

MINUTES

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Council 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 PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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

Council President reviewed the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

- 2023-5-18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS
- 2023-5-19 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE 2022 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
- 2023-5-20 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #3 FOR THE CHERRY HILL FORMER KINGSTON ESTATE POOL DEMOLITION ON DELAND AVENUE
- 2023-5-21 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR THE OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF SOLAR-POWERED FLASHING PEDESTRIAN BEACON SIGNS AT THE INTERSECTION OF PARK BOULEVARD (COUNTY ROUTE #628) AND DONAHUE AVENUE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

Chief Kempf said that given the volume of pedestrians that cross to visit the park, this was a top priority.

- 2023-5-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #0409-44-001-006 KNOWN AS CHERRY HILL WINE AND SPIRITS INC. T/A TOTAL WINE & MORE
- 2023-5-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF BID FOR THE BONNIES BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL

2023-5-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RE-BID AND EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR THIRD-PARTY ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS

2023-5-25 RESOLUTION AWARDED BID FOR CONSTRUCTION, INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUS SHELTERS WITHIN CHERRY HILL TOWNSHIP

Councilwoman Apell inquired whether any of the bus shelters being erected have solar panels.

Councilwoman Doshi stated that she had inquired and been told no.

2023-5-26 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF BID AND RE-BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE NEW AND UNUSED 2023 TACTICAL VEHICLE WITH COST OF SUPPLYING AND INSTALLATION OF ARMORING SYSTEM AND COST OF INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE EQUIPMENT

We are seeking a new bid because **Chief Kempf** claimed that we were working with an out-of-state vendor who was unfamiliar with New Jersey's purchasing regulations.

2023-5-27 RESOLUTION TO AWARD MISCELLANEOUS EMERGENCY SANITARY SEWER RENTAL, EQUIPMENT AND ASSOCIATED SERVICES FOR THE CHERRY HILL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DIVISION

Councilwoman Golkow inquired how frequently sewer emergencies occur.

Erin Knoedler, Business Administrator responded that the resolution was to ensure the township was prepared to handle any circumstance that might arise.

2023-5-28 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, THE TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES AND YESHIVA SHAAR HATALMUD CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 850 EVESHAM ROAD, DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 519.11, LOT 2 (PBC#10036), AS SET FORTH ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHERRY HILL, TO CONNECT TO THE VOORHEES TOWNSHIP SEWER SYSTEM

ADOPTED: JUNE 12, 2023

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

**PATTI CHACKER, RMC
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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

INVOCATION

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COUNCILWOMAN CAROLE ROSKOPH **ABSENT**
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRIAN BAUERLE
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PROCLAMATIONS AND/OR COMMENDATIONS

- Recognize Nina Gao, President of Asian American Alliance of South Jersey during AAPI Month
- Moms Demand Action- National Gun Violence Awareness Day

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON PRIOR REGISTRATION - NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilwoman Golkow, seconded by Councilwoman Apell the minutes of May 8, 2023 were approved by the following vote:

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

ABSTAIN: Councilman Carter and Council President Fleisher

COMMUNICATIONS – CORRESPONDENCE

APPLICATIONS FOR A TEMPORARY USE LICENSE

Joseph D Sharp Elementary School PTA Fun Day
300 Old Orchard Road, CH

TOTAL (4) LICENSES

June 9, 2023 - Rain date 14
9:30 am-2:30 pm

The Betty and Milton Katz JCC Israel 75 Event
1301 Springdale Rd, CH

June 4, 2023
10:00 am-2:00 pm

Rosa Int'l Middle School PTA Fun Day
485 Browning Lane, CH

May 23, 2023
8:30 am-2:30 pm

Henry Beck Middle School PTA Fun Day
950 Cropwell Road, CH

May 24, 2023
9:00 am-2:00 pm

On a motion by Council Vice President Bauerle, seconded by Councilman Carter the applications detailed above were approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow (Abstain Katz JCC Israel 75 Event), Council Vice President Bauerle, and Council President Fleisher

