

Work Meeting
March 11, 2013

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, March 11, 2013, at 7:05P.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, Pettet and Willse. 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.

MINUTES:

February 11, 2013

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing of Ord. #2-0-13:

Re: Amend Ordinance #15-0-12 "Water" to clarify the effective date

Introduction of Ord. #3-0-13:

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

Introduction of Ord. #4-0-13:

Re: Establish Chapter 34, Public Works

Introduction of Ord. #5-0-13:

Re: CAP Index Ordinance

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2012 CURRENT AND WATER UTILITY BUDGETS -
Resolution #46-0-13 and Resolution #47-0-13 – Deferred School Taxes and other
Budgetary Resolutions:

The Borough Administrator explained the CAP Index Ordinance and the budget. There is 9.2 million dollars raised in taxes. It is about a one hundred eight dollar increase on an average home and will have a full analysis out in a day or two. Last year it was 8.2 million and at the CAP of 2 percent except the exceptions. Councilman Cortellessa and Councilman Pettet will go through the budget.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported the First Aid Squad statistics for February are eighty one calls, one hundred seventy five calls year to date, nine hundred fourteen hours and one thousand seven hundred ninety one hours total year to date.

Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa reported the Road Department Bob Roach is overseeing the department on a temporary basis due to the passing of Frank Ferrell. We are planning to see what the needs are for the Borough and what needs to be done. They need to prepare the fields and parks, check storm drains and streams, the wells need to be checked for content, the street signs need to be maintained and paving is being done so Ringwood Avenue needs to be marked out for the road work.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard reported the Board of Education is working on the preliminary budget and March 26th is their next meeting.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello read the police report.
Councilman Cortellessa said what are the stops not issued summons all the time.
The Police Chief said not all the things are taken into.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet reported that Lakeland Regional High School is going through the budget process and the budget is to be worked on.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse reported the Fire Department had ten alarms, one drill and fifteen calls for February and seven hundred eighty eight hours year to date and they held their installation dinner in February. The plans for the new building we are looking at certain things and are waiting to hear back from the architect and we are keeping on top of it.

The Borough Engineer said I have no report.
The Mayor said are the road programs starting up again soon.
The Borough Engineer said yes they will be starting soon.
Councilman Willse said if the construction begins next week March 18th why are the signs not out.
The Borough Administrator said we contacted the County but did not hear back from them.

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The Mayor said they should do Melrose Avenue up to the Ringwood line and come back and do in front of here at the end. They have to be done this year.

The Borough Administrator said I'll express the concerns to the County.

The Borough Administrator reported the bus shelter on Ringwood Avenue and Warren Hagstrom Boulevard the agreement is ready to be signed soon. The Department of Environmental Protection regarding Hagstrom field is a go with the plan and the bid specifications are to get out quickly to put a drain underneath and get the water out to the street. The Jefferson Street and Monroe Street project these should be out to bid soon and the yard waste collection began today.

The Borough Attorney reported the April 1st deadline for Tax Appeals has been extended to May 1st. There were Tax Appeals for last year for Wanaque Reserve, Lakeland Health Care Center and Lakeside Manor. There is litigation regarding Harris and ALCU and the Borough Administrator is going to have someone handle that. There are questions regarding the constitution of an Ordinance and the Attorney General and the State are to be brought in. It will all work out. Regarding Wanaque vs the North Jersey District Water Supply it is still in the discovery phase and it is an ongoing complex litigation going through Spring.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Ken Ambruster, 6 Gardella Place, Haskell said the Ordinance on the water billing if we paid the water do we get a retroactive bill.

The Mayor said no. There will be a clarified billing to start with 2013 and it does not affect you.

Ann Timko, 28 Fourth Avenue, Haskell said are people required to get a license for pets for a temporary license.

The Borough Attorney said all pets have to be licensed.

Ann Timko said at Subway the lines are not defined in the parking lot for the handicapped parking and whose responsibility is it to post the signs. At the exit people are going out the entrance only which is one way and there will be an accident. They should define the line and post a clear line.

The Borough Administrator said I'll have the Building Inspector review the site plan.

Ann Timko said the water problem is horrific on Fourth Avenue and I spoke to Mike Reiff. It forms ice every time it rains, it is like a lake and the crown of the road is wrong as I was told by the Road Department. There has to be a solution to it.

The Borough Administrator said the roads are designed for the water to go off of it. The front setback is twenty five feet and people paved it over the years. Take a look at the other side of your driveway.

Ann Timko said the manhole is sinking because of the water and can't a drain be put in.

The Borough Administrator said we'll take a look at it.

Ann Timko said can you have Jersey Central Power and Light to come and talk about the grid.

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The Mayor said we will have them come back.

Bruce Lyons, 84 Burnside Place, Haskell said what is the status of the tennis courts at Back Beach.

The Borough Administrator said the developer and Parkside at Wanaque are to contribute to repair it. New lighting, fencing and tennis courts are to be done.

Bruce Lyons said are there any COAH units at Parkside.

The Mayor said there are eighteen units.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #37-0-13:

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

Resolution #38-0-13:

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

Resolution #39-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00021 for Block 403, Lot 56 in the amount of \$2,378.87 for the Certificate

Resolution #40-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00022 for Block 403, Lot 62 in the amount of \$1,561.08 for the Certificate

Resolution #41-0-13:

Re: Budgetary Transfers

None.

Application for Raffle License:

Re: 1) Saint Francis Home School Association – RA:834

Resolution #42-0-13:

Re: Award Bid – Ballfield Maintenance

Resolution #43-0-13:

Re: Award Bid – Yard Waste Disposal

Resolution #44-0-13:

Re: Award Bid – Auto Repair

Payment to State of New Jersey:

Re: Division of Pension and Benefits – PERS in the amount of \$242,596.00

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Payment to State of New Jersey:

Re: Division of Pension and Benefits – PFRS in the amount of \$605,679.00

Resolution #48-0-13:

Re: Water Billing Cycle

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Wanaque Reserve Senior Citizens:

Re: Request refund of overpayment of fees for Bingo Application #BL:196 in the amount of \$60.00

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #45-0-13:

Re: Approve Retirement Agreement – Police Chief John Reno

FINANCE REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard 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 8:00 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

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