



TOWNSHIP OF WALL  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2020

7:00 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING

<b>Mayor Braun</b>	Present	<b>Administrator Bertrand</b>	Present
<b>Deputy Mayor Kingman</b>	Present	<b>Asst. Administrator Kohri</b>	Present
<b>Committeeman Farrell</b>	Present	<b>Attorney Wolf</b>	Present
<b>Committeeman Orender</b>	Absent	<b>Township Clerk Lang</b>	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 employees were back in the offices full time. He further noted that the Township building was open to the public from 1:00pm-4:00pm
- He announced that bulk pickup would resume the week of June 29, 2020, with the exception of mattresses and bed pillows.

COVID-19 Update

**Chief Brown**

- Chief Brown reported the following numbers:
  - State cases: 165,346
  - State deaths: 12, 377
  - Monmouth County cases: 8,593 cases
  - Monmouth County deaths: 652
  - Wall Township cases: 366
  - Wall Township Long Term Care Facilities: 198
  - Wall Township Deaths: 56
- He reported that the overall numbers remain low, with an improved positivity rate of 3%
- He noted that the Police Department has had no issues in staffing and continue to progress back to normal operations and normal patrol activities.
- He reported that the Department has no issues with equipment or PPE.
- Chief Brown reported that the Stay at Home order was lifted from the Governor and that outdoor gatherings have increased to 100 people and indoor gatherings limited to 25% of the building

capacity or 50 people, whichever is less.

- He reported that New Jersey would be entering stage 2 on Monday, June 15, 2020.
- 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

**Committeeman Farrell**

- Committeeman Farrell noted that there was a mistake on Resolution No. 20-0603.
  - The Committee agreed to amend the resolution accordingly.

**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:**

05/13/2020

**Resolution No. 20-0601** - Approval of vouchers for May 28, 2020 through June 10, 2020 in the amount of \$8,274,107.84

**Resolution No. 20-0602** - Authorization to approve personnel action(s):

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT/POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
Kevin Heilman	DPW/ Seasonal (Year 1)	\$9.25/ hour	6/11/2020
Michael Nolan	DPW/ Seasonal (Year 1)	\$9.25/ hour	6/11/2020
Timothy Blaney	DPW/ Seasonal (Year 3)	\$9.75/ hour	6/11/2020
Ryan Megill	DPW/ Seasonal (Year 4)	\$10.00/ hour	6/11/2020
Connor Kessler	DPW/ Seasonal (Year 5)	\$10.25/ hour	6/11/2020

**Resolution No. 20-0603** - Authorization to reappoint the Township Working Sub-Committees

**Resolution No. 20-0604** - Authorization to amend and supplement Resolution No. 20-0516 to allow for temporary outdoor dining areas and to extend the duration of temporary outdoor sale of goods

**End of Consent Agenda**

Motion - Second - Roll Call Vote

**Motion to adopt** – Committeeman Farrell

**Second** – Deputy Mayor Kingman

**Roll Call Vote: Consent Agenda**

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

Yea	Nay	Recuse	Absent
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**Committee Reports:**

**Committeeman Kevin Orender: Public Works, Economic Development, Veteran’s Services, Board of Health**

Committee Chair’s Reports:

**Committeeman Orender:**

- Committeeman Orender was absent.

Items for Discussion:

**Administrator Bertrand:**

- He announced that Brighton Avenue and Orchard Park improvements bids are being finalized with Attorney Wolf’s office.
- Administrator Bertrand announced the designation of the Municipal Complex as “Veterans Drive”.

**Committeeman Farrell: Administration and Finance, Education, Environmental**

Committee Chair’s Reports:

**Committeeman Farrell:**

- Committeeman Farrell asked Administrator Bertrand to provide an update regarding tax collection numbers.
  - Administrator Bertrand noted that the collection numbers were slightly down, but construction revenue was up.
  - Chief Financial Officer O’Hara agreed with Administrator Bertrand, noting that the Township was expecting collection to fall more than it had to date.
- Committeeman Farrell asked Administrator Bertrand to allow the Environmental Committee to conduct in person meetings.
  - Administrator Bertrand said he would follow up with the Chief of Police and get back to Committeeman Farrell.

Items for Discussion:

**Administrator Bertrand:**

- Administrator Bertrand noted that the Township would be seeking authorization for contract renewal with United Health Care/ Oxford Plan for the period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

**Deputy Mayor Kingman: Recreation, Public Safety**

Committee Chair’s Report:

**Deputy Mayor Kingman:**

- Deputy Mayor Kingman thanked Chief Brown and his staff for their work.
- He noted that Administrator Bertrand, Recreation Director Elizabeth Cellini, and Chief Brown have been working together to find ways to engage the community and look more closely at guidelines set forth by the state regarding summer camp.

Items for Discussion:

**Administrator Bertrand:**

- He reiterated the comments of Deputy Mayor Kingman in reference to adhering to state guidelines for summer camp.
- Administrator Bertrand noted that the Township would be seeking authorization to execute a lease with North Wall Little League for the use of Municipal Property
- Administrator Bertrand noted that the Township would be seeking authorization to execute a contract with Mission Control to provide the technical platform to implement an E-Sports League at a cost not to exceed \$600.00

**Mayor Braun: Department of Land Use and Development, West Belmar Gateway**

Committee Chair's Reports:

**Mayor Braun**

- Mayor Braun noted that the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment are receiving new applications.
- He discussed brush collection.
- He reported that the solar project in the West Belmar Gateway is ongoing.

Items for Discussion:

**Administrator Bertrand:**

- Administrator Bertrand noted that the Township would be seeking authorization to execute a contract with Envirotactics for Monitoring and Well Abandonment/ Installation and Confirmatory Groundwater Sampling services at the former Wall Auto Wreckers site- 1822 Route 71 Block 6 Lot 6 at a cost not to exceed \$9,855.00
- Administrator Bertrand noted that the Township would be seeking authorization to execute a contract with Envirotactics for Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSPR) services at the former Wall Auto Wreckers site- 1822 Route 71 – Block 6 Lot 6 at a cost not to exceed \$12,325.00

**Committeeman Farrell:**

- Committeeman Farrell asked if the increased revenue in the construction was due to the new ShopRite being built.

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 discussed his dissatisfaction with the temporary outdoor dining permit process. He asked that they be reviewed on a case by case basis rather than a generic approval system as many of

- the properties in the Township are faced with different landscaping and other challenges.
- He cited the hardship that many businesses are feeling and asked the Township to loosen some restrictions.

**Joseph DeLucca – 1003 Fourth Avenue**

- Mr. DeLucca reported that the County sprayed for mosquitos.
- He noted that the Committee does not answer all of his questions.
- He noted his dissatisfaction with the ShopRite.
- He discussed his concerns with the maintenance of the roads. He noted that the water pipes had not been flushed.

**Betsy Cross -2043 New Bedford Road**

- Ms. Cross concurred that restaurants should be granted some leniency with zoning and the rules to reopen. She implored the Committee to help the local businesses survive. She suggested forming a subcommittee.
- She noted her dissatisfaction with the Township Committee’s choice to leave the open seat vacant.
- She asked how much revenue the Township lost.
- She applauded the Police Department’s work.
- Ms. Cross contended that the Township should refrain from hiring anyone, even part-time employees.
- She discussed the condition of Peddler’s Village.
- She inquired about the cost of summer camp and for greater details.
- Ms. Cross opined that bulk pickup should have already resumed.
- She asked what the overtime payments for employees was.
- She asked for an update on Affordable Housing and Jack Morris’s property on 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Close Public Comment**

Motion – Second - Roll Call Vote

**Motion to close – Committeeman Farrell**

**Second-** Deputy Mayor Kingman

**Roll Call Vote: Close Public Comment**

	Committeeman Farrell				Yea
	Committeeman Orender				Absent
	Deputy Mayor Kingman				Yea
	Mayor Braun				Yea
<b>Yea</b>		<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>		<b>Absent</b>
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**Closing Comments from the Township Administrator:**

- Administrator Bertrand responded to Mr. Scarponi. He explained the need for the Township to generalize the procedure for temporary outdoor dining permits. He maintained that the Township would continue to work with Mr. Scarponi to get them to reopen.
- He advised Mr. DeLucca that he would look into his concerns.
- He noted that he was not aware of a report on savings that he was supposed to provide. He summarized some of the costs and saving measures of the township.
- Administrator Bertrand advised Mr. DeLucca that the meeting is not structured as a question and answer session, but he and the Governing Body attempt to answer as many questions as they can during the last portion of the meeting.
- He noted that the would provide Ms. Cross with the requested overtime information.

- 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:**

**Mayor Braun**

- He maintained that he and Committeeman Farrell would work with the Planning, Police and Fire Prevention Bureau to assist businesses in reopening. He noted some of the nuances that the Township must consider.
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**Resolution No. 20-0605** - 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
- Public safety

**Motion to adopt** – Committeeman Orender

**Second-** Committeeman Farrell

**Roll Call Vote: 20-0605 Private Session**

Committeeman Farrell	Yea
Committeeman Orender	Absent
Deputy Mayor Kingman	Yea
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