

WORK SESSION MINUTES – OCTOBER 8, 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: October 8, 2013

CAUCUS ROOM

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Council Members:

Amato
Bellinger
Lagana
Verile
Warburton

-Note: Agenda taken out of Order

1. Resolution No: 13-10-630: Notification of meetings as required by "The Open Public Meetings Act."
-Read by the Municipal Clerk at 7:08 P.M.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Councilman Nazziola

3. BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:

- a. Best Practices Worksheet -Reviewed
- b. Letter received from Yavneh Academy requesting permission to hold their annual 5K run at Garden State Plaza on November 10, 2013 -Approved

4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

-AR James has provided information regarding bus shelters, the only delays are with NJDOT;
-Borough Engineer Ten Kate meeting with regards to Solar Panels and Midland Ave. Firehouse;
-Wounded Warrior service project update;
-Recommendation regarding part-time employee within the Building Dept.; part-time position within the Court reviewed as well;
-Roof projects completed; Issue with leaks at Library, not roof but AC leaks, contractor to flood the roof.
-NJ Best Practices reviewed; Any recommendations to be made in a timely manner;
-Work on Firing range proceeding, samples being taken, once building is cleared, we can start construction;
Mayor: Wants Mr. D'Arco to start discussions with Guy Picone regarding the OEM bus and with Guy Picone and the Board of Education regarding the utilization of that bay for their mechanic. There are no objections by the Council.
-Pre and post season work being done at the Pool. Meeting with staff on a regular basis to ensure this will be done. There are many maintenance items to get done. Fence height needs to be raised and discussing cameras for the perimeter. The Borough is going to make an application to the Commission as a courtesy for the fence.
-Mrs. Bellinger: Asks about money for Recreation and fund raising.
-Mr. D'Arco: Trust accounts need to be approved by the DCA.
-Mr. D'Arco: Heard from Hanjin about the football storage container and is at their higher levels now about donating a container, still waiting for other company to respond;
-Senior Survey hard copy has been sent to Director. Senior Committee can evaluate. Going to look into services rendered at Riverside Square Mall;
-Handbook being worked on by Mr. Kaufman's office;

5. BOROUGH ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

N/A

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor: Asks about boats being stored on property and Borough Code;
- Mayor: Asks for update on the Washington Twp. Sewers, Mr. D'Arco indicates that numbers are being finalized and there will be a meeting set up next week;
- Planner will be discussed tonight
- Last year there were line items for Babe Ruth and Little League for Recreation that the Rec. Commission does not want in their budget or responsibility for either entity. Both items were taken out of their budget. Babe Ruth and Little League are inquiring about the continued funding of those items which go towards umpires. Mayor leaves it up to Council to decide. Council discusses possibly having invoices submitted for umpiring services and submitting them to the competitive bidding process. The Borough has to have some type of oversight.

Open to Public

Sam Casiello –We need to be very careful, once you start using borough funds to pay for a private organization's umpires, it becomes an entitlement. What is our liability? Mr. Casiello states that these organizations have sponsors and ways of generating money. Mayor answers that both organizations feel that this keeps registration fees down.

Dennis Arslanian – Opening up a Pandora's box. They are a private entity and have nothing to do with Recreation. Mr. Arslanian does not think we should subsidize these leagues because they have a way of generating revenue.

-Mayor and Council continue discussion about the umpiring issue. The question is can these organizations generate enough revenue to pay their own umpires. The Mayor and Council want to make sure that the money is being utilized properly. The Mayor says that some concerns identified were non-competitive bid and conflicts with Board of Education members. The Council wants to see their invoices and set conditions. The Council wants an accounting of their expenditures and to set Guidelines. Mr. Kaufman advises. The Mayor and Council discuss various scenarios regarding this topic. Mr. Casiello says that if the Mayor and Council decide to go along, he thinks that they should agree to the bidding process. The Mayor agrees with Mr. Casiello and says this might initiate a more efficient process. The Council is going to consider this.

-Sam Casiello, Paramus resident, speaks. A Paramus resident came into his office last week who is an artist and wants to donate a painting. The Mayor says he recommends that the Council moves immediately to have a resolution to accept the donation and asks Mr. Casiello to coordinate the details, specifically the estimated value. Mr. Casiello also had a 92 year old veteran who provided him with his DD-214 discharge papers and a list of medals that he was entitled to which are impressive, specifically the Bronze Star and the Prisoner of War medal. Mr. Casiello would like to have this gentleman, Mr. Ralph Schmidt, at a council meeting or at the Veteran's Day ceremony and honor this man, which also holds the Medal of Honor.

-Mayor: Whatever assistance we can lend to this man and if we can to do it on the 11th to bring attention back to Veteran's Day.

-Mr. Casiello has been doing research on the Blue Star Banner names and indicates that there are five people that have come home in the past year and had suggested to the Mayor, who agreed, that the banners should be presented to them on Veteran's Day. He would also like to invite the family members to those individuals who are still on active duty to the ceremonies. Mr. Casiello also mentions that on October 29th, the State Dept. of Veterans Affairs is having a Medal Presentation at the Bergen Town Center. Mayor and Council agree, resolution added to agenda to accept the donation of a painting. Also, there is a funeral for a 96 year old Medal of Honor recipient.

-Police Captain retired today;

-Company 4 received new engine, Start to consider adding on to Company 1 in anticipation of new equipment.

-Town is without a planner at this time, RFQ sent out, 5 responses received.

-At this time the Mayor recommends DMR Architects to serve as Borough Planner for remaining 3 months of year conditioned upon no retainer and hourly rate.

Resolution 13-10-650: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF DMR ARCHITECTS AS BOROUGH PLANNER FOR THE BALANCE OF 2013 –ADDED AT MEETING

Motion: Councilman Lagana Second: Councilman Amato

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Verile

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Warburton

7. COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS

Councilman Amato

-Extreme weather in Paramus, a lot of damage throughout town. Shade Tree Superintendent Jay Sexton and DPW Superintendent Guy Picone are working hard to address the situation.

-Mayor: There was a confirmed tornado in Paramus near the Golf Course.

-Mr. Casiello asks about the service on the sign at Midland and Farview and whether it would operate if hooked up to a generator.

-Mayor: Believes the answer is yes but has to be verified.

-Asks about two addresses given to Quality of Life, specifically two dwellings on McHenry and Haase.

-Mr. D'Arco: Double pole notices have been issued. One house mentioned is in foreclosure, property Maintenance Company and bank both got summonses for failure to maintain property. Hundreds of business licenses being filed. Averaging between 20 and 30 hours per week. Quality of Life officers are doing a great job.

Councilwoman Bellinger

-Asks Mr. D'Arco about the compost grant.

-Mr. D'Arco: Discussed with grant writer. The Farmer's Market is asking if they have to make a formal request each year.

-The answer is procedurally, yes.

-Mrs. Bellinger: Asks about having a Planning Board member at Environmental Commission meetings. Environmental Commission is required to have an Environmental Resource Inventory.

-Mr. Kaufman will look into it.

-Two alternates on Environmental Commission, attendance has been poor. Wants to know if the alternates need a letter of resignation before they re-appoint. Names and attendance records to be researched.

Councilman Lagana

-Suggests a "Paramus Day". Thinks it would be a good thing for the town to have.

-Mr. Arslanian gives an update to the Mayor and Council about the Winter Carnival. To be held during the day on a Saturday to avoid the cold weather that sets in, especially at night. Trying to coordinate with schools to get glee clubs to attend; Bahama Breeze, Olive Garden and Red Lobster have signed on as food vendors.

-Mrs. Bellinger: Asks about fundraising for the Caruso family. Asks if they can charge a small fee for the game to be donated. Also asks about holding a 50/50.

-Mayor says consensus of Council last year was not to single out any one individual. Council discusses. Rec. Commission wants to help.

