

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
Held in Town Hall Council Chambers
100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, N.J.
May 26, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.
Minutes can be viewed at www.townofhammonton.org

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR DIDONATO

ROLL CALL

Mayor DiDonato - P
Councilpersons:
Barberio - P
Bertino - P
Lewis - A
Petrongolo - P
Rodio - P
Wuillermin - P

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor

#R063A -2009 Enter Into Closed Session

#R 063A-2009

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton that, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," an Executive Session is authorized on this below adopted date, for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon:

1. Approve Minutes
2. Request sick leave-municipal court
3. Purchasing-Recreation
4. PBA-Unfair Labor Practice
5. Furlough/Layoffs
6. Purchasing-Police

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of any matters discussed in Executive Session shall be released to the public as soon as reasonably possible after Mayor and Council conclude that the basis for exclusion of the public ceases to exist.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Barberio, enter into closed session.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:
Barberio - Y
Bertino - Y
Lewis - A
Petrongolo - Y
Rodio - Y
Wuillermin - Y
Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

ROLL CALL - RESUME OPEN SESSION

Mayor DiDonato - P
Councilpersons:
Barberio - P
Bertino - P
Lewis - A
Petrongolo - P
Rodio - P
Wuillermin - P

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor
Bob Vettese, Town Engineer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted on Town Hall bulletin board, mailed and e mailed to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exit to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Also, there is to be no smoking in the Town Hall at any time.

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2009 be approved as recorded by the Clerk. Motion carried.

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approve School Resource Officer Agreement

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Bertino, approve SRO agreement between the Town of Hammonton and the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:
Barberio - Y
Bertino - Y
Lewis - A
Petrongolo - Y
Rodio - Y
Wuillermin - Y
Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Furlough Plan Denied by NJ Civil Service Commission

Mayor DiDonato advised due to NJ CSC denial of Town of Hammonton proposed furlough plan, an alternative plan to lay off is being proposed by the Town Administrator.

The Clerk/Administrator advised this lay off plan reflects current budget and decrease in revenue and will affect offices at sporadic times during the year. However, we will work together to make the work flow as smooth as possible for the taxpayers.

Authorize Town Administrator to prepare for permanent layoffs of 4 full time clerical positions

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Barberio, authorize Clerk/Administrator to proceed with preparing lay off plan for four full time clerical workers for budgetary purposes.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y

Bertino - Y

Lewis - A

Petrongolo - Y

Rodio - Y

Wuillermin - Y

Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Hearing on 2009 Municipal Budget (refer to New Business for Resolution)

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Bertino, open hearing on 2009 proposed municipal budget to the public.

No one desired to be heard.

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Bertino, the hearing be closed and the matter be referred to New Business for resolution adopting budget. Motion carried.

Hearing Ordinance #11-2009 Bond Ordinance Various Improvements

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Petrongolo, the ordinance be taken up for second reading and public hearing. Motion carried.

No one desired to be heard.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, the hearing be closed, the ordinance pass second reading and be adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y

Bertino - Y

Lewis - A

Petrongolo - Y

Rodio - Y

Wuillermin - Y

Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Hearing Ordinance #12-2009 Amend Special Vendor Permit Requirements

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Petrongolo, the ordinance be taken up for second reading and public hearing. Motion carried.

No one desired to be heard.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Petrongolo, the hearing be closed, the ordinance pass second reading and be adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y

Bertino - Y

Lewis - A

Petrongolo - Y

Rodio - Y

Wuillermin - Y

Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION -Councilperson Barberio

Report on receipt of Clean Community Award and presentation to Green Committee

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY-Councilperson Petrongolo

Report on Mainstreet Plan to "Think Thursday" to get citizens downtown

Eagle Theatre will open Saturday, June 6 from 12-4, local talent to be present as well as a movie

EDUCATION-Councilperson Bertino

Report on hiring new school administrator

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION-Councilperson Rodio

Report on highway department and recycling which has been a cost savings to the town

Report on 2 proposed airport project agreements for approval later this evening with correction

Report on planning board project - Ace Hardware Sidewalk installation

Councilman Bertino questioned was the sidewalk installation at Ace Hardware the planning board recommendation?

Councilman Rodio responded, yes.

Mayor commented its good to hear that businesses are looking to come to Hammonton in spite of the current economy.

LAW & ORDER-Mayor DiDonato

Report on Meeting scheduled

WATER & SEWER - Councilperson Wuillermin

Boyer Avenue Land Application Site Update

Town Application for increase to water allocation is nearing approval by NJ DEP

Referred remainder of report to Engineer report

ENGINEER REPORT
SEWER AND WATER ACTION ITEMS

1. Suburban Propane (Block 4005, Lot 6) – Waiver of Sanitary Sewer Hook-up Requirement (11-50111)

As discussed with the PWT Committee, a letter was received from the owners of the Suburban Propane property requesting a waiver from the requirement to tie into public sanitary sewer manhole located adjacent to their property on Egg Harbor Road. The following items are being cited as the reasons for the waiver request:

- a) The sanitary sewer manhole is located at the westerly edge of the property and in excess of 200' from any onsite structure.
- b) The elevation of the sanitary sewer invert at the property line will not allow for the connection to the public sewer by gravity means. A grinder would be needed to make this service connection.

