

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING**

**WORK SESSION**

**October 12, 2021**

**6:48 P.M.**

Present: Councilmembers Capilli, Cozzi, Epstein, Fenwick, Ferguson, Metzdorf and Mayor Misciagna

Absent:

Also Present: Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk  
Julie Falkenstern, Borough Administrator  
Anthony Bocchi Borough Attorney

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

- I. **Menorah:** Council President Epstein stated how member of the Jewish community wrote a letter asking to place a Menorah in Depot Square, which they would raise the money for, during the Holiday season. Everyone on the Governing Body is in favor of having the Menorah and a Christmas tree lit and up this year.
- II. **2022 RFQ Solicitation:** Councilman Ferguson asked about the RFQ process and timeline, he would like to have ample time for receipt and review. A discussion ensued. There will a resolution on for the 10/26 meeting authorizing the Clerk to put the RFQ's out 10/28 with due back date of 11/23/2021. The submissions will be discussed at the work session of the 12/14/2021 meeting. The category for Special COAH Attorney will be removed from solicitations since Scott Reynolds is finishing up the current on-going affordable housing litigation settlement.
- III. **Turf Field:** Borough Administrator Falkenstern spoke about the turf field and playground. She stated that Park Ridge DPW will get the playground ready for Downes to spread the mulch. The Governing Body will be approving the introduction of a bond ordinance in the amount of \$590,000 to replace the multipurpose synthetic turf athletic field at Memorial Field due to flood damage from Tropical Storm Ida. FEMA will not reimburse for any improvements, just replacement submissions.
- IV. **2020 Audit:** The Borough CFO Carpenter informed the governing body that the audit has been completed and that currently some of the recommendations are being discussed with the auditors. There are about 8 recommendations. There will be a corrective action plan for review at the next work session and resolution for audit acknowledgement along with a group affidavit.

- V. **Shade Tree**: Councilman Capilli summarized the developments in the Shade Tree Committee. There is a tree that needs to be taken down at the Veteran's Park and replaced with the appropriate species of tree. There are two trees by the Shell gas station that were knocked down and a Maple tree by Wells Fargo that does not belong in town. Councilman Capilli asked about the Fall tree planting budget and the Borough Administrator will look into that and the resolution needed for the other items.

**Open Work Session adjourned to Closed Session at 7:22 pm**

Councilman Metzdorf made a motion to go into Closed Executive Session and seconded by Councilman Fenwick to confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Magdalena Giandomenico".

Magdalena Giandomenico  
Borough Clerk