

Public Meeting  
August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Meeting was opened by Mayor Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were G. Gilbert, T. MacAdams, Mike Mevoli, Jerry Granstrom, and Julie McCleary. 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 June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012:**

Motion – M. Mevoli  
2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert  
All in favor: Carried.

Mayor Branella swore in new council member Patrick MacAdams for the vacated seat on council.

**Correspondence:**

Karen Mikle wrote a letter thanking mayor and council for allow vacation bible school to use the Community Center for two weeks.

**Engineer's Report:** Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering

1) The construction/repaving of Community Road and Christiana Street bidding process has commenced on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Since all the bids were higher then expected, he recommends that council reject all bids. He will redo the specifications to lower the cost and re-bid the job in the upcoming month.

2) The replacement of the firehouse roof located on S Wilson took place on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. All bids received exceeded the estimates. He recommends that council reject all bids and see if we can come up with another course of action.

3) The subdivision of land near C & L Machinery, located on Town Center, has been approved by P/Z board at the last meeting. He is ready to move forward with the sale of land at the advice of council.

4) He is finishing up the pre application for the USDA project.

5) He stated that Brooklawn has received the Open Space Recreation Grant – Round 12 of \$25,000. The money will be used to fix up the various ball fields in Brooklawn.

6) M. Mevoli asked about the left over money in the CDBG funds. The clerk informed everyone that there was approximately \$13,000 for last year and roughly \$6,700 left over from two years ago. J. Granstrom asked if that money could be used to put in poles on Timber Blvd. for protection against wayward vehicles. He is concerned that cars will run the stop sign and run into the playground or gazebo. G. Fusco stated he would look into it. The clerk said that according to the project list, we allocated last year funds to fix sidewalks around town. The clerk said he would forward the engineer the list of sidewalks that need to be repaired or replaced.

**Open to the Public:**

1) Dan Friel, 203 Pennsylvania Road, asked if we could get rid of the clothing bin by Brooklawn Diner. It sits on an empty lot and is always overflowing. The mayor said that we have been working on the issue and should be rectified soon.

2) Bernie Collins, 222 Pennsylvania Road, thanked the DPW for helping him remove a huge branch that fell on his house. He asked council about what can be done about recovering the deductible needed for the housing repairs since the tree is technically on Borough property. The clerk said he would reach out to the insurance company and call him about the course of action needed.

**Committee Reports:**

Motion – G. Gilbert  
2<sup>nd</sup> – M. Mevoli  
All in Favor: Carried.

**Old Business:**

1. Ordinances:

Ordinance # 10-12                      Vacancy of Land Ordinance  
Second Reading  
Public Hearing

Dan Friel, 203 Pennsylvania Road, asked with this subdivision, C & L Machinery is possibly building a new facility. Are they going to keep the equipment inside cause it looks like a mess around the facility with equipment everywhere? The solicitor stated that we have to see what the master plan is before we can make a determination but with a bigger building, storage should not be an issue. Closed to the public.

Motion – G. Gilbert  
2<sup>nd</sup> – M. Mevoli  
Gilbert - yes  
Granstrom – yes  
P. MacAdams – abstained  
T. MacAdams – yes  
J. McCleary – yes  
M. Mevoli - yes

**New Business:**

1. Resolutions:

# 115-12    Authorizing Municipal Lien - Block 109 Lot 19  
# 116-12    Authorizing Municipal Lien - Block 20 Lot 25  
# 117-12    Authorizing Camden County Housing Rehabilitation Program  
# 118-12    Authorizing the Renewal in the Southern NJ Regional Employee Benefits Fund  
# 119-12    Rejection of All Bids for Fire House Roof  
# 120-12    Rejection of All Bids for Repaving of Christian Street  
# 121-12    Acceptance of the Resignation – Barbara Lewis  
# 122-12    Appointment of CFO – Ryan Giles

Motion – J. McCleary  
2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert  
All in favor: Carried.

P. MacAdams - abstained

**Approval of payment of bills: \$ 963,175.86**

Motion – M. Mevoli

2<sup>nd</sup> – J. Granstrom

All in favor: Carried.

P. MacAdams - abstained

**Open to Council:**

Mayor and council welcomed Patrick MacAdams to council. They all wish him the best of luck.

P. MacAdams thanked everyone for the opportunity and looks forward to working with everyone.

G. Gilbert said that he and J. McCleary have decided that Shelton Anderson should be our website designer. He feels that he had the best understanding of what the borough wants in a new website. He motioned for resolution:

# 123-12 Executing a Contract with Shelton Anderson for Web Site Design

Motion – G. Gilbert

2<sup>nd</sup> - M. Mevoli

All in Favor: Carried.

The clerk informed everyone that one of the trash trucks broke down last week and needs \$5,000 in repairs. We need to look at some options for a possible new truck. The DPW superintendent will have a cost analysis at the next work session.

The clerk informed council that there are a couple of properties in town that we keep applying liens. We never receive any money on these properties either. These properties are deemed unusable. It is the suggestion of the tax collector to changed these properties to a zero assessed value. This would eliminate taxing land that will not result in payment of the taxes. If we see a use for these properties, we can foreclose on them. The clerk said he would have paperwork of the locations and more information at the work session.

The clerk thanked everyone on council for giving him a chance to work in the Borough without having all the necessary licenses to fulfill the job. He passed the state exam for CFO and now has all the licenses needed. Mayor and council congratulated the clerk in his hard work and look forward to continuing to work with him.

**Motion to Adjourn – G. Gilbert**

2<sup>nd</sup> – J. Granstrom

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles  
Borough Clerk