In light of the conditions noted above, the PWT Committee would recommend that a waiver for mandatory sanitary sewer hook-up be granted by the Mayor and Council at the present time.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize waiver of mandatory sanitary sewer hook-up for Block 4005, Lot 6 noted as Suburban Propane.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y

Bertino - Y

Lewis - A

Petrongolo - Y

Rodio - Y

Wuillermin - Y

Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

2. Richard Mitchell and John Cicatiello Sanitary Sewer Extension Block 3203, Lots 7.01 & 12.01 (11-13003.02)

There was a minor subdivision approval granted by the Planning Board for the property owners noted above. The approval was conditioned that public sanitary sewer service must be provided to the properties in question. We have met with Mr. Mitchell, the Sewer Superintendent and the PWT Committee and provided a suggested direction for the Applicant to follow. Revised plans have been submitted by the Design Consultant which appears to address the comments of the PWT Committee. We will, therefore, request Mayor and Council adopt the attached resolution granting preliminary approval for the sanitary sewer extension to the above noted properties and authorize the Mayor to sign the required NJDEP application forms.

Refer to New Business for resolution.

3. Patriot Storage Company Sanitary Sewer Mandatory Connection Deferment Request, Block 4005, Lot 1 (11-01000)

We have attached an e-mail dated March 11, 2009 from owners of the above noted property, Ivy Street Partners, LLC, requesting that a waiver be granted by the Mayor and Town Council for the physical hook-up to the sanitary sewer main which extends across the front of their property. They are willing to pay the

bill for sanitary sewer service as if they were tied in but request a waiver of the physical tie in at this time. We will be reviewing this request with the members of the PWT Committee on Thursday, May 21st; therefore any recommended action will be predicated on the PWT Committee review.

Solicitor requested this item be held for his investigation into town ordinance with regards to sewer hook ups.

Councilman Wuillermin agreed to defer this matter to Solicitor for investigation though he stated that PWC felt approval of mandatory sewer connection at this location would not adversely affect the town.

PUBLIC WORKS ACTION ITEMS

4. Vacant Land Analysis – COAH Calculation (P#09-0079)

Since the previous meeting, we were requested by the Solicitor to proceed with the Vacant Land Analysis Map. We have completed an initial and subsequent plotting of the maps and reviewed same with the PWT Committee, Shirley Bishop, the Town Planner and the Tax Assessor. Shirley Bishop has requested that two additional maps be provided which would include all projects where preliminary and final development approval was obtained. We have enclosed a proposal to Mayor and Council to complete the additional work requested. We will review the proposal with the PWT Committee so that authorization could occur at this upcoming Council meeting.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Bertino, approve ARH proposal dated 5/20/09 for the additional work totaling \$2,980.00, subject to approval, for the use of, and contingent upon, COAH funds by the Courts.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y

Bertino – Y

Lewis - A

Petrongolo - Y

Rodio - Y

Wuillermin - Y

Mayor DiDonato – Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

5. Former Octagon Oil – Town Parking Lot Site Remediation (11-01060):

As a result of the authorization received by Council at the last meeting, ARH is proceeding with the scope of work for the site. We have contacted a well driller to complete the observation well installation at the Vine Street site. For the completion of this work there will be the requirement to dispose of the excess soil obtained for the well drilling operation. We have provided the Town with a proposal, copy enclosed, which includes the various components, reporting and the actual collection and disposal of the soil for Council's review and consideration totaling \$2,350.00.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, approve ARH proposal dated May 14, 2009 which includes the work tasks as noted and issuance of a purchase order for said work in the amount of \$2,350.00 and refer to new business for resolution.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y

Bertino – Y

Lewis - A

Petrongolo - Y
Rodio - Y
Wuillermin - Y
Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

6. Fourth Street Reconstruction (11-40034):

It was decided with the PWT Committee, along with Mayor and Council, to include the replacement and upgrade of the water main to 12" DIP into the project scope as authorized last meeting. We have made a conceptual submission to the Pinelands Commission and have received a letter from the Commission indicating we do not need to submit a formal application to the Commission. We are currently working on the application and submittal to NJDEP BSDW associated with the water replacement permit.

Municipal Aid:

We are in the process of preparing an application requesting additional funding for the Fourth Street Project as requested by Council. Attached to this report is a resolution approving ARH to submit the application and authorizing the Mayor to sign the required documents for NJDOT submission.

After a discussion of Mayor and Council concerning citizen's questions concerning the Fourth Street Reconstruction Project, this matter was referred to New Business for resolution.

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Wuillermin, authorize Solicitor and Engineer to draft a resolution to bring to NJ DOT at their scheduled meeting and authorize Mayor and Administrator to sign same. Motion carried.

Refer to New Business for resolution.

7. Pratt Street Drainage Pipe Repair (11-06002.01)

The Town forces have been working on the repair of another failed section of the deteriorated corrugated metal storm sewer pipe within Pratt Street. We have been in discussions with and directed an e-mail to the County requesting possible assistance in paying for some of the material through the prior Interlocal Services Agreement the Town has with the County for work within the Cedar Brook drainage corridor. Since this is the second section of pipe to fail this year the Town should consider budgeting funds to complete the replacement of the pipe within the Pratt Street where the corrugated metal pipe exists. Since permits, approvals and possible funding for such an endeavor could take some time, we would advise the Town that steps to complete the required survey, locating, permitting, budgeting, etc., be considered now. We will be directed by Council's action.

In the mean time, we would estimate that the time spent thus far to complete our work with the Highway Superintendent on completing the present pipe replacement and inquiries with the County related to cost participation for the project to be approximately \$950.00. We would request Council action related to issuance of a purchase order for this work.

