flower Sale
At Barclay Farm Shopping Center, CH

04/27/2023 to 06/04/2023
9:00 am- 7:00 pm

APPLICATION FOR LIMOUSINE/TAXI

TOTAL (1) LICENSE

Zoulu Transport 205 Juniper Drive, CH

Total Driver (2) License
Driver Shannon Hilt
Driver John Lyles

On a motion by Councilwoman Golkow, seconded by Councilwoman Apell the applications detailed above were approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Roskoph, Councilwoman Golkow, and Council Vice President Bauerle

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEAD

Good evening everyone, Great to see everyone tonight to highlight some important causes that are recognized this month. May is a month of celebration and remembrance for many communities in our country, including Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Month and Jewish American Heritage Month.

We take pride in commemorating and celebrating the important contributions that individuals of Asian and Pacific Islander descent have made to our community and nation. This year, we would like to draw your attention to the Asian American Alliance in South Jersey (AAASJ), which aims to represent and safeguard the interests of Asian Americans in our community. Through its organized activities, the AAASJ hopes to amplify Asian American voices in the region, promote their unity, protect their interests, and increase their representation and visibility. We commend their efforts and encourage all of you to join hands with them and support their cause.

Furthermore, Jewish American Heritage Month provides us with an opportunity to celebrate the many important ways Jewish Americans have contributed to our culture and history for hundreds of years. It also provides us with a chance to reiterate our steadfast support of our Jewish community and unequivocally denounce anti-Semitism in all forms. The Jewish Federation has been a pillar in our community for over 70 years, and they provide a wide array of vital services to seniors, families, individuals with special needs, and many others. We

encourage everyone to take some time to celebrate the history, contributions, and achievements of Jewish Americans and learn more about their rich cultural heritage.

As we approach the coming weekend, I would like to wish all the moms, moms-to-be, and moms at heart a wonderful Mother's Day. This day is an opportunity for us to show our love, gratitude, and appreciation for all the mothers who have made countless sacrifices and shaped us into who we are today. I want to take this moment to recognize their hard work and commitment to their families and communities.

In conclusion, let us take this month as an opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of the AAPI and Jewish American communities, and to honor and recognize the invaluable role that mothers play in our lives. Together, let us build a more inclusive and diverse community, where everyone feels valued, respected, and appreciated.

Thank you.

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Council Vice President Bauerle opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2023-4 asking if there was anyone present who wished to speak for or against the proposed ordinance.

Seeing no one was interested in speaking for or against the proposed Ordinance, Council Vice President Bauerle closed the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.

On a motion by Councilwoman Golkow, seconded by Council Vice President Bauerle Ordinance 2023-4 was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, and Council Vice President Bauerle

RESOLUTIONS

2023-5-1 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph, seconded by Councilwoman Apell the bill list in the amount of \$25,645,056.43 was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph (Abstain any/all payments to Cherry Hill Board of Education), and Council Vice President Bauerle (Abstain any/all payments to Connor, Strong and Buckelew)

Consent Agenda 2023-5-2 through 2023-5-17

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On a motion by Councilwoman Roskoph seconded by Councilwoman Apell the Consent Agenda, Resolutions 2023-5-2 through 2023-5-17 were approved by the following vote

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Councilwoman Roskoph, and Council Vice President Bauerle

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Barbara Coppens

Cherry Hill, NJ

At the meeting, Ms. Coppens voiced her apprehensions about various community issues. She highlighted the absence of trash cans at the bus shelter situated on Cooper Landing and Chapel Avenue. Ms. Coppens also pointed out the frequently changing traffic lights on Chapel and Cooper Landing and the incomplete sidewalks and curb cuts at Ellisburg Shopping Center and Kings Highway. Additionally, she mentioned the poor road conditions on the other side of Haddonfield Road on Chapel Avenue and requested that the authorities address the issue.

Rick Short

Cherry Hill, NJ

Mr. Short put forward several suggestions and concerns regarding the town's infrastructure and safety. He expressed concerns over the traffic flow and the potential delays in emergency response and recommended that the town take control of the traffic light at Marlboro Ave. In addition, Mr. Short expressed worries about the safety of buses and proposed that the township consider implementing audible alarm systems that have been effective in other municipalities.

Yoni Yares

Cherry Hill, NJ

Mr. Yares raised the need for a multi-functional team to strategize for the future of Cherry Hill, which is progressively becoming more diverse and inclusive. He highlighted the scarcity of affordable housing, the importance of attracting families, and the impact of the pandemic on the business sector. Additionally, Mr. Yares praised the police department for its community outreach efforts and stressed the importance of improving the maintenance of local parks, as well as educating residents on how to access emergency services.

Nicole Nance

Cherry Hill, NJ

Ms. Nance sought clarification on the process of renting the community center and requested information regarding its opening date. Additionally, she inquired about the deadline for the Fourth of July parade.

In response to Ms. Nance's inquiries, **Erin Knoedler, the Business Administrator**, suggested that she could contact the recreation department to obtain more information about the Fourth of July parade. Regarding the community center, Ms. Knoedler informed the attendees that it had only had a soft opening, as there were still a few pending tasks, such as painting and addressing minor issues. Furthermore, Ms. Knoedler mentioned that she had requested legal counsel to review the community center's contract and would update Ms. Nance with the relevant information as soon as possible.

Arlene Gigowski

Cherry Hill, NJ

Ms. Gigowski expressed her dissatisfaction with the responses provided regarding the rental agreement for the community center.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Roskoph

Councilwoman Roskoph expressed her concern about the government's lack of action on gun violence despite the tragic incidents that have occurred. She also congratulated Dr. John Burns on his recent appointment as the new principal at Cherry Hill High School West, emphasizing his qualifications for the position.

Councilwoman Golkow

Councilwoman Golkow voiced her support for a ban on assault weapons and shared her agreement with the concerns raised about the community center. Additionally, she acknowledged concerns regarding safety and maintenance issues in the community. Councilwoman Golkow also recognized recent community events aimed at celebrating diversity.

Councilwoman Doshi

Councilwoman Doshi called for a federal ban on assault weapons to prevent shootings and emphasized the importance of considering a candidate's stance on assault weapons before voting. She also expressed gratitude towards those involved in organizing recent community events.

Councilwoman Apell

Councilwoman Apell reminded the attendees that there used to be a federal ban on assault weapons and agreed with her fellow council members that such a ban should exist now. However, she acknowledged that as a township government, they cannot take any action on this issue, and it has to come from the Federal Government. Councilwoman Apell encouraged people to exercise their right to vote.

Council Vice President Bauerle

Council Vice President Bauerle expressed his gratitude to the proclamation recipients for their efforts in raising awareness. He also extended warm wishes for a Happy Mother's Day to his colleagues and the mothers in the community. Council Vice President Bauerle encouraged everyone to remember those who are no longer with us.

ADOPTED: MAY 22, 2023

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

**PATTI CHACKER, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**