

MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 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 special council meeting of the Mayor and Council was scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. The Municipal Clerk took the roll call and showed that all were present with the exception of Mary Martz. The Engineer Mr. Basehore was also present.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bonamassa to open this portion of the meeting to the public. Councilman Wilson seconded. All Council voting aye. No one from the public spoke.

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa 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 2009:49) by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman DePrince, with all Council voting aye.

Council left the Room to enter into Executive Session.

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

The Mayor reviewed the agenda with Council.

Councilwoman Bonamassa brought up a concern with the Rec Center being used by local organizations for events and implementing a nominal fee. She also spoke about extending the Anti-Harassment training to fire company, and other borough departments within a year. The session for this is presented by viewing a DVD and done within one session.

The Mayor spoke of the rumors that there was a missing name on the war memorial stone. It has been confirmed who the young man is that was missing from the stone, and the name will be added at a cost of about \$300. prior to Memorial Day. She also stated a letter was received regarding the train crossings and that Lincoln should be done by end of June, and the Evesham crossing should be done in the last half of 2009. This is being done with DOT funds with cooperation of Conrail. She asked if there were any nominations for the freedom and volunteer metals that they be made to her for consideration, which the presentations would be made at the 4th of July festivities.

Councilman Wilson spoke of the storm drain issue on the current road project and that it may be sleeved. The engineer is reviewing the possibilities.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt Resolution 2009:73 to enter into Closed Session. All Council voted aye.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Brandt to come out of closed session. All Council voted aye.

The 8:00 Regular Session began.

The Police Chief along with Councilman DePrince and the Mayor made presentations to Officer Weist, Detective Vadorro to help solve a false call for fire assistance. By their help and hard work they were able to make an arrest and get a confession by the individual regarding other false calls for help. The exception duty ribbon was made to these officers. Also Officers Moore and Parker were presented the meritorious service ribbon for their efforts made during observing the driver of a vehicle who was wanted in the death of a child in Camden. After a high speed chase these two officers were able to apprehend the driver and make an arrest. Councilman DePrince praised all the officers and the Chief did make note that this week was Police Appreciation Week.

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

Alex Esposito of 407 W. Brooke inquired if there were copies of the Agenda available this evening. The Clerk went to make copies of the Agenda.

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

Motion made by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve the minutes for April 16, 2009 and April 27, 2009 meetings, seconded by Councilman Whalen, with all Council voting aye.

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There was no old business. at (856)783-1520 for additional information.

Under new business a seasonal vending license was reviewed for Popsy Pop Ice Cream and the applicant Luigi Palmeri who was present. He stated he would not be soliciting beyond 9 pm, and he had the County Board of Health certificate. He was instructed if there were any new drivers besides himself that the information would be given for review by the police of those new drivers. Motion made by Councilman DrPrince, seconded by Councilman Brandt to approve the license with all council voting aye.

The fire person applications for Christopher M. Conchado, Jr. and Erin L. Meagher were presented. Motion was made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Wilson to approve the applications, seconded by Councilman Wilson with all Council voting aye.

Motion made by Councilman Brandt, seconded by Councilman DePrince to approve the 2009 CDBG Stimulus Fund Support Resolution #2009:74, and all Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman DePrince, seconded by Councilman Whalen to approve Resolution 2009:75 to allow the purchase of the new police vehicle under State Constract A73844 for a 2010 Ford Expedition. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman Brandt, seconded by Councilwoman Bonamassa to approve Resolution 2009:76 for a Chapter 159 Clean Communities Grant for \$7,108.79. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Motion made by Councilman Wilson, seconded by Councilman DePrince to adopt Resolution 2009:77 to allow various maintenance liens be placed on properties maintenance work had to be completed by the Borough DPW. All Council voted aye by roll call vote.

Councilman Whalen read the monthly Treasurer's report for April 2009.

Councilman Brandt stated everything was ready for the Memorial Day Parade, and for 4th of July. Summer rec is coming up and registration is available.

Councilman Wilson read his monthly report.

Councilwoman Martz' report was received and given to the Clerk.

Councilman DePrince read the ambulance, police, fire and court reports. He stated court had a 10% reduction in the back log of cases and the length of court sessions had been reduced.

Councilman Whalen stated the 2009 budget was in place and the year to date status reports of the various lines of the budget were handed out. A tax sale date was yet to be determined.

Councilwoman Bonamassa stated the updated report for tech was handed out, as well as information on training for employees and public officials. She stated she emailed recommended changes to the handbook for everyone to review.

The Engineer stated the month was very busy. An application was made to CDBG and one for a streetscape application, and a submission for the Jackson DOT project. Bid for Wilson should be made soon, and the plans for the Fire Hall were submitted for review.

Motion made by Councilman Whalen, seconded by Councilman Wilson to adopt Resolution 2009:78 to support the NJDOT application submitted by the Engineer for Jackson Avenue. All Council voted aye.

Motion was made by Councilman Brandt, seconded by Councilman Whalen to adopt Resolution 2009:79 to approve the appointment of the summer rec help and their respective pay levels. All Council approved the resolution by a roll call vote.

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

Alex Esposito of Brooke Avenue inquired to the funding that Resolution 2009:76 was referring to? The Clerk explained it was a State Grant and is used to help purchase certain items. He also inquired to Resolution 2009:79 for summer rec, and Councilman Brandt explained the salaries are funded by the fee charged for the program.

Peg Millisky of 318 Otterbranch inquired to the streetscape application and that any trees planted would be curb friendly. She also inquired to a stop line painted at the stop sign in front of her home. She also inquired to the Fire House project, and Councilman DePrince gave her information regarding this project. She wanted to know about the payment to the contractor who is working on Brooke Avenue and the Engineer explained how the maintenance bond is presented by the contractor to insure the work for a two year period.

Paster Lee of 501 Ashland Avenue was present and was concerned with the speeding on her street. She has spoken to the Chief of Police in the past about this as well who installed a speed limit sign, and the placed the LED speed sign on the street. She was worried about the children in the neighborhood. Council inquired to the times of the day, and the Chief stated more patrol would be done during those times.

Anthony Comella of 133 Jefferson commented and was thankful for the railroad crossings being scheduled for repair.

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

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

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