

Work Meeting
November 18, 2013

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, November 18, 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, 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.

PRESENTATION: Police Department Reorganization – Chief Thomas Norton – 7:00 P.M.

Chief Norton gave a presentation on the police department re-organization. This is a short term plan and a fair plan to keep the safety of the town and to help with the upcoming retirements and to help in keeping the department running. There are items coming up for purchase of equipment which will be needed in the near future. There are retirements coming up and an employee has left and will be replaced at the regular meeting tonight. The Captain is to be moved to the Detective position and the Lieutenant is to be promoted to Captain. An administrative assistant part time is to be hired to handle payroll, billing, dispatch and other duties. In September next year we are looking to hire two new officers for the department. In July 2015 we will start filling patrol squads all to stay with three men but to add a floater and we plan to expand to twenty three officers. The call volume has gone up and we are looking to keep the town safe.

Councilman Pasquariello said is the SRO Officer still working in the summer.

Chief Norton said yes.

Councilman Cortellessa said what is the reason the call volume is going up and we need to keep the kids safe due to drugs and other things .

Chief Norton said that is the way the world is today so we need to get four men on a shift a Sergeant and three patrol officers.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CAPTAIN – Lieutenant Robert Kronyak – Resolution #154-0-13

MINUTES:

October 7, 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Balunis:

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Councilman Balunis reported the Veterans Committee has events scheduled for Veterans Day which includes a breakfast on Saturday at Wanaque School and on Sunday at Wanaque Reserve there are two veterans that came home and will be recognized then. Veterans Day there is a memorial service here and a street dedication for Bill Van Wilpe. I have not received the statistics for the First Aid Squad and December 7th is the breakfast with Santa which is six dollars and there is a toy drive the same day for new unwrapped toys to be received between 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.

The Mayor said the teachers didn't do the breakfast this year and I want to thank Tom Balunis as he stepped up and helped out and also the Republican Club.

Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa reported the vegetative waste collection continues. They are also doing curb and basin work, potholes, clean up and repair of equipment. They are also checking the wells and doing meter readings. There is sewer work being done on Monroe Street and also flushing work and there was a water leak on Doty Road. The manhole covers at Mountain Lakes Estates are dangerous and we should put up barricades around them and decide what to do up there because when they have to plow they have to go around the manhole covers.

The Borough Administrator said there is a plowing issue there. It would cost about fifty to sixty thousand dollars to repave the road and I will speak with the Attorney and we may have to take the owner to court or something.

Councilman Cortellessa said there is a safety concern for our men and we should talk about it more.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard reported casino night was successful and I would like to thank the Mayor and Councilman Cortellessa for helping out. We raised quite a bit of funds.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello reported Chief Norton covered most of the police report. The student is doing well in the police academy and the re-organization plan is good for the department.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet reported at Lakeland Regional High School they are going over the achievement plan, they are looking into changing the telephone system and they will be advertising for a new principal at the beginning of the month.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse reported the Fire Department statistics are ten alarms, four drills and three calls for September, fourteen alarms, five drills and seven calls for October and fourteen

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thousand five hundred twenty volunteer hours for the year to date. I would like to thank the County for doing Ringwood Avenue and getting it done.

The Mayor said the welcome park at Ringwood Avenue and Union Avenue the contractor started and there will be two rocks with plaques and trees and they should finish it in the Spring.

Councilman Willse said when will the sign be put up.

The Mayor said there will be a dedication in the Spring for the park and also the steel from the World Trade Center has been covered and will be until the dedication.

The Borough Engineer said there is nothing new to report at this time.

The Borough Administrator said Ringwood Avenue is finished and Monroe Street and Jefferson Street is almost finished. Chief Norton and I are working on an OEM grant for fifty thousand dollars for an emergency generators and we are processing those for the First Aid Squad and Fire Department. With regard to Westbrook Road they are working on the design and it should be put out to bid in the winter for construction in the Spring.

The Borough Attorney said there is nothing new to report on.

The Mayor said the Re-Organization meeting will be on January 6, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Leonard said the new café where Jordan's was is to open in January.

ORDINANCES:

Introduction of Ord. #12-0-13:

Re: 2014 Salary Ordinance

Introduction of Ord. #13-0-13:

Re: Amend Chapter 33 "Police Department" to amend table of Reorganization

Introduction 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.

Katie Wellins, 24 Park Avenue, Haskell said what is the follow up at Mar Del Manor.

The Mayor said the Borough Administrator and I spoke to the State and the license renewal didn't get approved based on it being next to a school and there have been no complaints received.

Chief Norton said there was a loud noise complaint received from one of the residents inside of the facility but other than that there were no complaints.

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The Mayor said we haven't seen the residents hanging around out front and we looked for how the license was approved as and we're trying to find out more information. We'll keep an eye on the manager.

Katie Wellins said I have seen a difference there but I don't want it to lapse and go back where it was.

Dave Slater, 996 Ringwood Avenue, Haskell said I live across from Mar Del Manor and I have made recommendations to the owner to keep people in the back and it seems to have worked. The one gentleman is gone and the fears are not well founded and there has been a change in the last four weeks.

The Mayor said the manager has replaced four people and it seems to be better.

Marvin Lehman, 4312 Warrens Way, Wanaque said regarding storms that come up don't the gas stations have to have generators to operate if they lose power..

The Police Chief said in this State it is outside the hands and scope of the Municipality.

Marvin Lehman said during Election day the alternate exit in the back of Warrens Way to get out to the other streets in the town due to the Ringwood Avenue construction the streets are not marked well and a lot of people got lost.

The Mayor said we will look at the signs and look into it.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Application for Bingo License:

Re: Wanaque First Aid Squad Auxiliary – BA:197

Three (3) Applications for Raffle License:

Re: Wanaque First Aid Squad Auxiliary – RA:857, Wanaque School PTA – RA:858 and RA:859

Resolution #144-0-13:

Re: A.W.A.R.E. A.S.A.P. Grant Extension in the amount of \$24,221.00

Resolution #145-0-13:

Re: Utilize the public right of way for purpose of running a fiber optic Cable

Resolution #146-0-13:

Re: Sub-Recipient Agreement with Passaic County for the utilization of the FY 2013 Community Development Block Grant funds

Resolution #147-0-13:

Re: Budgetary Transfers

Resolution #148-0-13:

Re: Permanent Appointment – Aarika Battaglia – Deputy Municipal Court Administrator

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Resolution #149-0-13:

Re: Amend Salary Resolution – Detective/Captain Ken Fackina

Resolution #150-0-13:

Re: Award Passaic County Co-Op Bid – Rock Salt

Resolution #151-0-13:

Re: Participation in Stream Cleaning Grant Program

Resolution #152-0-13:

Re: Current Estimate #2 – John Garcia and Son Construction, Inc. – Monroe Street and Jefferson Street Sewer Replacement - \$80,923.50

Resolution #153-0-13:

Re: Current Estimate #3 – Uni Mak LLC – Borough Hall Construction - \$427,616.77

Letter from James Post:

Re: Refund of Deposits for Street Opening Permits #2140 - \$618.75 and #2141 - \$573.7

Letter from the Fire Chief:

Re: Remove from the rolls of Company #2 – James Milbauer

Resolution #155-0-13:

Re: Approve transfer of Kim DeVore, Keyboarding Clerk from Water Utility to Police Department

Resolution #156-0-13:

Re: Approve appointment of Kaitlin Gillow as Keyboarding Clerk – Water Utility

Resolution #157-0-13:

Re: Approve payment to County of Passaic for Ringwood Avenue - Phase III

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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2014 Re-Organization Meeting Date:

Appointment of Library Board Member:

Re: Richard Reilly to fill an unexpired term ending December 31, 2017

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

FINANCE REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk