

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 11, 2007
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 special council meeting of the Mayor and Council was scheduled for Wednesday, July 11, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present. The Engineer Mr. Basehore was present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Martz to open this portion of the meeting to the public. Councilman D'Amico seconded. All Council voting aye.

Mr. Thomas Hannigan approached the Governing Body and inquired to the status of the water run off issue behind his home. The Mayor gave him copy of a letter dated June 27, 2007, from the Construction Official which had been sent to St. Gregory's Church. The Governing Body informed Mr. Hannigan they were not the enforcement agency for this problem but Mr. Mecca the Construction Official would enforce the issue. He was told to come in the following Monday to meet and speak with Mr. Mecca. Councilwoman Martz stated she would be in the office that evening as well.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to close the public session, with all Council voted aye.

The Agenda was reviewed for the 8:00 PM session. The Council conducted a round table discussion.

Councilwoman Bonamassa reported the Independence Day Celebration went well. She thanked all who assisted in making it a success. She reported the new sliding board was installed in Albertson Park, and the Recreation Committee was working on the next event which is National Night Out in August with a movie in the park.

Councilman Wilson stated he would submit his report to the Clerk to save time.

The Mayor thanked Steve Pacella and Councilman Wilson for having the grass cut at the Garden State Boat site.

Councilman DePrince thanked all who helped manage and clean up from the recent storm which created many issues including power outage, a tree down across Evesham, etc.

Councilman Whalen stated the Tax Sale did take place and went well.

Councilman D'Amico stated Arby's is on the agenda of the Planning Board this month for site plan application. Also the camera project is moving ahead for installation.

The Engineer went over the NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust project and that the plans are being completed. They are working on grades for the Charles Road plans, and Gloucester Avenue project they are completing closing documents for NJ DOT.

The Solicitor had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Martz stated she would submit her report to the Clerk to save time.

The 8:00 PM session now took place.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the meeting to the public. All Council voted aye.

Anthony Marsiano, 254 Jefferson Avenue was present to inquire about 4 way stops in his neighborhood since he was involved in an accident at an intersection due to someone driving through a stop sign. The 4 way stop sign intersection that currently exist were explained to Mr. Marsiano, and the future of 4 way stops did not look promising.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Whalen to close the public portion. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman D'Amico to approve the minutes of June 21, 2007. All Council voted aye.

Old Business:

Girl Scout Troop #52 was present to accept the plaque for cleaning up Roosevelt Park. The Mayor thanked them for their hard work in making the park a better place.

Business License:

Angela's Pizza, Evesham Avenue, B. 8.01, L. 3, Arife Dura, Proprietor was present. She went over her hours, and stated the trash was being removed privately. Motion made by Councilwoman Martz to approve the license, seconded by Councilman DePrince, with all Council voting aye. She was asked to bring in a copy of her County Dept. of Health Certificate when she picks up her business license.

NEW BUSINESS:

Business License:

APNA Inc., 101 White Horse Pike, B. 3.02, L.10, Raj Sharma, Proprietor was present. He stated his hours, and that he would have one employee. He was not planning on repairing vehicles, but may lease that area out in the future. He was instructed if he did rent it out the new business repairing vehicles would have to come in for a business license. He was asked if he had gas stations in the area? He stated he had two in Chadsworth and Tuckerton. Motion made by Councilman D'Amico, seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the license, with all Council voting aye.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2007:124 which authorizes a refund of \$75.00 for the summer recreational program for the Kolb child. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Prior to taking action on Resolution 2007:125 the CFO came in to the meeting, as well as the DPW Superintendent Steve Pacella, and the Engineer Mr. Basehore to help explain various items related to the NJEIT Trust Projects. The topic of Magnolia Sewer fees of \$80. a year were discussed. The CFO gave some options to help remedy the issue of sewer fee increases to cover the NJEIT commitment. It was agreed by all present the projects listed were a much needed fix for the borough, and that the funding could not be had any cheaper than through this NJEIT Program. The Mayor was very concerned with raising sewer rent fees for the residents. An option of raising just commercial properties was discussed, as well as combining the sewer utility into the borough budget and support the utility by tax revenue, not sewer payments. No one disagreed that we should not move on with the NJEIT Loan. The issue of resolving the sewer fees and the commitment to pay the NJEIT loan would come in a future meeting. A proposed sewer fee amount of \$100. was agreed to by all as an option, but further discussion would happen in the future.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2007:125 authorize the sale of bonds in the amount of \$1,860,000. and execution of the NJEIT Loan and Escrow Agreement. This resolution was prepared and requested to be adopted by the Bond Counsel Mr. Norcross. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2007:126 to ratify the Police Contract for 2007-2010. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2007:127 to ratify the Public Works Department Contract for 2007-2009. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman D'Amico to disapprove Resolution 2007:128 to commit a 10% match for the Feasibility Study for Trash Services of the five Sterling Towns, as well as authorize Laurel Springs Borough the lead agency to award the proposal for the study. All Council voted aye to deny the resolution.

Councilman Whalen stated he would submit the Treasurer's Report as submitted by the Treasurer Robin Sarlo.

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Motion was made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the payment of bills as submitted by the Treasurer. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

It was confirmed the next meeting date would be July 19, 2007, not July 26, 2007 as printed in the calendar.

Motion by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adjourn the meeting. All Council voted aye.



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