

Work Meeting  
May 13, 2013

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, May 13, 2013, at 7:10 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, 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:

April 8, 2013

PROCLAMATION:

National Day of Prayer – May 2, 2013:

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing of Ord. #6-0-13:

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

Introduction of Ord. #7-0-13:

Re: Bond Ordinance – Westbrook Road

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported the First Aid Squad statistics for April I did not receive in time for the meeting. A week ago the Mayor, Councilman Pettet, Borough Administrator and myself met with the First Aid Squad on their budget items. The Veterans decided not to have a parade and they did schedule the ceremony still. Next year they will try to get more participation and get more people out for a bigger event.

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Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa reported the Road department is taking care of the fields, fixing signs, the fence at Back Beach, park dedication, planted bushes at Doty Road, vegetative waste, road paving and patching, sewer and water cleaning and cleaning out pipes, doing maintenance work and mark outs and each department is helping each other out.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard reported the Education Foundation has funds for three thousand two hundred dollars to repair microphone jacks and the sound system is working well. A grant for six thousand three hundred dollars we used the funds for the purchase of ten Ipads with charging systems and we're proud we came up with the funds. Eileen Maldonado is the president and Eileen Murphy is the secretary. The Board of Education is still in negotiations for contracts which is an ongoing process.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello read the police report.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet reported I attended a meeting with the First Aid Squad for their budget and also attended the memorial for the George Theoharous park.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse reported I met with the Fire Department Chief and two members about replacing equipment over time instead of all at once and they have a plan now. For the month there were thirteen alarms, five drills, two hundred eighty two calls and one thousand one hundred eighty four man hours year to date.

The Mayor said at the park dedication for George Theoharous there was a large crowd and all of the Council were in attendance. George was always there for everyone and I'm glad the turnout was good. JoAnn Dandrea has submitted her resignation from the Recreation Board and under new business we will bring it up and do a Proclamation.

The Borough Engineer reported the Fourth Avenue drainage complaint we looked at and it would still be the high end probably about one hundred forty thousand dollars to address and take care of the situation. The water main is old transite and to replace it would be a road reconstruction project about five hundred thousand to six hundred thousand dollars for the cost to repair it. It would probably take a couple of years through the Department of Transportation grant and there would hardly be any road left. It is not an easy construction job.

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The Borough Administrator reported we have to return three hundred thousand dollars to the State a little over a week from next Wednesday for the Housing fund which they are taking for money spent or not committed. There is an argument that the rules kept changing in Court and now there is no indication of how COAH will handle the preexisting needs for all the work that was done over the last ten years. It probably goes out the window now and they will have to start over. We approved the special needs housing but what they will require is not clear.

Councilman Willse said what happens when COAH requires us to do something but we don't have the funds.

The Borough Administrator said this will be ongoing and we may have to join the New Jersey League of Municipalities lawsuit for the State.

Councilman Cortellessa said when will the special housing be done.

The Borough Administrator said I will check and let you know. I spoke with Ringwood for the Conklintown Road paving and we may do a joint bid for Garbarino Avenue, Oak Terrace, Belvidere, Garden Street and Conklintown Road for part of the project. They are working on the Westbrook Road project which needs to be done. The bridge is collapsing into the Reservoir and the potholes are bad.

Councilman Willse said Conklintown Road will it be milled and paved.

The Borough Administrator said yes. On Ringwood Avenue they are going to First Avenue do the curbs and sidewalks and pave over the summer. The County is pushing to get the whole job done by the end of the year. We expressed everyone's exasperation with the County and the Police department is enforcing the 3:00 P.M. deadline. I will speak to the County Administrator again regarding the displeasure with the pace of the work.

The Borough Attorney reported with regard to the revaluation there have been tax appeals filed and they will be taken care of when the hearing date is set.

#### PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Ken Ambruster, 6 Gardella Place, Haskell said with the vegetative waste collection the Scuffy truck is going around and what happened to the other truck.

The Borough Administrator said the other truck is going around.

Ken Ambruster said at the Subway in the parking lot the handicapped parking is not clearly marked and it needs a sign on Park Avenue for do not enter and there is a one way sign there already.

The Mayor said you can enter and exit from Park Avenue.

Marvin Lieman, 4312 Warrens Way, Wanaque said the 3.493 tax rate does that include the County and School and is that the tax rate.

The Borough Administrator said no it is not the rate until the County Tax Board certifies the rate and it is all inclusive.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

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Resolution #62-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #10-00031 for Block 416, Lot 8 in the amount of \$18,874.07 for the Certificate and \$10,000.00 for the premium

Resolution #63-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00012 for Block 236, Lot 2 in the amount of \$1,720.34 for the Certificate

Resolution #64-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00013 for Block 245, Lot 5 in the amount of \$2,424.03

Resolution #65-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00015 for Block 268, Lot 4 in the amount of \$3,324.56

Resolution #66-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00017 for Block 269, Lot 8 in the amount of \$3,324.57

Resolution #67-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00024 for Block 414, Lot 18 in the amount of \$1,784.14

Resolution #68-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00025 for Block 428, Lot 6 in the amount of \$3,125.65

Resolution #69-0-13:

Re: Award Bid – Hagstrom Field

Resolution #70-0-13:

Re: Award Bid – Sewer Replacement – Jefferson Street and Monroe Street

Resolution #71-0-13:

Re: Estimated Tax Bills

Resolution #72-0-13:

Re: Amend Capital Budget

Resolution #73-0-13:

Re: Contract – Friendship House

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Resolution #74-0-13:

Re: Approve Change Order No. 1 and Current Estimate #3 and Final for Wanaque Avenue and Butler Place Improvements to Mike Fitzpatrick and Son, Inc. in the amount of \$28,950.19

Resolution #75-0-13:

Re: Appoint School Crossing Guard – Jacqueline R. Cohn – effective April 17, 2013

Resolution #76-0-13:

Re: Establish Tax Rate

Four (4) Applications for Raffle Licenses:

Re: 1) Saint Francis of Assisi School – RA:840 and 2) Saint Francis of Assisi Church – RA:841, RA:842 and RA:843

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Reed Construction Data:

Re: Refund of \$150.00 deposit for Municipal Building project

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #77-0-13:

Re: Interlocal Services Agreement – Township of Lyndhurst for assisting with registration Program

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FINANCE REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk