

## **COMMISSIONER WORK SESSION OF APRIL 17, 2017**

The Work Session of April 17, 2017 was called to order at 6:33 p.m. in Room 201 and the open public notice announcement was read by the Borough Administrator. In attendance were Commissioner Kasko, Commissioner Moscatelli and Commissioner Rochford, the Administrator, the Borough Solicitor and the Borough Clerk.

The Administrator opened the public comment portion of the meeting. No Comment were made.

Amy Lackpour, Shani Nuckols, and Lynn Hoag joined the meeting to discuss the 2017 Gun Violence Awareness Day in town. Ms. Lackpour presented a sample proclamation about this day and stated that orange is the color of safety, so that is the color that has been chosen in association with this event. This honors the celebration of life and that gun violence is detrimental. She further stated that she wants to bring attention to all the violent uses of guns. She is asking that June 2<sup>nd</sup> be named for this day. Activities they would like to have are to light up the library fountain as orange, as well as putting ribbons on the light posts downtown, and possibly having a ceremony at the library. There are groups going to many town asking for support by their towns to build awareness. Commissioner Rochford stated that the Borough did a proclamation for this event last year as well and there was no pushback from the residents then. Commissioner Moscatelli volunteered his orange election ribbons, as he had not used them since the three Commissioners were running unopposed. Mayor Kasko suggested the group ask the downtown stores to see if they would be willing to hanging those ribbons. The Commissioners also agreed to allow the ribbons be hung on the downtown light posts. Commissioner Moscatelli asked that the organization put the ribbons on the light posts, as we would not be using borough personnel to do so. The Administrator advised that start and end dates should be worked out. The Commissioners agree to allow the ribbons to be up 10 days prior to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> date and taken down a week afterwards. It was also noted that the ribbons could be tied to trees, but not attached any other way. As for the use of the library fountain, the Borough Administrator advised that the fountain belongs to Haddon Fire Company No. 1. Additionally, the Administrator suggested changing the floodlights outside at Borough Hall and having the ceremony here. It was agreed to announce the proclamation on the May 23<sup>rd</sup> agenda and then read it at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> ceremony. Ms. Lackpour stated that they would to get back to us with the details about the ceremony. The group left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Mayor Kasko made a motion to go into recess at this time to join members of Haddon Fire Company No. 1 to have pictures taken with the new fire truck. Commissioner Rochford seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

The Commissioners returned from recess at 7:00 p.m.

The Administrator advised that Commissioners that the Board of Education (BOE), Buildings and Grounds Department, has expressed an interest in purchasing a Ford Explorer from the Department of Public Works (DPW), which they no longer use. The Commissioners agreed to authorize the sale for \$1 via resolution at their next

Commissioner meeting. The Administrator advised that BOE is aware of the issues the vehicle is starting to have.

Commissioner Moscatelli reviewed possible changes for the trash disposal ordinance because there are people and/or stores using the downtown cans for disposal of their full bags of trash. He wants to make it clear that people cannot do this. It was agreed that the Solicitor will work on an appropriate amendment to the ordinance. The Solicitor then reviewed various suggestions on how to change the ordinance for putting leaves in the street. The Commissioners discussed various possibilities. Commissioner Moscatelli stated that he is okay with the fee for the leaves in the street staying at \$85, but he would also accept the fine being reduced to \$50. It was agreed to change the fine to \$50, even though Mayor Kasko felt this may be too low. Additionally, the Commissioners agreed that the fee for filling trash containers with personal/store trash should be set at \$85. Commissioner Moscatelli suggested that subsequent violations should have to go to court if they are within a specified period of time. The Commissioners agreed to the second offense having to go to court without any time limit and that this would apply to both trash and leaves.

The fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup> were reviewed. The Administrator noted that Celebrations is requesting that they be held downtown this year because of the work at the high school. Their intent is to close Kings Highway from Haddon Avenue to the PATCO Station, similar to the First Night closing, so that would also include a portion of Chestnut Street and Tanner Street. They want to have four blowup bouncy type pieces in the portion of the highway closer to Haddon Avenue. Additionally, they want to have a stage similar in location to where First Night has theirs and then they are planning on four food trucks from the stage area to PATCO. The Fire Chief and Police Chief are concerned over where people will go for viewing the fireworks as you cannot really see them from the highway when they are fired off at the Middle School. Usually at First Night we also have people on Lincoln and Washington Avenues watching the fireworks. During past 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks events at the high school we have a significant number of people attending, mostly from out of town. There is also a number of residents that go to Tatem and Christ the King to view the fireworks. In addition, there will be extra costs for Borough staff due to the change in location. We anticipate an additional \$550 in overtime expense for police and another \$1,000 in barricade costs. Mayor Kasko asked when the work would be starting on the stadium at the high school, because if it is after July 3<sup>rd</sup> then the fireworks could still be held there. The Administrator stated that she would talk to the Board of Education's Superintendent. She then stated that the Celebrations Association needed to move forward if they were going to contract with some of these vendors. Commissioner Rochford indicated that there are concerns about traffic and parking. Various locations were discussed as places to set off the fireworks. If the location remains at the Middle School, then the Administrator suggested that there should be viewing areas blocked off for residents. Parking issues and the possible number of attendees were discussed. Mayor Kasko indicated that he would like to push towards still having the event held at the high school. The Commissioners agreed to ask the Celebrations Association to hold off just a little longer, as they were looking into other options.

The Commissioners reviewed the most recent Land Use Committee recommendations. The Administrator specifically reviewed the summary sheet and the proposed ordinance and expressed her concerns. In one section she believed that the ordinance referenced was incorrect. Her other concern is about the site plan waivers. She felt that the wording was such that made it so that everyone would have to go to the site plan committee. Commissioner Moscatelli suggested going back to the committee and ask them if this is really what they want to do and find out why. It was agreed the Solicitor would review the ordinance in detail before next Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting. Mayor Kasko also noted that there will be other ordinance changes from this committee in the future.

The vacancies of the Human Relations Commission were reviewed. Mayor Kasko stated that there are no changes in the status at this time.

The April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda was reviewed. There were no changes made.

Mayor Kasko stated that there were no updates from the Partnership for Haddonfield, LLC (PfH).

The Administrator briefly reviewed a New Business Packet that she has been working on with the Community Development Office.

At 7:44 p.m. Commissioner Moscatelli made a motion to go into closed session to discuss possible litigation regarding Boxwood Hall. Commissioner Rochford seconded the motion, which was then approved unanimously.

The Commissioners returned from closed session at 8:04 p.m.

John announced the Board of Education's construction bids are due in on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The effect of this on the school construction and fireworks were briefly mentioned.

Jeff talked about how to get to the parents for Municipal Alliance information and specifically opiate addiction issues.

Commissioner Rochford made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Moscatelli. The Commissioners then unanimously agreed to the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Bennett, RMC  
Borough Clerk