

WorkSession Meeting
October 2nd, 2013

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

Committee Reports

Motion – G. Gilbert
2nd – J. Meehan
All in Favor: Carried.

Engineer's Report – Update of ongoing projects by Greg Fusco, Kei Associates:

Item #1 – DOT municipal aide for 2014 was submitted for extension of Christiana Street Project.

Item #2 – CDBG Year 35 project for select sidewalks is ready to begin. The money should become available later this month.

Item #5 – CDBG Year 34 project for playground fence shall be completed by the end of the week.

Item #7 – Railroad crossing project is ready for bidding. The clerk said the bid date of October 17th was good to use. G. Fusco said he will go ahead and advertise the bid date.

Item #8 – The fire house and water plant roof replacement project is still in the spec building phase. We are going to have two alternates for bidding. Hope to advertise by end of October.

Item #9 – Our USDA project has been submitted and we will wait for a response in November.

Everyone thanked G. Fusco for his time and expertise.

Presentation of Website design by Jason Springer

Mr. Springer said his company JRS Strategies can have a website within two months if we get all the content to him as soon as possible. He presented council the scope of work he will perform. He suggested we have one point of contact within the borough. Council elected the clerk to be the contact. Council thanked him for his presentation and informed the clerk that they have decided to hire JRS Strategies. The clerk will have a resolution for next meeting.

Open to Public

No questions or concerns noted.

Closed to the Public

Resolutions:

- #135-13 Refund of Overpayment of Property Taxes
- #136-13 Authorize Change Order No. 1 for Granturk Equipment
- #137-13 Authorize Application for Bingo License
- #138-13 Refund of Overpayment of Utility Bill

Motion – G. Gilbert

2nd – M. Mevoli

All in Favor: Carried.

Discussion/Committee Updates

Ryan Giles, Borough Clerk:

He informed council about the new textile recycling program that will begin in a few weeks. Every household will have unique bags to place all the clothes, belts, blankets, cloths, and shoes they no longer need. Anyone who places a bag out front of their house will receive a new bag to replace the one taken. The pick-up will be once a month. He explained that the borough will receive .10 per pound / \$200 per ton. With the cost of \$65 dollars per ton to dump our trash, we will save approximately 3 tons of trash tipping fees for every ton of textiles recycled. We are also the second town in the state to start this program.

He explained that the Best Practices worksheet was completed. We scored 39 points out of 50. This will penalize the borough 20 percent of the last state aid payment or 1 percent of the total aid for Brooklawn. Everyone wants to make sure we fix the points we did not receive for next year.

The school referendum is scheduled for December 10th, 2013. The school board has asked us to put together a few quotes for the referendum. If you have anything to say, please forward to the clerk.

Our code enforcer came across a new type on abandon property ordinance. This ordinance requires foreclosed homes to register their property with the borough for a fee. This ordinance fee only occurs if the bank is not actively seeking new owners for the property. Bellmawr just passed this type of ordinance in early June. The council asked the solicitor to have the new ordinance for the next meeting.

M. Mevoli:

Let everyone know that Halloween is from 3pm til 7pm. He asked everyone to enjoy all the trick or treat kids. He also mentioned that we have the hay wagon again for the hay ride.

G. Gilbert:

He told everyone that they have blueprints ready for the house on 304 New Broadway. They will be going out for proposal within the next month.

J. McCleary:

She invited everyone for the Arbor Day celebration on October 19th at Noreg Circle. They are planting a tree in honor of Tom MacAdams. The event is at 11am.

She also informed everyone that she is organizing a race for ALS in Tom MacAdams name. We have set the tentative date as April 12th, 2014. The clerk will reach out to the Athletic Association to ensure there is no conflicts with Brooklawn Baseball Opening Day.

Mayor Branella:

She invited everyone to attend a benefit for the family of Tom MacAdams. The event is October 26th, 2013 at Nexxt Level sports in Voorhees. Proceed go to help the family finance the medical care of Tom MacAdams' two rare diseases. She encourages everyone to attend or donate a few dollars.

J. Granstrom:

He informs everyone that his committee has decided to hire two people for the DPW job opening. The two people recommended for the job is Wayne Cummiskey and Matt Shields. Mayor asked to go into executive for a few minutes to discuss any concerns to the hiring of these two individuals.

Closed to council.

Resolution #139-13 Executive Session (Personnel Matters/Hiring)

Estimated Time is 15 Minutes

Time of Session 8:15pm

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – G. Gilbert

All in Favor: Carried.

Reconvened at 9:12pm

Resolution #140-13 Appointment of DPW Employee – Wayne Cummiskey

Motion – J. McCleary

2nd – M. Mevoli

All in Favor: Carried

Resolution #141-13 Appointment of DPW Employee – Matt Shields

Motion – J. McCleary

2nd – P. MacAdams

All in Favor: Carried

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn – J. Meehan

2nd – P. MacAdams

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk