

COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION OF MARCH 2, 2015

The Work Session of March 2, 2015 was called to order at 6:34 p.m. and the open public notice announcement was read by the Borough Administrator. In attendance were Mayor Kasko, Commissioner Moscatelli and Commissioner Rochford, the Borough Administrator, the Solicitor and Borough Clerk.

The Open Public Comment period was announced by the Administrator.

The Commissioners reviewed the list of appointments to be made to the Recreation Commission. It was noted that the contact information for the Boy's Lacrosse was still needed. The Commissioners agreed to the list of appointees, including the Haddonfield Athletic Director or his designee. Mayor Kasko stated that Jack O'Malley would be his designee. The Commissioners also agreed to appoint Tish Colombi as a general member.

Mayor Kasko stated that the Human Relations Commission (HRC) is interested in reviewing the Borough's guidelines to board members document that was created some years ago. The Commissioners agreed to provide this document to the HRC for their review and comments. Mayor Kasko also noted that the HRC is looking at presenting a forum on how to interact with the public. It was agreed that Mayor Kasko would write a letter to the HRC to present the guidelines document.

The March 10, 2015 agenda was reviewed by the Commissioners. The Administrator stated that the solid waste collection bid advertisement approval resolution will be moved to the second meeting in March. It was noted that the Superintendent of Public Works would be putting together a proposal on behalf of the Borough on the cost to bring this service back in-house. Additionally, the resolution to award the library work will be moved to the first meeting after the end of the bond estopple period; making it the first meeting in April at the earliest. Commissioner Rochford asked if everything is set for moving forward with this award. The Borough Administrator reviewed the current status of these bids. She noted that the Library Board is willing to spend the funds for replacing all of the windows at the library, rather than the ones listed in the bid packet. They have asked that the Borough begin the process with the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). Mayor Kasko questioned the publication and public hearing dates for the bond ordinance to ensure that everything was being done properly. The Administrator replied that this will be double checked.

The Administrator announced that the Partnership for Haddonfield (PfH) were moving the "For the Love of Chocolate" event from April 25th to either April 11th or 18th since the Environmental Commission had previously been given approval to use Kings Court that date. The Commissioners approved the event on either of the alternate dates provided. Mayor Kasko stated that the PfH budget has been completed and will be sent to the Borough in the near future. Additionally, PfH is thrilled that the Philadelphia Museum of Art will be placing replicas of art pieces along Kings Highway.

The Commissioner reviewed the Year 37 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) possibilities and agreed to designate various repairs to the Mabel Kay House for this grant. The Commissioners agreed.

The Borough Administrator provided an update on her talks with PATCO regarding the residential parking in that lot from residents at Haddonfield Manor on Linden Avenue. She report that PATCO is talking about providing these residents with the first two rows in the lot closest to the Manor, but they would have to leave by 7:00 a.m. An agreement is currently in draft form on this issue. Additionally, PATCO has indicated that there will be a fee charged, but it should not be very much. They are no longer allowed to offer anything for free. She noted that we will have to indemnify PATCO with regards to anything happening to these vehicles while parked in their lot. Commissioner Moscatelli asked if the Borough would only be covering these vehicles from damage by PATCO, i.e. when they are plowing, and not if someone vandalizes or breaks into their car. The Administrator agreed that the vehicles would only be covered for PATCO damages. The Borough Solicitor cautioned that this indemnification needs to seriously be look at before the Commissioners agree. The Administrator will keep the Commissioners advised on the progress of this agreement.

It was agreed that the Commissioners will bring their priorities list to a future work session.

The Borough Administrator provided a draft water and sewer budget for the Commissioner to review. The current status of the NJ American Water purchase were discussed. The anticipated sale date for the utility is May 1st. The Administrator noted that a final water and sewer reading will be done prior to the transfer. Commissioner Moscatelli reviewed the principal and interest information in more detail. Mayor Kasko asked why the unemployment costs were increased. The Administrator reviewed the numbers in more detail. She then advised that the Borough would not be able to adopt the Borough Budget until after the sale is final; meaning it could be introduced in April and adopted in May.

At 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Rochford made a motion to go into closed session to discuss PBA contract negotiations, Coalition on Affordable Housing (COAH) status, Bancroft property sale and 605 Warwick Road subdivision appeal. Commissioner Moscatelli seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

The Commissioners returned from closed session at 8:40 p.m. where the motion to leave closed session had also included a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion has been made by Mayor Kasko and seconded by Commissioner Rochford. The motion had been approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Bennett
Borough Clerk