

Work Session
October 1st, 2014

Meeting was opened by Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, J. Meehan, M. Mevoli, P. MacAdams, and J. Granstrom. Absent were G. Gilbert. 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.

Approval of Committee Reports:

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

Engineer's Report: By Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering

Item #1: 2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application is due by October 14th, 2014. Our Office has contacted D. Domico for recommendations on Street Project. The street that was suggested for repair was Sixth Street.

Item #2: Open Space Round 15 Application for pedestrian improvements along Timber Boulevard was due on March 31st. The application was submitted. The committee has awarded \$25,000 for the improvements.

Item #4: Year 35, & 36 CDBG money will be used for sidewalk replacement throughout the borough. We receive DOT funding for Community Road. We are going to combine the DOT project with the CDBG and bid them together. The first bids were rejected in July. The bidding was done on September 24th. Charles Marandino was the low bid. The scope of work was estimated to low in comparison to the project cost that was bid. It is our recommendations to ask for discretionary aid of \$60,000 to complete the project. The clerk said there is a resolution on the agenda to approve the application. We can hold off on awarding until we receive the extra funds. G. Fusco said he is confident that they will receive the funds.

Item #5: The railroad crossing project is near completion. They need to complete the pier caps, line striping, fencing, and gates. The last portion of the roadway is expected to be completed by PSEG after they are finished with their project. Voucher No3 is ready for processing at your next meeting.

Item #6: The DOT announced their street project. We were awarded the street improvement along Community Road, we can bid our sidewalk project within the DOT grant as stated in Item 4 of the report. All bids in July were rejected for being too high. See Item # 4 explanation for more information.

Item #7: USDA project application is fully completed. We have received approval on both applications. We have signed the letter of intent. Sanitary Sewer Improvements

will be \$1,537,000.00 at 3.25% for 40 year loan and \$111,000 grant. Water Improvements will be \$1,141,000 at 3.25% for 40 year loan and \$509,300 grant. The preliminary money has been acquired and we are moving forward with preliminary work.

Item #11: The Brooklawn Diner is moving along with construction. They appeared before the P/Z board and the plan was accepted. They should be open by the end of October.

Everyone thanked G. Fusco for his time.

Open to Public:

Nothing Noted from Public.

Ordinance:

#11-14 Approving Aerial Easement for Block 18 Lot 20
First Reading
Motion – J. McCleary
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried.

Resolutions:

117A-14 Approval to Submit and Execute Grant Application Agreement with NJDOT for 2015 Municipal Aid Funding Program
118-14 Approval to Submit and Execute Grant Application Agreement with NJDOT for Local Aid Infrastructure for Community Road Project
Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. Meehan
All in Favor: Carried.

Open to Council:

J. Granstrom said that he has received numerous complaints of people hanging out at the gazebo on Timber Boulevard after curfew. He asked that the police increase patrol in the area or put a camera near the gazebo. Police Chief F. McKinney said he would let his officers know and have them do more patrol in the area.

J. Meehan said he has asked a few residents about a possible fence around the park by the waterfront. He said everyone said they would not like a fence around the whole park but would like to see one around the playground section. He said that the residents feel a child could get to the water to quickly since the playground is very close to the water. Mayor Branella said we can explore this idea further.

P. MacAdams informed everyone that the ambulance is in the shop. They are awaiting information on the severity of the problem. The calls have be rerouted to Gloucester while we are waiting for the ambulance to get back on the road.

Mayor Branella informed everyone that there will be an emergency road closure on Route 130 Northbound. The road will be closed from CJ Auto Body Shop up to Old Salem Road. All traffic for the circle will be directed down Creek Road and up Old

Salem to bypass the closure. The Closure will begin October 3rd and last for approximately 7 days. She said information will be provided on our Facebook page and Website.

The solicitor informed every one of two ordinances that will appear on the next public meeting. One is to address bamboo planting on personal properties and the other strengthens the current property maintenance ordinance. No one had any issues with the pending ordinances.

The clerk informed that the best practice survey was completed and everyone should have reviewed the survey. He said we scored a 40 out 50. We will have a reduction in our state aide of one (1) percent of the total aide. No questions were noted on the review.

The clerk said he was approached by a member of the police force about police side jobs. We have an ordinance that allows us to pay the overtime rate of the officers for off duty work. M. Mevoli informed everyone that just because they are off duty does not mean they are not covered by our insurance policy. The police would like to have a flat rate of \$60 per hour for police side jobs and not use their overtime rates. Mayor Branelle referred this issue to the Public Safety Committee. She asked them to have recommendations at the next worksession.

The clerk said that the administrative contract is ending at the end of 2014 and would like to open up negotiations. The Mayor asked J. McCleary, P. MacAdams, and J. Meehan to deal with the contract negotiations. The clerk informed them that there were two issues to resolve before negotiations to start. He asked them to set up a time to meet with the person in charge of the contract negotiations to resolve the issues.

Resolution #119-14 Executive Session for 2 Contract Issues 20 Minute Recess at 7:35pm – M. Mevoli

2nd – J. McCleary

All in Favor: Carried

Re-entered the meeting at 8:01pm.

Motion to Adjourn – M. Mevoli

2nd – P. MacAdams

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk