WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

AGENDA

JUNE 20, 2017

7:00 PM Call to order Flag Salute Statement Roll Call

Manager's Report

TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO

ORDINANCE 2017-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, CHAPTER 3 ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, AS SECTION 3-150, IT AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

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Resolutions

Res. 2017—90

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF FOSTER MILITARY LODGE TEMPLE ASSOCIATION LIQUOR LICENSE

Res. 2017—91	RESOLUTION AUTHORING RENEW OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RUBY TUESDAY, INC.
Res. 2017—92	RESOLUTION FOR 2017 STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM GRANT (CHAPTER 159)
Res. 2017—93	EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

Public Comment Council Comment Adjournment

ALL BUSINESS ITEMS ARE TENTATIVE PENDING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

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7:00 P.M. meeting Flag Salute Required Statement Roll Call

The Required statement was read.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner.

On January 2, 2017 advance written notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Complex.

On January 2, 2017, advance written notice of this meeting was mailed to the Burlington County Times, Willingboro, the Trenton Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Courier Post.

On January 2, 2017, advance written notice of this meeting was filed with the Township Clerk. The Clerk is directed to enter into the minutes of this meeting this public announcement.

Roll Call:

Councilman Anderson Present
Councilwoman Jennings Present
Councilman Nock Present
Deputy Mayor Holley Present
Mayor Walker Absent

Also, Eric Berry Township Manager; Richard Brevogel, Deputy Twp. Manager/Director of Public Works; Wendell Bibbs, P.E., Township Engineer; Cristal Holmes-Bowie, Firm of M. Armstrong, Township Solicitor; Jill Cyrus, Director of Recreation; Eusebia Diggs, Director of Finance; Reva Foster, Director of Community Affairs/Sr. Center; Justin Lamicella, Tax Assessor

Manager's Report (See attached)

Twp. Manager Berry: I would request an executive session please, Deputy Mayor and

Council, for this evening. I just have a few things I want to highlight, old business, back to the concession stand. I am going to ask the Deputy to step forward and give is update please?

Richard Brevogel: Good evening, you should have in front of you pictures of the unit

that we are looking to purchase. We are in the process of getting all the paperwork together; and then the site over at the Kennedy Center, we can have further discussion on whether we would like it to be mobile down the line. But we are in the process of getting

that thing secured. Any questions? Thank you.

Twp. Manager Berry: Thank you. I just wanted to also remind the Council that strategic

planning and the master plan is the next item for me to put on the front burner. I will be meeting with our engineer to...we are right

at that time for the resolution for the master plan and I have been meeting with...I need a few more meetings with the economic development within the community to start that strategic plan.

Other than that, that's it for me.

Councilman Anderson: I was approached by a resident who was inquiring about

defibrillators, he is saying that there wasn't any at the Senior Center nor were there any in this building. Do we have any plans

on getting any?

Twp. Manager Berry: Correct, absolutely, it is in the capital budget and the Fire Chief

has them mapped out where they will go. As soon as that is passed

they will be in.

Councilman Anderson: Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Holley: One more question since we are on that topic, what about like epi-

pens as well?

Twp. Manager Berry: You know, I didn't ask him about that, but that is not a problem.

We can ask him about that too. I think that is a good idea with the fact that we haven't done the purchase order or anything for that,

so we can include that.

Deputy Mayor Holley: Okay.

Councilman Nock: Mr. Berry, is there anything you can tell us about a little update on

the Firehouse? Where we are, expectations that when we are going

to move out and the building is going to come down?

Twp. Manager Berry: Okay, I sure can, I am going to have the Deputy bring you up to

speed on that. That's his project.

Richard Brevogel: Right now we have ordered the structure to house the equipment

over at McGinley. We've coordinated with the Inspections Department to get the building secured for occupancy by the fire department. We are about ready to move over there. We are starting to move things over to the old station at 162 and we have got some issues to work out as far as some of the plan reviews, but

we are on target to get started within the next sixty days.

Councilman Nock: So, we are on target for the timeline of completion?

Richard Brevogel: The timeline will actually probably be extended beyond what we

estimated because we awarded, I believe, two months ago. So we've delayed the actual start on our end. So it will probably be

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extended out past August or September which was the timeline. Probably later in the year next year.

Councilman Nock:

Okay. Thank you.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2017-6 (First Reading)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WILLINGBORO, CHAPTER 3 ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT, PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, AS SECTION 3-150, IT AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

- 1. The Township hereby establishes an Information Technology and Communications Department within Willingboro Township's existing organizational structure. In accordance with Willingboro Township Code Section 3-16, the Township Manager is authorized to assign and transfer administrative functions, powers and duties among and within departments, subject to the Charter and Administrative Code; and to delegate to department heads such powers as the Manager may deem necessary for efficient administration. The Manager shall appoint a Director of Information Technology (IT) and Communications.
- 2. The primary goal and mission of a newly established IT and Communications Department will be to coordinate the IT and Communications services and needs of the Township; to ensure the security of the Township's technology and its records; over see and maintain compliance with the Township's IT policy using practices and procedures that are consistent with federal, state, and local law.
- 3. Pursuant to §3-16(G), the Township manager may delegate to the head of a department such powers as the Manager may deem necessary for efficient administration. In accordance with §3-16(F), the Township Manager may assign and transfer such administrative functions, powers, and duties among and within departments, subject to the Township Charter and Administrative Code.
 - 4. The IT/Communications department shall be headed by the Director of IT/Communications.
 - 5. The IT/Communications department will:
- a. Develop, maintain and adhere to the Township IT and communications policy;

- b. Be responsible for developing maintaining and operating all Township technology resources to service all Township departments;
- c. Counsel and assist all departments in the development and installation of hardware and software;
- d. Establish controls and procedures to secure and safeguard computer hard ware and software, and other pertinent materials;
- e. Provide for the design, implementation and maintenance of the Township's communications services;
- f. Provide oversight and guidance to the Township's public communications.
- g. Coordinate and cooperate with the Township Manager, other Department heads, vendors, and service providers in providing communications and technology services to the Township.
- h. Advise the Township on the adoption of new services, technologies, equipment, software, hardware, and technology infrastructure.
- i. Assist in the coordination and cooperation of communication services among all Township Departments.
 - 6. The IT/Communications Director shall:
- a. Coordinate with various departments of the Township to develop and implement communications, public information, and educational programs designed to enhance the knowledge of Township residents about the Township's services.
- b. Coordinate the dissemination of information to the public and all aspects of media, including web based, print, radio, television.
- c. Together with the Township Manager, develop policies for the dissemination of public information, in accordance with law, and in cooperation with the Township Council.
- d. Participate in and coordinate the development of local origination programming with the cable television franchisee, public access television, and internet-based access.

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- 7. The Township Manager with the assistance of the IT/Communications Director shall be responsible to implement and enforce the Township's IT and Communications practices duly adopted by ordinance or resolution and as authorized pursuant to this Code.
- 8. The Township Council may by resolution adopt and amend from time to time IT and/or Communications policies and procedures, as may be required to comply with the municipality's objectives and goals, and applicable Federal and State law. The IT and Communications policies and procedures adopted pursuant to said resolution(s) shall be applicable to all officials, appointees, employees, prospective employees, volunteers and independent contractors of the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, assembled in public session, that it does establish an Information Technology and Communications Department within the Township's organizational structure.

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On motion by: Councilwoman Jennings Seconded by: Councilman Anderson

Roll Call:

Councilman Anderson Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Holley Yes

Motion carried. Ordinance 2017-6 Approved at First Reading

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-90 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF FOSTER MILITARY LODGE TEMPLE ASSOCIATION LIQUOR LICENSE

WHEREAS, the Foster Military Lodge Temple Association has applied for renewal of their Club License pursuant to R.S. 33:1-46.1; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the application and supporting documents are in proper order and ready for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, assembled in public session 20th day of June, 2017, that the Township Council makes the following findings.

- a. The Township Council has reviewed the application and the supporting documents and finds that the submitted application is complete in all respects, including the requirements of N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.7; and
- b. The Officers and Directors of the applicant club are qualified to be licensed according to the standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes Regulations promulgated there under, as well as pertinent local ordinances or conditions consistent with Title 33; and
 - c. The club shall maintain all records required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:2-8.8 and 13:2-8.12; and
- d. No officer or member of the governing board of the applicant club has been convicted of a disqualifying offense pursuant to Title 33; and
- e. It is appropriate and in the public interest to approve the renewal of a club license for the Foster Military Lodge Temple Association, #0338-31-004-001, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Foster Military Lodge Temple Association has complied with the applicable provisions of Title 33, Rules and Regulations of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and Ordinance No. 12, 1983, as well as all applicable ordinances of the Township of Willingboro; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be provided to the Foster Military Lodge Temple Association and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for their information and attention.

On motion by: Councilwoman Jennings

Seconded by: Councilman Nock

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Roll Call:

Councilman Anderson Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Holley Yes

Motion carried. Resolution 2017-90 Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-91 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RUBY TUESDAY, INC. (Tabled)

WHEREAS, Ruby Tuesday Inc., 4366 Route 130 North, has applied for renewal of their Plenary Retail Consumption License; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the application and supporting documents are in proper order and ready for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, assembled in public session 20th day of June, 2017, that the Township Council makes the following findings.

- a. The Township Council has reviewed the application and the supporting documents and finds that the submitted application is complete; and
- b. The Officers and Directors of the applicant business are qualified to be licensed according to the standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes Regulations promulgated there under, as well as pertinent local ordinances or conditions consistent with Title 33; and
 - c. The business shall maintain all records required; and
- d. No officer or member of the governing board of the applicant business have been convicted of a disqualifying offense pursuant to Title 33; and
- e. It is appropriate and in the public interest to approve the renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption License for Ruby Tuesday Inc., #0338-33-005-001, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ruby Tuesday Inc. has complied with the applicable provisions of Title 33, Rules and Regulations of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and Ordinance No. 12, 1983, as well as all applicable ordinances of the Township of Willingboro; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be provided to Ruby Tuesday Inc. and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control for their information and attention.

On motion by Councilman Anderson Seconded by Councilman Nock

Discussion:

Councilman Nock:

First, I want to say to the public I appreciate... I had a question about this and I appreciate Ms. Bowie, our attorney to send an email about it because I was very concerned about this and I don't quite get how we can renew a license for a business that has left town. But she submitted an email that I just want to read a little bit and then you probably maybe need a member of the public to really talk about it and so forth. So, just bear with me a moment, and in the email to me about that, because my position is that why are we renewing and why is it even on the agenda – It says, while anyone can object to a liquor license renewal, for Council to reject the renewal it must has a very secure basis to do so; such as a sale to a minor or sale of narcotics at the establishment. The applicant is entitled to have a hearing before Council regarding the basis for denial and can further appeal a denial to the Office of Administrative Law Judge. Then it keeps going basically says the law inclines. Well, I would like to say that by not having a business there, having an empty building, that to me is a secure basis to object to it and at the very least I feel that if we do not vote for this then they will come in – at least tell us what they plan to do with the building, what they plan to do with the liquor license. You can't take it outside of Willingboro, so we need to know something other than having an empty building sitting up there and we are renewing a liquor license to them. It is my understanding that they, that was before I got on here, only paid about \$2,500.00, I guess \$2,600.00 for it. But it also limits us in the future if we allow this to go on because they can keep it forever or I've been told they own it. Well, let's just let them come before us and say to us what I plan to do, why (inaudible) in the building and everything else; or I am going to just urge a rejection of this. At least get them in here.

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Councilman Anderson:

Alright, may I make a comment? In speaking with the solicitor as well, I did question it as well, to find out that they purchased that license. So regardless of what they paid for it or what the Township let it go for, they own it. So it is...even though that business is not there, it is still their obligation to have it renewed. So if they are trying to as Ruby Tuesday's bring a business in, it makes it more attractable if they have a liquor license to go with it. It is their license. It is their license. So they are just trying to get it renewed to help them push the sale of bringing someone in. Because it will always make it more attractable if you have a restaurant that wants to come in and the previous institution has a license that can accompany it; it makes it more attractable and I think it puts us in a better situation to help promote that property. But it is their license. They own it, they bought it. They are just going through the renewal process.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I have a comment. I agree with actually both Councilmen. I understand the rationale on both sides. However, I am inclined to vote this down also because I would like them to come in and tell us they are trying to get another business in that spot. Because we...I don't even know if I was on the Council when they let that go for that amount of money and that is such a low amount and I understood what they told me, that they let it go for \$2,500.00 because that was the first liquor license that we had and they were trying to attract businesses into the town; so I understood that. But, I hoped that we would never sell a future license for that amount and I don't want them to sell that license for that amount or for them to sell it and make a profit on that. So I'm sorry, I will be a second vote, I don't know if we'll have a third, but I would like them to come in and explain their rationale. So that's how I feel.

Deputy Mayor Holley:

I'm in agreement with you too. When this was on the agenda and we got the email I kind of started looking into what determines the price of a liquor license and a lot of it is determined by traffic, and as we all know, the Ruby Tuesday's sits on Rt. 130 and we've all watched the towns surrounding us develop their section of Rt. 130 and I know we need to do the same and that liquor license sitting at \$2,500.00 is completely undervalued in my opinion.