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Wuillermin, approve of the ARH proposal to complete work required associated with the Pratt Street drainage pipe repair in the amount of \$950.00 and issuance of a purchase order for same.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:
Barberio - Y
Bertino - Y
Lewis - A

Petrongolo - Y
Rodio - Y
Wuillermin - Y
Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

8. Boat House Demolition, Hammonton Lake Park (Proposal 09-0308)

In addition to the original site plan approval granted by the Pinelands Commission related to the Senior Center construction at the Lake Park, the Pineland's Commission is requesting that a formal application be made to the Commission to secure a demolition permit for the old boat house or care taker's home. To that extent, we have provided a proposal to the Mayor and Council for consideration and action. The cost for the completion of the application and related work associated with the demolition permit is estimated to be **\$1,350.00**.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Barberio, approve revised ARH proposal dated 5/19/09 for a total cost of **\$1,350.00** in order to respond to the Pinelands Commission request to obtain a demolition permit.

Councilman Bertino wanted to clarify we are revising original application to include demolition of building.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:
Barberio - Y
Bertino - Y
Lewis - A
Petrongolo - Y
Rodio - Y
Wuillermin - Y
Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

9. Green Acres Funding (11-75001):

The Green Acres Program has allocated funding in the form of a low interest loan in the amount of \$1,050,000.00 from prior year's funding. The Program Coordinator is eager to have the funds dispersed and taken off of their books. A timeline was previously given to Green Acres, which would have had the development of Phase III at Boyer Avenue under construction by now. Unfortunately, the Pinelands approval wasn't received until this month and there are additional permits and items to be obtained on the project which will require additional time. On behalf of the Town we directed a letter to Green Acres Program Coordinator indicating a need to modify the project schedule. As a result, the Program Coordinator has requested a commitment in the form of a resolution from the Town that indicates the funds will be used on the Boyer Avenue phase III project construction. A sample resolution is attached with our report for Council's action.

In addition to the commitment resolution, there has been an ongoing effort to rectify the ROSI and issues related to the Eleventh Street parcel. Our office was authorized to proceed with the coordination efforts for the diversion/decommission of the parcel from the ROSI on a time & materials based contract. The original proposal is attached to this report. We formally request an additional \$7,500.00 to continue on this process. Again, the steps are not clearly defined and we may need to request additional funds in the future. Unfortunately, decommission of the property could have an effect on the release of the \$1,050,000.00.

No action on \$7500 funding request and refer to new business for Green Acres resolution approval.

SEWER & WATER INFORMATION ITEMS

10. Route 54/Bellevue Avenue Utilities (11-50120):

Permitting:

Atlantic County Roadway Opening – this has been resubmitted to the County addressing their review comments. We are still waiting for a response.

NJDOT (storm water) – The application has been submitted and we are currently waiting for a response, before proceeding further.

Funding:

ARH has provided a comprehensive report regarding the funding strategies and the action items needed to pursue additional funding from USRD in the form of a grant and a low interest loan. The action items consist of setting the value for the bond ordinance, entering into professional service contracts with the professionals and resubmitting a formal request to USRD. This report will be the subject of an upcoming PWTC meeting for closure on this matter so the project could proceed to bid.

11. Moss Mill Road/White Horse Pike Utility Extension (11-50124):

A pre-construction meeting was held on April 28, 2009. The Contract was issued a notice to proceed on May 4, 2009. To date the water main installation is complete; however it has not been energized and tested as of this date. The sanitary sewer has been installed along the White Horse Pike and along Boyer Avenue. Our office is working on sending notification to the property owners within the project limits, that connection to the sanitary system will be mandatory within one year. We have made minor adjustments to the sewer lateral locations as deemed appropriate to satisfy the property owner's requests.

12. Boyer Avenue Land Application Site – Drip Irrigation (11-50127):

As previously reported, internal meetings have been held to discuss with Town Representatives to implement the next steps for installing a trial drip irrigation process at the Boyer Avenue site. The drip irrigation process will be monitored for use in a pure wastewater discharge capacity as well as a method to provide irrigation to the playing fields on the recreation side of the property. The Town's partner in this endeavor will be Lee Rain of Vineland, NJ. Lee Rain has visited the site and will initiate construction of the drip line on the trial area as early as next week.

With regard to the Pinelands Commission's continued request for an Optimization Report, the Town has met with Omni Environmental to explore how they could assist the Town on addressing the issues raised in the USGS study as well as how the Town could also benefit from drip irrigation throughout the Boyer Avenue acreage and potentially on the neighboring golf course. Omni Environmental will be providing a detailed proposal for their role in creating the Optimization Report.

13. Water Allocation (11-30088):

Major Modification Application:

As previously reported, the release of the draft findings associated with the aquifer study is contingent upon the Town addressing three irrigation wells under its ownership, each labeled as Well #6. According to the NJDEP, their preliminary assessment of the aquifer study reveals no adversary impacts. It is our understanding that NJDEP will grant an increase in allocation to meet the 10 year demand as opposed to the 15 year projection originally requested.

The issue regarding the resolution related to the three (3) wells labeled as Well #6 has been resolved and submitted to the NJDEP. Two (2) of the wells are to be abandoned and the one largest production well adjacent to the beach is to remain and possibly used for irrigation purposes.

From our conversations with NJDEP, they indicated that shortly recommendations will be provided to the reviewer's supervisor for final comment. Once his supervisor reviews the permit (which should take 2 to 4 weeks), a draft permit will be issued, and the 30 day public comment period will begin. Assuming there is no need for a public hearing (based on the public comments), the permit can then go into effect hopefully some time in mid summer.

Future Well:

Dialog is ongoing with NJMIC officials regarding the site of the new well. We are addressing their concerns, however a resolution has not been obtained as of this writing. Conclusion on this matter will allow the Town to pursue the test well program.

14. **AT&T Communication Antennae Upgrade (11-01000):**

The Contractor has started the onsite work to complete the approved upgrades. The Solicitor has ruled that the Town is covered under the old agreement related to the upgrades being completed at the site and no new agreement will be required. The applicant is also supplying our office with additional information related to the mounting brackets for the antennae and the existing rail structures.

15. **Pine, Basin & Oak Road Water Main Extension, Well Contamination (11-30138):**

We have received approvals from the various agencies including the agreement from the NJDEP Spill Fund. We are in the process of reviewing the conditions of same. We are finalizing the bid documents for submission to the Spill Fund in order to seek an approval for bid.

As authorized, we are also proceeding with the specifications and bid documents for the well sealing and lateral installation portion of the project. We will keep Council informed of further progress. As requested, we are evaluating roadway and trench restoration options for consideration to offset construction costs. The Solicitor is working on the two agreements with the property owners where well sealing waiver requests were made to the NJDEP.

16. **Southwest Hammonton – Sanitary Sewer Service (11-50130.01):**

We are continuing with the process of revising the design plans for Phase I portion of the project to allow for the installation of the sanitary sewer within existing or proposed public right-of-ways, pump station design and contributory flow.

17. **Getty Gas Station Site Remediation (11-50128):**

The Contractor is continuing the site restoration work to allow for reopening of the gas station facility at this site. The agreement has been executed between the Town and Getty related to the conditions for discharge. The consultant is in the process of testing the effluent. Once the treatment process is deemed to be operating satisfactorily and the appropriate connection fees and inspection are paid to the Town, discharge of treated groundwater will be directed to the Town's system as per the agreement.

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION ITEMS

18. **Central Avenue Roadway Reconstruction Project (11-40027):**

The change order for the asphalt price adjustment was authorized for payment by Council and forwarded to the County for review and approval. We have received a verbal approval of same from the County and will therefore make up the invoice for payment action by the Town. Once signed by Council, the invoice could be forwarded to the County for reimbursement.

A letter has been issued to the Contractor outlining the tasks still needed to finish the project. We are attempting to have the Contractor schedule the remaining work and complete this project allowing final close out to occur during the next month.

19. **Central Avenue – Walkways (11-40027):**

We are nearing completion of the preliminary design plans. We are currently working towards making a formal submission to Atlantic County. Once the preliminary plans are complete and reviewed with the PWT Committee, the submission will be made to the County.

20. **NJDOT Transportation Enhancement Applications:**

Applications have been prepared and submitted via the NJDOT SAGE System, as authorized. The Town is requesting \$180,000 to install a parking lot and related site improvements next to the historic train station on Egg Harbor Road.

21. **Hammonton Lake Park (11-90028):**

A pre-construction meeting was held on Monday May 18, 2009. The Contractor has been issued a notice to proceed dated June 1, 2009. There may be some coordination issues that will need to be addressed relating to work at or near the new Senior's Center. Additionally we are currently working on the removal and/or relocation of utility poles as needed. The Contractor will be shutting down the access driveway and all traffic will be temporarily two-way along Sports Drive until the work is completed

22. **ACIA 2009 Funding Request (11-40038):**

As requested last meeting, we directed a letter to the ACIA about possibly receiving funds to assist in a portion of the costs for the construction of the Senior Center at the Hammonton Lake Park. The ACIA has reviewed the request and has issued a letter requiring the supply of additional information before they could make a determination of eligibility. We have supplied the ACIA with various documents for their review and have also met onsite with the architect and funding officials. A revised letter related to the use of the facility for the senior citizens only was forwarded to the ACIA by the Mayor in order to agree with the Small Cities Grant allotment received by the Town for the building construction.

We will keep the Council informed of further progress or requests for additional information in order to satisfy the funding request review process. As noted, much of the work being completed is in excess of our original proposal which we will discuss in further detail with the PWT Committee and seek approval from the Mayor and Council to issue a revised or new P.O. for the work being completed at a subsequent meeting.

23. **Boyer Avenue Recreation - Phase III (11-75003):**

The project has received approval for public development of the Phase III activities; which was approved at the May 8, 2009 Pinelands Commission Meeting.

Efforts can now be focused on obtaining the following permits:

Atlantic County Planning – The site fronts Moss Mill Road and we will be creating a new access on Moss Mill.

Cape-Atlantic SCD – This is required for disturbances of 5000 SF or more.

NJDEP BSDW – This is to complete the water main loop thru the park to Boyer Avenue.

NJDEP TWA – This is to install on-site sanitary sewer main to service the proposed facilities.

Additionally, we are still investigating the water supply options for providing irrigation to the site. There will be additional permitting requirements related to irrigation; however which permit is needed still must be determined, which is dependent on the irrigation process.

24. **Community Development Funds, 2006 ADA Curb/Walk Replacement (11-40026):**

We have finalized the design plans and specifications to complete the improvements on the 3rd Street and Walmer Street intersection. We submitted same to the ACIA for review and have met onsite with their

representatives. There are some items of work that are ineligible for ACIA cost participation which will be a part of the Town's share for the cost of project improvements. We provided a revised cost estimate to the ACIA for review and are awaiting their response. Once the plans and specifications are approved by the ACIA, we will advertise for bid.

25. Atlantic County Open Space Trust Funds – Round 8 (11-01070):

The Town will need to provide Ranae Fehr from Atlantic County a letter indicating the progress accomplished by the Town to date related to completing the work on the properties involved in the round #8 funding. The Solicitor was authorized to draft an agreement to be sent to the affected property owners to ensure there is still an interest in executing a contract of sale for their property. There are a number of tasks that must be completed before the 11/20/09 deadline date for closure on the properties. If the Town wants to use the funds, it is imperative that progress is indicated.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Veterans Group Recycling is being picked up by ACUA
Kincaid & DiNatale on agenda this evening
Advised on Unfair Labor Practice Charge PBA which was misrepresented by newspaper
Octagon Oil (previously addressed)
AFLAC (disability plan) – Solicitor to prepare RFP's for advertisement

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Barberio, authorize Solicitor to prepare requests for proposals for disability plans for town employees participation and advertise same. Motion carried.