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND/OR DEPARTMENT HEAD

Good evening everyone, Since this is the last Council meeting before Memorial Day, I wanted to make sure residents are aware of our upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Monday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m., right outside Town Hall at the War Memorial. It is an important and meaningful occasion where we come together to honor our brave service members who made the ultimate sacrifice defending our great nation. Their memories will forever live on in our hearts and within our community. For more details regarding this significant event, please visit our website. Another initiative deserving our attention is assisting those facing mental health challenges. This has been prevalent during the pandemic. Please know that you do not have to carry the weight of shame, nor are you alone. It is crucial that we all contribute to breaking the stigma surrounding mental health. If you or someone you know is in need of mental health assistance, please contact New Jersey Mental Health Cares at 1-866-202-Help (4357) for support and guidance. Lastly, I would like to congratulate Fire Chief Wade J. Houlihan, who was appointed as Cherry Hill Township's new fire chief last week, along with his leadership team. Chief Houlihan's wealth of experience and unwavering commitment to our community make him an exceptional fit for this role. We are fortunate to have such a capable and dedicated individual leading our fire department. Thank you, and best wishes for a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

RESOLUTIONS

2023-5-18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Council Vice President Bauerle, seconded by Councilman Carter the bill list in the amount of \$60,926,088.84 was approved by the following vote:

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Council Vice President Bauerle (Abstain any/all payments to Connor, Strong and Buckelew) and Council President Fleisher (Abstain any/all payments to Connor, Strong and Buckelew)

Consent Agenda 2023-5-19 through 2023-5-28

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On a motion by Councilwoman Golkow seconded by Councilwoman Apell the Consent Agenda, Resolutions 2023-5-19 through 2023-5-28 were approved by the following vote

AYE: Councilwoman Apell, Councilman Carter, Councilwoman Doshi, Councilwoman Golkow, Council Vice President Bauerle, Council President Fleisher

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Council Vice President Bauerle provided an update on the NJDOT Route 70 project.

There will be a public forum to discuss cannabis during the Monday, July 10th council meeting, according to **Council President Fleisher**, but no official action will be done at that time. There will be more information forthcoming.

A soft opening was held and the community center is now accessible to the public, according to an update from **Mayor Susan Shin Angulo**. There are only a few small cosmetic tasks that still need to be completed, such as painting.

Fred Astmann**Cherry Hill, NJ**

Mr. Astmann voiced his concerns about the state of affairs at the southern border, calling it as a catastrophe for national security and humanitarian reasons that the government has long supported.

Mr. Astmann received assurances from **Council President Fleisher** that any scenario would be handled professionally, humanely, and lawfully.

Anne Einhorn**Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Einhorn asked about short-term rental restrictions, the timing for legalizing the cannabis businesses, and the potential impact of Route 70 construction on nearby businesses. Ms. Einhorn asked for more details regarding Resolution 2023-5-20.

Michelle Lee**Cherry Hill, NJ****Michelle Superson****Cherry Hill, NJ****John Smarkola****Cherry Hill, NJ**

The PARC apartment residents listed above expressed their worries about persistent problems with management at PARC Apartments. Air conditioning, heating, and washing machine malfunctions, unfair rent increases, and persistent problems with property upkeep are all problems.

Council President Fleisher requested that all PARC Apartment occupants send their information to the Business Administrator in order for the township to keep track of and contribute to resolving these recurring difficulties.

Erin Knoedler, Business Administrator stated the township has been in contact with management and the health department and residents should have received a temporary window unit while the air conditioning is fixed. The municipality will keep in touch to request updates.

Arlene Kakowski**Cherry Hill, NJ**

Ms. Kakowski inquired about the lack of hybrid Zoning Board meetings, early voting sites in Cherry Hill, and the community center leasing policy.

Erin Knoedler, Business Administrator, indicated that the township worked with our joint insurance fund for one-day liability insurance policies that people can purchase for a few hundred dollars when they rent the community center. Senior groups are sponsored by the township and are not subject to outside costs.

According to **Councilwoman Apell**, the purpose of liability insurance is to safeguard the town's citizens.

According to **Dan Long, Special Counsel**, requiring liability insurance is meant to be a gateway so that we can open the community center safely and ensure that we can keep it open. Without that requirement, the Township would be responsible, and we wouldn't be able to manage the community center due to the associated liability risks.

In response, **Council President Fleisher** said that the Mayor and Council should review Zoning Board Meetings returning to in-person. The council president also made it clear that members of the zoning board serve as volunteers rather than being paid. The Council President also debunked the claim that Cherry Hill is uninterested in hosting an early voting location.

Patti Chacker, Municipal Clerk stated the county determines the location of all early voting sites. Currently, the county has an early voting site in Merchantville, which is conveniently situated for residents of Cherry Hill's west side, and another in Voorhess, which is ideally situated for residents of Cherry Hill's east side. We'll arrange a meeting with the county to see if there are any additional sites in Cherry Hill that can be utilized.

Glendin Ford, Jr.

Cherry Hill, NJ

Regarding the Rent Review Board, Mr. Ford expressed his concerns.

Barbara Coppens

Cherry Hill, NJ

Ms. Coppens inquired about repairing the damaged elevator on the Route 38 pedestrian bridge.

Council Vice President Bauerle stated that the township will get in touch with the mall to have the elevator fixed.

COMMENTS OF COUNCIL

Councilwoman Golkow

Councilwoman Golkow spoke to residents of the PARC Apartments about their concerns regarding the habitations. Councilwoman Golkow also praised the Asian American Alliance and the Moms Demand Action volunteers for their community activism. Councilwoman Golkow acknowledged Jewish American Heritage Month.

Councilwoman Doshi

Councilwoman Doshi congratulated the recipients of proclamations for their dedication. Councilwoman Doshi expressed gratitude for the event held at the JCC to honor Jewish Heritage Month. Councilwoman Doshi thanked the Cherry Hill Police, Fire Department, and American Legion for flagging the graves of fallen heroes. The PARC apartment residents were reassured by Councilwoman Doshi that their complaints had been acknowledged and that they would look into the problems and offer aid where they could. Speaking to Mr. Astmann directly, Councilwoman Doshi highlighted the advantages and opportunities offered by this nation while also recognizing the importance of birthplace luck.

Councilman Carter

Councilman Carter expressed gratitude to everyone who attended the meeting, emphasizing the value of their opinions. Councilman Carter acknowledged the urgency of addressing the concerns at PARC apartments. Councilman Carter highlighted the significance of Memorial Day, emphasizing that it is not merely a holiday for leisure but a solemn occasion to honor those who have made ultimate sacrifices.

Councilwoman Apell

The PARC Apartments situation outraged Councilwoman Apell, who also praised the residents for their bravery in speaking up and sharing their experiences. Councilwoman Apell stated Bonnie's Bridge was the last known stone bridge from the Revolutionary War in Camden County and emphasized its historical value and expressed her desire to find someone soon who can assist with the bridge's repair and preservation.

Council Vice President Bauerle

In response to Ms. Einhorn's remarks regarding the demolition of the Kingston Swim Club, Council Vice President Bauerle said it was a no-cost change order to permit a privacy fence surrounding the property, as requested by the residents. Council Vice President Bauerle, who also noted Memorial Day, congratulated Chief Houlihan.

Council President Fleisher

Council President Fleisher underscored some of his previous remarks including a commitment to make progress for PARC apartment tenants and urged residents to attend the Memorial Day ceremony.

ADOPTED: JUNE 12, 2023

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

**PATTI CHACKER, RMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK**