

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION

June 23, 2009
8:25 P.M.

Present: Council members; Ciannella, Kane, Levinson, Maughan, Viola, Wells, Maughan
(via telephone 7:20 p.m.) and Mayor Ruschman

Absent: Council Member Kane

Also Present: Robert Mancinelli, Borough Attorney
Gene Vinci, Administrator
Kelley O'Donnell, 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.

BOROUGH ENGINEER REPORT

Jim Feury & Greg Rapp present

- **Park Ridge Train Station Pedestrian Improvements**
 - Waiting for copy of signed access permit from NJT
 - Rob Mancinelli to comment later
 - Contractor ready to go
 - Project will take approximately 1 week to complete
- **2009 Pascack Valley Cooperative Road Program**
 - Milling & Paving of all roads has been completed
 - Re-striping on Madison Avenue needs to be done
 - Some remedial work still to complete
- **2009 Park Ridge Road Improvement Program**
 - Project consists of 10 roads with 5 alternates
 - Council discussion on the inclusion of driveways & parking lots at East Brook and West Ridge Schools
 - Payment would be reimbursed by Park Ridge Board of Education
 - Council discussion on Interlocal Agreement
 - **Colleen Ennis to check with Bob Wright, Business Admin Park Ridge Schools**
 - **Cost Estimate \$60,000 - \$65,000**
- **Fifth Street Improvement**
 - Maser Consulting working on design
- **Bergen County road Resurfacing Program**
 - Project complete including ADA ramps and mats
- **Spring Valley Road Sidewalk Improvements**

- Property owner not receptive to easement
- **Council decision that the subject is closed – no further action**
- **Improvements to Leroy Place**
 - Preparing the plans & specifications
 - Trying to eliminate drainage improvements onto Pascack Road – too costly
 - Mayor Ruschman stated that he thought the County had run pipe along Pascack Road
 - Jim Feury will check into it
- **Johnsville Road/Pascack Road Sidewalk**
 - School children are using the lawn instead of the street
 - Estimate of costs provided
 - Council discussion on why estimate was for 5' width instead of typical 4'
 - Council discussion on fencing instead
 - Council discussion on precedent being set, when there are similar scenarios throughout town
 - Sidewalk could be to driveway only & not the full front
 - **Gene Vinci to handle – meeting to be set up with property owner**
- Mayor Ruschman asked if the entire 2008 Curbs & Drainage program had been included in the 2009 program, particularly Lorraine Drive
 - Greg Rapp stated that it was included

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT

- **Web Site –**
 - We will be rolling over to the new site Thursday afternoon 6/25
 - Committee has been very busy loading content
- **Artemis System**
 - Seminar in West Windsor yesterday
 - Records Disposition
 - Simpler & quicker turn around
 - Set up agency & department heads
- **Cooperative Waterway Management**
 - Pascack Valley Mayor's Association adopted a reso on 5/27/09
 - Copies distributed
 - **Council agrees to supporting resolution – 7/14 meeting**
- Thank you note received from the Duncan family for flowers that were sent

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- **County Park Improvement Program -**
 - Funded by Open Space
 - Councilwoman Ciannella stated a possible project could be Depot Square

- Council discussion on other possible areas
 - Council President Wells stated there were areas identified in the RPA Final Report
- **Council President Wells encouraged the Open Space Committee to make a list, considering ideas from the RPA report**
 - Councilwoman Ciannella stated that she will work on the list
- **Grant Application due July 31st**
- **Council discussion on the Mill Pond Dredging**
 - Cost estimate \$1.3 million
- **Park Ridge Baseball Celebration –**
 - Conversations with Chris Brown, Park Ridge Athletic Director
 - Cost sharing email distributed to all
 - Recommendation of rings & signs
 - **Celebration 7/28 – Certificates to be issued**
 - **Borough’s share of cost \$980**
 - **All present in favor**
- **Sulak Lane Parking –**
 - Waiting for final recommendation from the Chief
 - All present in agreement
 - **After Chief’s recommendation Rob Mancinelli & Clerk will amend ordinance**
- **Leaf Disposal –**
 - **Resolution needed to support concept of shared services utilizing Hillsdale & Park Ridge transfer stations**
 - Model received from Westwood
 - **All present in favor**
- **Corporate Offices – Brae Blvd**
 - Gene Vinci met with the representatives from the corporations
 - Trees are dying along center median
 - Discussion on possible scenarios
 - Each corporation utilizes landscape services of Montvale Landscaping
 - They would look into a shared agreement for maintaining the area
 - **Gene Vinci asked Councilwoman Ciannella if Bill Koenig could prepare a plan for enhancement**
 - **Borough would have the initial expense of enhancement and Corporate Offices would cover maintenance expense**
- **99 Park Avenue –**
 - Relocate Fire Lane
 - **Gene Vinci and Borough Engineer need to meet with owner of gas station**
 - Gene Vinci will try to schedule date this week

- **37 Park Avenue –**
 - Councilwoman Ciannella inquired as to what the status is
 - Grading & gravel have been done
 - Looks like they are moving along

COUNCIL CONCERNS

- **Councilwoman Levinson** stated that she had discussed with Colleen Ennis the **Municipal Alliance Committee**
 - Questioned how the budget for this committee works
 - Colleen Ennis explained that it is not included in the budget
 - Chapter 159 Resolution needs to be done to insert the grant into the budget
 - Borough has a 25% match plus Judi Youngman’s salary of \$12,000 (2008)
 - Council would like to know what is done
 - Programs at schools with Andy Yaegar
 - **Councilwoman Levinson to get explanation from Judi Youngman**
 - Gene Vinci stated that the Borough anticipates \$11,500 in appropriations
- **Library Board –**
 - Gold Award Girl Scout Project
 - Reading Garden between the library and borough hall
 - George Heller suggested she present her plan to the Mayor and Council
 - **Councilwoman Levinson will invite her to the 7/14 meeting to present**

Work Session adjourned to Closed Session at 9:00 p.m.