

Work Session
September 3rd, 2014

Meeting was opened by Theresa Branella at 6:00pm. Those present were J. McCleary, J. Meehan, M. Mevoli, and J. Granstrom. Absent were P. MacAdams and G. Gilbert. 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: By Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering

Item #1: 2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application is due by October 14th, 2014. Our Office has contacted D. Domico for recommendations on Street Project. We are awaiting a response.

Item #2: Open Space Round 15 Application for pedestrian improvements along Timber Boulevard was due on March 31st. The application was submitted. The committee is still reviewing applications for consideration.

Item #3: Camden County Open Space Round 12 projects have been completed. We are awaiting canceled checks from the clerk's office to submit for reimbursement. The Clerk handed Mr. Fusco the information needed during the meeting.

Item #4: Year 35, & 36 CDBG money will be used for sidewalk replacement throughout the borough. We receive DOT funding for Community Road. We are going to combine the DOT project with the CDBG and bid them together. The first bids were rejected in July. Looking to bid in October to get more competitive pricing.

Item #5: The railroad crossing project is near completion. The crossing has changed to concrete in lieu of asphalt. This will extend the life of the crossing. The last portion of the roadway is expected to be completed by PSEG after they are finished with their project. Police Chief McKinney said the grading is really bad at the end of the concrete crossing. It is currently being used as an access road for PSEG to get onto the tracks. Chief McKinney said this will not allow any vehicle to cross the tracks in case of an emergency. Mr. Fusco said he will contact PSEG and make sure it is graded properly so vehicle may use in case of an emergency.

Item #6: The DOT announced their street project. We were awarded the street improvement along Community Road, we can bid our sidewalk project within the DOT grant as stated in Item 4 of the report. All bids in July were rejected for being too high. We are going to rebid the project in October.

Item #7: USDA project application is fully completed. We have received approval on both applications. We have signed the letter of intent. Sanitary Sewer Improvements will be \$1,537,000.00 at 3.25% for 40 year loan and \$111,000 grant. Water Improvements will be \$1,141,000 at 3.25% for 40 year loan and \$509,300 grant. We are

awaiting funding through a BAN. Once in place, we can begin our planning and engineering work.

Item #11: The Brooklawn Diner is moving along with construction. They appeared before the P/Z board last week and the plan was accepted. They should be open by the end of October.

Everyone thanked G. Fusco for his time.

Open to Public:

Nothing Noted from Public.

Open to Council:

G. Gilbert said that the borough house on New Broadway is finished. It turned out very nice. It is ready for someone to move in. The clerk said there is an interested party for that rental.

J. Granstrom said that the railroad crossing project looks nice but they needed to make the property safer for people crossing over it. There were a lot of hazards during the construction which make it dangerous for our residents to cross at that location. He said the clerk helped to set up a meeting with the engineer and project manager that same day. The issues were resolved and it looks safer now.

P. MacAdams said the EMS bought a new vehicle for transporting of equipment to and from emergency situations. The cost was \$3,000.

M. Mevoli spoke about possible speed bump placement around town. He said that the sprinkler system at the legion ball field has been fixed and revamped. He wants the water turned off in late October and back on in early march. He feels this will keep the pipes from freezing or breaking.

J. Meehan asked about getting the cost reimbursed for the water main break that was cause by the bridge contractors. He asked if we could get a crosswalk at the bus stop on New Broadway. The solicitor said it would need county approval and may be denied because of close proximity of a street light with crosswalk signal.

Mayor Branella has been looking into economic redevelopment. She has received a couple of phone contacts that she will reach out to. She said September 11th at 7pm will be Patriots Day at the Memorial Park. She ordered that only R. Giles, T. Twichell, and herself are allowed to respond to residence on social media. She feels there is too many people answering questions. She reminded everyone of the Shoprite's charity, Partners for Caring, are hosting their annual volunteer bagging day on September 17th at 11am. She encourages everyone to volunteer their time to bag some groceries. Bagging is not just a job it is an art form. She asked DPW to fix all the crooked signs around town. She also wants the engineer to look into a fence at the waterfront.

The mayor reopened the meeting to the public.

William Glaze, 57 Williams Avenue Deptford NJ 08096, wanted to speak to council about the possibility of a Marina on Block 109 Lot 1 on the tax Map. He said he spoke with the State offices and they informed him that this idea is great. He is asking the borough's permission to use the land to start the process. He said he would like to purchase the land for \$1 from the borough and if nothing is done in 2 years it will go back to the municipality. The municipality will receive new baseball fields and a new fire or police station in return for the land use, if anything is built. The solicitor said there is more to it than giving the land for a dollar. The lot is part of a redevelopment zone. He said there may be restrictions on the use and purchasing rights on the land. He also said there needs to be research done on the area. Mr. Glaze asked if we can move forward into coming up with an agreement after research has been done. The mayor asked to have a committee work with Mr. Glaze over the next few weeks and to schedule a meeting. The committee created was J. McCleary, G. Gilbert, and P. MacAdams. Everyone thanked Mr. Glaze for his time.

Resolution #110-14 Executive Session for Contract Issues 15 Minute Recess at 8:05pm – M. Mevoli

2nd – J. McCleary

All in Favor: Carried

Re-entered the meeting at 8:33pm.

Motion to Adjourn – M. Mevoli

2nd – J. McCleary

All in favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk