



TOWNSHIP OF WALL
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2020

7:00 PM
REMOTE MEETING

Deputy Mayor Braun	Present	Attorney Wolf	Present
Committeeman Farrell	Present	Administrator Bertrand	Present
Committeeman Orender	Present	Assistant Administrator Kohri	Present
Committeeman Kingman	Present	Clerk Lang	Present

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Sunshine Statement

Clerk Lang took Roll Call

Administrator Bertrand summarized the Agenda and reviewed the rules of engagement for the remote meeting.

Township Committee discussion of filling vacancy

Authorization for the Township Committee seat to remain vacant for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year

Offer- Second – Roll Call

Deputy Mayor Braun asks for a motion to elect a Mayor for the remainder of 2020

Resolution No. 20-0507 – Authorization to elect the Mayor of the Township of Wall

Read – Offer- Second – Roll Call

Township Clerk Lang administers the Oath of Office to the Mayor

The Mayor presides over the meeting

The Mayor asks for a motion to elect a Deputy Mayor for the remainder of 2020

Resolution No. 20-0508 – Authorization to elect the Deputy Mayor of the Township of Wall

Read – Offer- Second – Roll Call

Township Clerk Lang administers the Oath of Office to the Deputy Mayor

Presentation of the 2020 Township Committee Scholarship

COVID-19 Update

SECOND READING 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

Re: CAP Bank 2020

Upon completion of the Public Hearing followed by public comment, if any, a motion is made to close the Public Hearing and to adopt **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2020** as to its second and final reading and advertise it pursuant to law.

Motion - Seconded - Roll-Call Vote

SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Upon completion of the Public Hearing followed by public comment, if any, a motion is made to close the Public Hearing and to adopt **BUDGET RESOLUTION 20-0509**

Resolution No. 20-0509 – Adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget

Motion - Seconded - Roll-Call Vote

Consent Agenda

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- o 04/22/2020

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- o Tax

Recreation

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Resolution No. 20-0514 - Authorization to execute an agreement with Monmouth County for the Municipal Coronavirus Relief Fund Program Reimbursement

Resolution No. 20-0515 - Authorization to approve personnel actions:

NAME	DEPARTMENT/POSITION	SALARY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Trevor Spearer	Public Works/ PT Recycling Attendant	\$13.96/hour	6/1/2020
Paul J. Whille	Police/ Seasonal PT EMT	\$20.00/ hour	5/28/2020

Resolution No. 20-0516 - Authorization to allow temporary outdoor dining areas and to extend the duration of temporary outdoor sale of goods

Resolution No. 20-0517 – Authorization for the Municipal Clerk to advertise for public bids for police uniforms

End of Consent Agenda

Motion - Second - Roll Call Vote

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

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Close Public Comment

Motion - Second – Roll Call Vote

Closing Comments from the Township Committee:

Resolution No. 20-0518 - Authorization to discuss matters in private session

Motion – Second – Roll-Call Vote

Motion to Adjourn

Motion - Second - Voice Vote - All in Favor



TOWNSHIP OF WALL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
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7:30 PM

REMOTE MEETING

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Deputy Mayor Kingman	Present	Administrator Bertrand	Present
Committeeman Farrell	Present	Assistant Administrator Kohri	Present
Committeeman Orender	Present	Clerk Lang	Present

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Salute to the Flag and a Moment of Silence

Sunshine Statement

Roll Call

Administrator Bertrand reviewed the rules of engagement for the remote meeting.

Township Committee discussion of filling vacancy

Attorney Wolf:

- o Attorney Wolf explained the Statute regarding filling a vacancy.

The Committee and Administrator discussed any legal requirements to maintain a five-member Committee.

Authorization for the Township Committee seat to remain vacant for the remainder of the 2020 calendar year

Motion: Committeeman Kingman

Second: Committeeman Orender

Offer- Second – Roll Call

Roll Call: Vacancy

Committeeman Farrell	No
Committeeman Kingman	Yea
Committeeman Orender	Yea
Deputy Mayor Braun	Yea

Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent
3	1	0	0

Deputy Mayor Braun asks for a motion to elect a Mayor for the remainder of 2020

Resolution No. 20-0507 – Authorization to elect the Mayor of the Township of Wall

Motion: Committeeman Orender

Second: Committeeman Kingman

Read – Offer- Second – Roll Call

Roll Call: Resolution No. 20-0507

Committeeman Farrell	No
Committeeman Kingman	Yea
Committeeman Orender	Yea
Deputy Mayor Braun	Yea

Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent
3	1	0	0

Township Clerk Lang administers the Oath of Office to the Mayor

The Mayor presides over the meeting

The Mayor asks for a motion to elect a Deputy Mayor for the remainder of 2020

Resolution No. 20-0508 – Authorization to elect the Deputy Mayor of the Township of Wall

Motion: Committeeman Orender

Second: Mayor Braun

Read – Offer- Second – Roll Call

Roll Call: Resolution No. 20-0508

Committeeman Farrell	No
Committeeman Kingman	Yea
Committeeman Orender	Yea
Mayor Braun	Yea

Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent
3	1	0	0

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COVID-19 Update

Administrator Bertrand:

- o Administrator Bertrand announced that the Township re-opened the tennis courts.
- o He noted that the Township employees have resumed regular business hours. He further explained that the Township plans to re-open to the public from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm.
- o He discussed concerns with Public Works operations as they relate to the virus.

Chief Brown

- o Chief Brown provided the below update:
 - The Emergency Operation Center remains open, operating Monday through Friday and on weekends when needed.
 - OEM is reviewing State and County situation reports to evaluate all aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to safeguard employees and residents.
 - He noted that OEM is planning and reviewing information regarding the 2020 hurricane season and some of the effects the virus may have on response.
- o Chief Brown reported the following numbers:
 - State cases: 156,628
 - State deaths: 11,339
 - Monmouth County cases: 7,961
 - Monmouth County deaths: 575
 - Wall Township cases: 330 cases; 183 cases from long term care facilities
 - Wall Township deaths: 48
- o He noted that the numbers are moving in a positive direction.
- o He said the state is testing 20,000 people a day and that the latest testing report showed a 7% positivity rate.
- o He noted that the Police Department has no staffing issues or concerns,
- o He said that long-term care facilities are testing all residents and staff which may contribute to more positive results being reported but is not necessarily from increased exposure.
- o He announced that beginning July 6th schools can have outdoor graduation but are awaiting further guidance from the Governor.
- o He thanked the first responders and those on the frontline as well as the cooperation from the community.

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Elizabeth Cross – 2043 New Bedford Road:

- o Ms. Cross noted her discontent with the CAP Bank Ordinance and that the Township would need to be extremely fiscally responsible in the upcoming months,

There being no further comments a motion was made by **Deputy Mayor Kingman** and a second by **Committeeman Orender** to close the public comment and adopt Ordinance 5-2020

Roll Call: Ordinance 5-2020 Adoption

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

Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent
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Joseph DeLuca- 1003 Fourth Avenue:

- o Mr. opined that the Township needs to tighten the budget.

Elizabeth Cross – 2043 New Bedford Road:

- o Ms. Cross noted her discontentment with numbers in the budget presentation. She opined that the Township should not be hiring anyone or issuing any overtime.
- o She asked that the Township go over the numbers that would have been presented before the pandemic.
- o She said that the vacancy on the Committee should be filled.

Robert Sosnowski – Bennet Lane:

o He agreed with the other speakers regarding the budget. He asked about tax collection during the pandemic. There being no further comments a motion was made by **Committeeman Orender** and a second by **Committeeman Farrell** to close the public comment and adopt Resolution No. 20-0509

Resolution No. 20-0509 – Adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget

Roll Call: Ordinance Resolution No. 20-0509

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

Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent
4	0	0	0

Administrator Bertrand:

- o Administrator Bertrand addressed some of the questions and concerns that were raised during the public comment portion of the budget and CAP Bank Ordinance. He asked Mr. O’Hara, the Chief Financial Officer to address some of the more specific questions regarding the budget.
 - CFO, O’Hara reviewed some of the questions raised about the budget.

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A motion **Committeeman Orender** was made by and seconded by **Committeeman Farrell** to approve the items of the consent agenda.

Roll Call – Consent Agenda

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

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Recuse</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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Joseph DeLuca – 1003 Fourth Avenue:

- o He noted that the water pipes in town have not been flushed.
- o He voiced his concerns regarding mosquitoes.
- o He opined that Rash Field should be closed for green acres.
- o Mr. DeLuca reported that the street cleaner does not utilize water.
- o He made several complaints regarding the conditions of the roads.
- o He inquired on the taxes of the new Shoprite.

Elizabeth Cross – 2043 New Bedford Road

- o Ms. Cross asked Mr. O’Hara to repeat an answer regarding the budget.
- o She noted that she and Mr. Mountford applied for the open seat on the Committee and were not considered.
- o She discussed the Deputy Tax Assessor’s reappointment and the hiring of part-time employees.
- o She asked how much the Route 34 Shoprite was paying in taxes.
- o She discussed Peddler’s Village and perceived lack of transparency.
- o She asked how much was paid in overtime.

- o She asked for an update on Affordable Housing and the Jack Morris site on 18th Avenue.

Close Public Comment

Motion - Second – Roll Call Vote

Motion to Close Public Comment- **Committeeman Farrell**

Seconded-**Committeeman Orender**

Roll Call – Close Public Comment

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

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Recuse</u>	<u>Absent</u>
4	0	0	0

Administrator Bertrand

- o Administrator Bertrand noted that he would look into the concerns raised by Mr. DeLuca.
- o He said that Mr. O’Hara continues to monitor where to invest the Township’s money and deposit the Township’s money.
- o He said he would look into the amount of overtime paid.
- o He noted that the Township has an affordable housing court hearing scheduled for June 24, 2020.
- o He reported that there had been no activity with Peddlers Village.
- o He thanked the staff in the municipal building, public work, and police department.
- o Administrator Bertrand made a special thank you to the students at the High School and Intermediate School for assisting in the Memorial Day video.

Committeeman Farrell

- o Committeeman Farrell congratulated the winner of the Township Committee leadership award, Alex Hummel.
- o He thanked the students at the High School and the Intermediate school for their participation in creating the Memorial Day video.
- o He welcomed everyone back to the municipal building and thanked everyone.

Kevin Orender

- o Committeeman Orender congratulated Alex Hummel on receiving the scholarship.
- o He commended everyone involved in the Memorial Day video production.
- o He wished everyone well and a wonderful season.

Deputy Mayor Kingman

- o Deputy Mayor Kingman thanked Committeeman Farrell for his help in awarding the scholarship.
- o He encouraged everyone to go to the website to watch the Memorial Day Video.

Mayor Braun

- o He reiterated his colleague’s comments regarding the scholarship and Memorial Day video.
- o He addressed Ms. Cross’s concern regarding the deleted records.
- o He thanked his colleagues for their time and dedication.
- o He highlighted some of the Township’s goals for the remainder of the year.

Resolution No. 20-0518- Authorizing a discussion of matters in private session

Motion - Second – Roll Call Vote

Motion to adopt – Committeeman Farrell

Second- Committeeman Orender

Roll Call – 20-0518 Private Session

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

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Recuse</u>	<u>Absent</u>
4	0	0	0

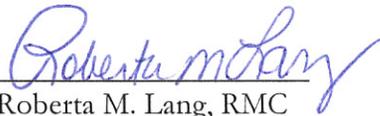
Return to Public Session and a Motion to Adjourn

Motion - Second - Voice Vote - All in Favor

Motion to Adjourn by **Committeeman Farrell** and seconded by **Deputy Mayor Braun**

Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,



 Roberta M. Lang, RMC
 Township Clerk