Councilwoman Jennings:

In addition, I thought the criteria was that they had to serve a at least one hundred and fifty people. They are serving zero at this particular point in time.

Cristal Holmes-Bowie, Esq.: Can I just comment in regards to that? I understand what Council's concerns are and what the concerns are with having a vacant property and you read basically my email. This is the concern, I can understand that Council would want to maybe table this to have them come in and present more information. However, there is a deadline with regard to when they are supposed to renew it, it is the end of this month and the Township does have five other liquor licenses. You can't really go back and renegotiate how you awarded this particular license. At this point they do own it. And, really it is just an annual renewal that they go through. The process is such that their application for renewal isn't even with the Township, it goes to the State. They make their application; they complete the documents that they are required to submit that. Basically, has to do with who owns the business, who has ownership interests and the clerk really is only required to confirm their tax information in terms of...you know...and that is it. That is all that the clerk does at this level and then is basically required to submit the resolution back to the State ABC. So, it is not really a situation where you get to have a second bite at the apple with regard to this liquor license in terms of how they use it. They can transfer it, they can sell it to another business, but I understand this really goes with this particular business-- that location on Rt. 130; there are some obvious limitations like I indicated in my email and...

Councilman Nock:

Two things, one is if another business takes it over they still have to come before us and transfer the names and everything. They've still got to come and do something with the Township. Number two, by not doing it you sort of force them to come in and say what is going to happen, what is going on. We have a possibility of a business going in there. And number three, if that presents a problem then I would be for it - for \$2,500.00 - buying it back and then we could have it in somebody else. You are not allowed to buy it back?

Cristal Bowie:

It is not going to work in the sense that you are going to be buying it back for \$2,500.00, no. They are going to sell it at whatever the market value is. Anyway, that is just my impression.

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Councilman Nock:

Alright, but again, here is where I have an issue, Ms. Bowie. We have asked for a survey, we have asked for an evaluation almost a year ago about what the liquor licenses were worth. I remember this happening when I first got on Council last year. We have not received anything there. I don't know if it is a serious cost to it but I know you did some reaching out.

Cristal Bowie:

Yes, I did and we also did an RFP for a firm that could come in and provide an appraisal with regard to the value of the liquor licenses. We provided that information to Council, we provided what the cost would be and Council did not act with regard to that matter. Then, after that we also researched how to go about basically conducting an auction in the sense that some other municipalities do and that is something that Council can do as well. And so that is the information that we were able to provide. I am happy to go back and look at it again, but really the two issues are separate. You have one issue really where you are just determining whether to renew this license and literally there are cases where a business could be inactive for five years and they are still renewing the license; and even if they are late on the application there is a process whereby they can renew the license. So that's what I meant by saying that the law really is inclined to allow for renewals. Except in the situation where you have some really terrible things going on in the business – they are selling to underage, to minors, or they are selling narcotics or something of that nature. Those are valid reasons for denying a renewal. But Council, depending on whatever Council's decision is, we'll take it from there.

Councilwoman Jennings:

I'd be in favor of tabling this. So moved.

Councilman Nock:

I'll second that.

Roll Call:

Councilman Anderson Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Holley Yes

Motion carried. Resolution 2017-91 Tabled.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-92 RESOLUTION FOR STATE OF NEW JERSEY 2017 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM GRANT (CHAPTER 159)

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality, when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

SECTION I

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, meeting in public session this 20th day of June, 2017, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of the following items of revenue in the budget of the year 2017;

The sum of \$114,874.88 Summer Food Program which item is now available as a reimbursement received from the Department of Agriculture, Division of Food & Nutrition.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for his approval, as well as a copy to the Tax Collector/Treasurer of the Township of Willingboro.

On motion by Councilwoman Jennings Seconded by Councilman Anderson Roll Call:

Councilman Anderson Yes
Councilwoman Jennings Yes
Councilman Nock Yes
Deputy Mayor Holley Abstain

Motion carried. Resolution 2017-92 Approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 --93

AUTHORIZING

AN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., permits a public body to exclude the public from portions of a meeting at which specific matters set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b are discussed; and

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WHEREAS, a request has been made of the Township Council assembled in public session on this 20th day of June, 2017 to convene a closed Executive session consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b; and

and opposed, **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that an Executive Session of the Township Council meeting shall be

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made and seconded and passed by a vote of in favor

convened to discuss one or more of the following categories as noted: Any matter which, by express provision of federal law, state statute or rule of court is 1. rendered confidential or excluded from the public portion of the meeting. _____ 2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair the right to receive funds from the United States Government. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes and unwarranted invasion of privacy as 3. set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(3). Any Collective Bargaining Agreement or the terms and conditions which are proposed 4. for inclusion in any Collective Bargaining Agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees. Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real estate with public funds, 5. the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussions of such matters were disclosed. ____ 6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public and any investigations of violations or possible violations of law. ____ 7. Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which Township Council is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney/client privilege to the extent that confidentiality is 8. required for the attorney to exercise his/her ethical duties as a lawyer. 9. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment and other categories set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b(8). Any deliberations occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of 10. specific civil penalty or the suspension of loss of a license or permit as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:9-12b(9).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the general nature of the subject to be discussed relates to:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in closed session will be disclosed to the public, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-14, and to the extent that it is not inconsistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

Clerk:

I believe our Manager did say he would like to request an

executive session.

Cristal Holmes-Bowie:

Right, executive session is for contract negotiations and that is with regard to the contract of Long Marmero and also with regard to Big "D" Marina and also with regard to the solar project and also with regard to personnel and as I

understand it litigation.

Councilwoman Jennings:

So moved.

Deputy Mayor Holley:

I just want to clear something up. The reason for my abstention was because I was once an employee in the

summer food program.

Councilman Anderson:

Second.

Roll Call:

Councilman Anderson Councilwoman Jennings

Yes Yes

Yes

Councilman Nock Deputy Mayor Holley

Yes

Motion carried.

Public Comment

6/20/17

Deputy Mayor Holley:

At this time we would like to open the floor for public comment. Please come to the microphone and give your name and address.

Gregory Green-44 Crestview Dr.

I am speaking to Mr. Nock, and I was actually on my way home from work and I've been a seventeen year resident there. All my taxes are paid and as you know that is one of the areas and sections of our Township that we do pay higher taxes there. My concern is a conversation I had with golf manager over at the Rancocas Golf Club. As you know, it is probably one of the most picturesque sightings in our Township. It attracts people. But we have no

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relationship with them. It is a beautiful venue. He, Andrew, boasts and complains about his \$117,000.00 that they are assessed each year for taxes. But he never mentions the safety factors that happen. Over the seventeen years that I've been a resident there, I have had several broken windows, I have even had a guest who actually one of my neighbors is a former police officer from Willingboro, when we were visiting his home and a guest was actually hit by a golf ball while she was swimming in the pool. I have an eighty four year old mother who lives with me now and coming out of Philadelphia and coming to Willingboro, which I don't call this Willingboro I call this "The Boro of the Willing" - if you are willing to have a wonderful life here, you can. But when we have neighbors who say that their relationship with city council is contentious at best; and here I have over those seventeen years saying why don't you open something for the kids? Why don't you have some type of ...it is all about relationships with the people that you service? "Well, I don't live there and most of my customers don't live there." I have a beautiful fence, and just to make light, I would love to invite. I wish I had pictures and was prepared where you can see the white plastic that you buy from Lowes – very expensive – golf balls golf balls golf balls. I have an H2 Hummer, a \$75,000.00 vehicle hit. Based on the public golf course laws they are protected that the only way you can receive reimbursement is if you catch the person who hit the ball. I guess my concern is: is there any way we can revisit or at least they should be held responsible to at least give us a yearly newsletter; some communicate of new residents coming in to tell them. I should not be told "well you should have considered that before you moved here". And I am not one to complain, but I do have to be very candid. I purchased that home from an original Willingboro resident. She purchased the home over fifty years ago; and she told me that back then there was a relationship between the golf course and the residents who bordered right around the golf course; and these were her very words: As the complexion of the community changed, so did their relationship. And he talked about how bad – this is the conversation that I had – the reason why the straw that broke the camel's back after seventeen years of having to pay for their damages, he has two trees that are dead and I cannot cut them down. I have a beautiful view and I was considering possibly selling my home and moving to another section further back. The gentleman came in and said "this is beautiful, why are these two trees like this?" The contention is he just doesn't want to cut them down. It is as simple as if anyone in this room wants to visit you would say "well why is this man doing this?" So, again, just to summarize everything, I am sorry I am taking too much time; we would like to know if we can bring them in and ask them is there something that we can do because right now we are not protected. There is no law that protects us, we are tax paying residents who are putting ourselves in dangers when we want to entertain our children and our loved ones. I just wanted to bring that to your attention. Thank you so much. Mr. Nock, thank you.

Dennis Reiter-76 Ember La.

My name is Dennis Reiter. I've been a "resident" of Willingboro for 55 consecutive years. To illustrate my caring for the Township I have volunteered for many projects such as building the J.C. Building as J.C. President - which is now the Foster Military Lodge, a cofounder of the original fun day in the park which ran for ten years. I ran Corpus Christie CYO Baseball for ten years, coach for thirty five years. I have devoted my time to making the Township truly a place where people care. Now, however, currently I have been observing Chris Walker's residency for the last one and a half years. I have documentation that he has not lived in town since January of 2016. I have come to Council Meetings before this on this issue and have been insulted by Mr. Walker when addressing these concerns. During the time, January 2016 until now, Mr. Walker has taken \$16,000.00 plus \$8,000.00 from the Township, \$9,500.00 plus \$4,500.00 from the Willingboro Municipal Utility Authority and I am now asking Council to address this issue and it is taxpayer money that you guys

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paid. I am asking that Council take a stand and take not and do something about getting all that money back - \$16,000, \$24,000.00 and \$9,500.00 – about \$50,000,00 – taxpayer money, taxpayer money; and he was not in town and I have documentation; and I am asking Council to address that and get that money back for the Township of Willingboro. Thank you.

Pat Lindsey-Harvey-Henderson La.

Economic Development Committee, we are just about finished the study that we did. It is going to probably be about a sixty to seventy page document which probably will be finished probably next month and so we will bring it to Council and do a presentation. The Hall of Fame Committee has met and we are now doing criteria to set up the Hall of Fame. Let's see what else? Oh, where are we with the cracks in the...there were several incidents and they are friends of mine who brought up issues about cracks in their sidewalks. Wanted to know where we were with that? It is just would I like to see things being equal and fair; because when a resident has a crack in their driveway they are expected to fix it and if they don't they get a summons to come to court and it is a \$200.00 fine. Now as residents, some of them have been waiting five years to get their sidewalks fixed. As residents, can we take the Township to court and have you guys have the Township assessed \$200.00 for not fixing the sidewalk when the residents have to fix their driveways and it cost them \$200.00 for a fine? Ruby Tuesdays: It is really very upsetting to those of us who spent time to get that liquor referendum passed; and it really makes me angry that only went for \$2,500.00 I know none of you are up there at the time, it only went for \$2,500.00 and...I am not even going to say anything more about that. Solar: I wanted to know where we are with the solar project. It seems like it got passed and I haven't heard anything else about it. My golf program, we have our first student who is going to be competing. Next month he is going to compete in a three day tournament. He started playing golf with us last year, that all happened with a partnership that we had with the Kappa League. This young man is sixteen, he is a

Willingboro resident and he has done very well and he is going to be competing next month. Thank you.

Theo Williams-3 New Way Ct.

My name is Theo Williams, 3 New Way Court. I apologize; this isn't necessarily a Township issue specifically. But, however, Willingboro Township has been under democratic control for a long time and as we all know there are two major parties in the United States of America - there is the Republican Party and the Democratic Party. Many of us have been maligning how our politics and our political system has been happening lately in the United States and the State of New Jersey; and I am here right now as a representative of the Green Party. Now we will be having a meeting. The Burlington County Green Party as a matter of fact will be having one of our first meetings and that meeting will be on Thursday, July 13th and that meeting will be in Lumberton, but I am cordially inviting all of you including Town Council. I know you guys all have political affiliations and I know everyone has their own beliefs, but I am inviting everyone to come see how we are working for change. Just to come and see what we are talking about. We are fighting for a \$15.00 minimum wage. We are fighting for people who are incarcerated when they get out to have the ability to have jobs so that they can provide for their families. We are trying to break up the two party system that has done nothing other than continue to hold power within one another. Meanwhile, we, the people, are still caught in the middle. Now, again, I understand many of you have your own political affiliations and political beliefs. But I am telling you now that we are here to make a change; and if you have any questions at all, any questions whatsoever you can talk to me and you can ask me after this meeting and if I don't have the answer, I will get you the answer. My contact information as well as my partner's contact information is also on one of the cards that many of you received. If anyone else wants a card you are more than welcome to approach me and I will be more than happy to give you one. You know, we just had a presidential election that was really disturbing for a lot of us. We had one candidate that, well, had a very, well, let's say coarse ways of coming at the politics and we had another candidate who says they were for progressive rights,

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however she owned stock in prisons; and her husband was the one who signed a bill into law that increased the prison population to the highest rate of any nation in the world. Higher than North Korea, higher than China, and many of those people were black and brown people. I understand that we are not all black and brown people in here, but it is just something that I just want it to be made known. So, with that said, I again would like to invite all of you to come see what we are trying to do here with the Green Party. Thank you very much for your time and God Bless Willingboro. And by the way, one more thing, I've been telling them how much passion there is within the community of Willingboro and how politically involved this community is and how filled our Town Council meetings are and it is a remarkable thing and I would love to see some of that passion at our meeting. Thank you for your time.

Gary Johnson-54 Gramercy La.

First, right off the top, could we get a little explanation or additional information on this new ordinance for an IT Communications Department? We are just looking at this today and it is a first reading, but if we could just get a little explanation on that it would be very nice. Going to Ruby Tuesday's, I was here at many of these Council Meetings when debate went on about getting us a liquor license here in Willingboro. One of the main concerns was, that we didn't want bars and we didn't want things like bars here. So that is why there were restrictions put on that license that you had to serve so many people. There were so many conditions that you had to meet before you could be issued a liquor license. How can an empty property satisfy those requirements? If they are allowed to renew that license, what prevents them from opening a tavern or calling somebody in there? Do we lose complete control over this ordinance that we passed? You say that we can't deny them a license, why can't we rescind the ordinance that established the liquor license? I don't believe there is any other licenses but that one, nobody else accepted one. But this is unacceptable, we went through a lot of work by a lot of people to try to enable a restaurant that wanted to serve

liquor to come into this Township and now that is in danger of being completely destroyed by someone who owns a license and can turn it over to anybody without any (inaudible) from this Township. That isn't the way that the ordinance was drafted in the first place. So I urge you to look at this thing very carefully. It is one of the reasons I believe why the price was kept so low was that the Township could keep control of it. That they didn't sell it and the person owns it and therefore they could do anything that they like include making a mint out of it by selling it. So really this needs some serious consideration before this goes forward. Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Holley:

Any more public comment? Alright hearing none, seeing none, public comments are now closed, Council Comment?

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Nock:

Yes, I would like to say good evening everyone. I just want give you a quick update. The Smart Cities project is slowly making progress. It is like molasses going uphill. PSE&G has released its RFI (sic). The RFI's have been returned by various vendors. We are attempting to find out where on this and how it helps us. Recently we had a meeting with Mr. Berry to bring him up to date and he assigned Mr. Brevogel to follow up on several issues that we have in order to move forward with the lighting and the cameras and the Wi-Fi and the rest. It is just unbelievably slow. Number two, I don't know if you have read in the paper that BCT the Burlington County Times who is here was sold; and I think that is probably part of the reason why they downsized and decided to move. They probably were told they had to get that in order before they could be viable as an industry business to be sold. So what it winds up doing is leaving us with a prime property on Rt. 130 that we really have to begin to look into and see what we can do with that property. I of course is interested in seeing a grocery store number one there, but we are really going to have to reach out and do some things around that. So those were the two things that I wanted to talk about and bring to the attention. There are probably some others that I will think about after my time is up.

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Councilwoman Jennings:

Good evening. I also thank you all for coming and I don't have a lot to say either. I just want to remind everybody that school is out tomorrow, so please drive carefully because our young people will be out in the street more than usual. I think we are all just going to do our best to move the Township forward in a positive way. Thank you.

Councilman Anderson:

Good evening everyone. It is good to see a full house. Last year we were fortunate enough to be able to have a Veteran's Day Parade and that came along with a lot of participation for individuals willing to volunteer their time. This year, the committee has been sending emails out. I've been to the first two meetings, we had one person. Then you had two people. If this is something that you enjoyed last year, I am just going to ask that you come over to the Clerk and leave your name so that it can go to the committee so that they can reach out to you. Right now the time is winding down, this year we have the opportunity to take in dollars from sponsorship whereas last year we did not. We don't want to wait until the last minute, but at the same time we do need volunteers. Because what I don't want to hear is, "oh, how come we didn't have a parade?" because, I am going to turn around and tell you, "Because you didn't participate." So if this is something that we as a community want to see happen, we need to have residents stand up, step up to the plate. It is not fair that only a few people volunteer for everything. We are asking the community to be a part of everything that we do. And it you are interested in seeing this veteran's day parade happen again, we need your support. Alright, so please leave your information with the Clerk before you leave. She will get it to the appropriate parties that your name can be added to the next call for the next meeting. That's it for me. Thank you.

