

Public Meeting
September 18th, 2017

Meeting was opened by T. Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. McCleary, G. Gilbert, P. Moses, M. Mevoli, and P. McConnell. J. Granstrom was absent. 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.

Reading and Approval of Minutes of August 21st, 2017:

Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – P. McConnell
All In Favor: Carried.

Committee Reports:

Motion – P. McConnell
2nd – P. Moses
All in Favor: Carried.

Open to the Public:

Norman Wallace, 220 Horton Avenue, asked about the progress on the Circle project and when all the construction will be completed. He feels they should be doing a better job with safety and cleaning up the area after they finish. Mayor Branella said the project will be completed by the middle of November.

Engineers Report from Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering:

Item #3: We did not receive a grant award for 2017 Municipal Aid for Streets and Roads, but we are reapplying for 6th Street phase 2. NJDOT FY18 applications are due early October. The borough authorized the submission of the application.

Item #7 7 #8: We received \$50,000 in funding for our continuation of the walking path at waterfront. The bidding will be held on October 3rd and we will have recommendations for the next council meeting.

Item #12: The USDA project for water will begin next week. The preconstruction meeting was conducted on August 15, 2017. Shop drawings have been submitted for review and approved. The work is to begin on Browning Road and Old Broadway.

M. Mevoli asked the engineer to make sure the sod and grass is restored on Fourth and Sixth Street. He said that the sod was put down and never watered. G. Fusco said he will put it on the punch list.

He thanked everyone for their time.

New Business

Resolutions:

- # 124-17 Authorizing Municipal Liens
- # 125-17 Authorize Bingo and Raffle License for People for the Poor
- # 126-17 Authorization to Execute Agreement with New Jersey DOT for Traffic Signal Maintenance
- # 127-17 Authorization to Appoint a Deputy Court Administrator – Jessica Peterson
- # 128-17 Authorization of Dedication by Rider – Unemployment Insurance Compensation
- # 129-17 Authorization of Dedication by Rider – Tax Title Lien Redemption
- # 130-17 Authorization of Dedication by Rider – Tax Sale Premiums
- # 131-17 Authorization to Submit Application and Execute Grant Agreement with NJDOT for 2018 FY2018 Municipal Aid Funding Program for Sixth Street
- # 132-17 Acceptance of ADA Transition Plan
- # 133-17 Authorize Change Order No. 1 for NJDOT FY2016 Municipal Aid Project along Sixth Street
- # 134-17 Authorize Adoption of Mitigation Plan
- # 135-17 Authorize Raffle License for West Deptford High School Girls Soccer
Motion – J. McCleary
2nd – P. Moses
All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 329,434.86

- Motion – M. Mevoli
- 2nd – P. McConnell
- All in Favor: Carried.

Best Practices Review

Administrator Giles reviewed the best practices questionnaire with the borough council. He stated that the borough scored a 22 out of 25 and there will be no penalty against the State Aide. Council thanked the administrator for the review.

Open to Council:

Mayor Branella said she attended Patriots Day at the Memorial Park. It was a great turnout. She reminded everyone of the Bag for Hunger event at the Brooklawn Shoprite on September 20th from 11am – Noon. She invites people to come and volunteer their time to bag groceries. She assures people that bagging groceries is an art form. She went over the new project list and encouraged everyone to update their projects each meeting.

P. Moses updated council on the ongoing Shade Tree projects. He also reminded everyone that the Fall Festival is October 21st, 2017.

P. McConnell asked about the current TNR program. She wants to help residents utilize the service more frequently.

M. Mevoli thanked police, fire and Pastor Amey for helping to put together the Patriots Day event. He recommends that we should look into putting a bathroom at the Jimmy Cerrone Field. He also informed everyone that Larry Reichert resigned from the Athletic Association.

Resolution # 136-17 Authorize entering Executive Session with two (1) issues in Personnel at 7:58 and no action will be taken when entering back into public.

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – J. McCleary

All in Favor: Carried

Reconvened at 8:21pm.

Motion to Adjourn – J. McCleary

2nd – P. McConnell

All in Favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles

Borough Clerk