

Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee
April 1, 2025 Minutes

Attendance:

Representatives – Helen Grant, Bob O'Brien, Deborah Krause, Marie Sidoti Annalyne Burke, Judy Minetree, Larry Clifton Jerry Spanola, Edward Torres

Alternates – Barbara Kochie, Marilyn Lago, Roseann Brennan, Ronald Forbes

**Brick Township – Mayor Lisa Crate
Councilwoman Heather deJong
Amy Schmiedeberg, Senior Services**

Guest: Elissa Commins, Township Engineer

Mayor Crate:

Brick Farmer's Market will return for its 11th season on Saturday, May 3rd at Windward Beach Park. The Market will be held every Saturday from 8:30am until 1:30pm from May 3rd through October 4th. We have over 60 vendors signed up for this summer. We will be offering transportation every other Saturday starting in May, but not sure yet exactly when rides will start. Definitely not the first Saturday.

Mantoloking Road Playhouse will celebrate its grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Tuesday April 8th at 6PM. There will also be a seat dedication ceremony. The address is 266 Mantoloking Road. They are hoping to host, not only the Brick Children's Community Theater but other groups.

Brick Teen Center - Will have their grand opening on April 15th, at 6PM, 270 Chambers Bridge Road.

Mayor Crate is excited to announce that we have a new Superintendent of Recreation, Matt Fagen, who will officially assume his new role on May 5th. Matt has been an employee of the Township

of Brick since 2013, working in the Division of Inspections. He has earned a reputation for his professionalism, reliability, and commitment to servicing the community.

New Businesses:

Mission Barbeque – Looking to put an application in to be located where TGI Friday's was.

Ross Dress for Less – They are getting closer to opening but have not confirmed an opening date. We had said in the past they would be sharing the space with a coffee house but an application has not been submitted so, for now, it will only be Ross.

Shop-Rite/Kohl's Plaza – Dave's Hot Chicken will be located on the side where Round Pie is and next to Orangetheroy Fitness.

Brick Plaza – There have been inquiries to put a Dae Gee Korean Barbecue in Brick Plaza. Application has not been submitted nor the exact location named. Wonder Restaurant, located next to Chuck E Cheese, has not announced an opening date.

Shah's Halal – Located at 2791 Hooper Ave is now open. Shah's Halal brings its tradition of authentic (Arabic) halal cuisine to Brick Township. They offer platters served over rice, gyros served on Pita, salads, sandwiches and more.

246 Mantoloking Road – Fahrenheit Coffee Shop is now open.

Laurel Square Shopping Plaza – Plans have been filed to locate a new Starbucks and Chipotle at two outparcels on the site. The former Provident Bank building would become Starbucks with a drive-thru lane, and the former FINN'S location would house a Chipotle restaurant, also with a drive-thru lane, plus a hibachi restaurant. The plan requires board approval.

Route 88 & Jack Martin Blvd. - Three fast food restaurants have been approved for this site, Taco Bell, Burger King and a Bojangles near the Wawa store. The board approved this at the April 2nd meeting.

Superdome Site Route 70 - An application was submitted for a Dunkin Donuts. Building permits have been issued for the construction of the Superdome.

Shop Rite/Kohl's plaza – First Watch should be opening very soon and the Shake Shack is not far behind.

The Under-Grind Café – Will be located at 563 Route 35 North in Normandy Beach. It is currently under construction.

2025 Senior Prom – This year's event, themed Friday Night Fever, will celebrate the unforgettable music and style of the 1970's played by a fantastic DJ. This year, we are having the food catered which will include salad, pasta, main course and desert. We're working hard to make this year's prom the biggest and best one yet. The prom will take place on Friday, May 2nd from 6pm to 8:30pm at the Civic Plaza, 270 Chambers Bridge Road. The Senior Prom is open to Brick residents ages 60 and over. Register now by calling 732.262.1050.

Mayor's response to questions asked:

- ❖ **Winding River Dumpsters: There is no exact time for installation, but Steve, Superintendent of Public Works advised they are currently putting them together and hopefully will be ready to be installed soon.**
- ❖ **Noise Ordinance for garbage collection at the Housing Authority: The Ordinance states "Loading operations: loading, unloading, opening or otherwise handling boxes, crates, containers, garbage cans or otherwise similar objects between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day in such a manner as to cause a noise disturbance." Therefore, garbage should not be collected prior to 7am, and someone from the Housing Authority office should call the company that collects the trash to let them know they shouldn't be coming prior to 7am.**

Amy Schmiedeberg:

Property tax relief presentation – April 7th, 1pm, session is full call to join the wait list.

Walk-in Wednesdays - We are accepting walk-ins on Wednesday to help you fill out the Property tax relief application. Bring your blue book and income information for 2023 and 2024. Call 732.920.8686 for more information.

Off-site at Leisure Park, Spring Celebration - Enjoy a lunch with friends. Thursday, April 24th, at 11:30am, call to register.

Stress Relief planting Activity – Friday April 25th, at 10am, call to register.

New Jersey Natural gas presents Family Feud. Monday April 28th, 12pm, call to register.

Walking Club – Meets every Friday at Drum Point Sports Complex 8:30am.

Winding River – Would like to discontinue their transportation bus and was wondering if Senior Services could have their bus come to their community every Thursday at 10AM? Would not be on your schedule, it would have to work around the Township's schedule, and it would be on a first come first serve basis. We keep trying to add more buses to our fleet because we understand that transportation is a priority for seniors.

We are looking for drivers. If you know anyone who has a CDL license with a passenger endorsement and would be interested, have them call Senior Services.

Farmer's Market Vouchers – Will be available soon, waiting to receive the books. The benefit has decreased this year, from \$50 to \$40.

Elissa Commins:

There are 560 municipalities in the State of New Jersey and Brick is the 13th largest municipality. Brick has almost 103 miles of waterfront property at average tide which is more than any other municipality in the state. Brick Township is 32-square miles and 6-square miles of it is water. We have a lot of open space and preserved areas and I can thank a lot of our senior communities for that, because you all have large tracts of land that are either recreational golf courses or are preserved as open space. Engineering Department is here to assist you whether you have questions about wetlands, open space, tree removal or stream cleaning.

Township Roads: Probably the #1 complaint I get is about roads. Our road paving list is developed from residential complaints, generally driving around and if there is major utility work such as drainage being done and the road is torn up. We have approximately 1,500 roads in town and 1200 lane miles of road to maintain. We get about 2 to 5 million dollars a year to pave and that includes grants that we get from the State. Every year we fund about 5 projects for design. We take all the complaints, everything on the road list, and every year we evaluate the list we have from the year prior that we didn't get to fund add all the complaints we received over the course of the year and break them up into "worse is first". That is done by myself, 3 of the engineering inspectors and 2 independent inspectors, literally driving the list. Everyone rates them 1-10. I average every road, come up with worse is first list. Some roads will get bumped up because they are little roads in an area where there is a lot of bad roads. We do the best we can with what we have available to us.

Budgeting – Most of your roads are 30' wide, most of you have curbs and sidewalks, I budget \$100 a foot to pave that road. Without curbs and sidewalks it is a little less expensive, closer to \$80 a foot. Last year to pave 7 roads in Green Briar 1, we spent about half-million dollars. This year we have half of Lions Head South for construction

and I believe I recommended the other half of Lions Head South for consideration for funding next year.

Funding – The first year I request money to design the repaving project. We fund \$50,000-\$100,000 just to design the project. We will contact all the utility companies, get our mark outs collect all the survey data and first and foremost make sure none of the utility companies have underground utilities that need to be replaced. After design specs are 75% to 80% complete, we get confirmation from all the utility companies that they do not have scheduled work in the area and if everything looks like it is ready to progress, and we don't need any state permits; I will then request construction money for the following year. It is a 2-year process.

If the paving project is a DOT funded road, there is a 5-year moratorium where you cannot open the road. If the Township funded the road then it is a 3-year moratorium. If you must open the road, we will have you post a bond for the full paving of the road, edge to edge, the entire width of your property. At \$100 a foot, it could cost you between \$20,000 and \$50,000. However, most of the utility companies have bonds posted with the Township. New Jersey Natural Gas has posted a 3-million-dollar bond with the township allowing them to open a recently paved road, but they are required to use an infra-red pavement repair and a month later, you can barely tell the roadway was disturbed.

Most of road maintenance complaints should go to Department of Public Works. If the complaint is beyond their scope of work, DPW will bring it to my attention. DPW will repair potholes, cleanout sewer drains, repair/replace sewer grates, small paving projects. If there is a sewer drain near your home keep the grate free of debris to avoid water from ponding and remaining in the road.

Striping - We have a striping contractor and we awarded the contract last October. The temperature needs to be 60° and rising to paint roads.

All paving is done by outside contractors or Public Works. Public Works can do smaller paving jobs, repair potholes, storm sewer and storm grate repairs, crack-sealing. PW did do stream cleaning in Laurelton Gardens a few years ago. We are looking to do that again, but it may be too big for PW and we will have to go out to bid.

****Note:** To have potholes repaired on State roads, call DOT, Community Affairs at 609 963 1982

Marilyn Lago:

April 26th The Friends of Brick Library is sponsoring one of our biggest fund raisers called, "The Four B", bake sale, books, bling and bags, from 10am-2pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Kaczka,
Secretary

Next Meeting:

Tuesday May 6th at 11am

(Meeting will be held in the A/B Room)

Guest Speaker
Brandi White