

Public Meeting
March 16th, 2015

Meeting was opened by Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, M. Mevoli, P. MacAdams, and G. Gilbert. J. Granstrom and J. Meehan 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 February 23rd, 2015:

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

Committee Reports:

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – P. MacAdams
All in Favor: Carried.

Old Business:

Ordinance:

3-15 Amending Chapter 116 – Rental Properties
Second Reading
Public Hearing – Nothing Noted from the Public.
Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – M. Mevoli
All in Favor: Carried.

New Business:

Ordinance:

4-15 COLA Ordinance
5-15 Amending Chapter 102: Jewelry, Gems, and Precious Metals
Motion – J. McCleary
2nd – P. MacAdams
All in Favor: Carried.

Introduction of 2015 Municipal Budget:

The budget is being introduced with a 3.5 cent increase which will have a cost of \$47.41 increase for a household assessed at \$137,000.

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – G. Gilbert
All in Favor: Carried.

Resolutions:

73-15 Calling for New Jersey Legislature to Adopt a More Sensible Approach to Affordable Housing
74-15 Authorization to Apply Municipal Lien Block 23 Lot 6

75-15 Approval of Bingo License for Church of the Holy Spirit
Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

P. MacAdams left meeting.

Engineers Report from Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering:

Item #1: We have submitted for CDBG Year 37 funding. The money has been allocated for fixing homes purchased through the HOME Fund program.

Item #2: We were awarded \$200,000 from Camden County Improvement Authority to purchase three homes in the borough. We are in the early stages in the project.

Item #4: Round 15 of Camden County Open Space awarded Brooklawn \$25,000. The money is to be used to start a pedestrian trail along the waterfront.

Item #6&8: CDBG Years 34, 35, and 36 funding is combined with DOT project on Community Road to resurface the road and install a sidewalk along the street to extend to the playground by the school.

Item #9: The cold weather is coming to an end, so we are going to continue the fieldwork and commence with the design of the water and sewer improvements.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 398,633.11

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – G. Gilbert
All in favor: Carried.

Open to the Public:

Ron Villanova, 207 Horton Avenue, asked what kind of criteria was used by USDA for the selection process. He heard at the previous meeting that some criteria was based on demographics. R. Giles explained that the criteria in demographics related to population size and median income. Mr. Villanova asked if ethnicity is in the criteria. T. Higgins said ethnicity does not play a role in the criteria but let us check with the USDA and we will get back to you. Mr. Villanova thanked everyone for their time.

Open to Council:

G. Gilbert said he is looking forward to the 5k Race on April 11th.

J. McCleary reminded everyone of the 2nd Annual MacAdams/Vitola 5K is on Saturday April 11th at 9am. She invites everyone to come out and show support. She said we have meetings every Monday until the event and if anyone wants to volunteer to please let her know. Pastor Amey will be conducting a town wide cleanup day on March 28th from 9-11am.

M. Mevoli reminded everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt is on April 4th, at the Brooklawn firehouse. He invites everyone to come out and join the fun. He also recognized the

police department for great work over the past couple of months. Two officers received praise for their recent work.

Motion to Adjourn – J. Granstrom

2nd – G. Gilbert

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk