

Public Meeting
May 19th, 2014

Meeting was opened by Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, J. Granstrom, P. MacAdams, and M. Mevoli. The Solicitor was Timothy Higgins, Esq.. G. Gilbert and J. Meehan was absent.

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 April 21st & May 7th, 2014:

Motion – J. Granstrom

2nd – P. MacAdams

All in favor: Carried.

M. Mevoli abstained from May 7th minutes approval.

Open to Public:

Jim Blymer, 20 Second Street, spoke of his concern of the new Broadway bridge project not fixing the flooding issue. It was originally supposed to raise the road up to the railroad tracks in Gloucester. He said he spoke to some of the contractors and they said that part of the project is not going to happen. He feels that this bridge project will not fix the flooding issue that hinders our resident's ability to leave the west side of town. Mayor Branella said she would reach out to our county representative and express our concern. Mr. Blymer also expressed his concerns over the Old Salem and Creek Road Project that will place a traffic light on Route 130 and block drivers making a left onto Creek Road from the Brooklawn Circle. He feels this is going to create more of a problem on the Circle. Mayor Branella said that his concerns are noted and will be brought up to the DOT representatives at a meeting next week.

Pat Newcome, 117 Pennsylvania Road, said she is getting tired of these cats roaming onto her property. She said they are unregistered and thinks the neighbor is caring for them. Mayor Branella explained that there is a new ordinance for animals. She asked Mrs. Newcome to see her after the meeting to discuss in more detail.

Dan Friel, 203 Pennsylvania Road, asked if anything is getting done about the lines being flushed for routine maintenance of water and sewer lines. He also asked about a no wake zone sign being placed at the waterfront. D. Domico, DPW Superintendent, said she knows the lines are still on the semiannual maintenance schedule. She said she is still in the process of getting a new wake zone sign put in along the water. Mr. Friel asked if anything at C & L Machines is getting done for a new building. He feels it looks terrible with all the equipment everywhere. Mayor Branella said they are still moving forward with a new building. She said she will reach out to them and see where they are with the project.

Closed to the public.

Old Business:

Ordinance:

3-14 Salary Ordinance

4-14 Amending Chapter 102: Precious Metals, Gems, and Jewelry

5-14 Amending Chapter 82A: Fees for Public Records

Second Reading
Public Hearing – No Questions or Comments from the Public.
Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

New Business:

Ordinance:

6-14 Amending Chapter 116: Rental Properties
7-14 Capital Ordinance - \$495,000
First Reading
Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. McCleary
All in Favor: Carried.

Resolutions:

92-14 Authorize Chapter 159 – Municipal Public Access Planning Grant for \$10,000
93-14 Renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2014-2015
94-14 Authorization to Apply Municipal Liens
Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – P. MacAdams
All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 562,907.30

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

Open to Council:

D. Domico said she was pleased with how well the fireworks were done. She thanked R. Thomas, Fire Safety Inspector, for all his help. He did a great job.

J. Granstrom said he been working with companies to get a fence for the new hydrants and hoses for watering the ball fields near the school. He is also finishing working with vendors to fix a couple of broken windows and doors at the Legion Stand. M. Mevoli expressed his concern over the vandalism that cause the broken windows and doors. He feels we need video cameras and have a zero tolerance for anyone causing damage. D. Domico said that she will look into how much her cameras were in Westville. She has cameras that have the ability to zoom in and read license plates. Everyone agreed to get pricing. M. Mevoli asked the clerk to reach out to the school and see if they will be willing to help.

P. MacAdams asked if we can advertise the town wide yard sale in different platforms. He feels that other towns do more advertisements. Mayor Branella said they only have a limited budget and advertise in all the surrounding newspapers. P. MacAdams asked that we raise the fee a little to have the ability to get more exposure. Mayor Branella said she is open to raising the nominal fee for next year.

Motion to Adjourn – J. McCleary

2nd – M. Mevoli
All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk