

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WORK SESSION**

**February 24, 2009**  
**8:35 P.M.**

Present: Mayor Ruschman, Council President Wells, Council members; Ciannella, Kane, Levinson, Viola and Maughan (via telephone)

Absent: None

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.

**ENGINEER REPORT**

- **Jim Feury and Greg Rapp of Azzolina & Feury Engineering, Inc.**
- **Status Report**
  - **Park Ridge Train Station Pedestrian Improvements**
    - Recommend that the existing planter be reduced in size
    - Coordinating with property owner
      - Seepage pit and potential easement required
    - Plans approximately 2 weeks
      - **Councilmember Ciannella to discuss removal of planter with Downtown Beautification Committee**
      - Agreed to reducing the size of the planter at a minimum so as not to delay moving forward
  - **2009 Road Improvement Program – Pascack Valley Cooperative**
    - 7 streets
      - Fairview Avenue (Clifford Road to Borough line)
      - Rock Avenue (Intersection of Mayo Drive and Fairview Avenue)
      - Madison Avenue (Maple Avenue to Kinderkamack Road)
      - Oneto Court
      - Laurier Way
      - Bingham Trail
      - Mountain Avenue West
    - **List provided to Ed Sandve**
    - **Resolution needed for Council to approve 03/24**
- **2009 Park Ridge Roads**

- Program modified to include roadways requiring extensive curb and drainage work
  - Second Street (Leach Avenue to Ridge Avenue)
  - Fourth Street (Leach Avenue to Ridge Avenue)
  - Jenny Lane (Fremont Avenue to End)
  - Mountain Avenue East
  - Brook Road/Midland Avenue
  - Lorraine Drive (Tulip Court to New Curb End)
  - Tulip Court
  - Handicap Ramps – various locations
  - 29 Park Avenue – residents complaints
  - Ellin Drive – resident complaints
  - Rock Avenue from Park Avenue to Rivervale Road
- **Resolution Needed for Council to approve 3/24**
- **Fifth Street Improvement**
  - Project included in Pascack Valley 2009 NJDOT Projects Program
  - Ed Sandve to coordinate
- **Bergen County Road Resurfacing Program – ADA Ramps and Mats**
  - County of Bergen will be paving the county roads in the Borough
    - Spring Valley Road
    - Grand Avenue
    - Broadway
    - Part of Park Avenue
  - The County will be responsible for installing barrier free curb ramps and mats to comply with NJDOT requirements
  - Borough responsible for engineering costs
  - Borough responsible for uniform police protection
  - **Concrete Construction Corp has been awarded the contract**
  - **The Borough must enter into an agreement with Concrete Construction Corp**
    - Gene Vinci contacted the contractor
    - Contractor stated that many of the towns have stated that they will not pay Concrete Construction until after the County pays the town
      - Contractor agrees to this payment arrangement
    - Many streets that intersect with the county roads also need the ADA ramps and mats
      - County has agreed to include these in the program
    - Estimated Cost \$41,960
  - **Resolution needed for council approval 3/24**
- **Federal Stimulus Package**
  - \$162 million available for Highway and Bridge funding – Federal Aid routes
  - \$1.5 Billion discretionary aid program
    - Details to be finalized through DOT
  - Council discussion on various projects that would qualify
  - Councilmember Ciannella asks that the hydroplant be considered

- Renewable alternative energy
  - Council discussion on remaining project
    - Roadways
      - Funding for balance of North 5<sup>th</sup> Street
        - Total Project - \$600,000
        - \$200,000 grant received
- Jim Feury asked if the Council had made a decision on the “break point” between the Board’s engineer and the Borough engineer
  - Rob Mancinelli spoke with Board Secretary Lyn Beer
  - Proposal submitted by Azzolina & Feury consistent with Borough of Montvale and Borough Code Book
- **Resolution needed from Planning Board**
- **Rob Mancinelli asked the status of the Spring Valley Road improvements**
  - **Jim Feury to have Mike Ritchie contact Rob Mancinelli for update**

**COUNCIL CONCERNS**

- **Councilmember Viola –**
  - Firemen’s Chief’s Dinner
  - Proclamation needed for Jim Strabone – 25 years of service
    - \$250 gift card needed
  - Howard VanderVliet – 50 years of service to be celebrated in the fall
    - \$500 gift card at that time and proclamation
- **Councilmember Levinson –**
  - Trying to meet with Councilmember Ciannella to set up “Green Event”
    - April 26<sup>th</sup>
    - Coordinate with DARE shred event
    - Would like to reach out to groups
      - Adopt a street program
    - Table with giveaways at end of day
      - PSE & G, businesses, Utility Board
    - Resident wants to run with the idea
- **Council in Agreement to hold event**

**BOROUGH CLERK REPORT**

- **Mill Pond Dam Rehabilitation Project**
  - Advertise on March 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.
  - No bid packages distributed after that date
  - T & M will respond to all inquiries no later than March 24<sup>th</sup>
  - Bid Opening March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
- Resolution designating March as Women’s History Month for 3/10 meeting

- Resolution supporting participation in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program for 3/10 meeting
- Resolution supporting a request to a minimum of 35 years until Joseph McGowan's next parole date for 3/10 meeting

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- **Budget Finance Meetings**
  - Beautification Committee scheduled for Saturday
  - Auditor scheduled to come as well
  - Introduce in April
  - Adopt in May
  - Councilmember Kane stated that the committee is taking a deep approach on this
    - Working very hard
  - Gene Vinci stated that they still need to pin down capital requests
    - Need to revisit capital improvements
- **Introduce Bond Ordinance on March 10<sup>th</sup> and adopt on March 24<sup>th</sup>**
  - Still working on office reconfiguration and staff reassignments
  - Working with Colleen Ennis
- **Community Development Block Grants**
  - Met in Washington Twp. this evening
  - Next meeting scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - ADA improvements to Bathrooms at Municipal Pool
    - Will bid both bathrooms

### **BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT**

- **Amendment to NJ Transit Lease -**
  - 15 new Pages of insurance and indemnification requirements
    - Discussed with Dave Voza
    - Most does not apply because of JIF
  - Left 2 messages for Deputy Attorney General to discuss lease amendment
- **Zoning Board – Spring Valley Road**
  - Mike Ritchie to look at existing surveys and easements
  - Hopeful right of way already established
- **Proposed Ordinances –**
  - **Recycling – waiting for input**
  - **Recreation – filed use and fees**
    - Mayor & council given copies to review
    - Rob Mancinelli asked the Council to review and get back to the clerk with comments asap
    - Ordinance will establish that fees will be charged
      - Annual resolution will set fees
      - No field allocation of time in ordinance

- Fee schedule must be submitted to DCA – dedication by rider needed
  - Davies field – green acres loan
  - **Introduce at 3/10 meeting adopt at 3/24 meeting**
  - **Colleen Ennis to check if dedication by rider needed**
- **Recycling Clothing Bins ordinance**
  - Rob Mancineeli received feedback from Nick Saluzzi, Lou Turli and Lyn Beer
  - No space at recycling center for additional bins
    - Currently there are 2
  - Ordinance proposed consistent with state
  - Nick Saluzzi felt the ordinance was a little aggressive
    - Some of the information requested of the charities might be difficult to get
      - Nick recommended it would be better to be basic
  - Council asked to forward their comments to the clerk
  - **Would like to introduce at 3/10 meeting**

**Public Work Session adjourned to Closed Session at 9:25 p.m.**