

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION

April 28, 2009
9:35 P.M.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator
Robert Mancinelli, Borough Attorney
Kelley O'Donnell, Acting Borough Clerk
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 & Greg Rapp present
 - Project Status report distributed earlier
- **Park Ridge Train Station Pedestrian Improvements**
 - Contract Awarded to Marini Brothers Construction Co.
 - PreCon meeting hopefully scheduled next week
 - Flagmen will be needed
- **2009 Road Improvement Program – Pascack Valley Cooperative**
 - Contract to be awarded to D & L Paving
 - Borough's portion –approx. \$160,600
 - \$70,000 less than originally estimated
 - Additional monies could be shifted to the Park Ridge Road Improvement Program
- **2009 Park Ridge Road Improvement Program – Curbs & Drainage**
 - Plans & Specs almost complete
- **Fifth Street Improvement – 2009 NJDOT Pascack Valley Program**
 - Contract to be awarded to Maser Consulting to oversee
 - Jim Feury recommended that the project be monitored
- **Bergen County Road Resurfacing Program – ADA Ramps and Mats**
 - ADA Ramps & Mats have been completed
 - Milling & Paving should be completed by the end of this week

- **Spring Valley Road Sidewalk – Safety Concern**
 - Contact has been made with Brigitte of Burgis Associates regarding the plans
 - More aesthetically pleasing
 - Property owner was initially not receptive to an easement agreement
 - Will present a revised plan to the property owner

- **Improvements to Leroy Place – drainage by 6th Street**
 - Has reviewed plans prepared by Brooker Engineering
 - Modifications necessary for constructability purposes
 - Easements would be required
 - Contact has been made with the County regarding the plans
 - Jim Feury stated that they would recommend a detention retention system be installed instead of improvements to the Pascack Road drainage system
 - **A proposal will be prepared for the Borough**

- **North Fifth Street Culvert**
 - Embankments are eroding and need repair
 - May be inadequate inlet capacity
 - During moderate to heavy rains property owner SE gets flooded
 - Large boulder in culvert needs to be removed
 - Jim Feury recommends boulder be removed
 - Permits would be needed from the DEP
 - Hydraulic study be undertaken
 - Embankments should be stabilized
 - New curb to be installed along Fifth Street in the areas where the existing curb has been severely reduced or deteriorated

- Recommendation that North Fifth be considered for the 2010 NJDOT Grant project that T & M submits
 - **Council advised Gene Vinci to contact T & M Associated to include as part of Municipal Aid Grant**

- **Municipal Stormwater Report**
 - General Permit renewed for 5 years
 - **Proposed Model Ordinances which need to be adopted within the next couple of months**

- Councilmember Kane asked the status of the Belgium Block curbing vs concrete curbing, have the property owners been contacted
 - Jim Feury stated that they are still working on the plans and specs
 - Variances in street width and wants to ensure uniformity

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Councilmember Kane

- Passed around a sign that PKRG will be distributing to the local businesses to show the new changes and upgrades

Mayor Ruschman asked Gene Vinci to put a notice on the Electronic Bulletin Board about Brian Cushing's NFL draft

Councilmember Viola

- Stated that it was an amazing job done by volunteers on Saturday night at the fire
 - Interpreter was on site which was helpful with one of the tenants
 - Two cats were saved
- **Thanked the Marriott, Ridge Diner and A & P for their generosity**
 - Mayor Ruschman stated that he will be sending letters to the Mayors and towns of the municipalities that offered support
- Councilmember Viola stated that the Chief had notified him that Box 54, a volunteer group from Teaneck was there as well
- **Usually the towns will make a \$100 donation to the organization in recognition**
 - Councilmember Viola will get the details

Councilmember Kane stated that the Board of Health will be working with OEM on the Swine Flu information night

Council President Wells reminded those present that input is needed on the validity of the Committees in place

- **Council needs to look at the committees being continued, merged with another or dropped entirely Mayor Ruschman asked that each Councilmember write down the committees that they are liaison to and include their recommendation for continuance or not and reason.**

Councilmember Viola stated that Javas Brewing has asked about making changes to the awning

- Ordinance would have to be changed
- Council discussion on awnings and possible change to an application process
- **Council asks Council President Wells to discuss the matter with the Planning Board at the 5/13 meeting**
- **Council President Wells asks the Council to email him any thoughts or concerns on awnings, (likes& dislikes) ASAP.**

Councilmember Levinson stated that the Borough employees were taking up a collection for Angela and Matt and asked if they wished to participate.

The Mayor said that they would do something separate from the Borough employees from the Mayor's budget.

Councilmember Levinson picked up a card on behalf of the Mayor and Council she was asked to sign it on their behalf

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT

- Passed around the table a thank you note received

- Update on Web Site – Slower than expected
 - Borough employees have been very busy and short staffed
 - Realistic launch most likely end of June
 - Change of photos will involve additional costs proposal to be received

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- **2009 Capital Budget distributed**
 - Items would be included with the Multi Purpose Bond Ordinance
 - **Gene Vinci asked the Council to review and prioritize**
 - Councilmember Maughan stated that the Capital Budget is 80% roads and 20% miscellaneous
 - **OEM has to formally apply for a Mobile EOC**
- Councilmember Kane stated that they have prepared a Capital Budget for the next 3 years and recommended distributing that as well
 - Gene Vinci stated that it will be in the newsletter and included with the Power Point presentation at the Public Hearing

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

- Rob Mancinelli stated that he met with Bill Beattie and they have **updated the language of the contracts** particularly mediation
- Rob Mancinelli stated that he is still waiting to hear from the Attorney General's Office regarding the **NJ Transit Lease Amendment**

Public Work Session Adjourned to Closed Session at 10:23 p.m.