



TOWNSHIP OF WALL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 2020

7:00 P.M.

REMOTE MEETING

Deputy Mayor Braun	Present	Administrator Bertrand	Present
Committeeman Farrell	Present	Asst. Administrator Kohri	Present
Committeeman Orender	Present	Attorney Wolf	Present
Committeeman Kingman	Present	Township Clerk Lang	Present

Salute to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

Sunshine Statement

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the following manner: the annual notice was forwarded to the official township newspapers and was posted in the Wall Township Municipal Building. All notices are on file with the Township Clerk.

Roll Call

Administrator Bertrand:

- Administrator Bertrand announced that the Township was considering bringing employees back full time. He explained that they were working remotely on half shifts since the onset of the pandemic.
- He announced that non-essential construction work was approved to resume by the Governor. He commended the Construction Official for being on top of this and implementing procedures to streamline the backlog.
- He reported that the Township employees were healthy.
- He noted that the Township is on pace for tax collections.
- Administrator Bertrand reviewed the conduct for the remote meeting.

COVID-19 Update

Chief Brown

- Chief Brown provided the below update:
 - The Emergency Operation Center remains open, monitoring information and events around the County and State. He noted that the OEM is posting additional information on the Police Department's website.
 - The Department is participating in daily conference calls with the New Jersey State Police and Regional Operation Intelligence Center
 - The Department is reviewing models for the peak and plateau of the virus.
- Chief Brown reported the following numbers:
 - State cases: 141,560
 - State deaths: 9,702
 - Monmouth County cases: 7,090 cases

- Monmouth County deaths: 466
- Wall Township cases: 281
- He reported that the State's numbers spiked several weeks ago, but they have maintained a plateau.
- He noted that statewide, hospitalizations and the use of ventilators are down.
- He reported that the Department would be acquiring additional PPE from the County.
- Chief Brown reported that the Office of Emergency Management is in contact with the long-term care centers in the Township and that they are working on infection control guidelines and disease protocols. He further explained that all staff and residents of long-term care facilities would be tested, which could increase their numbers.
- He noted that the Police Department is in constant contact with the Department of Public Works, Fire Departments, the Health Department and other Township officials working to provide the best service safely.
- He noted that the Statewide testing centers are now testing asymptomatic people. He said that the state is hiring people to conduct contact tracing.
- He explained that the Department is anticipating increased call volume as it nears Memorial Day Weekend.
- Chief Brown reiterated the Governor's statement regarding the resumption of non-essential construction. He further explained that non-essential retail stores will be able to do curbside pickup in addition to some drive-through entertainment.
- He thanked the community and the Township for their support and adhering to the executive orders.

For Action / Consent Agenda

Administrator Bertrand Summarized the Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

All items listed on the "Consent Agenda" are considered routine by the Township and will be adopted or approved collectively by a single motion and roll-call vote of a majority of the Township Committee. All items are available for public inspection on the Township's website at wallnj.com and in the office of the Township Clerk. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If a discussion is desired on any item, it will be considered separately. The Mayor asks if any member of the Township Committee wishes to consider any item separately. If not, he/she requests a **Motion** to approve the items listed. **Motion-**

Second-Roll Call Vote

Approval of Minutes:

- 04/08/2020

Resolution No. 20-0501- Approval of vouchers for April 23, 2020 through May 13, 2020 in the amount of \$5,534,833.55

Resolution No. 20-0502 – Authorization to execute a Place- to Place Transfer of a Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 1352-44-017-002 held by Wall of Wines Inc. to Block 271 Lot 7.01 - 1933 Route 35, Unit 26

Resolution No. 20-0503 – Authorization to extend the second quarter 2020 grace period

Resolution No. 20-0504 - Authorization to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the third quarter installment of 2020 taxes

Resolution No. 20-0505 – Authorization to approve certain township refund(s)

- Recreation / Summer Camp
- EMS

End of Consent Agenda

Motion - Second - Roll Call Vote

Motion to adopt – Committeeman Orender
Second – Committeeman Kingman

Roll Call Vote: Consent Agenda

Committeeman Kingman	Yea
Committeeman Orender	Yea
Committeeman Farrell	Yea
Deputy Mayor Braun	Yea

Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent
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Committee Reports:

Committeeman Kingman: Recreation

Committee Chair’s Reports:

Committeeman Kingman:

- Committeeman Kingman said that he is very grateful to the frontline workers.
- He noted his optimism toward opening camp and some sporting activities in the next few months.
- He thanked the Recreation Department for staying in touch with the residents.

Items for Discussion:

Administrator Bertrand:

- Administrator Bertrand provided an update about the 2020 Wall Fair.
- He announced that summer camp would be postponed, but the Recreation Department has proposed a “camp in the box” alternative that they would like to offer residents.

Committeeman Kevin Orender: Public Works, Economic Development, Veteran’s Services

Committee Chair’s Reports:

Committeeman Orender:

- Committeeman Orender announced that Township staffing may be back in full force.
- He said that he misses the Veteran activities and looks forward to attending when it is safe for everyone again.

Items for Discussion:

Administrator Bertrand:

- Administrator Bertrand announced that the Township and the Public Schools have partnered to prepare a virtual Memorial Day Ceremony.

Deputy Mayor Braun

- Deputy Mayor Braun reminded residents of their leaf and brush pickup schedules.

Committeeman Farrell: Education, Environmental

Committee Chair’s Report:

Committeeman Farrell:

- Committeeman Farrell noted that the Board of Education appointed a new Superintendent and that he looks forward to working with them.
- He noted that the Environmental Advisory Committee has tested several virtual meetings.

Items for Discussion:

Administrator Bertrand:

- Administrator Bertrand echoed Committeeman Farrell’s sentiments regarding the new Superintendent of Schools and offered any assistance she might need.
- Administrator Bertrand provided a reminder of the second reading and public hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2020 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT AND ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 1-45.14) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**
- Administrator Bertrand provided a reminder of the second reading and public hearing of **Resolution No. 20-0408- Adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget**

Deputy Mayor Braun: Department of Land Use and Development, Public Safety, West Belmar Gateway, Board of Health

Committee Chair’s Reports:

Deputy Mayor Braun

- Deputy Mayor Braun reported that the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment have moved forward with virtual meetings.
- He reported that progress in the West Belmar Gateway is ongoing

Items for Discussion:

Administrator Bertrand:

- Administrator Bertrand noted that the Township would be seeking authorization to accept a Performance Guarantee posted by Church Street, LLC in connection with application PB#2-1017 Block 318 Lot 50 (New Lots 50.01, 50.02, 50.03, 50.04) - 1113 Church Street

Administrator Bertrand reviewed the rules of engagement for the remote meeting

Public Comment: Opportunity for anyone to comment with a limit of seven (7) minutes per speaker

The public comment portion of our meeting is to allow the public to bring to the Committee’s attention their concerns or comments. In accordance with NJSA 10: 4-12(a), the committee asks the public to limit their comments to seven minutes or less. The Committee will respect the public’s time by refraining any comment until the speaker has finished with their allotted time. It should be further noted that the public comment portion of our meeting is not structured as a question and answer session. If a member of the public has questions, they seek answers to; an appointment can be made with the Township Administrator’s office during regular business hours. The attorney will regulate the time during the comment portion of our meeting.

James Scarponi – 2655 River Road

- Mr. Scarponi announced that he is one of the owners of Harpoon Willy’s. He inquired about resuming business and any provisions that could be made for outdoor seating per the Governor’s recent Executive Order.

Gary Krikorian – 4308 Belmar Boulevard

- Mr. Krikorian noted his absence from Committee Meetings.

- He discussed his concerns with some recent developments in the Township and his dissatisfaction with some of the members of the Township Committee regarding the same. He asked what the Committee plans to do to rectify some of the development violations.

Betsy Cross -2043 New Bedford Road

- Ms. Cross concurred with Mr. Scarponi’s suggestion for provisions for outdoor seating.
- She noted her dissatisfaction with recent raises for township employees.
- She asked how much revenue the Township lost.
- She inquired on the status of the vacancy on the Township Committee. She further noted her disappointment with the Republican Committee’s choices for the upcoming elections and some of the perceived problems with the Township and various governing bodies.
- Ms. Cross contended that Administrator Bertrand omitted the truth regarding the demolition of the Central School Trailers.
- She asked for an update on Peddler’s Village.
- She asked about the liquor license transfer on the consent agenda.
- She asked for the actual numbers of the 2019 budget.

Close Public Comment

Motion – Second - Roll Call Vote

Motion to close – Committeeman Kingman

Second- Committeeman Farrell

Roll Call Vote: Close Public Comment

Committeeman Kingman				Yea
Committeeman Orender				Yea
Committeeman Farrell				Yea
Deputy Mayor Braun				Yea
Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent	
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Closing Comments from the Township Administrator:

- Administrator Bertrand responded to Mr. Scarponi. He explained that the planning department is working toward accommodating outside dining.
- He stated that several of the developments noted by Mr. Krikorian went through the proper channels for approval.
- He discussed the Wall Fair and the Township’s position in reference to making a decision.
- He maintained that recent hires were EMTs in the Police Department.
- He noted that there was not activity all items are ongoing with Peddler’s Village.
- He defended his interactions regarding the demolition of the Central School Trailers and noted several nuances associated with the project.

Closing Comments from the Township Committee:

Deputy Mayor Braun

- He maintained that the Township will try to help the local businesses as best they can.
- In response to the statements of Mr. Krikorian he defended his work as a Realtor and as a member of the Planning Board. He noted that he does not sit on the Board of Adjustment. He said that he would be willing to sit with Mr. Krikorian to go over any of his concerns.
- He noted that anyone interested in sitting on the Township Committee could call one of the current

members to voice their interest.

Closing Comments from the Township Attorney:

Attorney Wolf

- Mr. Wolf noted a typo on the Agenda regarding the liquor license transfer; he stated it should be unit 126.

Administrator Bertrand

- Administrator Bertrand explained that the transfer was the liquor license that was purchased from the Township, which is establishing a new address.
- He announced that the employees of Public Works decided to place donation boxes at the recycling centers to collect money to assist the front-line workers. He explained their collaboration with Jersey Mikes.

Resolution No. 20-0506 - Authorization to discuss matters in private session

Motion - Second – Roll Call Vote

Administrator Bertrand noted that no action would be taken and the subject matter to be discussed:

- Contract negotiations
- Potential and current litigation

Motion to adopt – Committeeman Orender

Second- Committeeman Farrell

Roll Call Vote: 20-0506 Private Session

Committeeman Kingman				Yea
Committeeman Orender				Yea
Committeeman Farrell				Yea
Deputy Mayor Braun				Yea
Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent	
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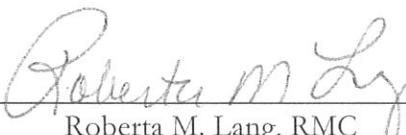
Return to Public Session and a Motion to Adjourn

Motion - Second - Voice Vote - All in Favor

Motion to Adjourn by **Committeeman Kingman** and seconded by **Committeeman Orender**

Meeting adjourned at **9:25 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,



 Roberta M. Lang, RMC
 Township Clerk