

Work Meeting
June 10, 2013

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, June 10, 2013, at 7:00 P.M. in the Wanaque Municipal Building.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

On roll call, the following Council Members responded: Balunis, Leonard, Pasquariello, and Willse. Councilmen Cortellessa and Pettet were absent. The Mayor declared a quorum. The Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer were present.

The Mayor read the following Sunshine Statement: This is a Work meeting of the Mayor and Council and adequate notice thereof has been given by advertising the date, time and place of the Work meetings in the Suburban Trends and the Herald News newspapers and was e-mailed to these papers on December 28, 2012, and a notice thereof has been posted on December 28, 2012 on the bulletin board in the Wanaque Municipal Building, 579 Ringwood Avenue, Wanaque, New Jersey and a copy thereof has been on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Councilman Pettet arrived at 7:03 P.M.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER:
Kevin Norton – Resolution #89-0-13

MINUTES:

May 13, 2013

ORDINANCES:

Introduction of Ord. #7-0-13:
Re: Bond Ordinance – Westbrook Road

Introduction of Ord. #8-0-13:
Re: Bond Ordinance – Multi-Purpose

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported we lost World War II Veteran Bill Van Wilpe at eighty seven years of age. The First Aid Squad is getting the new rig early in July and they have equipment in the Bond Ordinance. The statistics are eighty eight calls for April, ninety calls for May, four hundred forty two calls year to date, seven hundred forty five hours for April, seven hundred ninety three hours for May and four thousand four hundred forty eight hours year to date.

The Mayor said we will have a moment of silence at the regular meeting for Bill Van Wilpe.

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Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa was absent.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard reported with Recreation the bid for Hagstrom field did they start.

The Borough Administrator said there was a preconstruction meeting last week with the contractor but we need to get things worked out with the fields and other things will need to be done.

Councilman Leonard said the Board of Education the teachers list regarding not being tenured they will get new rules and the people supported the teacher.

The Mayor said heard that they are not going to tenure any teacher up for tenure and bring them back.

Councilman Leonard said the Education Foundation has a new president Eileen Maldanato and there is a fundraiser which started tonight at Thatcher McGees and goes to Thursday.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello read the police report.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet said I have no report.

The Mayor said there was correspondence received from Lakeland Regional High School for a number of board seats and we sent an email for clarification to Mr. Riscia. The percentage went up fifty one percent compared to forty eight percent a couple of years ago and next year Wanaque should get the additional board member based on the assessed valuation or number of students.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse reported the Fire Department had fifteen alarms and five drills for May, three hundred five calls year to date and twelve thousand four hundred forty two hours year to date. There is equipment in the Bond Ordinance for Scott packs and Hearst tools so that it is spread out over the years instead of purchasing them all at once. There was an Emergency Medical Services meeting I attended and the State is supplying funds for people to get Emergency Medical Services certification. It is one thousand two hundred dollars per student volunteer, two hundred forty hours long for the course and per the State it is only one hundred eighty hours long. The volunteers wanted to know how to get the funds as they are not there any longer. Governor Corzine may have used it to pay for funds in other ways. The Freeholders proposed a grant and they can't do it. There is a County tax increase due to three towns having a paid service. They could possibly have a one thousand dollar cost and there is a lot of discussion

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to be done yet. The paid Emergency Medical Services also gets the voucher for what should be volunteers. We'll have to see where it goes.

The Borough Engineer said AJM Contractors finished with the work and they will go back and do corrective work. Wanaque Avenue and Butler Place is finished out and they will do some drainage work but they closed it out.

The Borough Administrator reported June 22nd from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. there will be an Electronics recycling collection at the Borough garage. The recycling trust money is paying for the employees working. October 26th there will be a shredding for residents and mailers are going out later this week. Ringwood Avenue the water main is done all the way up to Ringwood and they will start the curbs and sidewalks later this week and go to Stephens Avenue and then mill and pave it. The residents are frustrated and the contractors are trying to get them out to fill the potholes and the County is trying also. People say traffic is moving smoothly but they cannot work past 3:00 P.M.

Councilman Willse said can we have two work zones when they are milling and paving and working doing curbs and sidewalks.

The Borough Administrator said we do have two work zones and they will be working.

The Borough Attorney said with regard to the County Board the appeals will be done this month.

The Borough Administrator said the revaluation was done correctly and we never had so little tax appeals in town due to a revaluation.

Councilman Cortellessa arrived at 7:35 P.M.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Kenneth Ambruster, 6 Gardella Place, Haskell said what is the status of the Phoenix Club I have not seen anything going on down there.

The Borough Administrator said they are closed but still have the license.

Ann Timko, 28 Fourth Avenue, Haskell said the curbs and sidewalks on Ringwood Avenue how are they going to be put when they are new.

The Borough Administrator said it will be a defined driveway.

Ann Timko said do we have a scavenger Ordinance.

The Borough Administrator said yes.

Ann Timko said on Fourth Avenue where the wire hangs down the grass needs cutting and you can't see the stop sign. What is the status of the handicapped signs at the post office.

The Borough Administrator said the Building Inspector gave a warning notice to the owner after the last meeting.

Ann Timko said was a summons issued and how long was it in effect.

The Borough Administrator said I believe thirty days past that check with Jeff.

Ann Timko said what is the status with the water situation about the crown in the road.

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The Borough Engineer said there is a low spot in the road whether the crown is there or not.

Ann Timko said the water is going to the middle of the street. When will it be fixed and when will you have the money available and what is the time frame to do the job.

The Borough Administrator said I took a picture of the water in the road after the rain.

Ann Timko said I had pictures of the water in the road also.

The Borough Administrator said we did put in shallow drains because of the rock there. There are a number of conflicts with the water main in the area. It would cost four hundred thousand dollars by the time you are done. In order to address this problem it would be one hundred twenty five thousand dollars to blast through rock. There is a transite water main and water services and it would be double that amount. If it falls onto an adjoining property it will move the problem from one person to another one and the paving is in the right of way.

Councilman Cortellessa said are there any water main issues other than it being old. Either say yes we are going to do it or no we are not going to do it or we cannot afford to do it. I would like to be direct and do it or say no and not do it.

Councilman Pettet said can something be done in the middle of the street.

Ann Timko said this never happened until the road was paved about ten years ago.

The Mayor said they put additional paving in the roadway.

Councilman Cortellessa said should put a channel in or get a cost specific and take it from there so she doesn't have to come here every month. I would like to know the facts and data for this issue.

The Borough Engineer said the channels would cause another problem.

The Borough Administrator said we will have a formal report prior to the meeting next month with a final decision being made at the meeting next month.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #79-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #10-00004 for Block 213, Lot 8 in the amount of \$6,153.30 for the Certificate and \$300.00 for the premium

Resolution #80-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00016 for Block 268, Lot 15 in the amount of \$30,623.70 for the Certificate and \$11,200.00 for the premium

Letter from the Fire Chief:

Re: Removing Edward O'Connell, Kimmie Rundecker and Sean Sweeney from the roster of Company Number 2

Two (2) Letters requesting refund of Street Opening Permits:

Re: 1) Joseph Graceffo, 41 Wolfe Drive – Permit #2137 and 2) Lenny Lomascola, 20 Grist Mill Road – Perm it #2136

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Resolution #81-0-13:

Re: Adopt Three Year Cooperation Agreement between Passaic County and the Borough of Wanaque to participate in the Passaic County Community Development Block Grant Program – Fiscal Years 2014, 2015 and 2016

Resolution #82-0-13:

Re: 2012 Tonnage Grant

Resolution #83-0-13:

Re: Payment to Passaic County – Ringwood Avenue – Phase III in the amount of \$1,671,394.56

Resolution #88-0-13:

Re: Approve Change Order No. 1 (-\$7,493.08) and Current Estimate #2 in the amount of \$111,232.94 to A.J.M. Contractors

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

1. Clerk's Receipts for May 2013 -
2. Police Department Report for May 2013 -
3. Tax Collector's Report for May 2013 -
4. Municipal Court Report for May 2013 -

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of 2013/2014 Liquor License Renewals - Resolution #84-0-13:

Resolution #86-0-13:

Re: Joseph Agostino – Flip's Bar

Resolution #90-0-13:

Re: Michael Ryan – Tree Tavern

Resolution #87-0-13:

Re: Kalari Liquors, LLC – Phoenix Club

Business Meetings – July and August – 7:00 P.M.:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

None.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution #72-0-13 – Amend Capital Budget

Resolution #74-0-13:

Re: Approve Change Order No. 1 and Current Estimate #3 and Final for Wanaque Avenue and Butler Place Improvements to Mike Fitzpatrick and Son, Inc. in the amount of \$28,950.19

RESOLUTIONS: None.

FINANCE REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pettet and Pasquariello moved a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk