

Work Session Meeting
November 6th, 2013

Meeting was opened by Mayor Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were G. Gilbert, P. MacAdams, M. Mevoli, J. Granstrom, J. McCleary, and J. Meehan. The Solicitor was Timothy Higgins, Esq..

This Meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and complies with all the laws therein

Committee Reports

Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

Engineer's Report – Update of ongoing projects by Greg Fusco, Kei Associates:

Item #1 – DOT municipal aide for 2014 was submitted for extension of Christiana Street Project.

Item #2 – CDBG Year 35 project for select sidewalks is ready to begin. The money should become available this month.

Item #3 – Reconstruction of Christiana Street is fully complete. We are currently processing the paperwork for the remaining 25% reimbursement from DOT.

Item #5 – CDBG Year 34 project for playground fence is completed. There are some issues to resolve with the vendor. No payment will be made until all items are corrected.

Item #7 – The governing body awarded Charles Marandino the contract for work on the Railroad Crossing Project in the amount of \$214,735.00.

Item #8 – The fire house and water plant roof replacement project is still in the spec building phase. We are going to have two alternates for bidding. Hope to advertise by end of November.

Item #9 – Our USDA project has been submitted and we will wait for a response at end of November.

Everyone thanked G. Fusco for his time and expertise.

Presentation of Animal Ordinance by Mayor Gary Passanate, Somerdale, NJ

Mayor Passanate presented a Camden County Shared Service Animal ordinance. The ordinance is extensive but hits all the points needed to run a TNR (Trap Neuter Release) program and control pet population throughout the county. He explains that the program is in effect in some surrounding communities. He has seen a good step towards controlling pet population and increased awareness of animal control procedures. Feral and stray cats are a problem in a few communities in the area. He feels this ordinance will help solve most of our problems. The program sets up community areas for colonies. Each colony will have a person to oversee the area and maintain the TNR and feeding of the animals. This should keep the residents from sheltering or feeding. He says the ordinance should be looked at as a guide. While he feels we should adopt as it is, the borough may adjust areas in the ordinance to fit their particular needs.

Mayor Branella asked that we look over this ordinance in the next couple meetings and adjust anything we want to change. She says we should get this ordinance in place before the next breeding season. She thanked Mayor Passanate for his time and commitment to a great cause.

Open to Public

No questions or concerns noted.

Closed to the Public

Resolutions:

#152-13 Authorize Bingo License for Storm Watchers Organization
Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – J. Meehan
All in Favor: Carried.

Discussion/Committee Updates

Ryan Giles, Borough Clerk:

He gave everyone an update on upcoming events around the area. December 14th will be the American Legion Christmas party at 6pm, November 16th is the Camden County Mayors Meeting at Metro, and January 11th, 2014 is the awards dinner for the Brooklawn Legion World Series Champions at the American Legion. If anyone is interested in attending, please notify the clerk.

M. Mevoli:

He said he attended the welcome home celebration for Marine Officer John McConnell of Third Street. The mayor was also in attendance to the ceremony. Mayor Branella said we are going to have a commendation for him when he returns from his last eight months of service on a base in the US.

Mayor Branella:

Explained that PSEG will be replacing high electrical wires and poles along the railroad tracks next March. They will notice the surrounding residents of the upcoming project as a courtesy. She also asked for volunteers to work on the animal ordinance with her. G. Gilbert and P. MacAdams said they would be part of her committee. She thanked everyone for working hard for our town.

Closed to council.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn – J. Meehan
2nd – P. MacAdams
All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk