

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 05, 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, December 05, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present, with the exception of Councilman D'Amico. The Engineers Mr. Bach and Mr. Basehore were present.

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

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Martz, seconded by Councilman Wilson to go into Closed Session (Resolution 2007:170). All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman DePrince to come out of Closed Session. All Council voted aye.

At this time the 8:00 PM meeting session began.

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

Mr. Sauro from Lincoln Avenue was present and discussed his recent Planning Board fence variance application. He explained how he went back to the Board requesting a denial, but the Board did not agree to a denial. It was explained to him that without the denial he could not appeal his case to Mayor and Council.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen to close the public section, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa, with all Council voting aye.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to approve the November 15, 2007 minutes. All Council voted aye.

No old business.

New Business:

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the Business Application License for Mickey's, 320 South White Horse Pike, B. 3.03, L. 8. Approval was conditioned upon the interior inspection by the Borough Construction Official, the County Fire Marshall, County Health Department. All Council voted aye.

Greg Garris & Associates, 540 North White Horse Pike, B. 5.04, L. 2 Business License was discussed. The Borough Engineer Bach Associates who is overseeing the site inspections was present and reviewed their letter recommending the business owner could move his office furniture into the space, but no business functions should be taking place due to the outstanding safety issues with the site. Mayor and Council agreed. But did state they would hold a Special Meeting on Monday December 17, 2007 if the outstanding safety issues were resolved by December 14, 2007 as was proposed by the owner's contractor. Motion made by Councilman DePrince to table this business application until December 17, 2007 if the safety issues had been resolved, seconded by Councilwoman Martz, with all Council voting aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve Resolution 2007:165, to refund a Tax Overpayment for B. 1.05, L. 1 in the amount of \$1,209.09. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve Resolution 2007:166 to appoint the SLEO II Officer Lawrence Grassi, Jr.. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve Resolution 2007:167 to appoint a Conflict Engineer. The Engineer Joseph P. Federici, Jr. of the firm Federici & Akin, P.A. was appointed as the Conflict Engineer for the Arby's site at 700 White Horse Pike. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

No action was taken on Resolution 2007:168 for the appointment of Tax Collector. It was agreed the Deputy Tax Collector would be authorized to handle all functions and duties of the Tax Collector until a Tax Collector is appointed.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2007:169 to Authorize Correspondence to NJ Department of Transportation regarding inclusion of offsite improvements with the DOT approval for Lion's Head DOT Application. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2007:171 to refund to PSE&G an overpayment for off-duty police employment in the amount of \$270.00. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Treasurer's Report was submitted in writing by Robin Sarlo to Councilman Whalen.

Councilwoman Bonamassa went over the Holiday Events and stated she was getting a good response from residents for the Senior Dinner. She stated Reorganization would take place on January 02, 2008 at 8PM at the Community Center with a new caterer to prepare refreshments. Sterling HS would be taping the meeting for channel 19. SHS Band Boosters was requesting the Community Center for a fund raiser on January 26, 2008.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen (Resolution 2007:172) to allow the Sterling Band Boosters use of the Community Center conditioned upon the hiring of off duty police officers at the set rate for employment at \$65. per hour. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman Wilson stated he would submit his report in writing to save time.

Councilwoman Martz stated she was submitting her report in writing to save time.

Councilman DePrince stated he was submitting his reports for his departments in writing to save time.

Councilman Whalen was also submitting the Treasurer's Report in writing to save time.

The Engineer Mr. Basehore stated he had submitted his report in writing with no changes.

The Solicitor had nothing to report.

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

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilwoman Martz to adopt Resolution 2007:173 to authorize Bach Associates to apply for the NJ Safe Route To School Grant was it became available. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2007:174 to appoint August Aydt III as a Temporary Part-Time Laborer for DPW at the rate of \$9.00 an hour. Councilman Wilson and John Keenan had interviewed the applicant. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Ordinance 2007:17 to increase the fees for dog licenses from \$8. for neutered dogs to \$11. and for non-neutered dogs it would increase from \$11. to \$14. It was also included to increase the cat license fees from \$4. to \$7. for neutered cat from \$5. to \$8. All Council voted aye by roll call.

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



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