

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2010

The session was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the President of Council, Ralph DiGuiseppe.

Council offered a moment of silent prayer.

The Council then proceeded to salute the flag.

Present were:

Mr. James Lutz	Mr. Anthony Muccie
Ms. Lorraine Cullen	Mr. Patrick Sabatini
Ms. Robyn Trunell	Mr. Ralph DiGuiseppe
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	

Absent—Leo Plenski, Jr. (working)

Also present were:

Mayor Robert Lebo
Mr. James Dillon, Borough Manager
Mr. William Salerno, Borough Solicitor
Chief Arnold Porter, Police Chief
Mr. Herbert Slack, Fire Chief
Mrs. Maria Fields. Administrator

Mr. DiGuiseppe presented a plaque and flowers to Carmela Norato Herman for her 100th Birthday.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chester DeMarchis, 279 Roosevelt Street, stated an old customer from out of town visited him and was impressed with all of the improvements made in the Borough. He complimented the Public Works Department for the excellent job they did with the streets during the recent snowstorm. Mr. DeMarchis said he would rather see the Grundy Powerhouse vacant, than the project from Habitat for Humanity.

Fred Venturino, 802 Fourth Avenue, Quasell Osborne, 805 Fourth Avenue, Migul Quiroz, 808 Fourth Avenue, all had no problems with the car dealership at Route 13 and Fourth Avenue.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONT'D.

Richard Straffe, 810 Fourth Avenue, stated the problem with the dealership is the parking on Green Street.

Ryan Richardson, Fourth Avenue Motors, said he will meet with the neighbors and try to work out any problems.

Ellen Callahan, 208 Buckley Street, spoke for herself and Diane Hoffner of 700 Second Avenue regarding the excellent work done on the streets by the Public Works Department during the snow-storm.

Tony Riccio, Consolidated Fire Company Fire Chief, presented Mayor Lebo with a Fire Department helmet and welcomed him as Mayor and head of the Fire Department on behalf of the members of Consolidated Fire Company.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. DiGuiseppe commented on the outstanding job done by the Public Works Department during the recent snowstorm. He stated the Public Works Department is very appreciative of the modern and safe equipment Council had purchased. Mr. DiGuiseppe asked the residents to cooperate and not throw snow into the streets. In addition, he asked residents to remove chairs and trash cans from the street so the snow can be removed from curb to curb.

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ms. Trunell commented on the excellent job done with snow removal on Mill Street by the Public Works Department with the cars off the street. Ms. Trunell added that she received numerous calls from constituents complimenting the Public Works Department on snow removal.

Ms. Rodriguez commented on the great job done on Buckley Street by the Public Works Department with the residents cooperating in moving their cars for snow removal. She also commented on the cooperation between the Borough and the School District employees.

BOROUGH MANAGER

Mr. Dillon thanked the residents for shoveling the snow from the sidewalks, so people can walk.

Mr. Dillon read an email from Penny Bottomstone-Gesualdi complimenting the Borough on the super job done by the Public Works Department in removing the snow throughout town during and after the recent snowstorm.

Mr. Dillon reviewed the Public Works Report for the month of January, 2010 which included inspecting the inlets and storm drains, the new decorative lights at the Waterfront Park, the new Bobcat during the snowstorm, and the newly installed school flashing lights.

MAYOR

The Mayor asked if a school flashing light is going to be installed on Walnut Street because there is no way of telling people they are approaching a school zone.

Mayor Lebo presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Borough Council from the Bristol Borough Community Partnership for funding Movie Night and providing ongoing support.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Ms. Cullen (Mr. Sabatini) moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 11, 2010 and the Council Work Session of February 1, 2010 as printed. Unanimous

Ms. Cullen (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of December as printed. Unanimous

Ms. Cullen (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Police & D.J.'s Report as printed. Unanimous

Ms. Cullen (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Fire Chief's Report as printed. Unanimous

Ms. Cullen (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Borough Inspector's Report as printed. Unanimous

REGULAR BUSINESS

Ms. Cullen (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the H.A.R.B. Report and Decision of January 25, 2010 as printed. Unanimous

Ms. Cullen (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Zoning Hearing Board Report as printed. Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS

3. RESOLUTION - REQUESTING BOROUGH CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH POLICE ELIGIBILITY LIST.

Ms. Rodriguez (Ms. Cullen) moved to adopt the Resolution requesting Borough Civil Service Commission to establish police eligibility list.

Mr. Lutz said he is not convinced we need to hire two additional police officers; he believed most of the problems in the Police Department are with scheduling. Mr. Lutz asked the Mayor to study the schedules and the Department to see if the needs are being met and come back with a recommendation. Mr. Lutz stated the Mayor is the head of the Police Department and the recommendation should be coming from him.

Mr. Lutz moved to table the motion to adopt the Resolution.

A roll call vote was taken.

FAVOR

AGAINST

Mr. Lutz

Ms. Cullen
Ms. Rodriguez
Mr. Muccie
Mr. Sabatini
Mr. DiGuiseppe

Ms. Trunell abstained because she is Chairman of the Borough Civil Service Commission.

The motion to table was defeated 5-1 with one abstention.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.

ITEM #3 CONT'D.

A vote was then taken on the motion to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

Ms. Trunell abstained because she is Chairman of the Borough Civil Service Commission.

The motion to adopt the Resolution was carried 5-1 with one abstention.

4. MOTION - APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF \$500.00 PER MONTH FOR SIX MONTHS TO SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER.

Ms. Trunell (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to approve expenditure of \$500.00 per month for six months to Senior Citizens Center.

Ms. Rodriguez asked for a report from the Center of how the funds are expended for the next six months.

The motion was carried unanimously.

5. MOTION - APPROVE THREE YEAR COMMITMENT WITH COUNTY FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM 2010-2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,445.25 PER YEAR.

Mr. Muccie (Ms. Trunell) moved to approve a three year commitment with County for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program 2010-2012 in the amount of \$1,445.25 per year.

Unanimous

6. MOTION - AUTHORIZE ANNUAL DONATION OF \$1,500.00 TO TOWNS AGAINST GRAFFITI.

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Muccie) moved to authorize annual donation of \$1,500.00 to Towns Against Graffiti.

Unanimous

