

Work Meeting
April 8, 2013

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, April 8, 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, Cortellessa, Leonard, Pasquariello, and Willse. Councilman Petter was absent. The Mayor declared a quorum. The Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney were absent.

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 and the Borough Engineer arrived at 7:03 P.M.

MINUTES:

March 11, 2013

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing of Ord. #3-0-13:

Re: Accepting Donation of Real Estate for Block 470, Lot 5

Public Hearing of Ord. #4-0-13:

Re: Establish Chapter 34, Public Works

Public Hearing of Ord. #5-0-13:

Re: CAP Index Ordinance

Introduction of Ord. #6-0-13:

Re: Granting Municipal Consent for the Operation of a Cable Television System within the Borough of Wanaque to Cablevision

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2013 CURRENT AND WATER UTILITY BUDGETS – Resolution #58-0-13 – Self Examination of the Budget and Resolution #59-0-13 - Adopt Budget

The Borough Administrator said the Budget CAP is two percent and it is a four hundred seventy eight three hundred thirty five dollar increase and five items were increased.

Resolution #58-0-13:

Re: Self Examination of the Budget

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Resolution #59-0-13:
Re: Adopt Budget

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported the First Aid Squad statistics for March are eighty nine calls, two hundred sixty four calls year to date, seven hundred eighteen hours and two thousand five hundred nine hours year to date. The Veterans committee met with the parade committee and discussed options for the parade and decided to cancel the parade for safety sake. They will hold a ceremony with a twentyone gun salute at memorial field and place a wreath at the memorial.

Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa reported the Road department is doing pothole repairs, signs and mailboxes are getting replaced that were damaged, the winter equipment is being cleaned and fixed, leaf collection began and the ballfields are being done. There have been water main breaks and preconstruction work is being done for the Ringwood Avenue road work. The garage roof has leaks and needs to be addressed. The work sharing is going very well. The interview process is beginning for the vacancy and thirty two applications have been received and we are looking at part time help for the summer. The Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority there is nothing going on there.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard reported with Recreation there is not much going on. The budget for Wanaque School is a two percent increase. I would like to commend the Police department on the DARE program in the schools and commend them also on the rally yesterday there could have been a problem or issue but it was handled.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello read the police report.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet reported the budget there is nothing in there that is excessive and we met a couple of times and there is no room in there to say it is frivolous or to cut other items.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse reported the Fire Department had eleven alarms, four drills and two hundred fifty events and ten thousand seven hundred eighty six hours year to date. I met with the Fire Chief and the Scott packs have a lifetime of fifteen years and by the year 2020 they have

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to replace all the bottles and packs. We can do it over the next few years rather than wait until the last minute.

Councilman Cortellessa said is there a grant available through the insurance.

The Borough Administrator said we applied for a firefighters grant but there are not as many as there used to be and we were unsuccessful.

Councilman Willse said I took the place for the Mayor at the scout of the year award at the VFW last week. There were twelve candidates and I was there for two and a half hours and they are people that are really driven and I look forward to doing it again.

The Borough Engineer said AJM Contractors will take two weeks to mobilize and two weeks to do the project on Fourth Avenue. They will start at the Bird Sanctuary including Oak Street and mill and pave it. At Parkside the section by Fourth Avenue and the Boulevard was suggested by the developer to reconfigure the intersection.

Chief Reno said the stop sign was knocked down several times.

Captain Norton said the sight distance is an issue.

The Borough Administrator said they need to clean out the brush there.

Councilman Cortellessa said we should put another stop sign there.

Captain Norton said we should get the sight distance fixed.

The Borough Engineer said the soil removal permit is okay to issue.

The Borough Administrator reported the bids are out for Borough hall and they are due May 23rd at 2:00 P.M. The paperwork for the repairs at Hagstrom field we will have out soon. The specifications for the Jefferson Street and Monroe Street Sewer Improvements we are working on and the dedication for the George Theoharous park will be April 27th at 10:00 A.M.

Councilman Cortellessa said the maintenance report for property by the Building Inspector the comments that were not completed it has been done and completed and it can be done to close it out.

The Borough Administrator said the Building Inspector is to give a report at every meeting for property maintenance.

The Borough Administrator said regarding the letter from Parkside it is a reasonable request. They have some of their money in the bank halfway through already October 14th and they have to pay the full amount so we should give them a break on the payments.

The Mayor said we are going to form a Beautification Committee and I am appointing Councilman Cortellessa, Councilman Balunis and Councilman Pettet.

The Borough Attorney was absent.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Ann Timko, 28 Fourth Avenue, Haskell said the inlet is not on the drawing for Fourth Avenue.

The Borough Engineer said the inlet is still there.

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Councilman Willse said can a curb drain or a drain in the street be put in.

Ann Timko said is the drain issue useless.

The Borough Administrator said yes.

Ann Timko said can you pave the road. The crown in the road is incorrect.

The Borough Administrator said the road was paved ten years ago and the decision is up to the Mayor and Council. People have extended driveways and it created a ponding on the roadway. All over that area there is ponding and there is a fifty foot right of way.

Ann Timko said there is dirt in front of the house and we do have flooding.

The Borough Administrator said between Carter Road, Fourth Avenue and Rockridge Road there is a situation.

Councilman Willse said we should look at the crown in the road.

Councilman Cortellessa said can we create a drain to relieve the water.

The Borough Administrator said everything is flat and the water will just sit there.

The Borough Engineer said there is rock there and the water will flow whatever way. The crown doesn't really do anything.

Councilman Willse said the water is pitching to one side instead of the other.

Ann Timko said the other side is water as well and on my side there is more. I call out the Road department in the winter for ice to be cleaned out and they call out the employees and pay money for overtime.

The Borough Administrator said we looked at it after an inch of rain and there was not that much on the road. You will hit rock two feet down and on Carter Road you will hit rock sooner.

Councilman Willse said what is the elevation in front of her house and by the drain.

The Borough Administrator said if you go out through the roads you will hit rock. There is no easy fix. We can see if we can do an elevation. Mike Reiff put a dry well out there.

Councilman Willse said get a drain pipe in there to run and let's see what it is.

Ann Timko said the handicapped parking spaces at the post office was that looked at. There are no signs it was just painted on the ground.

The Borough Administrator said I will follow up with the Building Inspector and they have to do the handicapped signs.

Grace Maiello, 26 Rhinesmith Avenue, Wanaque said people throw and store equipment and pipes on the property over here and it has been there for three to four days.

The Borough Administrator said we will have it cleaned up and we'll speak to them.

Grace Maiello said the contractor broke the water pipe and all the pipes are lead and lead and copper do not mix. If they break the pipes in town and it drains the pipes it will lower the pressure. They dug up the driveway and if they fix it, it will be okay.

The Borough Administrator said if the Water department was there they are making sure it is done correct.

Grace Maiello said thank you.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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Resolution #50-0-13:

Re: Refund of Tax overpayments on various properties in the amount of \$5,150.23

Resolution #51-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00010 for Block 212, Lot 13 in the amount of \$825.00 for the Certificate

Resolution #52-0-13:

Re: Recycle Tonnage Grant

Application for Membership – Wanaque Borough Volunteer Fire Department:

Re: Donald Fantozzi – Company #2 effective immediately

Payment to County of Passaic:

Re: 2nd Quarter Taxes for the Year 2013 in the amount of \$2,102,936.83

Payment to County of Passaic:

Re: Open Space Taxes for the 2nd Quarter Year 2013 in the amount of \$33,675.46

Five (5) Applications for Raffle Licenses:

Re: 1) Saint Francis of Assisi School HSA – RA:835, 2) Haskell School PTA – RA:836 and RA:837 and 3) Wanaque Reserve Senior Citizens – RA:838 and RA:839

Application for Soil Removal Permit:

Re: 18 Milton Place, Haskell

Resolution #53-0-13:

Re: Approve various Change Orders – Ringwood Avenue Construction

Resolution #54-0-13:

Re: Payment to A.J.M. Contractors, Inc. for Current Estimate No. 1 – Fourth Avenue Improvements in the amount of \$25,705.35

Resolution #55-0-13:

Re: Appoint Michael Stambaugh as Electrical Subcode Official

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

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

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Parkside at Wanaque :

Re: Request relief from the payment schedule for Sewer Connection Fees – Resolution #61-0-13

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #56-0-13:

Re: Approve Title/Salary Changes – Public Works

Resolution #57-0-13:

Re: Award Bid – Demolition of 565, 569 and 577 Ringwood Avenue

Resolution #60-0-13:

Re: Appoint Thomas P. Norton as Interim Police Chief

FINANCE REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk