

Work Meeting
December 9, 2013

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, December 9, 2013, at 7:05 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 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.

PRESENTATION: Sports Award – U11 Girls Soccer - 7:00 P.M.

The Mayor presented the Sports Award Certificates to the U11 Girls Soccer Team.

Stormwater Management – Michael Cristaldi, P.E. Borough Engineer – 7:00 P.M.

Removed from the agenda.

MINUTES:

November 18, 2013.

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing of Ord. #12-0-13:
Re: 2014 Salary Ordinance

Public Hearing of Ord. #13-0-13:
Re: Amend Chapter 33 “Police Department” to amend table of reorganization

Public Hearing of Ord. #14-0-13:
Re: Amend Chapter 108 “Vehicles and Traffic” limiting use of streets to certain class of vehicles

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Ann Timko, 28 Fourth Avenue, Haskell said when you gave the report for the Fire Department you did not mention that the decorations on the Fire House are excellent.

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Jules Figula, 3202 Warrens Way, Wanaque said in 2012 there was a Special Meeting at the Municipal Building and I was wondering if we can be notified by email of any Special Meetings because we don't get the newspapers.

The Borough Administrator said I will take care of it.

Maurice Houckes, 10 Lines Avenue, Wanaque said there is a problem with the stream on Lines Avenue and Rhinesmith Avenue with the cutting of the weeds. The Borough used to cut it and now the County supposedly does it but they say they don't and the fence collapsed due to the stream not being cleaned out.

The Mayor said we will send Mike Reiff to look at it. It is a drainage ditch and it collects water.

Marvin Lieman, 4312 Warrens Way, Wanaque said regarding the State Contract for RFP maybe you can have a camera in the Council room for the public to see the meetings. At the location of the property that the Greentree Development Corporation is looking at maybe you can have more housing or a youth center since there is nothing for them.

The Mayor said we can ask the developers to do something for a recreation contribution in town.

Marvin Lieman said there is very little for the younger people in town and it is just a thought.

Ken Ambruster, 6 Gardella Place, Haskell said the legal ad in the post office and in the Suburban Trends for the Tax Sale is just for one year.

The Borough Administrator said yes it is for taxes, water and sewer charge for a pilot program and the property is taken back by the bank.

Ken Ambruster said what if you have the Tax sale and no one pays for it. How does it impact my water and sewer rate.

The Borough Administrator said the actual taxes are under one hundred thousand dollars and water and sewer are under fifteen thousand dollars so there will be little or no impact.

Ken Ambruster said was this put in deliberately so the owner comes in by the end of the year to make good or what.

The Borough Administrator said they have to come in by the end of the year with the payment.

Ken Ambruster said if they pay rent can the town take the rent money.

The Borough Attorney said no the town can't take the rent money.

Ken Ambruster said what if no one pays it.

The Borough Administrator said someone will pay the lien and the eighteen percent.

Ken Ambruster said I am concerned that the town is crippled with debt and can't handle it and I want to make sure my water and sewer don't go up.

The Borough Attorney said if the property was purchased the taxes would have to be paid on it.

Frank DePaola, 2413 Warrens Way, Wanaque said on the salary Ordinance is that a typo or correct that a patrolman in the seventh year and eighth year jumps up that much. Is that justifiable.

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The Borough Administrator said when they put it together about ten years ago the annual percentage increase only goes on the top number when they get the increase. They don't double dip when they go up the steps. It is a function of the contract.

The Mayor said and it is subject to the negotiations.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #158-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #10-00023 for Block 401, Lot 5 in the amount of \$34,830.52 for the Certificate and \$12,000.00 for the premium

Resolution #159-0-13:

Re: Credit the 1st and 2nd Quarter of 2014 and refund a total of \$20,603.43 for the amounts paid in 2012 and 2013 for Block 419, Lot 10

Resolution #160-0-13:

Re: Budgetary Transfers

Resolution #161-0-13:

Re: Cancel Budget Appropriations

Resolution #162-0-13:

Re: Approve Agreement – New Jersey Intergovernmental Insurance Fund

Resolution #163-0-13:

Re: Current Estimate #4 – Uni Mak LLC – Borough Hall Construction

Resolution #164-0-13:

Re: Current Estimate #3 – John Garcia and Son Construction – Monroe Street and Jefferson Street Sewer project

Resolution #165-0-13:

Re: Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2013 Year End Holiday Statewide Crackdown

Two (2) Applications for Raffle Licenses:

Re: Saint Francis of Assisi Home School Association – RA:860 and RA:861

Three (3) Applications for Tow Truck Licenses:

Re: 1) Ringwood Towing, 89 Greenwood Lake Turnpike, Ringwood, 2) Roberto's Auto Body, 14 Haskell Avenue, Haskell and 3) Justified Towing, 400 Union Avenue, Haskell

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Two (2) Applications for Used Car Lot Licenses:

Re: 1) Auto Handlers, 1368 Ringwood Avenue, Haskell and 2) Ameri-Car, 891 Ringwood Avenue, Haskell

Resolution #166-0-13:

Re: Award Contract - Dental Insurance – Met Life

Resolution #167-0-13:

Re: Award Contract – Prescription Services – Bollinger

Resolution #168-0-13:

Re: Award State Contract – AAA Emergency Supplies – 3 Scott Pack Assemblies

Resolution #169-0-13:

Re: Approve Change Order #2 and Estimate #3 and Final to AJM Contractors, Inc. for various road resurfacing

Resolution #170-0-13:

Re: Cancel Current, Water and Sewer Appropriations

Resolution #171-0-13:

Re: Cancel Balance – Emergency Appropriation Hurricane Irene

Application for Amusement Machine License:

Re: Diego Rosario, 72 Haskell Avenue, Haskell

Resolution #172-0-13:

Re: Approve AWARE ASAP Steering Committee Members and 2014 Municipal Alliance Grant

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

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

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported the statistics for the First Aid Squad are seventy four calls in October, seventy seven calls in November, nine hundred forty one calls year to date, nine hundred fifty four hours volunteered in October, six hundred ninety hours volunteered in November and nine thousand one hundred three hours volunteered year to date. They had

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nominations for the officers for next year. The installation dinner is January 24, 2014 and Karen Cisco will have forty years on the squad and a plaque needs to be done.

Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa said there is a new reporting protocol for reporting for the water department and the road and sewer department. There are equipment issues and needs and personnel issues also. I will wait to report on current activities as next month there will be a new reporting procedure.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard reported with recreation the condition of the fields are being addressed and there were blankets that got destroyed and they are very expensive so they will start replacing them next year. Seven thousand dollars was raised for Casino night for the Education Foundation. It was well attended and also all of the Mayor and Council were there.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello reported the recruit is doing well with the academy. There is a resolution on the agenda for drive sober or get pulled over and the police were busy and I did not get a report.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet was absent.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse reported the Fire department had sixteen alarms and two drills in November and there are fifteen thousand five hundred hours volunteered to date. There was a ceremony for ten Eagle Scouts I attended and they asked questions why we don't have a skateboard park. It is something to think about, explore it and see what happens. We can see where it could be put and it is something we need to look at.

Councilman Cortellessa said I was in the Lantern restaurant and a father and son came up to me and mentioned having something for the children/youth in the community.

Councilman Leonard said Ringwood has one skate park.

The Mayor said let's take a look at it.

Councilman Willse said a location at the tennis courts in Back Beach Park was one location mentioned.

Councilman Cortellessa said how can we move this forward.

Councilman Willse said we should look into it.

The Borough Administrator said we have to see about the insurance and if it would be covered.

Councilman Cortellessa said should we challenge the insurance company.

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The Borough Administrator said we will talk. There is a one hundred thousand dollar grant for the Jackson Street and Dickens Place project and it will be out to bid soon.

Councilman Cortellessa said why does the AWARE ASAP committee have only three members from Wanaque and the rest are Ringwood members. We need to get more people from the community on there.

The Borough Administrator said it has been that whoever attends the meetings are usually put on the committee but I will get the information for you and find out when the meetings are.

The Mayor said the Greentree development is looking at the property across from the Candle Factory to be developed.

Councilman Leonard said what is the status of Parkside.

The Borough Administrator said the market rate units are all sold. There are some low income housing units left and it should be done by the Spring with the development.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #173-0-13:

Re: Designating Greentree Development Corporation as Re-Developer of Block 435,
Lot 5 and 5.01

Resolution #174-0-13:

Re: Award State Contract – RFP Solutions – Telephone, CCTV, Data Network, Door
Access, Public Address, Paging, Cable TV cabling, recording systems - \$262,484.00

FINANCE REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard 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 8:15 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

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