

53 Park Ave
Park Ridge, NJ

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION
April 23, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Metzdorf, Councilmember Capilli
Councilmember Mintz and Council President Ferguson

Absent: Councilmember Goldsmith and Mayor Misciagna

Also Present: John Schettino, Borough Attorney
Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk
Connie Carpenter, CFO

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

- 1. Borough Administrator:** The Administrator reported that she will inform the library about the Fire Departments wet down on June 15th and that the access to the parking lot in back will be closed off so they can let the patrons know or make a decision to close for the day. The push door stop in the community center is scheduled to be fixed to be up to code.
- 2. Pet Store Ordinance:** Councilman Hoffman said that the Board of Health is looking into other towns ordinances regarding puppy mills and defining those clearer.
- 3. CFO Report:** Park Ridge Moody rate scoring remains stable at AA, an increased surplus would help the Borough work towards a AAA.
- 4. Pet Store Ordinance:** Councilman Hoffman reached out to the Animal Protection League of New Jersey (APLNJ) and Park Ridge already has an ordinance in it's code they find acceptable.
- 5. 146 Fremont:** Council President Ferguson spoke about a subdivision application before the planning board about a subdivision and that many of the residents in that area have voiced their concern about the proposed plan. Residents have a safety concern about visibility and think the driveway should have a flare and the resident should be able to turn around on the inside of their property. A fence should also be stipulated as a requirement.

- 6. CFO:** The Borough CFOI spoke about the bond sale and that we had 13 bidders, and the interest rate is around 3.14%.
- 7. Borough Administrator:** The Administrator spoke about a previous discussion about removing or shaving trees that are lifting sidewalks. There was an old escrow account dedicated to “Borough of Park Ridge/sidewalks/curbs/Engineer/Planner” with unused \$32,000. In order of us to use the money as spoken about in closed previously, we have to cancel that old account out and establish new one.
- 8. Police Department:** Councilman Metzdorf spoke about his conversation with the Police Chief and he wanted to know if he can have 2 new officers budget for in the budget instead of 1. The Borough CFO said she spoke with him, and he asked for one. All in agreement just one new police officer for 2024.
- 9. Door:** Council President Ferguson asked if we can get access control to quote the doors by the library.

Open Work Session adjourned to Closed Session at 7:19 pm

Councilman Hoffman Ferguson made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Councilman Mintz confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk