

WorkSession Meeting  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

Meeting was opened by Mayor Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were G. Gilbert, J. Granstrom, R. Boulden, M. Mevoli, 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 have been in contact with the owner about his plans to expand. We found that in order for us to sell the land he needs, we need to do a subdivision of the property. When we do this, we can better evaluate the cost of the actual property he needs.
- 2) Open Space along waterfront – We have been in contact with Rick Brown. We are in the process of putting some mapping together and see what can be done at the waterfront.
- 3) DOT Grant for Christiana Street – We would like to begin fieldwork on this project since we got the grant later than usual. The estimated cost is about \$4,000. Council agreed to move forward with the initial fieldwork.
- 4) M. Mevoli suggested that we get moving on the grading of soil for drainage at the Barth Baseball Field so we use up the money allocated for the project from the Open Space Recreational Grant. G. Gilbert asked about the Paris Avenue land for redevelopment. G. Fusco said that outside of his plan for the Open Space project, there would be some land left that can be developed.

Everyone thanks G. Fusco for his time.

### **Open to Public**

No questions or comments.

### **Committee Reports**

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

### **Resolutions**

- # 88-12 Authorizing Kei to prepare Bid Specs for Firehouse Roof
  - # 89-12 Authorizing the Increase in Late Fee for Borough Rental Properties
- Motion – J. Granstrom  
2<sup>nd</sup> – G. Gilbert

All in Favor: Carried.

### **Discussion/Committee Updates**

1) T. Branella:

a) We made up to list that we should look at from time to time. They are the Grant and Project list. This should help us keep up-to-date about what is being done in town. The clerk will continually update the lists.

b) We are working on the sign ordinance at the next planning and zoning meeting. She expects some owners to come to the meeting and discuss problems with the current ordinance.

c) Informed everyone that the project on the Broadway Bridge will begin on May 14<sup>th</sup>. She asked everyone if they know someone with a disability that will be affected by NJ Transit not running along Broadway during this project. We can reach out to Access Link to maybe help them.

2) J. Granstrom:

Asked D. Domico, DPW Superintendent; if we can put some seeds down at the waterfront cause there are areas that need some grass. He thinks it would look a lot nicer if these parts had grass.

3) G. Gilbert:

a) Informed council about the rehabbing of the Borough house on Paris Avenue. He stated that the bathroom will be done in a few days and that the tenants will be able to move back in. B. Wasson will be going into two houses that never have been rehabbed later this week. M. Mevoli suggested that B. Wasson take pictures at all the Borough houses when he does his yearly inspection. This way, we will be able to foresee any problem areas of these homes and can fix problem areas before they start.

b) He wants to cite the owners of the billboard at the end of Old Salem Road. The grass around the base of the sign is overgrown.

c) We need to get a professional website designed for our town. If we are going to start building a marketing plan that J. McCleary suggested, we must get a better website. The clerk will see if we can get our current tech company to come out and present a proposal for us at our next meeting.

4) R. Boulden

a) Went to a Fire Company meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> concerning liquor liability. She explained that right now, when we host a party with liquor, we are not covered nor is the person in charge of the event. If a member of the fire company has a party, we are covered. It was suggested by our Insurance carrier that all agreements have a held harmless agreement. It was suggested that all rentals, to outside host, get insurance for liquor liability. These one day insurance can be anywhere from \$100 - \$350. R. Boulden thinks that this will really hinder the fire company's ability to get rentals. She also thinks we need to explore options on how to help. She will keep everyone posted.

b) Wanted to discuss Ordinance # 3-11 about the unexcused absents. She stated that she was unaware that unexcused absent would affect the money being paid to the council

or planning board members. The ordinance says that anyone who misses four (4) meeting could have his or her seat vacated. She would need permission from council to excuse her for those four meetings, if she wished to miss them. She says that before she went on vacation that she would miss four meetings, but after talking with the Mayor and clerk, she decided to come back early so she didn't fail to miss four (4) meetings. She was deducted from her pay the meetings she missed. She thought it only affected you for vacancy. She also feels that it is not worded properly. J. Granstrom stated that the ordinance is too vague and you cannot tell what constitutes an excused absent. He suggested that we revisit the ordinance at the next work session. The solicitor said he would revise the ordinance and bring it for discussion at the next meeting.

Motion to make my unexcused absent an excused absent – R. Boulden  
2<sup>nd</sup> – none made  
Motion Denied.

5) R. Giles: Borough Clerk

Informed everyone that we are doing a bond ordinance for the DOT grant. Asked council if they are still in favor of a new fire truck and stretcher for EMS, so he can include it in the bond. The council agreed that the ordinance should include the fire truck and stretcher. He said he would have it ready at the next meeting.

T. Higgins, Esq. informed council that a police incident occurred in Bellmawr involving one of our officers on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012. He stated that the Chief is following the proper protocols.

**Adjournment:**

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

Ryan Giles  
Borough Clerk