

October 29, 2013  
Special Meeting

The Special Meeting of the Evesham Township Council was called to order by Mayor Brown at 3:40p.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the Evesham Township Municipal Complex at 984 Tuckerton Road, Marlton, NJ 08053.

Flag Salute.

Mayor Brown announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was sent to the The Central Record and The Burlington County Times, posted on the Bulletin Board and sent to those who requested notification.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Mayor Brown  
Absent: XXX  
Also Present: Township Manager Cromie, Township Solicitor Gillespie, Township Engineer Staszewski, Deputy Manager of Finance Shanahan, Director of Community Development Jamanow, Township Clerk Friddell, Deputy Township Clerk Schmitt

**PRELIMINARY PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Jeffrey Baron of Baron & Brennan, P.A., 1307 White Horse Road, Voorhees, New Jersey requested that Council consider giving special attention to the Aristone and Greentree properties. Mr. Baron stated that both of these properties have potential agreement of sales in place which are contingent upon zoning.

Township Solicitor Gillespie suggested that these issues be discussed at another time.

**ORDINANCES**

Ordinance No. 28-11-2013 - An Ordinance of the Township of Evesham, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey Adopting Redevelopment Plan for Certain Properties Known as Block 3, Lot 3; and Block 27.02, Lot 2

On motion by Deputy Mayor Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to introduce Ordinance No. 28-11-2013 with the earliest possible Public Hearing and Adoption Date of November 12, 2013.

Recorded Vote: Aye: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown  
Nay: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 319-2013 - Amendment of Contract for Professional Township Solicitor Services - General Legal Work - Tax Appeals, Redevelopment Matters and Litigation

Resolution No. 320-2013 - Amendment to Contract for Professional Planning Services Preliminary Investigation - Redevelopment Study

Resolution No. 321-2013 - Award of Contract for Professional Legal Services - Preliminary Investigation - Redevelopment Study

One motion by Deputy Mayor Hackman, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adopt Resolutions No. 319-2013 through Resolutions No. 321-2013.

Recorded Vote on Resolutions No. 319-2013 through Resolutions No. 321-2013.

AYE: D'Andrea, DiEnna, Hackman, Zeuli, Brown

NAYE: XXX

ABSTAIN: XXX

Motion Carried: 5-0.

**WORK SESSION**

1. Indian Spring Country Club Marketing Concepts Including Marcos Restaurant & Catering - Discussion

Cynthia Lowden from Marcos Restaurant & Catering presented Council with potential ideas on ways to bring additional revenue to Indian Spring Country Club by discounting food. Ms. Lowden also expressed the need for ability to book golf outings at the same time as catering.

Mayor Brown requested input from Sandy Student. Mr. Student said currently there is no connection between the golf and catering bookings and it would be a good idea to merge these services. Mr. Student also suggested coupons and the continuation of grab and go breakfast and coffee on the beer cart.

Mayor Brown suggested a possible rebranding of the country club by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Lowden asked if the new branding could be completed by November to coincide with the deadline for her advertising.

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Mayor Brown requested that a work session for possible rebranding and new logo for the Indian Spring Country Club be placed on the November 12<sup>th</sup> Agenda.

Township Manager Cromie requested that language be added to the ordinance on golf fees to allow the Township Manager to discount package fees for marketing strategies.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jay Levenson of 38 Lowell Drive, Marlton, New Jersey approached Council and read into record a letter he composed addressed to Mayor Brown regarding the Mayor's attendance at the Evesham Township School Board meeting and his comments on the closing of Evans School.

Sandy Student of 129 Dominion Drive, Marlton, New Jersey, Evesham Township School Board President commented that it is the nine school board members who will make the decision as to whether or not to close Evans School.

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Brown commented that he did not attend the Evesham Township School Board meeting to discount any school board member's opinion. He only wanted to express the impact the closure of a school would present to the township and that he did not feel it would be a good financial decision.

Mayor Brown also stated that if this issue is not put to rest, he will request a work session on the November 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting regarding the tax revenues that will be lost as a result of a school closing.

Deputy Mayor Hackman stated she is concerned that if the school board would close a school due to declining population, what might happen years from now, when the population increases and the costs that would be associated with building a new school.

Councilman DiEnna stated that he also attended the school board meeting and felt Mayor Brown showed leadership and wanted what was best for Evesham Township; however the school board meeting seemed to only focus on the closing of the school and not on other potential cost saving measures.

On motion by Councilman D'Andrea, seconded by Councilman DiEnna, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

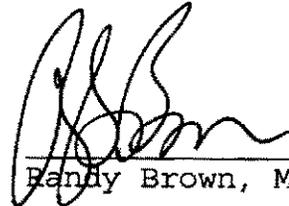
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Recorded Vote: AYE: All Ayes.  
NAY: XXX  
Abstain: XXX

Motion Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45p.m.

Maggie Schmitt, Deputy for  
Lori Friddell, Township Clerk

  
Randy Brown, Mayor

Maggie Schmitt  
Maggie Schmitt, Deputy Township Clerk

Submitted: November 4, 2013

Approved: December 17, 2013

Jay Levenson  
38 Lowell Drive  
Marlton, NJ 08053

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The Honorable Randy Brown  
Mayor, Evesham Township, NJ  
984 Tuckerton Road, Marlton, New Jersey 08053

Mr. Mayor:

I am writing this letter as an individual homeowner in Evesham Township and not in my capacity as an elected member of the Evesham Township School Board. The opinions expressed herein are my own personal opinions and do not reflect the opinions of any other member or members of the Evesham Township School Board. I am speaking for myself.

You recently appeared before the School Board, with members of Township Council in attendance, to express your view that the School Board, among other things, should not consider closing the Evans school. You stated many reasons for your views, some valid and others somewhat misguided.

At that public meeting, and in numerous private discussions, I have listened to many people in Evesham Township telling me all of the things that the Board of Education should not do relative to the upcoming budget formation – do not close Evans, do not apply to be an Interdistrict Public School Choice district, do not raise taxes, etc., etc., etc. I know that you have heard these same opinions. Rarely though have I heard constructive alternatives to all of these negative opinions, that are not already under consideration by the Board of Education.

Well, there is one positive thing that I can do and I have taken action. Earlier today, I stopped by the school district administration building and delivered a personal check in the amount of \$2,500.00 as a donation to OUR district. While this is a drop in the bucket compared to the additional \$2 million needed to meet the needs of the Evesham Township School District for the coming school year, it is a start.

Mr. Mayor, I challenge you, Town Council members, your supporters, and every Evesham Township resident that is able, to help fill that bucket by donating to OUR School District. Now is the time for positive action instead of negative statements. Be positive.

Thank You.

Sincerely,



Jay Levenson