Solicitor report continued

Sex Offender Ordinance Repeal per Supreme Court decision to appear later this evening

Mayor DiDonato stated he received questions from citizens as to who patrols former sex offenders?

Solicitor responded that their parole officers will patrol them per current law. After that it has been determined by NJ Courts that they have been punished for their crime and any local ordinances infringe upon their rights.

Councilman Bertino questioned what insurance ramifications are there if we do not repeal this ordinance?

The Administrator advised there are very severe insurance ramifications if council does not repeal this ordinance this evening.

Solicitor report continued

School Resource Officers (addressed earlier this evening)
Arts & Entertainment District (addressed by committee)
Suburban Propane / Ivy Requests
Settlement with Chief Ingemi to be addressed later on agenda by resolution
Updated Council on Royce Run Home Owner's Assoc. Issues
Traditions at Blueberry Ridge Update
ATV Ordinance should be ready for introduction next meeting
Airport Lease update

Award Pay to Play Bid – Form Based Code Award

Form Based Code Award & Execution (Brown Keener Urban Design) completely paid for in grant funds \$100,000

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Petrongolo, award pay to play proposal for form based code professional to Brown Keener Urban Design in amount of \$100,000 to be funded by grant.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Barberio - Y
- Bertino - Y
- Lewis - A
- Petrongolo - Y
- Rodio - Y
- Wuillermin - Y
- Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Solicitor report continued

- Picketing at Moss Mill Road Work Site matter resolved
- Special Event Vendor Ordinance approved earlier this evening
- Furloughs reported on denial of plan by NJ CSC earlier this evening
- Sale of Public Lands report no bids received for 2nd time (investigate may sell land without bidding at this time)

Solicitor stated he will investigate NJ bidding laws as we may be able to sell the land to an interested party without bidding for the third time. He requested interested person be referred to him.

MAYOR REPORT

Report on successful bond sale due to new AA bond rating for Town of Hammonton
Mayor DiDonato advised he is not running for re election of Mayor but plans to work for the public until 12/31/09

Atlantic County Urban Regualification Grant Requirements

The Clerk questioned if Mayor DiDonato wished to respond to Atlantic County Urban County Re Qualification Requirements Grant Program Fiscal Year 2010, 2011 and 2012?

After a discussion of Mayor and Council and interpretation of grant letter by Solicitor it was on motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize clerk to respond to Dennis Levinson the following:

- A. Hammonton will allow county to continue to administer CDBG funding
- B. Hammonton is free to ascertain our own funding
- C. Hammonton wishes to continue participation in housing program

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Barberio - Y
- Bertino - Y
- Lewis - A
- Petrongolo - Y
- Rodio - Y
- Wuillermin - Y
- Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

TOWN CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- 1. Approve Contract Security Camera System-Airport \$ 21,148.93
- 2. Approve REIL'S installation Airport- \$ 28,342.00

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, approve action items 1-2 as corrected above.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Barberio - Y
- Bertino - Y
- Lewis - A
- Petrongolo - Y
- Rodio - Y
- Wuillermin - Y
- Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

APPROVAL BILLS & PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, approve bill list and purchase order list with correction to Vine Street parking project.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Barberio - recused on Triad bills only
- Bertino - Y
- Lewis - A
- Petrongolo - Y
- Rodio - Y
- Wuillermin - Y
- Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. From Fire Co 2 request approval new member Nick Polito (Police & Fire Chief approved)
2. From PLANNING BOARD recommend remove deed restriction Block 1802, Lot 10 DiNatale
3. From PLANNING BOARD request refund attached escrows
4. From PLANNING BOARD recommend remove 50 foot agriculture buffer Block 1705, Lot 10 Kincaid

Motion by Councilperson Bertino, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, approve communication items 1-4.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Barberio - Y
- Bertino - Y
- Lewis - A
- Petrongolo - Y
- Rodio - Y
- Wuillermin - Y
- Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS-ORDINANCES

Ordinance #13-2009 repeal sex offender ordinance

ORDINANCE # 13-2009

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 37-2005
ENTITLED "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY PROHIBITION"

WHEREAS, ordinances similar to local ordinance 37-2005 have been deemed unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of New Jersey A-64/65 September Term 2008;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, that Ordinance 37-2005 is hereby repealed.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Bertino, the ordinance be taken up for and pass first reading and given legal publication.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y

Bertino - Y

Lewis - A

Petrongolo - Y

Rodio - Y

Wuillermin - Y

Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

#R64-2009 Approve St. John Feast and Procession June 24th

RESOLUTION # 64-2009

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND ENDORSING
THE "ST. JOHN FEAST & PROCESSION"

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Society continues to promote the Town of Hammonton with their annual "Feast of St. John" procession; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council has and continues to support the efforts of St. John the Baptist Society; and

WHEREAS, **June 24, 2009 at 6:30** p.m. is the scheduled date for the Feast of St. John religious procession to be held in the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, St. John the Baptist Society has requested assistance of the Town of Hammonton Police Department for this scheduled event and closure of the following streets in the Town of Hammonton for procession:

- From St. Joseph Church (N. 3rd St.) to Pratt St.
- Right onto Pratt to Tilton St./Mt. Carmel Lane
- Right onto Tilton St./Mt. Carmel Lane to French St.
- Return to Church (N. 3rd St.)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the **Feast of St. John** and procession of streets is acknowledged and endorsed by the Town of Hammonton contingent upon the following:

1. Filing of necessary insurance certificates by St. John the Baptist Society as required by the Town of Hammonton.
2. Filing of required State and/or County written approvals for street closures with the Town Clerk's office and the Chief of Police at least two weeks prior to event.

#R65-2009 Approve Lawsuit Settlement Frank Ingemi \$49,240.60

RESOLUTION # 65 -2009

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
ATLANTIC COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND
TO RELEASE FUNDS FROM THE
AGGREGATE EXCESS LOSS CONTINGENCY FUND
TO THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON

WHEREAS, the case of Ingemi vs. the Town of Hammonton has come to a conclusion.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton wishes to utilize the funds from its existing balance from the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund's Aggregate Excess Loss Contingency Fund to cover the town's portion of its deductible and co-payment.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is obligated to pay \$49,240.60 to the Municipal Excess Liability Joint Insurance Fund for settlement of said case;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund is authorized to release the amount of \$49,240.60 from its share of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund's Aggregate Excess Loss Contingency Fund to the Town of Hammonton for the payment of same.

#R66-2009 Refund Police Outside Detail Prepayment that Will Not be Used

RESOLUTION # 66-2009

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND
FOR PREPAYMENT OF POLICE OUTSIDE DETAIL
FOR EVENT THAT WAS CANCELLED

WHEREAS, Noe Castaneda did submit a pre payment for hiring police officers for outside detail for "Cinco de Mayo"; and

WHEREAS, due to inclement weather the five day event was cancelled as was the police detail;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HAMMONTON, COUNTY OF ATLANTIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY that \$ 1,485.00 is hereby authorized to be refunded to Noe Castaneda.

#R67-2009 Tax Resolution

#R 67-2009

WHEREAS, Rosemarie Jacobs, Tax Collector, has approved the following cancellations and refunds to the accounts listed below:

B&L	NAME	ADDRESS	AMOUNT	ACCT.	REASON	PER
3102-6	Zawrotny	665 Bellevue Ave	-1577.23	Tax	Cancel Disabled Vet	MJ

WHEREAS, the above amounts have been corrected in the utilities screen's and or tax screen to show the correct amount due. However, a requisition form will not be presented for any refunds until approval by Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, if any of above referenced are not approved by Mayor and Council a retraction of same will take place.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton authorize and direct the tax collector to take the above said action.

#R68-2009 Redevelopment Study Tonys Auto Services

RESOLUTION #68-2009

Resolution Supporting a Redevelopment Study at the
 Octagon Oil property
 (p/o Hammonton Municipal Complex)
 (f.k.a., Tony's Auto Service)
 30 Central Avenue
 Block 2810, Lot 14
 Hammonton, Atlantic Co, NJ

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, has undertaken preliminary investigations to determine whether the Octagon Oil property identified as Block 2810, Lot 14, located at 30 Central Avenue (herein referred to as the "Property") is a contaminated property in need of cleanup and/or further redevelopment according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A.40A:12A-5; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is applying for funding from the Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund for further assessment/ investigation at the Octagon Oil property in order to further define the extent/ existence of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that the Town of Hammonton has been committed to the redevelopment of the Octagon Oil property for the purpose of returning the Property to a viable productive part of the community, which not only stimulates further economic growth but also is protective of the environment and human health. Furthermore, the Town of Hammonton has recently improved the Property through the planned redevelopment project centered on the new Municipal Complex.

#R69-2009 Approve Sewer Service Minor Subdivision

RESOLUTION # 69-2009

RESOLUTION ENDORSING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO ALLOW FOR EXTENSION OF SANITARY SEWER TO SERVICE THE PROPOSED MINOR SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, Richard Mitchell and John Cicatiello made application to the Town of Hammonton for sanitary sewer extension for a project located adjacent to Valley Avenue designated as Lots 7.01 and 12.01 in Block 3203 on the Tax Map of the Town of Hammonton; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project consists of the construction of approximately 340 linear feet of sanitary sewer main to service a two (2) single family home minor subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton Planning Board has granted minor subdivision approval for the project subject to compliance with a number of conditions; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is desirous to obtain the necessary approvals from other outside reviewing agencies as noted in the Planning Board's conditions of approval; and

WHEREAS, the design consultant for Applicant has made application to the Town of Hammonton to seek an endorsement from the Mayor and Town Council for the submission to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for the proposed sanitary sewer extension improvements required by the project as noted on the design plans, specifications and NJDEP forms; and

WHEREAS, the design information and plans have been reviewed by the Town Engineer, the PWT Committee, along with the Sewer Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sanitary sewer extension is consistent with the Town's Utility Master Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton of the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the NJDEP, TWA documents that are associated with the endorsement of the application for sanitary sewer extension to the NJDEP subject to compliance with any conditions required by the Town Engineer, the PWT Committee and Sewer Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant's design consultant must complete all plan revisions and supply the required NJDEP forms for review prior to completing the formal submission to the NJDEP; and that a copy of the completed revised submission to NJDEP must be provided to the Town Engineer; and

That once all permits and approvals are obtained from the NJDEP that the applicant will be required to return to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton to seek final approval of the proposed utility improvements prior to the start of any onsite or offsite utility installation. Also, the Applicant will be responsible to post all required applications, review escrow fees necessary as stipulated by the Town to complete the process for submission to the NJDEP.

#R70-2009 Grant Application Fourth Street Project

RESOLUTION: 70-2009

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE FOURTH STREET PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey is desirous of requesting funding consideration from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation under the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton is requesting funding for the Reconstruction of Fourth Street From Bellevue Avenue, State Route #54 to Fairview Avenue (CR # 678) along with a portion of Pleasant Street; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey, formally approves the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2010-Hammonton Town-00169 from NJDOT SAGE to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Town of Hammonton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Town of Hammonton and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

#R71-2009 Green Acres Program

RESOLUTION # 71-2009

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton has previously received a notification of funding in the form of a low interest loan from the Green Acres Program; and

WHEREAS, the Green Acres Program previously allocated three rounds of funding in the amount of \$1,050,000.00 (\$250,000.00 + \$400,000.00 + \$400,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Town has been actively pursuing the continued development of the Boyer Avenue Recreation site; and

WHEREAS, the next phase of development is in the permitting process; and

WHEREAS, the Town intends to utilize the Green Acres funding to complete the funding eligible portion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Town will be allocating funds or seeking additional funding opportunities, separate from the Green Acres funds, to complete the portions of the project that are not eligible under the Green Acres Program; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton in the County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey that the Town is interested in using Green Acres Funds valued at \$1,050,000.00 to provide assistance for the continued development on the Boyer Avenue Recreation site.

#R72-2009 Adopt 2009 Municipal Budget

#R 72-2009

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2009 BUDGET

Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

- (a) \$6,418,281.66 (Item 2 below) for municipal purposes, and
- (b) None (Item 3 below) for school purposes in Type I School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-2) to be raised by taxation and,
- (c) None (Item 4 below) to be added to the Certificate of amount to be raised by taxation for local school purposes in Type II School Districts only (N.J.S. 18A:9-3) and certification to the County Board of Taxation of the following summary of General revenues and appropriations.

1. **General Revenues**

	Surplus Anticipated	08-100	\$ 2,475,000.00
	Misc. Revenues Anticipated	40004-10	\$ 3,311,818.94
	Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	15-499	\$ 21,658.00
2.	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES (Item 6 (a), Sheet 11)	07-190	\$ 6,418,281.66
3.	AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY: Item 6, Sheet 42	07-195	0.00
	Item 6 (b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.40A:4-14)	07-191	0.00
	Total Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools in Type I School Districts Only		0.00
4.	TO BE ADDED TO THE CERTIFICATE FOR AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR SCHOOLS IN TYPE II SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY:		
	Item 6 (b), Sheet 11 (N.J.S.40A:4-14)	07-191	0.00
	Total Revenues	40000-10	\$12,226,758.60
	GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS:		
	Within "CAPS"		
	(a&b) Operations Including Contingent		\$ 8,719,051.96
	(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures – Municipal		\$ 948,477.00
	(g) Cash Deficit		0.00
	Excluded from "CAPS"		
	(a) Operations – Total Operations Excluded From "CAPS"		\$ 150,781.19
	(c) Capital Improvements		27,500.00
	(d) Municipal Debt Service		\$ 1,523,000.00
	(e) Deferred Charges – Municipal		\$ 2,400.00
	(f) Judgements		0.00
	(n) Transferred to Board of Education for Use of Local Schools (N.J.S.40:48-17.1 & 17.3)		0.00
	(g) Cash Deficit		0.00
	(k) For Local District School Purposes		0.00
	(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Include Other Reserves if Any)		\$ 855,548.45
5.	SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS-TYPE I SCHOOL DISTRICTS ONLY (N.J.S. 40A:4-13)		0.00
	Total Appropriations		\$12,226,758.60

It is hereby certified that the within budget is a true copy of the budget finally adopted by resolution of the Governing Body on the 26th day of May, 2009. It is further certified that each item of revenue and appropriation is set forth in the same amount and by the same title as appeared in the 2009 approved budget and all amendments thereto, if any, which have been previously approved by the Director of Local Government Services.

#R73-2009 Request Extension of Time-Fourth Street Project-Authorize Mayor and Administrator to Sign

RESOLUTION # 73- 2009
FOURTH STREET RECONSTRUCTION, TIME EXTENSION,
FUNDING ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hammonton desire to complete the reconstruction of Fourth Street extending between Bellevue Avenue, State Rt. #54 and Fairview Avenue, County Rt. # 678; and

WHEREAS, the Town has made an application to the NJDOT and has received municipal aid funding allotments of \$145,000.00 in 2008 and \$160,000.00 in 2009 to complete said improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council desire to complete drainage improvements within Fourth Street that would improve the drainage concerns and flooding conditions along Bellevue Avenue, State Rt. #54 in the area of Fourth Street and the intersecting streets to Rt. #54 within the vicinity of Fourth Street; and

WHEREAS, the Town representatives have met onsite with representatives from the NJDOT related to the existing drainage problems in the area and the need to rectify same in order to address a public safety concern and they expressed a willingness to provide a cooperative effort to address these drainage issues; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council also seek to replace the existing old 6" water main within Fourth Street extending between the same project limits which would provide a vital connection between two 12" water transmission mains thus increasing water pressure and volume to the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council has authorized the Town Engineer to make application to the NJDOT to seek additional municipal aid funds, to complete the roadway and drainage improvements within the Fourth Street project limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town is aware that the water main replacement portion of the project is not an eligible cost through the NJDOT's Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town is desiring to complete all the drainage work, water main replacement and roadway reconstruction improvements at the same time for the limits of the project noted above so as to reduce the time for roadway closure and disturbance to a single construction project; and

