

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

WORK SESSION

April 9, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Metzdorf, Councilmember Goldsmith, Councilmember Mintz and Council President Ferguson and Mayor Misciagna

Absent: Councilmember Capilli

Also Present: John Schettino, Borough Attorney
Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk
Connie Carpenter, CFO
John Dunlea, Borough Engineer

Mayor Misciagna read the compliance statement earlier as required by the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, and Chapter 231.

- 1. Borough Engineer:** The Borough Engineer along with his associates spoke about the Park Ridge Digital Tax Maps - Proposal for Surveying. The Borough of Park Ridge would like to update their tax maps and ensure they conform to the latest MODIV tax records and also comply with the current State regulations and standards for digital submission. Neglia has performed a cursory review of the current tax maps (26 sheets plus key map) and has estimated the changes that would have to be made to comply with the current Regulations and Standards of the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation. A discussion ensued the project can be spread over two years so this year \$100,000 would be allocated towards the start and total for the MS4 Mapping.
 - a. The Borough Engineer also spoke about the Tree Removal ordinance for introduction. The Borough is required to adopt a street tree replacement ordinance per new NJDEP requirements. Essentially, when a tree is removed it must be replaced with an approved tree which is native to the area. It is a model ordinance from NJDEP. Neglia's landscape architect has selected trees which would be acceptable for replacement within Park Ridge.
- 2. CFO Report:** Park Ridge Moody rate scoring remains stable at AA, an increased surplus would help the Borough work towards a AAA.
- 3. Pet Store Ordinance:** Councilman Hoffman reached out to the Animal Protection League of New Jersey (APLNJ) and Park Ridge already has an ordinance in it's code they find acceptable.

- 4. Pool Membership Volunteers:** Council President Ferguson stated that maybe there is a possibility to charge the volunteers out of town senior rate for a pool membership. Mayor Misciagna spoke about a meeting he had with one of the members and they thought of doing \$100 from the Borough towards a membership, based on a percentage of points scored towards LOSAP. Councilman Mintz stated it would be good to maybe do a volunteer day at the pool.

Open Work Session adjourned to Closed Session at 8:10 pm

Council President Ferguson made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Councilman Mintz confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Magdalena Giandomenico".

Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk