

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
MAOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION

April 8, 2008
8:55 P.M.

Present: Mayor Ruschman, Council members; Henning, Wells, Brouwer, Ciannella and Levinson,

Absent: Councilmember Maughan

Also Present: Kelley O'Donnell, Acting Borough Clerk
Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator
John D'Anton, Borough Attorney
Ann Kilmartin, CFO
Colleen Ennis, Assistant Treasurer

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

Council discussion as to whether or not anyone had heard from Councilman Maughan. Mayor Ruschman asked the clerk to send an email. Councilman Wells said he would try to get in touch with Councilman Maughan by telephone.

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT

Just a follow up on a few items:

Email –

- Still need direction from the Council how they want their email set up.
- Forwarded or log on to server with a password.

Chamber of Commerce Mixer

- April 24th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Council members Brouwer and Levinson will attend along with Mayor Ruschman and Council members Ciannella and Wells. Council President Henning will be out of town and no response still from Councilman Maughan.
- Gene Vinci will attend as well.
- Councilman Wells will pass the information to Robert DeStefano.

Hospital Meeting at Westwood Borough Hall

- Postponed from 4/14 to a date in May to be decided.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Budget

- Copies of Power Point Presentation distributed for review before Public Hearing on 4/22.
- Additional pages not included in the newsletter show:
 - Shared Services
 - Breakdown of the taxes.

Grants-

- Gene Vinci to meet with Don Norbut from T & M Engineering
 - Safe Routes to Schools – 4/18/08
 - NJDOT Local Aid – 6/20/08
 - Bergen County Open Space Municipal Park Improvements – 6/27/08
- Gene Vinci asks the Council to think about parks they would like to see improved.
- Mayor Ruschman asked if Open Space Trust money could be used to take care of the fields. Gene Vinci stated that he asked PRAA, Recreation and Councilwoman Ciannella to submit lists.
- Councilwoman Ciannella asked if the Open Space Trust money could be used for Veteran's Park.
 - Gene Vinci stated that a job scope is needed and a cost estimate.
- Council discussion on the park area on the corner of Park Avenue and Kinderkamack Road. Maybe that could be made into a park.
- Councilwoman Ciannella stated that the area is part of the Phase I Beautification.
- Councilman Wells reminded the Council that it is a county decision.

Mayor Ruschman wanted to add one more thing. Chief Madden, Councilwoman Levinson and he met with Mrs. Markowski and discussed her concerns of graffiti and cars with New York plates parked in the back. All in all it was a good meeting.

Work Session adjourned at 9:15 p.m.