

Work Session  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

Meeting was opened by Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, J. Meehan, M. Mevoli, P. MacAdams, and G. Gilbert. Absent were J. Granstrom. 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.

**Approval of Committee Reports:**

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

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

Item #1: We applied for the Camden County Improvement Authority HOME Fund. We are looking to purchase 7 vacant homes to be renovated and used as rental unit by the Borough. The total cost would be \$1,354,640. 75% would be paid by the improvement authority. We should know the results by the end of the year.

Item #2: 2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application is due by October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Our Office has contacted D. Domico for recommendations on Street Project. The street that was suggested for repair was Sixth Street.

Item #3: Open Space Round 15 Application for pedestrian improvements along Timber Boulevard was due on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The application was submitted. The committee has awarded \$25,000 for the improvements. We are going to go out for bidding in January 2015.

Item #5: Year 35, & 36 CDBG money will be used for sidewalk replacement throughout the borough. We receive DOT funding for Community Road. We are going to combine the DOT project with the CDBG and bid them together. The first bids were rejected in July. The bidding was done on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Charles Marandino was the low bid. The scope of work was estimated to low in comparison to the project cost that was bid. It is our recommendations to ask for discretionary aid of \$60,000 to complete the project. The clerk said there is a resolution on the agenda to approve the application. We can hold off on awarding until we receive the extra funds. G. Fusco said he is confident that they will receive the funds. We are still in a holding pattern.

Item #6: The railroad crossing project is near completion. They need to complete the pier caps, line striping, fencing, and gates. The last portion of the roadway is expected to be completed by PSEG after they are finished with their project. Voucher No. 3 is ready for processing at your next meeting.

Item #7: The DOT announced their street project. We were awarded the street improvement along Community Road, we can bid our sidewalk project within the DOT grant as stated in Item 4 of the report. All bids in July were rejected for being too high. See Item # 5 explanation for more information.

Item #8: USDA project application is fully completed. We have received approval on both applications. We have signed the letter of intent. Sanitary Sewer Improvements will be \$1,537,000.00 at 3.25% for 40 year loan and \$111,000 grant. Water Improvements will be \$1,141,000 at 3.25% for 40 year loan and \$509,300 grant. The preliminary money has been acquired and we are moving forward with preliminary work.

Item #12: The Brooklawn Diner is moving along with construction. They appeared before the P/Z board and the plan was accepted. They are removing underground storage tanks. They will then resurface the parking lot. They should be open in Early January 2015.

G. Fusco gave a presentation on the reason and need to continue with the USDA project. The presentation had a proposed impact on the residents of Brooklawn. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Branella asked that we present the information at our January public meeting. The mayor said we would decide how to approach the financial impact at the January work session.

Everyone thanked G. Fusco for his time.

**Open to Public:**

Nothing Noted from Public.

**Resolutions:**

- # 140-14 Authorize Kei Engineering to Submit RFP to Camden County Improvement Authority
- Motion – J. McCleary
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – P. MacAdams.
- All in Favor: Carried.

**Open to Council:**

M. Mevoli informed everyone that the Christmas Tree Lighting is to be moved to December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. The weather forecast is the reason for the change. He hopes to see everyone there.

G. Gilbert asked about what can be done about the train horn at all hours at night. The solicitor informed everyone that they must hit the horn at all crosswalks. He went on to explain that we may put an application in for a quiet zone. Since it's really not used for vehicle crossing, we should be approved. Mayor Branella asked the solicitor to put the application together.

P. MacAdams let everyone know that the EMS put a grant application together for a new ambulance. They hope to know if they were awarded in early 2015. He also showed

concern for the amount of money needed to fund the USDA project. The mayor said we will address all concerns at the next work session.

J. Meehan told everyone that Gary Rinear Sr and Joe Connors will be at our next meeting to discuss our 9/11 memorial. They want to put together a plan to maintain the lighting and the structures. He also asked about putting a crosswalk across New Broadway between the two bus stop shelters. He also said maybe put a “Don’t block the Box” for the above intersection to allow better traffic flow on both sides to turn in and out of Town Center. A lengthy conversation on the crosswalk went on for approximately 20 minutes among the council members. It was decided to put an ordinance together and present it to the County office for approval. If it is approved, we would be able to put a crosswalk at that location. We would wait for the County decision to further discuss this issue.

**Motion to Adjourn** – M. Mevoli

2<sup>nd</sup> – P. MacAdams

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles  
Borough Clerk