Councilman Verile

- The 4th of July Committee will be having its reorganization meeting on October 10th at 8 P.M. in the Caucus Room and will be discussing the general strategy for next year's festivities.
- Next Thursday the Paramus Chamber of Commerce is having its annual Dream Gala awards on the 17th honoring all teachers and recipients receiving grants.

Councilman Warburton

- Has a question about whether Rescue can have a coin toss? Is it a liability issue?
- Mayor and Council can't approve, it is a liability.

9. RESOLUTION No. 13-10-631 closing the Meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

At 8:58 PM

- Contract Negotiations
- Litigation – Bergen Regional

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilman Lagana

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Warburton

Nays: None

10. 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.

Joe Payoczkowski

-Questions the Quality of the Fence at the Pool

-Mr. D'Arco: The fence is a finer mesh and higher quality, possibly putting up trees to obscure it from sight but is going to bring it to the Board because of the height.

Sam Casiello

-Asked if the Paramus Ambulance Corps. are coming back to Life Safety.

-Mayor: There's an MOU on agenda for use on a temporary basis and in negotiations to keep them there on a permanent basis.

A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM NUMBERS 11 AND 12

11. RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 13-10-632: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

Resolution No. 13-10-633: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PARAMUS VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP FOR USE OF THE AMBULANCE CORPS BUILDING

Resolution No. 13-10-634: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF ALPINE A REPAIR - MAINTENANCE SHARED SERVICE FOR FIRE VEHICLES

Resolution No. 13-10-635: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO COLLEEN COLDON DUE TO AN OVERPAYMENT

Resolution No. 13-10- 636: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO RICHARD AND ANGELA BANG DUE TO AN OVERPAYMENT

Resolution No. 13-10-637: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 3605 LOT 11 TO ROTHMAN REALTY I LLC

Resolution No. 13-10-638: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 6712 LOT 11 TO ROSE MARIE MOTIUK

Resolution No. 13-10-639 : A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 13-9-587 AND AUTHORIZING THE PERSONNEL CHANGE FOR BRIAN GLEASON

Resolution No. 13-10-640 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSHUA KISTLER TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME LABORER FOR THE ROAD DIVISION EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

Resolution No. 13-10-641 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE FOR CAROLINA FELIX-ROZALDY TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME RECORDS CLERK FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT – OPERATIONS DIVISION EFFECTIVE AUGUST 3, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$11.50 PER HOUR

Resolution No. 13-10-642 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MATERNITY LEAVE OF MARIA MOLINA FROM THE POSITION OF VIOLATIONS CLERK FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL COURT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 10, 2013 TO FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Resolution No. 13-10-643: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF CHRIS DUDSAK FROM THE GOLF COURSE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

Resolution No. 13-10 644 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHANIE CUOMO-JACOB TO THE POSITION OF VIOLATIONS CLERK FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$12.50 PER HOUR

Resolution No. 13-10-645 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING STEP-UP OF BRIAN GOGGIN AS CAPTAIN – PATROL DIVISION FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Resolution No. 13-10-646 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOAN S. BURNS TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME CLERK FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 21, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$12.00 PER HOUR

Resolution No. 13-10-647 : RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESIGNATION OF RITA J. POLCHIN FROM THE POSITION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECH FOR THE DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICALSERVICES

Resolution No. 13-10-648 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS SANTORO TO THE POSITION OF CLERK FOR THE GOLF COURSE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 AT THE RATE OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

Resolution No. 13-10-649: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM EDWIN BRODKIN OF HIS PAINTING TITLED "THE DAY BEFORE" – ADDED TO CONSENT AGENDA

11. APPLICATIONS

Raffles

PTA Ridge Ranch School
PTA Ridge Ranch School

RL-3072
RL-3073

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items 11 and 12

Motion: Councilman Lagana Second: Councilman Amato

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Verile,
Councilwoman Warburton

Nays: None

12. ADJOURNMENT 9:07 PM

Motion: Councilman Lagana Second: Councilman Amato

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Lagana, Councilman Verile,
Councilwoman Warburton

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted

Annemarie Krusznis, RMC
Borough Clerk