

Public Meeting
January 24th, 2017

Meeting was opened by T. Branella at 6:30pm. Those present were J. McCleary, P. Moses, M. Mevoli, G. Gilbert, and P. McConnell. 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 December 19th, 2016 and January 2nd, 2017:

Motion – M. Mevoli
2nd – J. McCleary
All In Favor: Carried.

Committee Reports:

Motion – P. Moses
2nd – P. McConnell
All in Favor: Carried.

Open to the Public:

Nothing noted from the public.

Engineers Report from Greg Fusco, Kei Engineering:

Item #1-3: No update.

Item #6: The fieldwork has been done on the Municipal Aid application of Sixth Street. We plan to bid the project in March. The plans shall be sent to the office in a couple weeks.

Item #8: We have completed a curb ramp plan throughout the borough. We hope to start implementing the plan in 2017. We will coordinate a time in 2017 to review the plan in 2017.

Item #12: We received bids for Hydrant Replacement and Creek Road Pump Station Reconstruction in November and December. We are going to move forward with the hydrant replacement. We recommend to reject all bids for Creek Road Pump Station because the bids exceed the estimates. In early January we rebid the Creek Road pump station and the bids were really high. We recommend to reject all bids and reexamine the bid specification.

Greg Fusco thanked everyone for the time.

New Business

Ordinance:

- # 1-17 Vacating a Portion of a Certain Right-of-Way
- # 2-17 Amending Chapter 145 - Water
- # 3-17 Amending Chapter 135 – Tobacco Products

- # 4-17 Amending Chapter 151 – Land Use
- # 5-17 Amending Chapter 121 - Signs
- # 6-17 Amending Chapter 150 - Zoning

First Reading

Motion – J. McCleary

2nd – P. Moses

All in Favor: Carried.

Resolutions:

- # 54-17 Application of Bingo License for American Legion Post #72
- # 55-17 Authorizing the Rejection of all Bids for Reconstruction of Pump Station
- # 56-17 Authorization to Pay Certain Bills Prior to Council Meetings
- # 57-17 Approving of Telephone Allowance for Mayor and Council
- # 58-17 Authorizing the Increase of Temporary Budget for 2017
- # 59-17 Approving of Telephone and Travel Allowance for Borough Employees
- # 60-17 Authorizing Bingo and Raffle License for Saint Mary’s Church
- # 61-17 Appointment of DPW Employee – Matthew Dinardo
- # 62-17 Appointment of Police Chief – Shamus Ellis
- # 63-17 Authorizing the P/Z Board to Undertake a Preliminary Investigation to Ascertain whether Certain Properties are in Need of Redevelopment
- # 64-17 Authorizing Bingo and Raffle License for South Jersey Mothers of Multiples
- # 65-17 Approving the Submission of 2017 Municipal Aid for Sixth Street – Phase 2
- # 66-17 Approving the Release of Performance Bond for Shopping Center Project
- # 67-17 Authorizing Bingo and Raffle License for Rotary of Gloucester City

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – P. Moses

All in Favor: Carried.

Approval of payment of bills: \$ 292,420.48

Motion – M. Mevoli

2nd – P. McConnell

All in Favor: Carried.

Open to Council:

M. Mevoli updated council on a recent JIF meeting. The meeting discussed the affordable care act and the small increase in health and prescription plan. He spoke about the new speed signs around town. They look great and the chief feels they are helping the control of speeding. M. Mevoli said that Cody Nicholas has entered the academy and should graduate in June.

J. McCleary said we interviewed a few candidates for a full time position at Public Works. Our committee agreed on Matt Dinardo for the position and we passed the resolution earlier. We all wish him the best of luck. J. McCleary said we have moved the ALS Run/Walk to October 21st. This is same day of the fall festival. We feel it will be a great day for Brooklawn.

Mayor Branella asked to form a Ballfield committee consisting of M. Mevoli, J. Granstrom, and P. McConnell. She asked D. Domico to look into “Don’t Block the Box”

on Broadway. D. Domico said she will look into it again. Mayor Branella wants to put a committee together to change the name of Bergen Street since mail is getting confused with Bergen Avenue in Gloucester. Mayor also asked that P. Moses head a program to recognize an individual or group at our meetings, quarterly. She also reminded everyone of the Freeholder meeting at our community center on February 22nd, 2017.

Motion to Adjourn – P. Moses
2nd – P. McConnell
All in Favor: Adjourned.

Ryan Giles
Borough Clerk