

Work Meeting
September 9, 2013

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, September 9, 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 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.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER – Anthony Mulé – Resolution #132-0-13

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF – Thomas P. Norton – Resolution #133-0-13

MINUTES:

August 12, 2013.

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing of Ord. #11-0-13:
Re: Amend Cable Television Ordinance

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported I have not received the statistics from the First Aid Squad. On September 11th there will be a ceremony at the First Aid Squad Building and refreshments will be served. The back of the First Aid Squad building is going to be painted by the Eagle Scout and it is a big enough project to do the whole back of the building. It should be done around mid October. Parents donated a defibrillator to be used at Memorial field and the training is to be done by the Wanaque First Aid Squad for people to be trained. Mike and Christine LaCroix donated it.

Councilman Pettet arrived at 7:05 P.M.

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Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa reported there will be a training session at the Wanaque Reserve also to have people become certified with the defibrillator. Read a letter regarding the community outreach.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard reported the officers of the organization and the Norm Gross family donated a defibrillator and will send a thank you letter. Warren Hagstrom field working on the irrigation sprinkler and it looks very good. For the world of Education on September 17th and 18th is back to school night. The Education Foundation met last Thursday and a grant for an Apple Ipad cart was received. The Education Foundation couldn't afford to fill the cart but additional donations should fill it and Haskell School was the largest grant for that. There will be a raffle at the picnic and a Casino night to help raise funds.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello reported there is the swearing in of a new police officer and the Police Chief tonight and the call volume is still up and it will get better as time goes on.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet reported for the outreach committee can we get recipients together to discuss things and some people do want to remain anonymous. Lakeland Regional High School started and I will be attending their meeting this month.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse reported there were five alarms, three drills and thirteen thousand four hundred fifty seven hours this year. The Hurst tools are in their possession and they will have a drill this Wednesday to train in the proper use of the tools.

The Mayor said on Labor Day I noticed in the newspaper that a former Mayor passed away and I went to the funeral and met his daughter. He was former Mayor Evangelista. At our regular meeting we will have a moment of silence for the former Mayor and for September 11th. There was a hike on Sunday run by the Police, there is a ceremony for ten Eagle Scouts and the town picnic is to be held on September 21st at 2:00 P.M.

The Borough Administrator reported with regard to the paving all the work is completed and it came out well. On Crescent Road all the road was worn away and they just paved it they did not mill it. At Monroe Street and Jefferson Street the work started and it will hook up the residents and the 2014 budget process started.

Councilman Cortellessa said Back Beach looks good and it should be ready soon for use.

The Borough Administrator said the Ringwood Avenue paving the County is working with the contractor to complete all the curbs and sidewalks and put asphalt down for the winter.

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They will come back in the Spring and finish. We encouraged the contractor to do the curbs and mill and pave it by the end of the year.

Councilman Willse said are the access points to be widened at all.

The Borough Administrator said the road is only thirty two feet wide and it is not enough to widen it and the road will be the same. It would need an easement and the drains are done already.

The Mayor said the handicapped ramps will be put in the sidewalk.

The Borough Administrator said at this point we just want it done.

Councilman Cortellessa said there are refunding of overpayments at every meeting why is that.

The Borough Administrator said because it needs approval from the Governing Body and the mortgage company refinances and issues payment and the town needs to refund the money to the homeowner.

The Borough Engineer reported the items are on the agenda.

The Borough Attorney said I have no report.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Marvin Lieman, 3412 Warrens Way, Wanaque said what is the cost for the Special Elections.

The Mayor said we don't know off hand but it is expensive.

Steven Mazurik, 148 Greenwood Avenue, Haskell thanked the Mayor and Council for the speed limit sign.

Grace Maiello, 26 Rhinesmith Avenue, Wanaque said it is difficult getting out of Pellington Street due to the cover on the fence.

The Borough Administrator said I will look into it.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #118-0-13:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #11-00018 for Block 273, Lot 2 in the amount of \$2,912.86

Resolution #119-0-13:

Re: Refund of Tax overpayments on various properties in the amount of \$23,576.70

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Resolution #120-0-13:

Re: Credit of Tax overbilling for the Year 2013 and the first half of 2014 due to clerical error in the assessment during the reval on Block 227, Lot 22 in the amount of \$2,575.69

Resolution #121-0-13:

Re: Refund of Tax overpayment for Block 257, Lot 2 for the Year 2013 in the amount of \$1,874.85 and Credit the 4th Quarter and 1st and 2nd Quarter of 2014 which has already been billed

Resolution #122-0-13:

Re: Passaic County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sub Recipient Agreement No-Cost Time Extension Amendment for 2011 CDBG Grant Award

Three (3) Raffle Applications:

Re: Ringwood-Wanaque Ice Hockey – RA:854, RA:855 and RA:856

Resolution #123-0-13:

Re: Current Estimate #2 – UniMak LLC – Borough Hall Construction

Resolution #124-0-13:

Re: Interlocal Agreement – Township of Lyndhurst – Recreation Registration Program

Resolution #125-0-13:

Re: Easement – JCPL – Borough Hall

Resolution #126-0-13:

Re: Approve Change Order #9 – Ringwood Avenue Improvements (Borough Hall Water and Sewer Connection)

Resolution #127-0-13:

Re: Current Estimate #1 – John Garcia and Son – Monroe Street Sewer Replacement

Resolution #128-0-13:

Re: Approve Current Estimate #2 – Robert Wogish and Son – Hagstrom Field Improvements

Resolution #129-0-13:

Re: Approve Payment to Tilcon, New York – 2013 Road Program

Resolution #130-0-13:

Re: NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Application

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

1. Clerk's Receipts for August 2013 -
2. Police Department Report for August 2013 -

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3. Tax Collector's Report for August 2013 -
4. Municipal Court Report for August 2013 -

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Resolution #116-0-13:

Re: Approve Memorandum of Understanding - Tilcon

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #131-0-13 – Appointment of Road Department Laborer – Matt Halker

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 7:45 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk