

Approved, August 21, 2018

Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
OPEN WORK SESSION
June 26, 2018
6:55 P.M.

Present: Councilmembers: Capilli, Farinaro, Oppelt, Mintz, Metzdorf and
Mayor Misciagna

Absent: Councilwoman: Epstein

Also Present: Carmine Alampi, Borough Attorney
Julie Falkenstern, Borough Administrator
Lori Woods, Deputy Borough Clerk
Durene Ayer, CFO

Mayor Misciagna read the Compliance Statement, as required by Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

On a motion made by Council President Capilli and Seconded by Councilman Mintz to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

I. 911 Ceremony:

- Councilman Oppelt spoke about the 911 Ceremony – He will keep us advised with updates. A poster will be prepared & printed.

II. Technology Update:

- Council President that a resolution is on the agenda to engage services of Govsites per reconmdation of Tech Committee
- Matt Krayton will be advised of a 30-day notice of terminating his services after next meeting by the Borough Administrator
- New website will be up & running by September.

III. Train Station:

- Councilman Metzdorf spoke about the Train Station and condition is not that bad.
- Roof: When researching repair to the roof, they will also need to look at the soffits and gutters as they are bulging downward. Some window sills have rot resulting from water running down and from the salt. It was discussed that we should look into getting the cost to replace the windows. Julie Falkenstern will look into an estimate. Discussion continued about the roof would not need a full replacement but that only some of the tiles would need to be reset. It was discussed that Oradell Train Station also has a slate roof. We should talk to Oradell to see who repaired their Train Station. It was discussed to look for a vendor that could accommodate a package deal for all three but to have a window company replace the window. Julie will speak to Grant Writer to see if a grant could be an option for repairs. Councilman Metzdorf ended the conversation with that the condition of the Train Station was better than originally thought.

IV. Open Space:

- Julie will ask Maggie to call Nancy Wikowski. Status is still pending

V. Park Avenue:

- A call was placed to Joe Femia at the County Office. He has not returned a phone call. Mayor Misciagna referred sadly about the 2 killings that have already taken place with another near fatal 6 months ago. The one fatal accident happened on Father's Day. The memorial is outside of Borough Hall and down to the left. He mentioned how a former Police Commissioner also nearly got killed.
- **Road Sign:** Mayor Misciagna would like to see the speed limit lowered from 30 down to 25 from Pascack Road up to the Train Tracks. He is very frustrated that we have yet to receive a call back.

VI. Neglia Engineering:

- Julie Falkenstern/Borough Administrator is working with Dan at Neglia to close out old grants

VII. Girl Scout Troop:

- Julie Falkenstern reported that the Girl Scouts are looking to place biodegradable signs on the trail stating "Fairy Trail", made with glitter

- Council has no problem with this being done

VIII. Pension issue:

- Councilman Oppelt asked about apparent errors in processing of pensions payments for elected officials.
- Durene Ayer stated that it does appear that the previous CFO did not correctly assess pension deductions and it is unclear as of yet whether payments were made properly to the State
- She is working on correcting the problem and will advise elected officials of the solution
- A discussion was started regarding retirement funds for Library personnel. Previous CFO was aware of the issue and did not make any effort to bring the Borough into compliance
- CFO, Durene Ayer, is working on a plan to bring the payments current
- Councilmember Mintz mentioned that only affects 3-4 employees
- An agreement will need to be reached with library employees for schedule of back payments

Open Work Session adjourned at 7:12 pm

On a motion made by Councilman Oppelt and Seconded by Councilman Metzdorf to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Woods

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