

Public Meeting
October 19th, 2015

Meeting was opened by T. Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were M. Mevoli, J. McCleary, J. Granstrom, J. Meehan and P. MacAdams. G. Gilbert 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 September 21st, 2015:

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

Committee Reports:

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

Class II Special Officer John Reader IV was sworn in by Mayor Branella

Open to the Public:

Ben Gismondi, 13 Creek Road, asked council to help him change the zoning of his property. He feels that he can sell the property if the zoning changes from a light industrial to residential. Mayor Branella asked the clerk to send the engineer the block and lot so they can review the request. The Mayor told Mr. Gismondi they would look into the issue.

Jennifer Baldwin, 304 New Jersey, explained a situation with her neighbors. She said the property next door is a rental property and the tenants are abusive. She says they also keep the property a mess. The solicitor told her that the situation is in the courts and we cannot discuss the situation further with her. He said that we will send a code enforcer to the property and make sure it's following the code

Engineers Report from Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering:

Item #1: We are working of developing a quiet zone at the railroad crossing at Memorial Park and Town Center. We will have a letter to the DOT Railroad Division on behalf of the Mayor before the next meeting.

Item #2: We were asked by the clerk office to put together a plan to put curb ramps in throughout the borough. We will get a plan together and present it to the council.

Item #12: We are working with Verchio's Produce to redo their lighting and parking lot. The work should enhance the accessibility of the parking lot for consumers. The site plan and escrow is in the possession of the clerk. The project is underway. It should be done by the next meeting.

Item #14: The Brooklawn Shopping Center redevelopment project is still a work in progress. The parking lot is taking shape. They have a few stores going into the location within the next few months.

G. Fusco thanked everyone for the time.

Old Business

Ordinance:

- # 15-15 Amending Chapter 56 – Animals
 - Second Reading
 - Public Hearing
 - Motion – M. Mevoli
 - 2nd – J. McCleary
 - All in Favor: Carried.

New Business

Ordinance:

- # 16-15 Amending Chapter 116 – Rental Certificate of Occupancy
 - First Reading
 - Motion – J. Meehan
 - 2nd – M. Mevoli
 - All in Favor: Carried.

Resolutions:

- # 123-15 Authorizing Bingo License for People for the Poor
- # 124-15 Authorizing to Apply Municipal Liens
- # 125-15 Authorizing Shared Service with Voorhees for Fire Sub-Code
- # 126-15 Appointment of DPW Employee – Donald Schueller
- # 127-15 Cancellation of Utility Taxes for Block 112 Lot 4
 - Motion – J. McCleary
 - 2nd – J. Meehan
 - All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 323,737.83

- Motion – J. Meehan
- 2nd – J. Granstrom
- All in favor: Carried.

Open to Council:

Everyone on council thanked the people who helped with the harvest festival. The event was a great success. The Mayor said that Todd Twichell and Patrick Moses will be at the next meeting and we can properly thank them in person.

R. Giles explained to everyone that the county has released the abstract of ratables for all the towns in Camden County. The borough's town wide assessment decreased again. This will bring the total assessed value for the town to over 118%. The assessor thinks we should do another town wide revaluation. The cost for an in-house revaluation will be approximately \$50,000. The Mayor said we can discuss it further at the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn – J. McCleary

2nd – G. Gilbert

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk