

Public Meeting
September 21st, 2015

Meeting was opened by T. Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were M. Mevoli, J. McCleary, G. Gilbert, J. Meehan and P. MacAdams. J. Granstrom 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 August 17th, 2015:

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

Committee Reports:

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. Meehan
All in Favor: Carried.

Mayor Branella introduced the Gonzales family to speak about [speak about Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva, the F.O.P. Awareness Initiative](#). Kristi and Rico Gonzales has a son named AJ who has the genetic disorder. Rico Gonzales spoke about how rare the disorder is and only 800 people worldwide is diagnosed with FOP. He said that the life expectancy is 40 years old and the disease forms bones throughout the body that normally would not form bones. Gary Whyte, an advocate for FOP, has been bringing the awareness of this rare disorder throughout New Jersey. Mr. Whyte said he wants to get every municipality to pass a resolution to bring awareness to FOP. He said he started this process in 2002 and had over 400 municipalities pass a resolution or proclamation. Mr. Whyte and the Gonzales family thanked everyone for their time.

[Mayor Branella asked for a motion to pass resolution # 114-15 Authorization to Support the FOP Awareness Initiative in New Jersey](#)

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

Mayor Branella thanked Mr. Whyte and the Gonzales family for bringing the attention to this rare disorder. She told them that she will reach out to the municipalities in Camden County that did not pass a resolution and encourage them to get involved.

Open to the Public:

Gary Rinear, 304 Marne Road, said that he wrote down numbers of transit buses that were making squeaking noises while braking. He gave the list to the mayor who said she

will reach out to the appropriate authority in NJ Transit. Mr. Rinear also gave an update on creating a timeline on the 9/11 Memorial. He presented council the stainless steel plates that will be used on the brick and pavers. Council thanked him for all his work and look forward in seeing the finished product.

Engineers Report from Scott Smith, Kei Engineering:

Item #4: We prepared the 2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid application for the reconstruction of Sixth Street to Lake Drive. Unfortunately we did not get award any funding for 2015. We are reapplying for same project for the 2016 Municipal Aid. The resolution is being passed tonight. The deadline is October 20th, 2015

Item #7: Reconstruction on Community Road is near completion. We have processed Voucher No. 3 in the amount of \$97,998.04 and Change Order No. 3 for review and consideration in tonight's meeting.

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 notices have been sent out and should be in the possession of the clerk by the end of the month.

S. Smith thanked everyone for the time.

Old Business

Ordinance:

- # 14-15 Amending Chapter 113 – Peace and Good Order
 - Second Reading
 - Public Hearing
 - Motion – J. Meehan
 - 2nd – P. MacAdams
 - All in Favor: Carried.

New Business

Ordinance:

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

Resolutions:

- # 111-15 Authorizing to Apply Municipal Liens
- # 112-15 Approval of Chapter 159 – NJDOT Grant for Community Road
- # 113-15 Authorizing Purchase of Certain Lands located at Block 3 Lot 3

- # 115-15 Authorizing Contract Execution with International Fireworks Manufacturing Company to Conduct a Fireworks Display
- # 116-15 Approval to submit a grant application with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the FY2016 Municipal Aid Funding Program for the Reconstruction of Sixth Avenue
- # 117-15 In Support of NJDOT Project for Replacement of Big Timber Bridge at Route 130 and Route 45
- # 118-15 Appointment of Class II Special Officer – John Reader IV
- # 119-15 Authorizing Bingo License for People for the Poor
- # 120-15 Authoring Change Order No. 3 for Charles Marandino
Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – G. Gilbert
All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 355,509.61

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

Open to Council:

M. Mevoli asked the clerk to contact the county or state about cleaning up and grass cutting on the Brooklawn Circles and Kings Highway intersection. He said the grass and trash never get taken care of until the grass and trash is overflowing the area. Mayor Branella said she would get the state contact for the property maintenance.

J. Meehan said the Fall Festival is coming on October 17th. He hopes everyone will come out and enjoy the day. There will be music, food and craft vendors, bounce house, pie eating contest, hayrides, and games.

Mayor Branella said she attended the Bag for Hunger event at Shoprite. She said everyone was notified late this year and was not able to let everyone on council know of the event.

Resolution # 121-15 Executive Session on Personnel Matters for approximately 20 minutes at 7:29pm.

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. Meehan
All in Favor: Carried.

Reconvened at 7:44pm.

Resolution # 122-15 Appointment of Police Officer Michael Brewster

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. Meehan
All in Favor: Carried.

Motion to Adjourn – J. McCleary

2nd – G. Gilbert

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles

Borough Clerk