

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION

January 6, 2009
8:05 P.M.

Present: Mayor Ruschman, Council members; Ciannella, Kane, Viola, Maughan (7:23 pm) and Levinson (7:43 pm)

Absent: Council President Wells

Also Present: Kelley O'Donnell, Acting Borough Clerk
Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator
Robert Mancinelli, Borough Attorney
Colleen Ennis, CFO

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

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- **NJDOT Grants –**
 - \$79,000 awarded for improvements to Park Ridge Train Station Walkway not yet granted
 - \$200,000 Municipal Aid announced for Fifth Street improvements not yet granted
 - T & M Associates prepared and submitted both Grant applications
 - Gene Vinci asks the Council if they would like to retain T & M as Special Grant Engineer for 2009
 - Council discussion on Success Fee paid for services
 - **Gene Vinci to request proposal from T & M**
 - **Resolution needed to appoint T & M as Special Grant Engineer for 2009**

- **ADA Pool Improvements –**
 - Councilman Viola and Gene Vinci met with the Pool Commission earlier this evening
 - Discussed rebid for both bathrooms
 - Pending notification of approval of second grant
 - Most likely notification in July 2009
 - Storage trailers to remain at pool
 - Council discussion on reviewing the plans and scope of work
 - Possibly scaling back the work

- **2009 Budget –**
 - Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 1/17/09

- **Post Office –**
 - Community use of existing building after new post office complete
 - Possibly Late Summer 2009

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT –

- **Municipal Pool Commission -**
 - **Ordinance Amending Pool Commission membership will be ready for introduction at next meeting**
 - Membership increased from 5 citizens to 7
 - Council discussion on term length
 - **Reappointed Member at this year’s reorganization meeting to remain at 5 years**
 - **New members term length to be 3 years**
 - **As subsequent terms expire new appointees or re-appointees term length will be 3 years**
 - Councilwoman Ciannella feels the term lengths should remain at 5 years
- **BCUA Recycling Ordinance –**
 - Borough’s current ordinance needs to be tweaked
 - Must be in place by the end of March 2009
 - **Councilman Viola asks for a copy of the correspondence given to Rob Mancinelli by the Clerk**

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT

- **January Meeting Date Change -**
 - Conflict with Board of Adjustment
 - **Meeting date changed from January 20th to January 27th**
 - 7:15 pm Closed Session Start
 - 8:15 pm Public Session
- **Borough Web Site**
 - Meeting Earlier this morning with Leigh LeBeau of QScend and
 - Lt. Joe Rampolla, Police
 - Bill Beattie, Director of Operations
 - Justin Mezzadri, Project Engineer
 - Lyn Beer, Land Use
 - Liz Maggio, Finance
 - Mayor Ruschman
 - Tammy Levinson
 - Technology Committee recommended QScend
 - Employees chosen will be publishers to the site
 - Distributed copies of Hackensack & Cumberland Counties Home Page
 - Pointed out different elements of each that we liked
 - Portals – distributed list of proposed portals
 - Calendar

- How Do I?
- Blue
- Using a number of photos of points of interest around town
 - Tammy suggested contacting Ned Barber for photos
- We will need to meet probably once a week initially to set up
- Hoping for a “soft” launch 2/1/09
- Launch to Public 3/1/09
- **Councilman Kane would like to participate in these meetings via telephone**
- **Councilman Maughan would like the web site to track “hits”**

Public Work Session adjourned to Public Session at 8:30 pm. with the Mayor and Council taking their seats on the dais.