

WORK SESSION MINUTES – September 24, 2013

All decisions made at a work session are subject to finalization at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council.

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DATE: September 24, 2013
CAUCUS ROOM 7:00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE:
Mayor Richard LaBarbiera
Paul Kaufman, Borough Attorney
Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Clerk
Joseph D'Arco, Borough Administrator

Council Members:
Amato
Lagana
Nazziola
Verile
Warburton

1. Resolution No: 13-9-594 Notification of meetings as required by "The Open Public Meetings Act."
-Read by Municipal Clerk at 7:07 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Councilman Amato, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Nazziola, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton
Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger

Mayor makes an announcement to please turn off cell phones so they do not interfere with the recording equipment.

2. BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:

- a. Letter received from NJDEP on 9/16/13 – informing Mayor and Council that Ridgewood Country Club, 55 West Midland Ave, will be considered by the NJ State Review Board for Historic Sites. -Acknowledged
- b. Request received 9/23/13 from PGA Superstore to allow set up for a TV commercial on Sunday 10/6/13 to be filmed on Monday 10/7/13.
-Borough Attorney Kaufman read the letter today and in his opinion does not constitute necessity or charity. The Mayor says that consistent with past practice, this request is denied, instructs the Borough Attorney to craft a response.
- c. Letter received 9/24/13 requesting a block party at the intersections of Crest, Brookfield and Meadow Lanes on October 5, 2013 from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. -Approved
- d. Letter and petition received from residents of Arcadian Wan, Mackay Ave., and Cleveland Ave. requesting illuminated stop signs at intersections.

Delania Smith – [REDACTED]

-Submitted the letter requesting illuminated stop signs. The Mayor asks what type of illuminated stop signs she is referring to. She explains that the stop sign is illuminated around the border. The Mayor explains that we have not undertaken those types of signs in the Borough yet but does believe that there are some more cost-effective measures that can be taken and is going to refer this to the Police Dept. The Mayor does not see a problem with putting up residential signs. Mrs. Smith indicates that they have already added the reflective strips but that motorists still drive through the neighborhood and don't stop. The Mayor asks whether the people driving through are using the street as a cut through or are they a part of the dealership. Mrs. Smith says that it is both. The Mayor explains that the Borough has a good working relationship with the dealership and will speak to them, also asks Mr. D'Arco to look into this as well. Also wants enforcement of commuter parking. The Mayor informs that they will assign to Sgt. Pepe and the Chief and they will formulate a plan.

Borough Attorney Kaufman requests to add a resolution authorizing negotiation of an agreement with the Board of Education on the use of the Westbrook Athletic Field. Resolution added to agenda as 13-9-629.

3. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

-The Chief is requesting the authorization to post for positions. The Mayor explains that this would be consistent with other postings and subject to the promotional process. There were several grievances filed and with this posting the grievances would go away. Council agrees with postings.

4. RESOLUTION No. 13-9-595 closing the Meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.
 - PEA – Litigation
 - Sunday Work – Legal Advice
 - Bizik – Litigation
 - Soldier Hill – Litigation
 - Wire Display (144 Columbus Way) – Litigation

Motion to go into Closed Session at 7:57 P.M.

Motion: Councilman Lagana Second: Councilman Amato

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Nazziola, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton
Nays: None

Matters permitted by law

5. Councilmember Reports

Councilman Amato

-Board of Education report. Today, Councilman Amato, Councilman Nazziola, Chief Ehrenberg and Sgt. Pepe met with the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Kenneth Rota, regarding a new parking plan for Ridge Ranch School that will extend parking by adding at a minimum 20 spaces. Additional parking will be provided on Board of Education property and will alleviate parking on side streets.

Councilwoman Bellinger

N/A

Councilman Lagana

-PEA for Closed Session

Councilman Nazziola

-Board of Health meeting, specifically the status of the Human Services building. Mr. D'Arco states that DPW Supt. Guy Picone is doing an evaluation of the building and once he is done with that they will have a recommendation for the Council but it will be a 2014 issue.

-Asks about the Life Safety Complex. Mr. D'Arco says that the building was cleaned according to EPA guidelines. Mr. D'Arco is going to have a new certified testing company come in and take readings from the building. The building is still closed and secured. Mr. D'Arco is waiting for new samples before another cleaning is done.

Councilman Verile

-Zoning and Planning meetings for tonight.

Councilwoman Warburton

-Has questions about Lights. Asks who purchased the lights? Mr. Kaufman answers that the lights were purchased by the private Recreation and Soccer organizations, Paramus Tackle and Cheer. Purchased several years ago and financed by the manufacturer. Mrs. Warburton wants a little clarification as far as Tackle and Cheer. Wants to make sure what private parent association we are talking about. Tackle and Cheer is the organization that is indicated. The Mayor says that the consensus was that everyone was in favor of assuming the financial burden and to make sure that it is done legally. Mrs. Warburton believes that the consensus at the Sept. 10th meeting was that if it could be done legally and if the soccer association agreed then it should be done. Mr. Kaufman believes that the way to do this legally is by a memorandum of agreement. Mr. Lagana states that this resolution is just giving the Borough Attorney authorization to negotiate with the Board of Education. Mrs. Warburton is all for the lights but just wants to make sure that it is done legally. The Mayor gives background about the lights and believes it is time for the Borough to assume its responsibility with the lights. Mr. Amato agrees with the Mayor. The Mayor also points out that the Board of Education assisted with the installation of the lights. Mayor also says that the Board of Education has a good working relationship with the Borough. Mrs. Warburton wants to know whether Tackle and Cheer is a private organization or is it part of Recreation. Mr. Kaufman understands that Paramus Rec. Tackle and Cheer is a private organization and they did not have the funds. The Mayor says that this is something that he brought to the Council as a result of parent complaints. The Mayor says he doesn't think it's their responsibility to continue to pay for the lights at this point. Mr. Kaufman explains how the lights will be paid for and will be owned by the Board of Education. Mr. Verile questions second page and where it can be expanded to use the field at Westbrook throughout the year with Paramus Recreation having more control. The Mayor suggests that the Borough Attorney includes similar language in this agreement that the Borough has with other facilities.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Will mention the dedication of the building on Sunday upstairs. Also wants to start planning on an improvement project for 2014 to expand the garage at Fire Company 1.

Andy Schuckers – Golf Course Superintendent

Mr. Schuckers is here tonight to discuss Golf Carts. The Lease is up on our golf carts at the end of this year and we are looking to lease a new fleet of golf carts. This next fleet will be all electric golf carts as opposed to the gas and electric carts which will allow the Borough to save on electric. The GPS system that these carts will have will be tied into course management and lightning system. Will have two way communications in case of an emergency. The carts get locked down at night so they cannot be stolen. These carts will cost more and will be bringing a finalized version for next year. The Mayor says these will complement the facilities. The Mayor highlights one concern is how many we have. Mr. Schuckers indicates that we will be reducing the amount but will still have more than enough to continue with the current pace of play. The Mayor asks if the additional costs of the cart will increase the fee for a golf cart. Mr. Schuckers says that the Golf Commission talked about a \$1.00 increase for the fee for a cart. Safety is a big key.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizens are welcome to address the Mayor and Council on any governmental item of concern to them, whether or not it is scheduled on the agenda above. Comments will be made at the public portion of tonight's Public Meeting in the Council Chambers.

-A citizen questions whether there are solar golf cart options. Mr. Schuckers that they really aren't viable options at this time.

8. RECESS (to resume in Council Chambers)