Deputy Mayor Holley:

Good evening, I too would like to thank everyone for coming out tonight. Just a reminder, tomorrow is Willingboro High School's graduation I believe it starts at 6:00 P.M. in the afternoon. In addition to that I know the

high school was looking at celebrating alumni and they were asking if all graduates from Kennedy and Willingboro High School please come out and support the graduation tomorrow. I think there is a deadline of 4:00 P.M. for you to submit your name, but they would like to get as many alumni involved as possible and I see we have some alumni in the house this evening. Also, I know Rich and myself came up with the idea of this STEM program for the summer and Ms. Cyrus and Mr. Brunson and also they enlisted the help of Dr. Tiffany Worthy who runs the "All Things Are Possible" Organization and they are having their program orientation I believe June 29th at 7:00 P.M. at the Kennedy Center as well and that is for school age students. So it is a STEM summer camp. So if anyone is interested please contact Parks and Recreation in regards to that. And that's it. Thank you for coming out. I do believe there is a chance we may be voting on a few items after executive session, so those of you who are inclined to stick around should do so and Mr. Berry, do you want to get back to that person with the ordinance?

Yes, this is just a continuation of the reorganization of departments within the Township. Just as there needs to be an ordinance for the human relations, the H.R. department, there also needs to be one for IT. IT was clustered with support systems and it should have its own department.

The other gentleman then had the question about the golf course. Is there anything that the solicitor can say, I know you live on a golf course and you are going to get golf balls; if you live on the train tracks trains are going to come by. But I would think I would be upset if I went out constantly and the golf balls were breaking my windshields. I don't know what to say to that one. That is why I asked him to come here.

Well, I can certainly appreciate that. I live on the golf course also and I get golf balls in my yard, in my front yard not the back. But I will be happy to look into that situation. I think that one of the things we have to also be concerned about is that we do want to continue to be a business friendly community; and as he indicated, that is a business

Eric Berry:

Councilman Nock:

Cristal Holmes-Bowie, Esq.:

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as well. But I will be happy to, like I said, look into improving anything that we can do to improve our communications with the golf course.

Councilman Nock:

Well, I just want to emphasize that I would be very upset in the amount of a week if I had two of my windshields on my cars broken by golf balls. So I don't' know, this may be

one we can't answer, but...

Cristal Holmes-Bowie, Esq.:

I certainly can't answer it right now.

Councilman Nock:

Okay.

Deputy Mayor Holley:

Alright, at this time we are going into executive session.

Executive Session began at 7:45PM

Executive Session ended at 9:27PM

Motion to come out of executive session was done by Councilman Nock and seconded by Councilman Anderson. All in favor and none opposed.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 9:30PM.

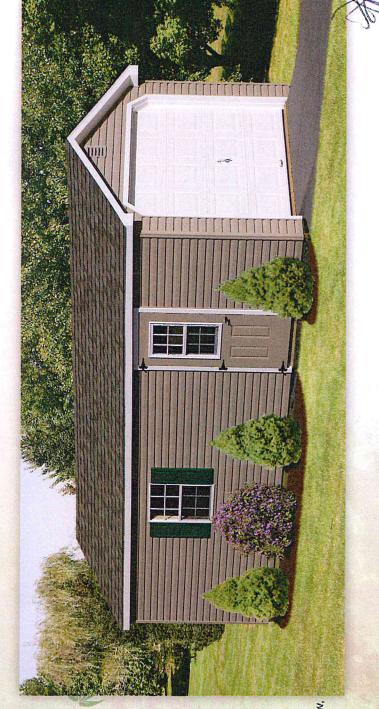
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- I. Request Executive Session (Contracts & Personnel)
- II. Green Team Meeting
- III. Concession Stand Report
- IV. Strategic Plan
- V. Master Plan

Garages Viny Siding

A-Frame Garage

30"x36" Window with Panel Shutters, Clay Man Door with Operable Window, 8" Overhang Above Garage Door



A-Frame Garage

24"x36" Windows with Panel Shutters, 36" Man Door with 11-lite Glass, Sand Doors, 8" Overhang Above Garage Door

