

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
WORKSHOP MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Henriquez called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Henriquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council President Roberta Henriquez, Councilman Ronald Anzalone, Councilman Stephen Lanum, Councilman George Muller, Councilman Thomas Sarlo

Absent: Mayor Mauro Raguseo, Councilwoman Peggy Steinhilber

NOTE: Mayor Raguseo arrived for the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

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OPEN TOPICS:

Backflow Preventers Agreement Status

Borough Attorney Joseph Monaghan went over the Borough's objections to the agreement. He said he received an email on October 5th from the County's Counsel John Libretti. Mr. Libretti made some changes to the agreement, but in Mr. Monaghan's opinion, they do not favor the Borough very much. Mr. Monaghan said that it seems the County is not in favor of incorporating the Borough's recommended changes. (Mayor Raguseo arrived for the meeting.) Questions arose regarding if the Borough needed all seven backflows and what the cost of maintenance would be. Borough Administrator Paula Cozzarelli said she would obtain more information before an agreement is considered.

OPEN TOPICS continued:

- County Road Resurfacing Agreement

Councilman Anzalone said the County is no longer taking responsibility for handicapped ramps and sidewalks. He said he could understand the County not being responsible for sidewalks, but felt they should be responsible for curbing. He said that it appears that the County will not replace curbing when paving a County road. They will expect the Borough to take on this responsibility. Councilman Anzalone mentioned that there are some areas on Redneck Ave. that do not have sidewalks and questioned if the Borough would be responsible to install them should the County pave Redneck Ave. Mayor Raguseo recommended Ms. Cozzarelli contact the County Public Works Department expressing our concerns and see what can be done.

- Best Practices Checklist

Ms. Cozzarelli said a few resolutions were added to tonight's meeting agenda to comply with Best Practices. The Borough scored 90% which should ensure the Borough receives full credit/funding. The State has reduced the number of questions from 50 to 30.

- Police Dispatchers

This matter was discussed at the Regular Meeting.

- Open Space Trust Fund Grant Request

Ms. Cozzarelli presented the Governing Body with two options to apply for, either \$26,105 for Lakeview Park Improvements – playground and repair of fountains or \$12,450 for just the fountains. It was agreed to add a resolution on the regular meeting agenda to apply for \$26,105.

- Mehrhof Rd. Practice Field

Council President Henriquez recommended a \$20,000 donation to be made to the Borough in honor of a resident who recently passed away be used to improve the practice field by the DPW on Mehrhof Rd. The resident who passed away use to practice on this field. Councilman Sarlo said this field needs a major overhaul and didn't feel \$20,000 would be sufficient to do what needs to be done. Mayor Raguseo said there are pros and cons with using the donation for this field. He recommended that Council President Henriquez and Councilman Sarlo meet with the anonymous donor to go over ideas on how the donation could be spent.

OPEN TOPICS continued:

- Health Insurance

Ms. Cozzarelli said it is open enrollment now for State Health Benefits. She said the State is recommending the Borough pass a resolution encouraging employees to go with the Omni Plan or Liberty Plan. Mayor Raguseo felt the Governing Body could not pass a resolution when it does not know the implications, plus there are union contracts involved. Ms. Cozzarelli said she will review the plans as there is a lot to look into to see what each plan offers.

- Bassano Field Update

Ms. Cozzarelli said she walked the field last week and signed a Certification of Completion document which she signed in anticipation of a punch list. She said the Borough Engineer Kenneth Job told her it is his job to sign off. He then sent the contractor a letter stating the document she signed was null and void. Ms. Cozzarelli said the contractor needs to deal with Mr. Job regarding technical specs rather than contacting her. Mr. Job will be contacting the contractor, Dakota Excavating, tomorrow advising the Borough does not want the white line going through the 50 yard line. The Borough will take care of the line when the time comes to comply with game regulations. In reference to the lighting, Mr. Job said he has left at least four messages for Quality Electric and no one has returned his calls. Mr. Job said he will contact Dakota Excavating as it is their job to work this out since Quality Electric is their subcontractor. Mr. Job said that if Bassano Field is used while the other fields are being worked on, then Dakota Excavating has to sign off that the field can be used while there are still other areas in a work zone. He recommended the Joint Insurance Fund which the Borough is a part of be notified as well.

- Lincoln Street Subdivision Project

Mr. Job said that the developer never went forward with applying for the sewer permit from four years ago. The Department of Environmental Protection permit expired, therefore the developer needs to reapply and the Borough needs to sign the application on their behalf. There is a resolution on tonight's regular meeting agenda authorizing this.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: Council President Henriquez

Second by: Councilman Muller

CITIZENS HEARING continued:

All Ayes.

Since there was no one wishing to speak, Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Close Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: Council President Henriquez

Second by: Councilman Lanum

All Ayes.

RESOLUTIONS:

275. Executive Closed Session Resolution

(The Governing Body did not go into Closed Session during the Workshop Meeting)

CLOSED TOPICS:

- Contract Negotiations - CVS Tri-Party Agreement
- Investigation of Violation of Law – Ongoing Police Investigation
- Anticipated Litigation - Housing Inspector
- Litigation - COAH

AGENDA ITEMS: RESOLUTION(S) – ORDINANCE(S) FOR CONSIDERATION AT REGULAR MEETING:

RESOLUTIONS:

276. Amendment to Resolution No. 271 Authorizing the Borough Administrator to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Amy S. Greene Environmental Consultants
277. Authorizing Proposal for Professional Planning Services Related to Preparation of a Vacant Land Adjustment regarding the Borough's Fair Share Housing/COAH Obligations
278. Amending Resolution No. 273 Regarding Approval of Change Order No. 1 Regarding "Improvements to Summit Circle" to JTG Construction
279. Authorizing Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for the Installation of a Municipal Complex Emergency Standby Generator
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282. Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2016 Workshop & Regular Meeting and September 13, 2016 Workshop & Regular Meeting

RESOLUTIONS continued:

- 283. Accepting the Completed 2016 Best Practices Checklist Survey Results
- 284. Body Armor Replacement Fund
- 285. Authorizing Curfew – Cabbage Night and Halloween Night – 2016
- 286. Claims Resolution
- 287. Endorsement Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Standard WQM-003 Form Regarding the Lincoln Street Subdivision Project
- 288. Authorizing Redemption of Certificate #15-00008 – US Bank Cust BV001 Trst & Crdtrs
- 289. Establishment of Policy for Department Head Notification of Outside Employment
- 290. Establishment of Policy for Tax Appeal Notification
- 291. Resolution to Confirm Endorsement of Filing FY17 Bergen County Community Development Grant Application

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1466-15-16 – AN ORDINANCE ADDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “CRANE REGULATIONS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

None

Since there was no other business to be discussed, Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Adjourn.

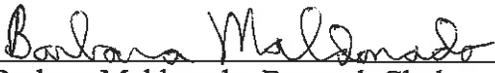
Motion by: Councilman Lanum

Second by: Council President Henriquez

All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Minutes transcribed and respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Barbara Maldonado. I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true account of the Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on October 11, 2016.


Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk

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Invitation to Speak:

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MOTION TO ADJOURN: _____ TIME: _____ P.M.