

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 06, 2015
7:00 p.m.

In compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4, Open Public Meetings Law, notice was given to two newspapers and posted, that a council meeting of the Mayor and Council was scheduled for Wednesday, May 06, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present with the exception of Mayor Cowling-Carson who gave prior notice. Also present were the Engineer Mr. Basehore and the Solicitor Mr. Long. Councilman DePrince ran the meeting

Vendor License:

Will Campbell of LGCY Power.Sunrun Solar Panels was not present. A motion from Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to table the application until he was present was made with all Council voting aye.

Old Business:

Councilman Whalen made a motion to open the meeting to the public for Ordinance 2015:08 for the SJ Gas consent with Councilwoman Martz making the second, with all Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman Wilson to close the public hearing with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson to adopt Ordinance 2015:08 with Councilman Quattrocchi making the second and all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Quattrocchi, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2015:09 for an ADA parking space at 121 Jefferson Avenue, and all Council voted aye. No one from the public spoke. A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to close the public hearing with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Ordinance 2015:09 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2015:10 to amend the zoning code for the read set back of accessory structures to 5 feet in the RA district with all Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke. A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Quattrocchi to close the public hearing with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonmassa to adopt Ordinance 2015:10 with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2015:86 to cancel outstanding check per the CFO. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2015:87 to authorize the property at B. 5.01, L. 51 to be tax exempt per the tax assessor and to cancel and refund taxes for 2014 per the tax collector. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2015:88 to appoint James McCann as a DPW P/T Laborer to fill a vacancy, with all Council voting aye.

The Treasurer's Report was not read and would be submitted later per Councilman Whalen.

Committee Reports

Councilman DePrince read the police report, fire report and the ambulance reports for the month of April. He stated the safety committee had a meeting to confirm the details for the centennial event for the day and night.

Councilman Whalen reported on the review of a new LED board.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated no tech issues to report on this month. The DPW is getting ready for the centennial event and street sweeping has begun.

Jay Miles reported painting of the pavilion would be started tomorrow.

Councilwoman Bonamassa did report toward the end of the year review of the internet and email supporter will begin.

Councilwoman Martz read the monthly code official's report.

Councilman Quattrocchi stated the centennial event laser show was ready with the power source confirmed and a sound system in place for the show. The recreation meeting has been canceled until May 31 due to the centennial event.

Councilman Wilson reported all was good with buildings and property.

The Engineer stated he submitted his reported in writing. He confirmed the NJDOT grant for \$202,000. with their estimate for work at \$18,000. and the bid would be ready in 45 days. The top paving for Brooke Avenue was done prior to the centennial event.

The Solicitor stated he had an issue for executive session related to attorney/client privilege.

A motion was made by Councilman Quattrocchi, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the meeting to the public with all Council voting aye.

Mr. Michielli, the municipal insurance commissioner stated he has been the insurance rep for 25 years for the county JIF and presented the borough with a check for \$1,500. For safety related equipment.

Alex Esposito of Brooke Avenue inquired about the location of the proposed speed bump on Brooke Avenue. The Engineer stated in the middle of the block and the exact location would be confirmed with the police chief depending on driveways, etc. He then inquired to the minutes for planning board and council are delayed. The Clerk stated they would be updated. He inquired about a shade tree commission and Councilman DePrince explained some of the past history and the Clerk explained his experience with the Shade Tree Commission in Stratford. Mr. Esposito was concerned with trees being removed from private property. The Solicitor and Clerk confirmed a resident had the right to remove their trees on their property and this could not be prohibited even if there was a Shade Tree Commission.

Helen DiBartolomeo of Lafayette Avenue spoke of being a resident for 35 years and gave the history of her involvement. Her daughter in law Nicole DiBartolomeo finished reading the statement due to Helen DiBartolomeo being too emotional.

John DiBartolomeo of Magnolia Little League spoke about three invoices he was sent to pay related to disposal of debris in the renovation of the snack stand. He did not think the Little League should pay for them. He was instructed to submit a letter in writing to the Clerk stating what the Little League was seeking and the Council would then decide on the outcome.

Mr. DiBartolomeo also confirmed the snackstand second floor would not be finished by May 15, but it would not be done by June 1. There would be no need for any other extension beyond June 1.

Councilman Whalen did confirm with Mr. DiBartolomeo that the Little League did receive two open space grants, one for \$20,000, and one for \$25,000, and an insurance check the borough insurance fund.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Quattrocchi to close the public portion with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman Whalen to pay the bills as listed with all Council voting aye by roll call.

A motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2015:85 for closed session with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilman Quattrocchi, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to come out of closed session with all Council voting aye.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adjourn the meeting with all Council voting aye.



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