

WorkSession Meeting
February 1st, 2012

Meeting was opened by Mayor Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were R. Boulden, G. Gilbert, J. Granstrom, T. MacAdams, J. McCleary, M. Mevoli and T. Branella.

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

Swearing in of Municipal Clerk – Ryan Giles

Engineer’s Report – Updated of ongoing projects by Greg Fusco, Kei Associates.

1) CDBG - Year 33 project of converting entry doors to the municipal building so they are automatically controlled and manually as well.

Mayor thanked Greg Fusco for his time and expertise.

Open to Public

No questions or comments.

Committee Reports

Motion to approve reports – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. McCleary
All in favor. Carried.

Discussion/Committee Updates

1) T. Branella – a) Business Association – It is not dead, she talks to them and is trying to keep it going.
b) Sign Ordinance – She would like to send this ordinance to the Planning/Zoning Board for changes – to be business friendly.
c) Camden County Fire Committee – They are moving toward shared purchasing to get better pricing. There will be a meeting the 2nd Wednesday in December with the Fire Chiefs.

Solicitor Tim Higgins, Esq. arrived.

d) The Mayor will be meeting with the owner of the Brooklawn Shopping Center and Jeff Brown (ShopRite) to discuss future plans with the empty stores.
e) Organic Diversions – They submitted all their permits, have a 60 day technical period. They will hopefully break ground in March.
f) The Mayor wants the Council to think about their choice for committees for 2012.

g) Apartments – The Mayor, Chris Mecca (Building Inspector), Bruce Wasson (Housing Inspector), Carl Thomas (Fire Official) and Police Chief McKinney made a surprise inspection at the Brooklawn Court Apartments. They are making a list of violations and instructed the apartment manager that CO's will not be issued until violations are completed. Mecca is going to bring the Camden County Health Dept in. Thomas gave an update of his inspections in May and June of this year. He is not supposed to be inspection more than once a year, but this was called by the Mayor. He is required to give them 30 days to repair. They were able to get into some of the apartments and the conditions were horrible. Higgins stated that the Borough is following the law. The Mayor stated that the inspection was very upsetting!

h) Pending Project List – Mayor stated this is very important, she wants everyone to respond to this list at the next meeting. We need to get back to finishing projects.

2. G. Gilbert – Update of park – installed new benches and it looks awesome. All the plastic trash cans are gone. Donna Domico did a good job.

Code Enforcement – Did a drive around with Saymon on October 4th. He was not available on October 11th and I emailed him with no response. A list of violations was made. We need a plan to get things done. Mayor suggested a meeting with Saymon, McKinney, Gilbert, Giles (Police Chiarman) and herself to discuss this situation. Gilbert wants a Committee Report from Code Enforcement each month.

3. M. Mevoli – The EMS report does not show how many calls were made that month, and how many were answered by Brooklawn. Granstrom will contact Jim Pierce.

They did a good job with the Hayride on Halloween. Also, with the Fire Prevention Night.

The Tree Lighting will be on December 3rd. The school choir will be singing this year. He wants more lighting around the area for safety. Flyers will be handed out.

4. R. Giles – Police Chief is watching Paris Avenue for speeders. Chief will send memo to his department to enforce the helmet law. Meeting with the school committee is being scheduled by the Chief.

Mayor asked how the negotiations were going with the Police Capt's contact. He stated that they have not met yet.

5. M. Mevoli – Gave an update of the HIF/JIF meetings. It looks like the JIF will have a 2% increase in 2012 with a dividend of approximately \$5,000. The HIF will have a 8.12% increase with a dividend of \$7,000. The new law under Chapter 78 will require the Borough to offer multiple plans to employees effective 7/1/12.

Motion to Adjourn – G. Gilbert

2nd – M. Mevoli

All in favor. Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk