

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
OPEN WORK SESSION
JULY 8, 2014
7:55 P.M.

Present: Councilmembers; Cangialosi, Bertini, Bosi, Galdi, Hopper, Oppelt, and Mayor Maguire.

Also Present: John Ten Hoeve, Borough Attorney
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk/Administrator
Narita Maraj, Deputy Clerk
Colleen Ennis, CFO

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

CFO REPORT

- 2014 Tax Bills
 - Tax bills will not go out till the end of July. Waiting on tax rate from Bergen County. Resolution needed to extend the payment due date
 - Councilman Cangialosi suggested that a flyer with information for the residents be added to mailing. Especially to inform them of the Borough's email notification system. Colleen Ennis needs the flyer within a week to send to the outside vendor that prepares mailing. Mayor and Council agreed that it was good idea.
- Board Of Education Payment
 - Based on tax receipts being delayed Colleen spoke with Bob Wright to work with the Borough on the July and August payments.
- F.E.M.A.
 - \$52,000.00 refund check was received by the Borough from FEMA. The funds were for debris removal after Hurricane Sandy. The money has to be allocated to Emergency Notes.
- Payment of Bills
 - Colleen Ennis asked for approval for additional bills that were not included in the Payment of Bills due to late submissions: Marsh & McLennan, Park Ridge Library and Matrix.
 - Mayor and Council approved.

- Utility Bills
 - Councilmembers Hopper and Oppelt informed Colleen Ennis of discrepancies in the utility bills that were just issued. She said that she would look into matter and that she was aware that there were some data entry issues.

BOROUGH CLERK / ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- **BCOSTF Grant Application: BC OST 2011 Funding Round:**
 - Capital Ordinance amendment for fees will be prepared and placed on Agenda for next meeting.
- ADA Ramps – Park Avenue – Pascack Rd. to Kinderkamack Rd.
 - Borough Engineer revised bid to \$36,000.00.
 - Administrator also suggested to bid for fence separately, which would reduce the cost even further.
- NJDOT FY 2014 State Aid Program
 - Ridge Road dye test of drainage system completed. Borough Engineer recommends using camera to determine conditions of piping. Cost \$400.00.
 - Mayor and Council approved.
- 2014 Road Improvement Program
 - Ongoing.
 - Administrator complimented the Park Ridge Police Department on the use of “tweets” to advise residents of road work.
- Sulak Cell Tower – ongoing discussion regarding installation of a propane tank.
- Network consolidation and upgrade
 - Utilities agreed to sharing the cost of the network upgrades.
 - Mayor and Council agreed to proceed with work.
- 67 Spring Valley Road
 - Tree carvings by home owner discussed. Trees are on private property.
- Master Plan Amendment for Brae Blvd.
 - Proposal from Brigitte Bogart received. Cost \$7,000.00
 - Borough Attorney advised that no changes should be made without consulting with McNerney & Associates.
- Commercial Landscapers – Hours of Operation
 - Mayor and Council reviewed Ordinances from surrounding municipalities.
 - Respond to resident that Park Ridge’s ordinance is the most restrictive.

- Municipal Pool Receipts
 - Receipts still down by \$20,000.00.
 - 2015 fee of \$50.00 may be instituted for use of Pool Pass as non-driver's identification.

- August 2014 Meeting dates
 - Discussion as to Councilmembers availability during August.
 - Capital Ordinances can be introduced by scheduling a Special Meeting in August.
 - It was decided to cancel 08/26/14 meeting due to lack of quorum.

Open Work Session adjourned to Public Session at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion made by Councilman Bosi and Seconded by Councilman Cangialosi to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Work Session reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Councilmembers

- Deer in Park Ridge
 - Councilwoman Bertini received complaints about the Deer population in the Borough
 - Mayor advised that this issue was also addressed in 2013. The Borough contacted the State Division of Fish and Wildlife and were advised of several ways to curtail the deer population, including using certified hunters with "bows and arrows." This was not approved by the Mayor and Council.
 - Councilmen Galdi and Cangialosi agreed that deer can be dangerous on roadways, however, the options available were not feasible for the community at large.
 - The Borough Administrator also advised that many residents also feed the deer, which the Borough has no control over.
 - Mayor informed Council that there is a complaint form that can be submitted to the State Division of Fish and Wildlife and residents should be directed to fill-out the form.
 - Councilman Galdi suggested the Borough's response to complaints should be consistent and refer them to the State Division of Fish and Wildlife.
 - A link to the State's website should also be placed on the Borough's website.

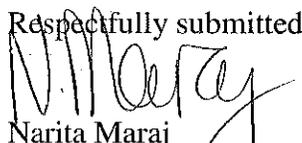
- Bergen County Division of Mosquito Control
 - Councilman Bosi and DPW Supervisor Pete Wayne met with the County's Mosquito Control representative as well as Ray Cywinski of the Bergen County Utilities Authority to discuss the "desnagging" of Pascack Brook on United Water property.
 - Mosquito Control will come remove the debris from the Pascack Brook and since it is branches, etc., with a special N.J. Department of Environmental Protection permit, the debris can be burnt in the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir. United Water would have to apply for the permit.

- Water Contract with Woodcliff Lake
 - Per Councilman Bosi, the contract was approved with a 15 (fifteen) year extension due to anticipated capital improvements anticipated during the next 5 (five) years.
- Roadwork Prohibition Ordinance
 - Councilman Cangialosi informed the Mayor and Council that the Township of Wyckoff recently passed an Ordinance limiting “digging-up” roads that were recently repaved or repaired. He suggested that the Borough consider adopting such an Ordinance. Mayor and Council will need a copy of Wyckoff’s Ordinance to review.
- “Access For All”
 - Councilman Hopper referred to the article on NorthJersey.com recognizing the Borough of Ramsey’s disability advisory panel.
 - He requested that Park Ridge organize its own committee. It will consist of 2-3 members. The Borough Administrator will work with the Councilman.
- Summer Vacation
 - Mayor and Administrator will be on vacation the week of 07/14/14.
- Borough Hall Improvements
 - Mayor and Council reviewed preliminary plans. Project timeline discussed
 - Borough Hall will be wired for a new security system
 - Administrator advised that the bid opening is 07/11/14 with a due date of 08/07/14. There is a pre-bid meeting on 07/24/14. Timeline for Ordinances and Resolutions discussed.
 - Special meeting may be required to introduce Ordinances and Resolutions.
 - Borough Attorney confirmed that vendors will need Public Contract Certification.
- Flagpole at Electric Lake Pond
 - Councilman Hooper requested that an American Flag be placed on pole along with lighting.
- Mayor’s Weightloss Challenge
 - Per Councilwoman Bertini, the Challenge ends on 07/15/14. There will be a celebration on 07/28/14.
 - She also a proposed Wellness Committee for future programs.

Open Work Session adjourned to Closed Session at 9:15 p.m.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Bertini and Seconded by Councilman Cangialosi to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Narita Maraj
Borough Deputy Clerk