

Public Meeting
January 25th, 2016

Meeting was opened by T. Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, J. Granstrom, P. MacAdams, G. Gilbert, and J. Meehan. M. Mevoli was absent. The Solicitor was Timothy Higgins, Esq..

This Meeting was advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and complies with all the laws therein.

Reading and Approval of Minutes of December 21st and January 4th, 2016:

Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – J. Granstrom
All in favor: Carried.

Committee Reports:

Motion – J. Granstrom
2nd – P. MacAdams
All in Favor: Carried.

Open to the Public:

Kim Bumpus, 108 Fourth Street, explained of an issue on Fourth Street. She said that water is being discharged from a house along the street and travels in front multiple homes before it hits the drain. The water freezes and causes a hazard for anyone going to their car or walking in the street. Connie Bilick, 102 Fourth Street, said it is coming from her sub-pump in her basement. She is willing to hear any solutions to the problem. She said we cannot discharge the water into the sewer line, so she is doing everything within the rules. The mayor asked the engineers to look into options for alleviating the problem. G. Fusco said he would send someone out to investigate the problem.

Jeff Haller, Maude Avenue, said there needs to be a discussion about our school drop-off issues. The clerk said they are introducing an ordinance to give the police more strength in their ability to enforce the rules. The mayor asked to have a meeting set up between the Police Chief and the school board to resolve the other issues.

Engineers Report from Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering:

Item #1: The CDBG fund is changing their program. It is imperative that the designated Municipal Official attend the January 11, 2016.

Item #2: The RFP for 2015 CDBG Supplemental Funds is released. The office submitted an application package on December 15th, 2015. We are still awaiting a response from HUD.

Item #4: The office put together a quote for a town wide plan to construct curb ramps around the borough. The plan will provide goals and objectives, identify obstacles in the public right-of-way, methods to remove the obstacles with policies and priorities, provide a schedule for the completion of the plan and funding opportunities.

Item #7: NJDOT 2016 Municipal aid application to reconstruct Sixth Street was submitted. The awards should be presented early in 2016

Item #14: The Waterfront Access Grant project draft Ordinance has been submitted to NJDEP. The NJDEP has responded to our office with a list of comments that we are currently addressing. The issues were corrected. We presented the plan to the P/Z on October 14, 2015 and we resubmitted the plan to NJDEP. The money was reimbursed to the Borough for the Access Plan in December.

Item #18: The office has put out RFQ's for the repairs of the rear wall of the public works salt building. We received one quote. We recommend to award the contract to M.D. Remodeling, LLC for \$23,616.60. The contract was awarded.

Greg Fusco thanked everyone for the time.

New Business

Ordinances:

- # 1-16 Amending Chapter 36 – Officers and Employees
- # 2-16 Amending Chapter 141 – Vehicles and Traffic
- First Reading
- Motion – J. Granstrom
- 2nd – G. Gilbert
- All in Favor: Carried.

Resolutions:

- # 55-16 Authorizing Tonnage Grant Application for 2015
- # 56-16 Authorization to Pay Certain Bills Prior to Council Meetings
- # 57-16 Approving of Telephone Allowance for Mayor and Council
- # 58-16 Authoring the Increase of Temporary Budget for 2016
- # 59-16 Award Contract for 2016 Police Vehicle
- # 60-16 Approving of Telephone and Travel Allowance for Borough Handyman
- # 61-16 Authorizing Bingo and Raffle License for Mothers of Multiples
- # 62-16 Authorizing Bingo and Raffle License for Gloucester Catholic Alumni Association
- # 63-16 Authorizing Bingo and Raffle License for Brooklawn Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary
- # 64-16 Authorize Refund for Overpayment
- Motion – J. McCleary
- 2nd – J. Meehan

All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 250,059.78

Motion – J. Meehan

2nd – J. McCleary

All in favor: Carried.

Council Committee Appointments

Motion – J. Granstrom

2nd – P. MacAdams

All in Favor: Carried.

Open to Council:

G. Gilbert said we need to get in touch with Congressman Norcross to address this flooding situation on our circle. We need to look into federal and state funding. We also should look into a possible seawall. G. Gilbert also said we should use our Facebook messages as correspondences to be read at our meetings. Everyone thought this was a good idea and the clerk should start presenting them at the future meetings.

P. MacAdams said we need to revamp our town website. There is a lot of old information throughout the site. The clerk said that the site will get updated over the next couple of weeks.

J. McCleary told everyone that April 9th, 2016 will be the day for the 3rd Annual ALS Run/Walk. She invites everyone to come out or volunteer their time to help with the event. She also said that the DPW did a great job cleaning the streets after the snow storm.

Resolution #65-16 Executive Session for Personnel Matters for approximately one (1) hour at 8:16 pm:

Motion – G. Gilbert

2nd – P. MacAdams

All in Favor: Carried.

Reconvened from executive at 9:33pm.

Motion to Adjourn – J. McCleary

2nd – G. Gilbert

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk