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Public Work Session Minutes of Oct. 28, 2008 of Mayor & Council

Present: Councilmembers Brouwer, Ciannella, Levinson, Maughan, Wells, Council President Henning, Mayor Ruschman

Absent: None

Also Present: John D'Anton, Bor. Atty.
Gene Vinci, Bor. Adm.
Colleen Ennis, CFO
Lyn Beer, Dep. Bor. Clrk

9:00pm – Council reconvened in public work session with all members in attendance.

Borough Clerk's report – clerk reminded council of Oct. 30th County Service Awards and asked about arrangements for the **delivery of poll workers dinners**. Councilmembers Levinson and Ciannella said they would handle.

Engineer advised work would begin on **Mader Place** this coming Monday (Musso Lane project); that **Operations for NJ Transit** rejected an additional platform but approved the pedestrian walkway...owner adjacent to walkway contacted and willing to discuss a sidewalk easement...**metes & bounds description to be given to borough attorney; Road resurfacing** almost complete, price was competitive; work on **Curbs & Drainage** pushed back to spring although borough could proceed with drainage portion since pipes can be laid in the colder weather; **brick pavers** to be placed in Veteran's Park.

Borough Attorney discussed amendments to **Outdoor Café** ordinance saying it gave more flexibility to the Building Office by reducing the distances...**ordinance to be sent to Construction Code Official for his comments to be received prior to next meeting**...discussion as to regulating the types of tables & chairs to be used outdoors..**Councilmember Ciannella to work with the Downtown Beautification Committee for their recommendation**; discussion of possible borough liability as a result of permitting tables in the borough-right-of-way...**borough attorney to look into insurance situation for Nov. 11th meeting.**

Council reviewed ordinance to **eliminate Board of Adjustment** in favor of amending Planning Board membership and assumption of Board of Adjustment powers...Councilmember Levinson said she favored more discussion and wanted to hear from board members as to their reaction...Council President Henning said several board members had contacted him and their reaction was not positive...council felt board members should be sought out and their opinions solicited...**proposed ordinance to be distributed to members of both boards and to suggest they attend the Nov. 25th meeting to voice their thoughts.**

Councilmember Levinson reported on the following: **Historic Preservation ordinance** and said residents had attended the first Planning Board public

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hearing and voiced their concerns on possible restrictions on their property...Councilmember Wells suggested the Mayor & Council issue a statement that the next step of possible restrictions would not be taken by this council...new bathroom at the Colony Ave. pool was discussed and borough attorney said he had just received the specs and had not had time to look at them...Councilmember Brouwer said the work had to be completed by April or early May...**Pascack Valley Administrator's Cooperative** has been inquiring about trash receptacles being placed throughout the borough...question of location and whether for recyclables only....**Perryland parking lot**...change time allocated to commuters back from midnight to 4:00 or 5:00pm to allow parking for all residents...**Chief Madden to be asked to do a traffic study as to lot useage by commuters aft 5:00pm.**

Council went into Closed Session @ 9:50pm