

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 01, 2013
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 01, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present with the exception of Councilman Michielli who notified prior of his absence. The Engineer Mr. Basehore was also present.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt the April 18, 2013 meeting and executive minutes, with all Council voting aye.

Old Business:

Motion was made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt previously tabled Resolution 2013:77 to award the Lakewood ADA Ramp Project to CurbCon Inc. for the base bid and Alternate #1, with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

New Business:

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2013:80 to authorize the disabled veteran tax deduction for B. 3, L. 15 and to refund the May 01, 2013 tax payment to the mortgage company. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2013:81 for a maintenance lien on B. 3.02, L. 18 in the amount of \$300.00, with all Council voting aye by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2013:82 to authorize the disposal of police equipment which is not useful any longer and can be traded in for new equipment. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2013:83 to change banks to 1st Colonial Bank of Collingswood, NJ effective June 01, 2013. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman Whalen read the Treasurer's Report submitted by Gregory Anderson.

Committee Reports:

Councilman DePrince read the Police report for April. He stated he is working with the Court regarding the increase in case load and court sessions. The Fire Alliance is working on an Agreement with Lawnside. The School Safety Consultant will be making a presentation to the school board.

Councilman Whalen reported Administrative Day went well and the office was appreciative of the lunch. He stated the fire committee has met twice and still working on the new ambulance specs.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated DPW is very busy and the department is short of help due to some out on injuries. The vacant homes are being completed. There was an additional 140 tons of waste this past month collected. The wiring of the new phone system has begun.

Councilwoman Martz read the report from the Code Officer Swan. The construction office is slow at this time with permits. The inspections of multifamily units are going very well. She stated they can see a difference in the condition and maintenance of the complexes from last year being much better. She forwarded the recommendations for a new sign ordinance for review.

The Mayor announced the new Miss Magnolia and her Court and thanked all for helping to make it another success. She asked all to keep Councilman Michielli in your prayers.

Councilman Wilson reported he was about to shut down the boiler for the season.

The Engineer reported there was no answer on municipal aid yet. All the traffic calming information has been given out to the proper parties. The tax maps are completed and will be ready to give out.

The Solicitor reported he had an item for Executive Session regarding the copy machine litigation.

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

Mr. Baker asked Council to reconsider his veteran tax exemption to be retroactive from the time the Veterans Administration approved him for his 100% disability. The Solicitor explained to Mr. Baker the law does not require such a time period be granted to follow the time of approval from the Veterans Administration. Councilman Whalen also reported the financial impact this would have on the budget and it would set precedent and the Council had a previous similar request which was denied. It was also reported the Tax Assessor recommended an April 01, 2013 date to start which was what the resolution was following.

Kevin Thomas the President of Knights Youth Football and inquired to the future use of the Community Center fields. It was explained to him it would be at least one year until the planned field work would be completed.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman DePrince to close the public portion of the meeting with all Council voting aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to pay the bills as presented. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2013:79 to enter Executive Session to discuss the copy machine litigation. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Wilson to come out of Executive Session with all Council voting aye.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adjourn the meeting, with all Council voting aye.



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