

Public Meeting
October 17th, 2016

Meeting was opened by T. Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, P. Moses, M. Mevoli, P. McConnell, and G. Gilbert. J. Granstrom 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 September 19th, 2016:

Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – J. McCleary
All In Favor: Carried.

Committee Reports:

Motion – J. McCleary
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried.

Open to the Public:

Denise Mackey, 101 Fourth Street, spoke about the deplorable conditions of the apartments. She has lived next to the apartments for many years and this is the worse she has ever seen it. She said between the noise, cursing, firing of a weapon, and trash, they have no clue what to do. She also talked about being forced to move if something doesn't get done. Mayor Branella sympathized with the resident and told her that council is working on a plan for the apartments. Mayor Branella also said that this is the hot button topic around town and are looking at many option. Council will advise her of the progress.

Engineers Report from Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering:

Item #1-4: No update.

Item #7: Still waiting for permission from the DOT to resume reconstruction of Sixth Street.

Item #9: We have completed a curb ramp plan throughout the borough. We hope to start implementing the plan in 2017.

Item #11 & 12: We were awarded \$25,000 Open Space Recreational Grant. The money is going to be used to continue the walking path along the waterfront. G. Fusco wants to use the rest of the contract with Pioneer Contracting to put in curb ramps for the path. The CFO approved the request.

Item #13: No Change from previous month. We are still waiting on the DEP for our application for the pump station on Creek Road under the USDA. When we receive approval, we will commence with the bidding process. The clerk asked that they speed up the process as much as possible since they are doing work along Creek Road and can streamline the process of installing the pump station while everything is opened up.

Greg Fusco thanked everyone for the time.

Old Business

Ordinance:

- #18-16 Approving Grant Easement Block 128 Lot 1
Public Hearing – Nothing Noted from Public.
Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – G. Gilbert
All in Favor: Carried.

New Business

Resolutions:

- # 132-16 Application of Bingo License for Rotary Club of Camden
- # 133-16 Authorization to Apply Municipal Liens
- # 134-16 Referring Certain Matters to Brooklawn P/Z for Recommendation and Review
- # 135-16 Application of Bingo and Raffle License for People for the Poor
- # 136-16 Authorizing Chapter 159 Body Armor Grant for \$ 981.19
- # 137-16 Authorizing Chapter 159 Drunk Driving Enforcement Grant for \$ 3,427.32
Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 536,929.03

- Motion – J. McCleary
- 2nd – M. Mevoli
- All in Favor: Carried.

Open to Council:

Everyone on council praised the Fall Festival held on October 15th. They thanked all the police, public works, and the volunteers who contributed their time at the event. Special thanks to T. Twichell, P. McConnell, P. Moses, J. Meehan, and Kim Meehan for running the event. P. Moses thanked the chief of police for getting the Camden County K-9 Unit.

Mayor Branella talked about the county looking to renaming Little Timber Creek to Sassackon Creek. She wants to support the change and wants to vote on the issue at the next meeting. She also spoke about renaming Bergen Street because there has been many

residents who do not get their mail. She explained that Gloucester has a Bergen Street also. Since we have the same zip code, mail has been incorrectly delivered over the years. She ask the solicitor to help in possibly renaming the street. Mayor Branella asked council to consider instituting a non-smoking policy at all our public places in the near future. We are one of few towns who have not embraced this ordinance.

R. Giles asked everyone if they review the Best Practices for 2016. Everyone acknowledged that they reviewed the document. R. Giles said we scored a 26 out of 30 and did not lose any state funding.

Resolution #138-16 Executive Session – Three (3) issues: two (2) pending litigation and one (1) personnel. Approximately 40 minutes. Action may be taken when returning to public.

Motion at 7:48pm – M. Mevoli

2nd – G. Gilbert

All in Favor: Carried.

Reconvened at 8:30pm.

Resolution #139-16 Enter into Settlement in Matter of Brody v. Brooklawn for Rental Property Registration

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – P. Moses

All in Favor: Carried.

Motion to Adjourn – M. Mevoli

2nd – P. McConnell

All in Favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk