

**Work Session Minutes - March 27, 2012**

Present: Councilmembers Galdi, Bosi, Kilmartin, Oppelt, Hopper, Council President Misciagna, Mayor Maguire

Also Present: John Ten Hoeve, Jr., Esq., Bd. Attorney  
Colleen Ennis, CFO  
Mirella Hernandez, Admin. Asst.  
Lyn Beer, Dep. Clrk

**Open Work Session:**

Opened by motion of Council President Misciagna with second by Councilmember Bosi to confirm...carried unanimously.

Council President Misciagna said he had received a letter from former borough employee, Larry Coslow that his mother, Thelma Coslow, long-time resident of Park Ridge had died.

Motion made by Council President Misciagna with second by Councilmember Kilmartin **that a donation of \$50.00 be made to the Tri-Boro Ambulance Corps in her memory.**

**Councilmember Oppelt & Council President Misciagna** reported on their meeting with the **Shade Tree Committee**...the committee would like their budget restored perhaps not to prior years of \$15,000 but something...Councilmember Oppelt said the committee could also use a few new members. However, their main concern had to do with wanting to plant a **Memorial Tree in honor of Jedh Barker**...they want the tree in a “high-profile” area and where children/young people are...they want it to be the type of tree that is strong and will last 50 to 80 years. **M&C suggested in the area where “Doc” Lewis bench** was placed adjacent to the H.S. track and baseball fields. It was also suggested that a dedication could be done in conjunction with the High School’s Homecoming Football game. **Council President Misciagna to work with the Lewis family on this.**

There being no further items to discuss in Open Work session and it being 8:15pm, the Council adjourned to the dais for the Public Hearing portion of the meeting.

**Open Work Session – 8:50pm**

**Borough Engineer Eve Mancuso** attended and Mayor Maguire advised that the governing body had awarded the contract for Fairview Avenue Trail this evening.

Ms. Mancuso went over her March 23, 2012 report...Councilmember Galdi

requested that clean-up of loose gravel be done at the foot of West Park Avenue expressing concern that anyone walking or crossing the street could turn an ankle on the small rocks.

Ms. Mancuso discussed the problem on the west side of the pedestrian bridge where the contractors found the fill to be dirty soil containing scraps of old building materials...she explained this presented a problem because of the retaining wall to be constructed on-site...Engineer also requested a Change Order for trees...4 trees have to be taken down,two 24" and one double trunk measuring a total of 48" and recommended replacing the London Plane trees with four River Birch trees at \$600 each for a total of \$2,400...Ms. Mancuso stated the removal of the trees would cost \$900 per tree plus an additional cost because two of the trees were close to overhead electric lines for a total of \$7,200.

Council questioned whether the removal could be done by borough at a lower cost...engineer had checked with D.O. Bill Beattie and it could not...**Motion made by Council President Keith Misciagna and seconded by Councilmember Galdi that a resolution be prepared authorizing the Change Order....Councilmember Hopper voted No.**

The **Recreational Facility Evaluation** 0187 distributed to Mayor and Council for review and prioritizing.

**Hurricane Irene** – engineer reported Pascack Brook will be approved next week by DEP and bridge and bleacher work will be completed in two weeks.

**Electric Pond Dam** west side to complete project rest of March, all of April and out of water by May....will follow-up with Adamsville.

**Road list submitted** awaiting adoption of budget ... then will identify roads to be done.

Had meeting on **Maple Leaf Drive**, opened hydrant to demonstrate flow of water...should add additional catch basins on Maple Leaf as well as Fremont...local catch basins to be considered in next year's budget...Mayor to put request to County for catch basin on Fremont Ave.

**Physical island at** intersection of Fremont and Spring Valley Rd to replace stripped island...concern expressed about snow plowing...Pete Wayne to be asked about this...**Borough Engineer to combine the Maple Leaf/Fremont catch basins & concrete island in a request to the County.**

**Memorial Day Parade** – Mayor Maguire, Councilmembers Oppelt, Bosi, Galdi and Council President Misciagna...Councilmember Hopper to walk with son.

**Mayor reminder council they were to set their top 10 Goals & Objectives for 2012...**to be discussed at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.