

Work Meeting  
September 8, 2014

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, September 8, 2014, 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, Cortellessa, Leonard, Pasquariello and Willse. Councilman Pettet was 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 January 2, 2014, and a notice thereof has been posted on January 2, 2014 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.

PRESENTATION: Soccer Sports Awards Certificates - 7:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Coaches presented the Sports Awards Certificates.

Councilman Pettet arrived at 7:10 P.M.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND APPOINTMENT OF TWO (2) POLICE OFFICERS – Joseph Fiorito – Resolution #154-0-14 and William Lopez – Resolution #155-0-14 - 8:00 P.M.

MINUTES:

August 11, 2014.

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing of Ord. #12-0-14:

Re: Repeal Chapter 69 “Curfew” in its entirety

Resolution #159-0-14:

Re: Capital Budget Amendment

Introduction of Ord. #13-0-14:

Re: Bond Ordinance appropriating \$410,000 for reconstruction of Fifth Avenue and Leonard Place (DOT Grant of \$205,000, \$51,250 CIF, \$153,750 Notes)

Introduction of Ord. #14-0-14:

Re: Water Bond Ordinance appropriating \$275,000 for water mains and services for Fifth Avenue and Leonard Place (\$50,000 Water Infrastructure, \$225,000 Notes)

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Introduction of Ord. #15-0-14:

Re: Amend Ordinance #5-0-14 Fourth Avenue Redevelopment Zone – Plan Clarification

The Borough Administrator said Ordinance clears up the height, it has to go to the Planning Board and the Department of Environmental Protection regulates the height also.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported the Recreation Commission is doing the routine things and fall sports are going well. The Veterans sent a letter thanking the town for getting the dumpster for the cemetery. The First Aid Squad had ninety eight calls for July, eighty six calls for August, seven hundred fifteen calls year to date, one thousand eighty six hours in July, seven hundred eighty hours in August and seven thousand thirteen hours year to date. On September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. they will be holding a ceremony at the First Aid Squad Building and the community is invited and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa reported for the Water Department there is ongoing maintenance, repair and meter reading. The Road Department is doing grass cutting, playgrounds and checking wells, cleaning catch basins, sewer maintenance, vegetative waste collections and clay put down, storm repairs and manholes replaced.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard reported the Education Foundation is having a raffle ticket at the town picnic and a Casino night on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello reported there is the administering of Oaths of Office for two (2) new Police Officers at the Regular meeting and the Police report was read.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet said I have no report.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse reported the Fire Department had ten alarms in July and there were two hundred ten events this year and four thousand seven hundred forty five total hours for the year. There are also two membership applications on the agenda.

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The Mayor said the 911 Memorial Park dedication will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. There is the steel, bricks, landscaping and a flag pole. A lot of people were involved and did a great job. The picnic also is September 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 P.M.

The Borough Attorney reported on Resolution #150-0-14 where Pulte appealed the violations filed by the Zoning Officer, dismisses the appeal filed and leaves it to determination and the case has been dismissed.

The Borough Engineer reported we will meet with regard to Westbrook Road tomorrow morning and they should start on Thursday. They resolved the issues with the startup of alternating traffic which will be from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Due to restrictions they put in the poured curb instead.

The Borough Administrator reported we will meet with the contractor on Wednesday to finish the repair of the sidewalks and the curbing. I'm beginning to work on the 2015 budget process. The Municipal building there is a lot of work taking place inside and the rock and facing is to go on in the next couple of weeks. The bids for communications are being taken. Rock Salt the costs anticipated in the 2015 budget. I would like to thank Ringwood as they have stepped up for the interlocal agreement for the road resurfacing and the property code official for helping out.

The Borough Attorney said reported on the matters on the agenda. The Tax Court matters are still ongoing. The Mountain Lakes agreement sent out in July was received back with response with revisions to meet with the Attorneys in late September or early October regarding the pending matters.

The Mayor said I am appointing Michelle Canzone to the Recreation Commission for fill an unexpired term expiring December 31, 2016. Regarding the resolution for LRHS the Auditor recommended a five Year payment plan for the nine hundred thirty four thousand dollars from Ringwood and it would be one hundred ninety seven thousand eighty four dollars and thirty five cents each Year reimbursement from Ringwood. The Deferred School tax one dollar goes down to reduce the surplus and there is one hundred fifty thousand dollars less in surplus to begin with.

Councilman Cortellessa said at the end of five Years there will be a reduction in taxes and an additional increase.

The Mayor said it will be forty dollars a homeowner effective until 2020 and the normal taxes will be credited and forty dollars per household increase after five Years.

The Borough Administrator said it would be forty dollars down now and the next four Years and then it would go up forty dollars per Year.

Councilman Cortellessa said what is the settlement agreement status of the Holiday Inn.

The Borough Attorney said they assess hotels differently. There are no furniture furnishings included and the sign is also not included and the rest is the result of the settlement. The property is assessed at three million six hundred forty five thousand dollars and the amount of the lack of occupancy rate and the revenue being generated is taken into consideration.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Ann Timko, 28 Fourth Avenue, Haskell said what is the status of the property at Erie Avenue sited behind the Library.

The Borough Administrator said it is scheduled for Court in September.

Ann Timko said what is the status of the property at 26 Colfax Avenue.

The Borough Administrator said it is in the process of being cleaned up and the cleanup is continuing.

Ann Timko said how many times has an extension been given for the cleanup.

The Borough Administrator said the dumpster is being loaded and taken out.

Ann Timko said what is the status of the well.

The Borough Administrator said I need to speak to Mr. Hafner, Zoning Officer.

Ann Timko said what is the status of the garage doors and you have given him more time with no extension date.

The Borough Administrator said the gentleman appears to be in compliance and is continuing to make improvements.

Ann Timko said give him an end date.

The Borough Administrator said I will speak to Mr. Hafner, Zoning Officer.

Councilman Cortellessa said the Administrator and I will go out and get a specific date.

Ann Timko said are you going to wait until another meeting.

The Borough Administrator said no we will go in a couple of days.

Councilman Cortlessa said we will take a look and see what is a reasonable timeframe and give him a date.

Ann Timko said did he give you a timeline back when you were out there.

The Borough Administrator said we gave him until the end of August.

Ann Timko said he has had since June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Cortellessa said we need to go out with the Administrator and see and assess how much time is needed and give him a deadline.

Ann Timko said what would an assessment consist of.

Councilman Cortellessa said we would need to look at what he needs to have done and set a date.

Ann Timko said the property on the southbound lane on Ringwood Avenue right before Orecchio Drive there is garbage out and over grown grass.

The Borough Administrator said I will have the Inspector look at it.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

##### Resolution #146-0-14:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00006 for Block 219, Lot 2.02 in the amount of \$18,506.57 for the Certificate and \$34,100.00 for the premium

##### Resolution #147-0-14:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00012 for Block 273, Lot 15 in the amount of \$2,593.47 for the Certificate and \$2,106.00 for the premium

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Resolution #148-0-14:

Re: Refund of Tax overpayments in 2013 and 2014 along with crediting billed amounts for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2014 and half of 2015

Resolution #149-0-14:

Re: Credit the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2014 and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2015 and refund a total amount of \$7,531.06 for the amounts paid in 2013 and 2014

Resolution #150-0-14:

Re: Stipulation of dismissal – Pulte v. Wanaque – Passaic County Board of Construction Appeal

Four (4) Applications for Raffle Licenses:

Re: 1) Lakeland Chorale Association – RA:879, RA:880 and RA:881, 2) Pompton Reformed Church - RA:882

Resolution #151-0-14:

Re: Payment #14 to Uni Mak LLC for Municipal Building - \$301,859.60

Letter from Glenn Tynan:

Re: Refund of deposit for Street Opening Permit #2177 in the amount of \$175.00

Resolution #152-0-14:

Re: Settlement Agreement – Shree Badha Shivam vs. Borough of Wanaque (Holiday Inn Express Tax Court)

Resolution #153-0-14:

Re: Appoint Alan Spinozzi as Plumbing Subcode Official

Resolution #156-0-14

Re: Highlands Conformance - Preservation Area only

Resolution #157-0-14:

Re: Transfer of 2004 Fort F350 Utility Truck to Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority

Letter from Fire Chief:

Re: Two (2) Membership Applications – Michael Stelling – Company #1 and Ryan Manning – Company #2

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

1. Clerk's Receipts for August 2014 -
2. Police Department Report for August 2014 -

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3. Tax Collector's Report for August 2014 -
4. Municipal Court Report for August 2014 -

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #158-0-14:

Re: Agreement on LRHS student count error for 2013-2014 and refund of Tax overpayment  
by Wanaque

FINANCE REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

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Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk