

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION

July 26, 2011
9:04 P.M.

Present: Council members; Viola, Hopper, Misciagna, Kilmartin, Council President Maguire, and Mayor Ruschman

Absent: Councilmember Kane

Also Present: Robert Mancinelli, Borough Attorney
Helene Fall, Borough Administrator
Colleen Ennis, CFO
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk

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

Representatives from Waste Management were invited to discuss their pending application for a Class C permit at the Park Ridge Transfer Station. Present this evening were; Mike Murray, John Wohlrab and Bill Kelly

- John Wohlrab discussed the opportunity to venture into a cooperative for recycling of leaves
- Mike Murray reviewed the history of the shared services opportunity
 - He further stated that initially the DEP would not allow the leaves brought to that facility with the existing permit, allows for waste not recyclables
 - Need to modify
 - Mike Murray stated that a Class C permit would allow leaves, brush and grass
 - Mike Murray stated that Rich Weir of the BCUA advised them that they need to get the permission of the town
 - Discussion that if Park Ridge was not interested in the cooperative why would they agree to host the facility
 - Mike Murray advised that he had spoken to the Pascack Valley DPW supervisors about looking for a location to dump leaves in the Pascack Valley area
 - Mike Murray advised that the BCUA would be willing to do an Administrative Action to allow for the Class C permit
 - He further advised that there have been a number of meetings over the past few years with the Pascack Valley towns and DPW supervisors
 - Councilman Misciagna asked what exactly would be brought into the facility
 - Mike Murray stated leaves and grass
 - Councilman Misciagna stated that a Class C permit would allow food waste to be brought in and asked if that was Waste Management's intent

- Mike Murray stated as of right now – NO
- Councilman Misciagna asked Waste Management if they would be in favor of a restriction on the Class C permit – eliminating food waste
 - John Wohlrab stated that Waste Management does have a facility that takes in food waste
 - Organic recycling is only in the development stages right now – very challenging
 - Not in the plans to do in Park Ridge
- Councilman Misciagna asked if they would be in favor of the restriction
 - John Wohlrab stated that he did not think Waste Management would object
- John Wohlrab clarified that leaves are not considered waste they are a recyclable material
 - They have to be separate
 - John Wohlrab further stated that leaves cannot be taken in under a 23 permit or at a solid waste facility
- John Wohlrab stated that Park Ridge and Waste Management have always had a good relationship
- Council President Maguire expressed his concern on the location of the facility
 - John Wohlrab stated that they are sensitive to the concerns of the Borough
- Mike Murray stated that they estimate 20 tons of leaves per season
 - John Wohlrab stated that the landscaper season is typically 10 months
- Councilman Misciagna stated that dry leaves have a lot of air in each load
- Mike Murray stated that Waste Management would like to get as many towns as possible to sign up
- Councilman Hopper asked if landscapers would be utilizing the facility
 - John Wohlrab stated that it was not discussed
 - Only the Pascack Valley Cooperative was considered
- Rob Mancinelli stated that the Borough could have a restriction in their agreement
- Councilman Misciagna asked if Waste Management would do a traffic study
 - John Wohlrab stated that they were not thinking in terms of landscapers, they would be concerned about the traffic backing up
 - Rob Mancinelli advised that the queuing of the trucks in the past was problematic
 - He also stated that the grass had a terrible smell at the end of the day
- Mike Murray advised that everything would be contained within the facility
 - Building has ventilation and carbon filters
 - Just approved 2 years
- Rob Mancinelli asked if the state would come back out to re-inspect
 - John Wohlrab stated that it was not likely
- Councilman Viola stated that the prices quoted last were not at all competitive
 - Mike Murray stated that the \$3.00 recycling tax would be removed
- Councilman Viola also stated that the unit of measure that Waste Management used was not consistent with the towns' measurements

- Mike Murray advised that the first season would probably be slow
- Councilman Viola asked that they estimate the best case scenario
 - Truck traffic leaves compared to solid waste
 - Discussion on the volume of solid waste
 - 50 trucks/day solid waste = 500 tons
 - 150 – 180 tons/week of leaves
 - Compacted 8-10 tons
- Council discussion on processing of material
- Waste Management would only be utilizing only to transfer
- Discussion that a letter is needed from Mayor and Council
- Discussion on the solid waste permit expiring next year
 - John Wohlrab stated that Waste Management intends to renew in 2012
- Waste Management does not want the Class C permit in Hillsdale
 - Not permitted to bring recyclables to Hillsdale
- Discussion on Host Agreement which was cancelled when the facility ceased operations
 - Rob Mancinelli advised that a new agreement would be needed
 - Bill Kelly explained that a Host Community Agreement is specific to solid waste transfer stations
- Discussion on Waste Management's organic food waste facility currently in Elizabeth
- Council discussion on the need to know the numbers prior to entering into a PV Coop Agreement
- Rob Mancinelli stated that there are a couple of ways that it can be controlled
 - Zoning Officer would need to make a determination on use
 - Rob Mancinelli will check with Richard Weir and respond to the Mayor and Council within a day or two

9:56 p.m. Mike Murray, John Wohlrab and Bill Kelly left the meeting

- Council President Maguire stated that his opinion still has not changed, feels the Borough needs to object to their application
 - Councilman Hopper stated that he does not trust Waste Management
 - Councilman Misciagna stated that tonight's meeting in his opinion did not clarify anything
- Rob Mancinelli advised the Council that the best way to control this is through zoning
- Mayor and Council asked Rob Mancinelli to contact Richard Weir at the BCUA to question the Borough's ability to restrict the permit
- Mayor Ruschman stated that he did not think the Council would be in favor of the permit
 - Council discussion on quality of life issues
 - Council discussion that the location is not good
- Councilman Viola would still be interested to see what kind of controls the Borough would have
 - He further stated that the points made by the council members were valid; however in 2010 the Borough was almost at a point financially where it could not pick up leaves
 - Councilman Viola would like more information

- Councilwoman Kilmartin stated that she would not be in favor
- Councilman Misciagna stated that he was not in favor
- Rob Mancinelli was again asked to reach out to BCUA for information purposes only
 - Council discussion on Waste Management renewing their permit in 2012 for solid waste transfer station
- Council President Maguire feels the Borough is prolonging the conversations needlessly
 - Mayor Ruschman stated that he feels the representatives came in good faith and the Borough owes it to them to reach out to the BCUA
 - Council President Maguire feels it is sending the wrong message
 - Councilman Hopper feels Rob Mancinelli should not contact the BCUA
 - Councilman Viola feels Rob Mancinelli should contact the BCUA
 - Council President Maguire NO
 - Councilman Misciagna NO
 - Councilwoman Kilmartin YES
- **Council agrees that Rob Mancinelli should NOT contact the BCUA**
 - Waste Management can still apply
- **Rob Mancinelli recommended that the message be given to Waste Management that the governing body does not endorse their application**

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- **2010 PV Coop Road Program – Payment No. 1 and Final to DLS Contracting Inc**
 - Resolution to authorize payment adopted this evening
 - Subject to receipt of a Maintenance Bond
- **Soil Testing for Design of Footings/Abutments for Mill Pond Pedestrian Bridge**
 - Resolution to authorize issuance of P.O. to Johns Soils Company adopted this evening
- **Meeting with Waste Management**
 - Discussions earlier this evening regarding Type C permit
- **Fairview Avenue Trail System**
 - Open Space Committee will look at alternatives to the fencing which would require less maintenance
 - Split Rail Fence quote received just under \$2,000
- **2012 Bergen County Community Development Grant Applications**
 - Due October 7, 2011
 - Funds available in July 2012
 - Resolution adopted on 7/12/11 for Senior Activities
 - Joe Bruno to look at Memorial Field bathrooms
- **BCOSTF Grant Application: 2011 Funding Round**
 - Brigitte Bogart is working on Grant
 - Once amount is determined, endorsing resolution will be needed

- Applications due 9/1/2011
- **Damage to Borough Hall**
 - Ms. Fall updated those present on the accident which took place on Saturday
 - Golf Cart was apparently stolen from PRHS
 - The cart was driven down Park Avenue and struck a column in front of the Borough Hall, knocking it into an adjacent column
 - Police are investigating

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT

- **New Jersey League of Municipalities**
 - Clerk reminded the Council that responses are needed by 8/12
- **Ethics and conflict of Interest Seminar**
 - Attended by Rob Mancinelli and myself in June
 - Council discussion on receiving gifts
 - Attendance at dinners at the League Convention
 - Clerk suggested that after the election in November it would be a good idea to meet with the new governing body and go over Open Public Meetings Act, OPRA, etc
- **Pension and Benefit Reform**
 - Colleen Ennis and I attended a seminar in Homdel on Friday, 7/22
 - At today's department head meeting I distributed the tables of contribution levels based on coverage and salary
 - Date of implementation for pension reform is October 1
 - 1-1/2% contributions by the Employees is higher than year one of the phase in
 - Effective July 1, 2012 year 2 of the phase in will be implemented
- **TriBoro Safety meeting**
 - One of the concerns the Fire Chiefs brought up was the installation of Solar Panels on buildings
 - Similar to a Truss warning sign on the outside of the building they would like to see a Solar Panel warning sign
 - The concern is that the panels are being installed very quickly on a number of commercial and residential buildings and that there is no State Legislature pending
 - I have asked Rob Mancinelli to review the information provided by Chief Ludwig so that on a local level we can adopt an ordinance to share with our neighboring municipalities and send copies to the League to press for assistance in getting legislation passed
 - Rob Mancinelli was also going to speak to Assemblyman Schroeder about it

- Rob Mancinelli advised that he spoke with Assemblyman Schroeder and there is a bill scheduled for introduction very shortly

CFO REPORT

- Colleen Ennis distributed YTD revenue charts; anticipated and unanticipated
 - Ms. Ennis advised that she needs to pull out the library surplus
 - Ms. Ennis also stated that much of the revenue does not come in until second half of the year
- Ms. Ennis stated that the revenues are pretty close to what was budgeted
- Ms. Ennis also distributed Abbreviated Summary Budget Report YTD as of 6/30/2011
- Ms. Fall pointed out that the Borough is running a very tight budget

Councilman Hopper advised the Council that James McDermott, Green Team Committee Chairman has a proposal for Free Consulting for Green Mapping
No cost presentation to the Green Team
All present agree.

Public Session adjourned at 10:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelley R. O'Donnell, RMC
Borough Clerk