

Work Meeting  
January 13, 2014

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, January 13, 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.

MINUTES:

December 9, 2013 and Re-Organization Meeting January 6, 2014.

PRESENTATION:

John Fish, Concord Engineering Energy Services said we are the representatives for the Passaic County Co-Op and regarding the Ordinance for participation in the PCIA Energy Aggregation Program there are savings for residents. The Borough gets Energy Deregulation for Electric and Gas and we have been in New Jersey since 1999. There are thirty one States with some kind of deregulation which goes with the Government Energy Aggregation Act of 2003 and the New Jersey Administrative Code Title 14. There is no commitment from the town even if the Ordinance is passed.

Ken Ambruster, 6 Gardella Place said I was in the utility industry for over thirty years and they attempted three times in Ridgewood to do this so how do we know you will get bids.

John Fish said we are getting bids now.

Ken Ambruster said how does the power get approved.

John Fish said the companies have to be licensed and able to deliver.

The Mayor said how many towns are in now.

John Fish said there are over forty Municipalities.

John Maiello, 26 Rhinesmith Avenue said I worked for a New Jersey utility and I don't think this is a good idea. They take care of their own people.

John Fish said the default is not Jersey Central Power and Light they pay someone else and ship it off.

Grace Maiello, 26 Rhinesmith Avenue, Wanaque said why do you need a contract.

John Fish said the contract holds the rate but you don't have to sign a contract just to fix a rate and it is for the third party supplier not for you.

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Councilman Pettet arrived at 7:15 P.M.

ORDINANCES:

Introduction of Ord. #1-0-14:

Re: Amend Salary Ordinance

Introduction of Ord. #2-0-14:

Re: Approve participation in PCIA Energy Aggregation Program

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

John Maiello, 26 Rhinesmith Avenue, Wanaque said in reference to the bond reduction for Parkside, where the sewer pipes are in towards Ringwood Avenue is that going to be paved.

The Borough Administrator said yes in the Spring and not all of the Boulevard is being paved.

John Maiello said is Jefferson Street going to be paved.

The Borough Administrator said there will be a new water main in 2015 and there is a grant we're applying for to put in the water main and we will pave it then.

John Maiello said can a twenty five mile an hour sign be put up on 12 Boulevard where my daughter lives since there are people speeding.

The Borough Administrator said we'll look into it.

Ken Ambruster, 6 Gardella Place, Haskell said will they pave Ringwood Avenue from 287.

The Mayor said yes in the Spring and it will be paved to Argyle Street.

Ken Ambruster said there are potholes there now by Dunkin Donuts so it will be paved.

The Mayor said yes it should be done within two weeks.

Ken Ambruster said we lost two liquor licenses.

The Mayor said only one was lost and the other is inactive.

The Borough Administrator said we will ask the County to repair the potholes on Ringwood Avenue by Dunkin Donuts.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #25-0-14:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00008 for Block 402, Lot 94 and authorizing cancellation of the Certificate

Resolution #26-0-14:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00013 for Block 302, Lot 16 in the amount of \$4,511.12 for the Certificate and \$22,000.00 for the Premium

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Resolution #27-0-14:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #12-00016 for Block 401, Lot 9 and authorizing Cancellation of the Certificate

Resolution #28-0-14:

Re: Credit of overbilling on Block 231, Lot 2 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2013 in the amount of \$4,012.34 due to an added assessment billing

Resolution #29-0-14:

Re: Budgetary Transfers

Three (3) Applications for Raffle Licenses:

Re: 1) Lakeland Regional High School Band Association – RA:862 and RA:863 and 2) Saint Francis of Assisi Home School Association – RA:864

Application for Amusement Machine License:

Re: Joseph Agostino – Flip’s Bar, 18 Railroad Avenue, Wanaque

Payment to County of Passaic re:

Re: 2012/2013 Added/Omitted Assessment and Open Space in the amount of \$17,616.99

Letter from John Capparelli, 21 Pawnee Avenue, Oakland:

Re: Refund of deposit for Seasonal Merchandise Permit #2139 in the amount of \$300.00

Letter from the Fire Chief:

Re: Remove from the rolls of Company #2 – David Giordano and add to the rolls of Company #3 Sean Sweeney effective immediately

Resolution #30-0-14:

Re: Approve Civil Service Certification – Robert Kronyak – Police Captain

Resolution #31-0-14:

Re: 2014 Community Development Block Grant Application

Resolution #32-0-14:

Re: Approve Bond Reduction – Parkside at Wanaque

Resolution #33-0-14:

Re: Transfer of 2007 Ford Crown Victoria to Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority

Resolution #34-0-14:

Re: Authorize update of Redevelopment Plan – US Aluminum

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

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

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported the statistics for the First Aid Squad for December are eighty four calls, one thousand twenty five calls year to date, December six hundred sixty six and three quarter hours and nine thousand seven hundred ninety hours volunteered for the Year. They have new officers for next year and Brandon Grygus is the President. The Recreation Commission held their first meeting and the Mayor administered the Oaths of Office to the new members. Regarding the Veterans committee there is an awards ceremony coming up and the VFW sent an invitation.

Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa said there is a new reporting format and it has been implemented. The Water and Sewer departments are doing meter readings and it took two men four hours. They are checking sewers and doing water markouts and repairs for the water mains. There has been snow removal quite a bit lately and there is management work to get done and administrative duties to work and get done. They are doing vegetative waste and Christmas tree pickup and they know how many hours and the time it takes the men to get it done. There was a water main break today on Wilson Drive and it was nine feet deep which is a significant break and the contractor came out to fix it.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard said I have no report.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello reported the Captain is out injured and we will find out his status tomorrow. There is a Civil Service promotion tonight and the recruit in the academy is doing well.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet said I have no report.

Councilman Willse:

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Councilman Willse reported the Fire department had seven alarms and sixteen events, five hundred four man hours for December and eleven thousand six hundred man hours year to date.

Engineer:

The Borough Engineer said the final estimate for Butler Place we will have that soon and Westbrook Road is seventy percent done and they will wrap that up shortly.

Administrator:

The Borough Administrator said COAH approved the spending plan from June 2012 that was submitted.

Attorney:

The Borough Attorney said there is a Tax Appeal settlement and we'll have a stipulation and report for the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #35-0-14:

Re: Interlocal Agreement – Borough of Riverdale – Construction Code Services

Resolution #36-0-14:

Re: Approve Amended Interlocal Services Agreement – Township of Lyndhurst Qualified Purchasing Agent Services

Resolution #37-0-14:

Re: Signature Resolution – Municipal Court

Resolution #38-0-14:

Re: Appoint Linda Westervelt – Keyboarding Clerk – Police Department

Resolution #39-0-14:

Re: Approve Progress Payment #6 – Uni Mak LLC – Borough Hall Construction

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FINANCE REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Cortellessa and Balunis 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.

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Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk