

**ELSINBORO TOWNSHIP**

**June 3, 2019**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Elwell as advertised. The requirements of the Sunshine Law were met by notifying the South Jersey Times within the time prescribed by law. Notice was also posted on the bulletin board at the Emergency Management Building.

Mayor Elwell called this June 3, 2019 township committee meeting to order.

Please stand for the flag salute

Present were: Mayor Elwell, Deputy Mayor McAllister, Committeeman Doug Hogate, John Willadsen, CFO, Solicitor Trunk, Clerk Uzdanovics, and several residents

**Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and to approve as submitted**

**Motion McAllister                      Second Hogate                      RCV 3 yes**

Treasurer's report and list of bills read by Chief Financial Officer

**Motion to pay bills after inspection and sufficient funds are available**

**Motion McAllister                      Second Hogate                      RCV 3 yes**

Mayor Elwell explained the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade shadowing program he came up with a few years ago to help children understand a little about government and introduced the students

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE APPROVED**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-28 RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MAYOR OF ELSINBORO'S SECOND GRADE**

**Motion McAllister                      Second Hogate                      RCV 3 yes**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-29 RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF ELSINBORO'S SECOND GRADE**

**Motion McAllister                      Second Hogate                      RCV 3 yes**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-30 RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PERSON OF ELSINBORO'S SECOND GRADE**

**Motion McAllister                      Second Hogate                      RCV 3 yes**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-31 RESOLUTION APPROVING ABC LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS (KURTS LIQUOR STORE AND VFW POST 253)**

**Motion McAllister                      Second Hogate                      RCV 3 yes**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-32 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VOLUNTEER TUITION CREDIT PROGRAM FOR FIRE AND RESCUE SQUADS**

**Motion McAllister                      Second Hogate                      RCV 2 yes**

**Elwell abstains**

**Motion to approve Green Acres for Block 41 lot 2 Mason Point Road**

**Motion McAllister                      Second Hogate                      RCV 3 yes**

## **ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-04** CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF DELAWARE AVENUE SECTION II IN THE AMOUNT OF \$192,000 INCLUDING THE APPROPRIATION OF \$32,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND FOR THE AFORESAID PURPOSE

**Open to public Motion McAllister Second Hogate RCV 3 yes**  
**Close public session Motion McAllister Second Hogate RCV 3 yes**  
**Adopt Motion McAllister Second Hogate RCV 3 yes**

## **ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELSINBORO, COUNTY OF SALEM, AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$25,000.00 FROM THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND VARIOUS OTHER CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

**Motion McAllister Second Hogate RCV 3 yes**

Police Report was read by clerk

Township Solicitor – Nothing to report

**Motion to open Public Comment Motion McAllister Second Hogate RCV 3 yes**

The attorney for the residents interested in re opening the boat ramp spoke. He has drafted a resolution, but left a copy in his office and has not presented to the twp. He would like the Township to consider.

Cheryl Leonard told everyone the boat ramp is a great asset and they have a petition with 591 signatures.

Steven Liber asked if it goes private will it still be subject to the court order? Mayor Elwell said he believes the court order still applies.

Mark Quinette said they are asking if they could have a boat ramp? David A residents attorney said no it is already approved as a boat ramp but there are restrictions on it .

Jim Grant said we think it is a good idea to open the boat ramp and he has no problem with following the court order. He will ask for political support from Sweeney.

Brenda Harned does not think buying is a problem but the restrictions placed by the court could be.

Mr. Dorsey asked who will maintain it: Mayor Elwell responded it would be the responsibility of the owners of the property.

J. Jerrett said it is a positive thing to reopen the boat ramp.

Mr. Grant said they still need to do a business plan and then submit to the judge for approval.

Bill Grappo asked what are the court restrictions? Mayor Elwell directed him to the clerk for an OPRA Request to get that information.

Mrs. Grant asked how many are here to support the boat ramp. Almost all were in support.

No additional public comment

Made a motion to close public comment **Motion McAllister Second Hogate RCV 3 yes**

Mayor Elwell thanked those attending the meeting and supporting the PSEG boat ramp. He shared that the township committee has always supported the PSEG ramp and would support the re-opening of the ramp. One of the reasons that the township was involved in litigation was because they have supported the PSEG ramp, despite it being a private ramp and Elsinboro having no ownership. Mayor Elwell shared that the feedback from residents has been clear, they would like to see the PSEG ramp re-opened, but don't want to see the township involved in ownership or to see an increase in the local tax to cover the cost. Mayor Elwell shared that the request this evening (a resolution supporting the boat ramp) was different than the previous requests made to the township (the township to request the purchase price be reduced for local buyers and a request for a right of first refusal).

Mayor Elwell shared that knowing a group would be attending the meeting he personally reached out to PSEG and extended an invitation to the meeting. They declined the invitation, but did provide the following: We cannot offer a right of first refusal with a party we have no existing contractual relationship. They will however entertain and all legitimate offers.

Mayor Elwell shared that the PSEG boat ramp has played an integral part of the Elsinboro Township community by providing access to the Delaware river for boating, fishing, and other recreational activities. He also shared that the boat ramp serves an important purpose from a public safety standpoint in the event of an emergency in the water. The residents of Elsinboro should have readily available access to the PSEG ramp for health, safety, and leisure.

## **Committee Reports**

Emergency Management - Deputy Mayor McAllister said the Drill went very well any issues were with the county's.

Community Development - Mayor Elwell informed us the Sustainable Jersey application was submitted. Bike to school, Shadowing and the Honors Lunch all went well.

Township Roads- Committeeman Hogate told us the bid opening for Delaware Avenue will be on June 26, 2019 at 11:00am

Insurance- Committeeman Hogate said the JIF insurance awarded us \$2550.00 for good safety practices.

Date of Next Meeting: July 1, 2019

Motion for Adjournment made at 7:55pm by McAllister Second Hogate  
3 RCV yes