

Approved, January 14, 2020
Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION
December 10, 2019
6:51P.M.

Present: Councilmembers Capilli, Epstein, Farinaro Ferguson, Metzdorf, Mintz (via phone) and Mayor Misciagna

Absent

Also Present: Julie Falkenstern, BA
Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk
Carmine Alampi, Esq., Borough Attorney
Durene Ayer, Borough CFO
Dan Lee, Borough Engineer

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

I. Engineer's Report submitted by Dan Lee:

1. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

a. SULAKLANE-BASKETBALLCOURTIMPROVEMENTS

This project included the expansion of the court to fit an NFHS regulation basketball court, replacement of the court surface with a Duracourt Bounceback surface, new goals, lighting and grading and drainage improvements. The project was completed this year. The Borough of Park Ridge was awarded an \$82,147 50% matching Bergen County Open Space grant for this project.

b. 2019 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

This project consists of NJDOT, CDBG and Municipally funded roads separated into two separate projects. CDBG/Municipally Funded roads and NJDOT funded roads.

CDBG & Municipally Funded Roads: The project consisted of milling and paving of Terrace Street, Oakland Street, Woodland Street, Bari Lane, Vitmar Place, Grobel Place, Capri Terrace, Knoll Drive, Clayton Court, Wortendyke Road and Orchard Road. The project was completed this year. The Borough of Park Ridge was awarded an \$83,563 Bergen County CDBG grant for this project.

NJDOT Funded Roads: The project consists of Mill Road from Mallon Court to Pascack Road. Construction on this portion of the project has started and is anticipated to be completed in early

spring 2020. The Borough of Park Ridge was awarded two (2) grants totaling \$288,822 from the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program for this project.

Additional repairs throughout the Borough are anticipated to be completed under this project including but not limited to upgrades to the Police Station accessible ramps on the east side of the building and replacement of heaved curbs along Broadway.

c. INTER-MUNICIPAL TRAIL- This project consists of upgrades to the existing dilapidated trail situated on the east side of the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir between the Boroughs of Park Ridge, Woodcliff Lake and Hillsdale. The improvements will open up the trail to the public by providing a suitable surface for access and via an agreement between the NJDEP and Suez. Construction for this project has commenced and is anticipated to be completed in early 2020. The Boroughs of Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake were each awarded \$24,000 from the 2017 NJDEP Recreational Trails Grant Program for this project.

d. MEMORIAL FIELD- TURF REPLACEMENT I REPAIR

This project consists of the expansion of the existing soccer/softball field at the Memorial Field to accommodate a multi-use turf field that will support soccer (NFHS regulation and youth rec soccer), football, softball and women's and men's lacrosse. Additional improvements include supplemental lighting, new fencing, and a new playground to the north. NEA completed the design of the project and submitted applications to the NJDEP

for Flood Hazard Area and Wetlands Transition Area permits. The NJDEP applications are currently under review and construction is anticipated to start in late winter/early spring of 2020. The 2019 Bergen County Open Space Grant Program is in the final stages of award and the Borough of Park Ridge anticipates receiving a grant for \$81,656 for this project.

e. PARK AVENUE- COUNTY CO-OP PAVING/ADA IMPROVEMENTS FROM KINDERKAMACK TO PROSPECT

Neglia Engineering completed the design and Bergen County Engineering and Planning application documents for the replacement of selected ADA ramps along Park Avenue between Kinderkamack Road and Prospect Street. The Bergen County Engineering and Planning Department approved the application. The replacement of the ADA ramps is scheduled for early spring with re-paving of that portion of Park Avenue to follow. Bergen County will reimburse the Borough of Park Ridge for 100% of construction costs and will subsidize the design and construction administration costs for ADA improvements.

f. PARK AVENUE BRIDGE REPAIR <EAST OF BOROUGH HALL>

Engineering plans and specifications are complete. The project is anticipated to be constructed in early 2020.

g. PARK AVENUE- ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS I CENTERLINE SKEW

Neglia Engineering Associates ("NEA") prepared partial surveys and finalized the concept plans to eliminate the centerline skew and for minor roadway widening of Park Avenue. Bergen County Engineering and Planning approved the proposed alignment and roadway widening. The Borough of Park Ridge has entered the NJDOT Design Assistance Program to advance the

construction plans via one of NJDOT's pre-selected design firms. By entering the NJDOT Design Assistance Program, the costs associated with the design of the project will be funded by the NJDOT. The Borough of Park Ridge also received a grant for \$357,000 from the 2016 NJDOT TAP Grant Program.

h. GLEN ROAD BRIDGE I CULVERT

On behalf of the Boroughs of Park Ridge and Woodcliff Lake, NEA obtained an evaluation of the bridge's current condition. The Bridge Rehabilitation I Bridge Replacements should occur within the bridge's service life timeframe, which is early 2021. The Borough of Park Ridge was awarded a grant for \$149,000 from the 2015 NJDOT Grant Program towards their share of the construction cost. Woodcliff Lake submitted an NJDOT FY2019 Local Aid Infrastructure Fund (LAIF) grant for \$1,357,000. The application seeks funding to supplement the 2015 NJDOT MA grant already received by the Borough of Park Ridge.

i. ELECTRIC LAKE DREDGING

Wetlands and flood hazard area investigation and field survey work are complete. Construction plans are under design and NEA is working to secure NJDEP Permits for this project. Additionally, NEA is working in conjunction with Bruno Associates to secure grant funds for this project

j. MILL POND - NJDEP DAM SAFETY ANALYSIS - EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN & O&M MANUAL NEA prepared updated Emergency Action Plan and Operation and Maintenance Manual, which were accepted and approved by the NJDEP.

2.GENERAL ENGINEERING

a. NJDEP Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance

NEA provided updated NJDEP Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance language to keep the Borough's ordinances in compliance with the NJDEP and National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) requirements. Compliance with NFIP requirements allows property owners in the Borough to take advantage of reduced insurance premiums through the NFIP and the ability for the Borough and residents to apply for federal grant moneys for disaster relief or disaster prevention, in unfortunate event same is necessary.

b. Road Opening Permit Ordinance

NEA provided draft language to administration to bring the Borough's Road Opening Permit ordinance in line with current standards and fee amounts. The language also includes a moratorium component to protect roads in the Borough that were recently paved.

**** work on an ordinance to revamp the amount that is charged for road opening permits and others points before work with pseg starts*

3.GRANTS

a. NJDOT MA2019 GRANT APPLICATION- NORTH FIFTH STREET

NEA assisted Bruno Associates with submitting and securing an NJDOT MA2019 Grant for \$207,000 for resurfacing or full repair of the roadway surface and new curbs along North Fifth Street from north of Louville Avenue to Colony Avenue.

b. NJDOT MA2020 GRANT APPLICATION- LINDEN AVENUE, ROLAND STREET. SPLIT ROCK LANE \$215,000 NEA assisted Bruno Associates with submitting and securing an NJDOT MA2020 Grant for \$215,000 for resurfacing of the roadway surfaces for Linden Avenue, Roland Street and Split Rock Lane.

- II. Field Maintenance/ Field Striping:** Councilman Ferguson spoke about 2 ½in turf thickness of the pile. A discussion ensued about the total investment into the fields and the monetary difference of going with a thinner pile, this option might be more suitable. The Council like the PR design better and will look into possibly adding an OWL to it.
- i. Borough Engineer has requested a break down as to why the updated total went up by \$100k. He will review once he receives it.
 - ii. The Borough might need to go out to bid when it comes to field striping
 - iii. There is a need to explore having someone dedicated to maintaining the fields on a part time basis. It will be discussed with Pete Wayne.
 - iv. Councilman Ferguson asked about basketball hoop heights and the locks. A discussion ensued. Dan will work with Bill to on the locks and to move the basketball heights to an appropriate height.
- III. PRAA:** Councilman Ferguson reported back about PRAA and the use and status of Colony Field as a baseball field. It needs some work. Once they obtain prices the Borough will see if it is feasible for us financially to take on a portion of the cost.
- IV. Park Ridge Veteran's Pictures:** Councilman Metzdorf would like to speak about all of the young men and women from Park Ridge serving in the different branches of our armed services. He wants residents to submit an 8 by 10 photo and a bio so they can be mentioned. The Borough will also explore putting their picture in the hallway.
- V. Council Committee's:** Mayor Misciagna asked each Council member to email him a list of 3-4 committees that they would like to serve on in 2020.

Open Work Session adjourned at 7:30pm

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

Respectfully submitted,



Magdalena Giandomenico