

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING

WORK SESSION

May 13, 2014

7:15 P.M.

Present: Councilmembers Bertini, Bosi, Cangialosi, Hopper, Council President Galdi and Mayor Maguire

Absent: Councilmember Oppelt

Also Present: John E. Ten Hoeve, Jr., Borough Attorney
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk/Administrator
Colleen Ennis, CFO
Lyn Beer, Interim Deputy Borough Clerk

Mayor Maguire opened the meeting with a reading of the Statement of Compliance at 7:15P.M. The Council went into closed executive session immediately thereafter and came out at 8:05 P.M.

Probationary Police Officer- Various Council members brought up the fact that this had not been budgeted and that they had already given the Chief the additional men he had requested...Council members discussed that when those two men were agreed upon, it was because of an anticipated retirement and the other would be to bring the department up one man...now there are apparently two retirements coming up so the men in the Academy will simply put the force back where it is today...Council explored whether overtime would increase if the additional man was not approved...it was also pointed out that the Police Budget had gone up 10% this year....**Borough Attorney advised that if the Council was not to hire because of finances then the Chief should be notified and the resolution pulled from the agenda....**not all in agreement with the decision not to hire.

Auction – Administrator advised the Fire Truck was back on the auction block.

Borough Hall Renovations: question arose as to why authorization was being given tonight for \$15,000 for bid preparation when only one price was received....Mayor he would reach out and get another quote....Borough Attorney explained that professional services did not require multiple bids.

Board of Education: plaque being dedicated outside of the High School Little Theatre for **James Gandolfini** on May 19th at 7:00pm.

Council began the scheduled Public Hearing at 8:15 P.M.

Council resumed the work session at 9:01 P.M.

BCOSTG Grant Application – Notice to bidders placed in 5/16 edition of The Ridgewood News...bids due on June 5th.

Police Accreditation Grant – CALEA – Presentation tentatively scheduled for June 10th.

Evaluation of Recreation Facilities for ADA Compliance – Grant opportunities to be pursued...**no action at this time.**

Borough Hall Improvements – Resolution on Consent Agenda awarding contract to Perry Petrillo...architect scheduled **to meet at Borough Hall, 9:00am, Friday May 16th.**

BC OSTF 2013 Funding Round –waiting for notice of award from Bergen County.

Telephone System – Angelo Dell’Armo reviewing options as a temporary fix until Borough Hall improvements have been decided upon – **no action at this time.**

BC CDBG Funding 2013 – Agreement executed authorizing \$3,247...**no action at this time**

BC CDBG Funding 2014 – Council President Galdi and Administrator attended allocation meeting...additional funds to be given the P.V. region for Meals on Wheels & the Riley Senior Center...Woodcliff Lake funding pulled due to lack of representation at two meetings...**reps are needed for FY2015 (7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015)**

ADA Ramps – Park Ave & Pascack Road to Kinderkamack Rd - decision up to Mayor & Council regarding NJ Transit’s request for a flagger...(see closed session minutes)

ADA Ramps – Broadway – Borough Engineer inspected eight ramps...Borough Engineer reached out to County to see where there were with regard to paving Broadway...was advised Broadway was on the list...**we must include the ramps.**

FY 2013 – NJDOT Municipal Aid Grants - **no action at this time**

2013 Road Improvement Program: residents are turning on their irrigation sprinklers – **no further action at this time** – when punch list completed request for final payment will be submitted & Maintenance Bond requested.

Borough Hall Entry Security System: Mayor & Council to determine if this should be included with Borough Hall improvements.

Interactive Map on Borough Web Site – **no action at this time.**

NJDOT FY 2014 State Aid Program: - Borough has received Notice of Award of \$149,000 for continuation of Ridge Avenue – **Borough Engineer asked to provide cost estimate to complete Ridge Avenue.**

2014 Road Improvement Program – Crossroads pulled their bid due to typo...**Borough Engineer asked to provide detailed spreadsheet.**

Professional Services – 2014 Road Improvement Program – **no action at this time**

William D. Diedrich Award – revised Proclamation for Joan Valas done...**still need bio info on John Thomas** - name tags for plaque done...**Awards to be presented May 27th.**

Downtown Improvements – (see closed session minutes – contract negotiations)

Fifth Street Culvert – **no action at this time – still waiting for TranSystem report**

Mill Pond Dredging – proposal received from B. Bogart, Planner – comprehensive plan \$2,750...Green Team & Open Space Committees to prepare draft plan with timeline...**Councilman Hopper gave Administrator a CD with the Woodcliff Lake Park bid specs...**

Sulak Cell Tower – Bill Beattie contacted Verizon...negotiations underway for the construction of a larger generator in another location that would service both Verizon and the Borough of Park Ridge.

Exempt Employee Salary Ordinance – Ordinance introduced May 13th ...Board of Public Works recommendations to be discussed this evening....**information needed in order to prepare Salary Resolution.**

Paint the Town Purple – Bob Ludwig has responded to sign requests, advised them on necessity to contact Police for the “shake-a-can”....**ribbons have begun to be placed on trees & poles.**

FYI Items:

Proposed COAH rules – Planner has prepared memorandum regarding her preliminary investigations

Park Ridge Police – Comp Time Report & Odometer Reading Report provided

2014 Bi State Cleanup- report distributed as requested by Councilman Hopper

2013 Annual Recycling Tonnage Report

Department of Public Works – Administrator notified Council that the Board of Public Works wanted a Capital Ordinance to be bonded to be placed on the May 27th agenda.

Geese Crossing Signs: Hertz employees have --requested the Borough place *Geese Crossing* signs on Brae Blvd...approximate cost \$260.00...**Council agreed after Brae Blvd was paved.**

Garbage Cans & Bears: Borough Attorney to send a letter to resident advising the Borough would not be requiring residents to have special garbage cans that are “Bear Proof”.

Stigma Free Borough – Councilman Cangialosi asked the members to consider offering a proclamation on May 27th declaring the Borough Stigma Free...he said the Borough of Paramus had recently done this and had a list of events on their web site....geared primarily toward mental health but also includes many other health related things...**Administrator to check with the Paramus Borough Clerk.**

Mayor’s Wellness Program – Councilmember Bertini said we should broaden the committee...the program is not just about weight loss but also healthy eating habits...she mentioned the various Wellness Activities that were being offered by the three participating gyms/physical therapy facilities and said they were also on the web site.

Technology Committee – Councilman Cangialosi said committee needed a project and proposed the rewiring of the Council Chambers for Wi-Fi and including a video line for a camera...he also proposed the merging of PKRG and the Technology Committee within the next year or so...he said they were most desirous of filming the meetings and that PKRG had limited manpower...Council discussed how they felt about have the meetings filmed and how it might change the dynamics of the meetings...Councilman Cangialosi said he just wanted an indication the committee could go ahead, see the cost and what it would require to do...several of the Councilmen said they wanted to know more, needed more insight as to what is involved...also wanted to view other towns where meetings are filmed...**to be discussed further at May 27th meeting.**

The council went into closed executive session at 9:45 P.M. and ended the meeting when they came out of closed session at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved June 10, 2014

Helyn N. Beer
Interim Deputy Clerk