

Public Meeting
October 20, 2014

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

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 September 15th and October 1st, 2014:

Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in favor: Carried.

Open to Public:

Jane McConnell, 133 Pennsylvania Road, asked council to look into the issue of property maintenance with her neighbor. She says her neighbor does not maintain the property and there are cigarette butts everywhere around their property line. She said she use to do things for them but her age and strength is hindering her ability to provide the help. The mayor said she will look into the issue further and let their code enforcement officer know about the problem.

Dan Friel, 203 Pennsylvania Road, agreed with Mrs. McConnell about the property and also said the code officer should look at the sidewalk maintenance in front of that area. He also asked if C&L Machines is allowed to block the whole town center with their vehicles. The mayor let Mr. Friel know that they are not supposed to, but are moving forward with getting a new building. The mayor continued to say that the electrical box from PSEG is completed and awaiting inspection.

Closed to the public.

Old Business

Ordinance:

11-14 Approving Aerial Easement for Block 18 Lot 20
Second Reading
Public Hearing – Nothing Noted from the Public
Motion – J. Meehan
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried.

New Business:

Ordinance:

12-14 Amending Chapter 114 – Property Maintenance
13-14 Amending Chapter 60 - Brush, Grass, Weeds
First Reading
Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. McCleary

All in Favor: Carried.

Resolutions:

- # 120-14 Authorization to Apply Municipal Liens
- # 121-14 Authorize Shared Services Agreement with Camden County for Recreation Enhancement Grant
- # 122-14 Approval of Raffle & Bingo License Applications for USBC South Jersey
- # 123-14 Authorization to Execute Municipal Alliance Contract for 2014-2015
- # 124-14 Authorization to Negotiate Contract with Police Chief
- # 125-14 Authorization to Execute Employee Contract
- # 126-14 Authorize Chapter 159 - Body Armor Grant for \$1,090.46
- # 127-14 Authorize Chapter 159 - Recreation Enhancement Grant for \$25,000.00
- # 128-14 Authorize Chapter 159 – Interlocal Merchantville for \$1,115.00

Motion – J. Meehan

2nd – G. Gilbert

All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 331,724.26

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – J. Meehan

All in favor: Carried.

Open to Council:

J. McCleary said the Shade Tree Commission did a great job over the weekend for our Arbor Day celebration. P. Moses and T. Twichell did a great job in organizing the event. A tree in honor of Joe “Pop” Barth was planted near the Legion Baseball field. She also said the Senator Norcross and Mayor Branella said a few words to honor Mr. Barth.

G. Gilbert wanted to reiterate that we need to get more help for code enforcement officer so we can fix the areas that are becoming an eyesore for our town. While he is doing a good job, there are some things that need further follow-up and attention, said G. Gilbert.

M. Mevoli informed everyone that Halloween will be from 3-7pm this year.

Mayor said the Shade tree event was great. She had a great time. She asked the clerk to put the information of Halloween on Facebook. She also asked the solicitor to make sure our ordinance for Board of Health is in line with the County and State mandates.

Motion to Adjourn – M. Mevoli

2nd – J. Granstrom

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk