

WorkSession Meeting
June 6th, 2012

Meeting was opened by Mayor Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were G. Gilbert, J. Granstrom, R. Boulden, J. McCleary, T. MacAdams, and T. Branella. 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

Engineer's Report – Updated of ongoing projects by Greg Fusco, Kei Associates.

1) C & L Machine Shop – We are starting the process of getting a subdivision for the property surrounding C & L. Once we get the subdivision done, we will be able to begin the preliminary fieldwork. The clerk will keep in contact with the owner throughout the process and keep him informed of the procedures.

2) Open Space along waterfront – We have been in contact with Rick Brown. We need to schedule a meeting to see what we can afford to this project.

3) DOT Grant for Christiana Street – We are hoping to go out to bid in July for this project. We think that the bidding process will give us a competitive price because a lot of people are looking for work.

4) USDA Funding – Spoke about how USDA provides funding and grants to municipalities for infrastructure like sewer and water lines. He told us about how another town got a long-term bond for 40 years with 2.5%. He said if we put up money for this project we get grants to help fund the yearly installments to pay the debt. We have a meeting scheduled for June 19th at the Borough Hall. We will keep everyone updated.

Everyone thanks G. Fusco for his time.

Open to Public

No questions or comments.

Committee Reports

Motion to approve reports – G. Gilbert
2nd – J. McCleary
All in favor: Carried.

Resolutions

- # 97-12 Appointment of Registrar – Ryan Giles
 - # 98-12 Appointment of Deputy Registrar – Anna Minix
 - # 99-12 Appointment of Alternate Deputy Registrar – Maria Branson
- Motion – J. Granstrom

2nd – G. Gilbert
All in Favor: Carried.

Discussion/Committee Updates

1) T. Branella:

Talked about having vendors at the fireworks. Council agreed that we should allow vendors sell hot dogs, pretzels, and glow sticks at the waterfront during the fireworks. She also let everyone know they were invited to the school graduation next week and the tickets are in everyone bins. She discussed that Public Works is working hard of getting the trees and branches out of the river.

2) T. McAdams:

Let council know that residents were not happy about the water rate increases.

3) J. Granstrom:

The circle flooding needs to get fixed. It seems to be getting worse everyday. Maybe we should start going to Norcross or Andrews for help. He says that we will get the contacts needed and keep pressing the issue. “The squeaky wheel gets the grease.”

4) G. Gilbert:

Informed council about the rehabbing of the Borough house on Paris Avenue. He stated that the bathroom was not level and he is in between a he said she said battle of the contractors. He thinks the bathroom should be fixed. He also said that he is putting together a green team for Sustainable Jersey. It's the next process enabling Brooklawn to apply for grants that help municipalities go green.

T. Branella spoke about one of our Firemen who suddenly passed away the previous week. She asked everyone to take a moment of silence.

5) T.Higgins: Solicitor

Explained to council about the amendments made to the Attendance Policy ordinance. The previous ordinance was to make all absentees of meetings unexcused until excused by council. This amendment make absentees of meetings excused and allows council to deem them unexcused as they see fit.

6) R. Giles: Borough Clerk

Informed everyone that J. McKinney asked if we could put a light up at the firehouse facing the tracks. We have been having trouble with undesirables hanging out there. The cost would be free for PSEG to put up the light and \$40 dollars per month to keep it lit. He was asking if the Borough would pay the reoccurring cost. J. Granstrom thought that was high and didn't think it was worth it. He suggested that we put it on the Firehouse building ourselves and have a motion sensor put on it. The clerk said he would inform J. McKinney.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn – G. Gilbert
2nd – J. Granstrom
All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk