

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 01, 2009
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, April 01, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present. The Engineer Mr. Bach was also present.

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

No one from the public spoke.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Brandt, with all Council voting aye.

Motion was made to go into Executive Session after reviewing the Agenda during the 7:00 PM session, (Resolution 2009:62) by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa, with all Council voting aye.

Council left the Room to enter into Executive Session.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Martz to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Brandt, with all Council voting aye.

The 8:00 Regular Session began.

Motion made by Councilman Brandt, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open the meeting to the public, all Council voted aye.

Alex Esposito of 407 W. Brooke handed out information to Mr. Siciliano for review from Mr. Potter the attorney for the COFFEE group. The document stated Mr. Potter did not represent Mr. Esposito. Mr. Esposito inquired to the process of not taping meetings in 2005. The Clerk, the Mayor and Councilman Whalen gave various reasons. Mr. Esposito stated he would donate equipment to the borough. The Solicitor instructed the council not to answer any further questions of Mr. Esposito. It was agreed his offer would be considered.

Andrew Ballinger thanked all of council for stopping by for the funeral.

Mrs. Stewart of 226 E. Williams, Barrington inquired to considering taping the meetings.

Mr. Esposito inquired about the funds for the fire house years ago, and how he thought they had changed to another borough project. He was instructed to file an OPRA request for funding sources.

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

Motion made by Councilman Whalen to approve, seconded by Councilman DePrince, for the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2009, with all Council voting aye.

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve the minutes of March 19, 2009. All Council voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to open the public hearing for Ordinance 2009:08 for the 2009 Bond Ordinance. All Council voted aye.

Mr. Esposito inquired to the items being funded by the Bond. The Clerk read the list of items.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Brandt to close the public hearing. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve Ordinance 2009:08. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Business License:

Advantage Auto Insurance Agency, 121 S. White Horse Pike. The owner was present. She confirmed she did install the new railings as required by the Construction Official. Motion was made by Councilman Brandt, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the business license. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve Resolution 2009:63 to cancel the sewer fee for 406 Otterbranch Drive due to a house fire. This was for the first billing in 2009. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman Whalen read the Treasurer's Report for March 2009.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt Resolution 2009:64 to make the quarterly appointments of the SLE Officers. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2009:65 to appoint John DiBartolomeo as the Community Center Manager for opening and closing the center. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman Brandt, seconded by Councilman DePrince to authorize the execution of the Municipal Alliance Agreement for 2009 (Resolution 2009:66). All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2009:67 to authorize the execution of the Laurel Springs Interlocal Agreement for Court Administrator Services. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to adopt Resolution 2009:68 to authorize the Engineer to make application for the NJDOT 2010 grant for Jackson Avenue the 100 Block. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Round Table:

Councilman Brandt spoke about the Jennifer Persia walk on April 4, followed by the Clean Communities Day where the Albertson Park will be cleaned. The following Saturday will be the Opening Day and the Easter Egg Hunt, as well as signing up for the Summer Rec Program.

Councilman Wilson read the DPW report for March 2009.

Councilwoman Martz read the Construction Department report from Denise O'Kane, as well as the Code Enforcement Report where there were 15 complaints filed in March. She reported on the upgrade to the street light near the Warwick Road School crossing. She stated the NJ DOT roadway plans for the CooperTowne Center were in and being reviewed.

Councilman DePrince read the Court report for the month, and the Police report. He congratulated Officer Moore for the chase and arrest of the person wanted for a homicide in Camden. Chief Doyle reported on a recent OEM railroad/Conrail meeting in Barrington to review for possible future issues if there was an accident with a train.

Councilman Whalen stated delinquent notices were out for taxes. He also spoke about a recent Courier Post article and corrected a section that was misquoted.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated Mr. D'Amico was just back from a leave after his mother's death, and a report will follow next month. She was wished a Happy Birthday by Council.

The Engineer thanked the Council for taking action this evening on the application for DOT grant.

The Solicitor stated he was filling out information from the Auditor regarding requested information related to the annual audit.

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

Mr. Esposito was concerned with the railroad box cars that at times sit on the tracks.

Mr. Cammilla of Jefferson Avenue was concerned with the railroad crossings. Council was also concerned and was continuing to make contact to get something done.

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

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the bill list as presented. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adjourn the meeting. All Council voted aye.



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