WHEREAS, in this time of tight budgets, financial insecurity and the need to improve public infrastructure, the Mayor and Town Council will seek the financial assistance in a cooperative effort through the NJDOT Municipal Aid Program, the NJDOT Construction Office and for the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders in light of their inter-local services agreement with the Town for drainage work completed within the Cedar Branch Stream corridor to complete the various improvements within the project limits of Fourth Street noted above; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain the NJDOT 2008 Municipal Aid Funding allotment for this project a request for an extension of time for project award will be required from the July 28, 2009 contract award deadline date; and

WHEREAS, completion of the aforementioned project improvements will provide benefit to the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hammonton, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey that a request for time extension of contract award for use of 2008 Municipal Aid Funds and any other subsequent financial assistance obtained, be granted until July 1, 2010; and

That a copy of said resolution requesting financial assistance be directed to the appropriate NJDOT offices, Atlantic County Executive offices and various State Legislators to seek their acknowledgement and support for this much needed project, the time extension request and implementation of additional financial assistance in order to complete the project improvements.

Councilman Bertino questioned item E deferred charges \$948,477 in municipal budget resolution 72?

Mr. Zuber responded he is not certain what the deferred charges were but would get back to Councilman Bertino the next day.

Councilman Bertino also noted he is opposed to water and sewer management fees that appear in the 2009 municipal budget.

Motion by Councilperson Wuillermin, seconded by Councilperson Bertino, resolutions 64 through 73 be adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Y

Bertino - Y and no on resolution 72 only

Lewis - A

Petrongolo - Y

Rodio - Y and recused on resolution 69 only

Wuillermin - Y
Mayor DiDonato – Y and recused on resolution 65 only

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARD
John Bee – Washington Street

Mr. Bee advised on his interpretation of the history of his proposed housing project including how angry he was at the large amount of money he has put out for same. He began discussing the details of his current lawsuit for the public to hear and began threatening council that if they do not cooperate they will leave him with no other option than to take action. He refused to leave and refused to stop discussing his lawsuit.

Solicitor advised Mayor and Council will not discuss a lawsuit this evening in council chambers and if need be they will have Mr. Bee escorted out.

Mr. Bee continued that council have affronted him for too long and he enticed council to have him removed.

Mayor stated he understands Mr. Bee's frustration but council is not going to try the case here this evening.

Mr. Bee reluctantly left the council room with two police officers overseeing the incident.

Anthony Marino – Walnut Street

Mr. Marino had several questions for Town Solicitor and Mayor and Council as follows:

Status of Pulte Development which was discussed by Solicitor under his report earlier in the evening
Speeding on certain roadways & intersection of 9th and Egg Harbor Road (addressed at previous meetings)
Pre approved stump removal that remains unfinished (Counc. Rodio to investigate with Highway)
Advised on fund raiser for Officer Hagerty June 20, 6-9 pm at Dazio's, Rt. 73, Winslow, \$25 ticket

Councilman Wuillermin added that Mayor and Council must request changes to traffic signals or patterns to state or county on their roadways and approvals/denials are made by officials at county or state who investigate the need for same. He disagreed with Mr. Marino's premise that council has any jurisdiction over county or state roadways.

Mark Santora – Old Forks Road

Mr. Santora stated his main concern with the upcoming Pulte meeting is that local officials insist on an adequate time frame for testing period for drainage pond after remediation takes place.

Linda Goff – 13th Street

Ms. Goff stated she is concerned with the delay on remediation at Pulte Development. She does own property at Pulte and does not represent homeowners association for this reason. She stated there are severe public safety issues there involving pot holes. She feels at some point you have to step up and hold them accountable.

Councilman Wuillermin questioned Ms. Goff as a lawyer, does she feel council should continue negotiating with Pulte representatives in good faith or sue them? He felt we were a couple minor points away from a settlement and wondered if it would be prudent for council to take legal action at this time.

Ms. Goff stated in her opinion an equitable resolution to the matter is better but asked if council has authority to do what needs to be done if the matter is not rectified?

Solicitor ensured Ms. Goff that a resolution is forthcoming.

Maria Brita – Line Street

Ms. Brita posed the following questions to Mayor and Council:

Will recycling eventually be collected weekly?

Mayor DiDonato stated there has been discussion of weekly collection of recyclables but there has never been a decision to change same. He advised that the more people recycle there may come a time that we collect recycling weekly and trash bi weekly. He looks forward to this possibility as it would be a major cost savings to the Town.

Ms. Brita then questioned settlement of Chief lawsuit and where did money come from?

Solicitor responded \$49,000 came from taxpayers and the remainder came from premiums paid to Atlantic County Municipal JIF by those belonging to same.

Ms. Brita then questioned status of proposed sidewalks on Central Avenue even though Kessler Hospital is no longer in business there?

Mayor DiDonato stated he is meeting with Senators and Congressmen concerning proposed Veterans Hospital and hopes to be able to answer publics questions in the near future.

Ms. Brita then stated a Veteran Hospital will only benefit the veterans in Hammonton and not the rest of the citizens.

Mayor DiDonato stated they are trying to put together a hospital that can care for all citizens, however, he feels there are many veterans in Hammonton and surrounding communities that would benefit from a veterans hospital at this location.

Councilman Wuillermin stated a hospital of any kind would create jobs in this area.

Ms. Brita agreed that jobs would be created but not necessarily for Hammonton residents.

Ms. Brita then questioned if PBA contract is binding, shouldn't Mayor and Council allow the Chief to give time off to the officer?

Solicitor stated Mayor and Council did allow the officer time off at the April 27 council meeting but could not discuss this matter as it has become a grievance.

Ms. Brita then questioned Councilman Barberio if he has a donated leave program at county?

Councilman Barberio responded no, they have a pool that employees donate too and borrow from.

Councilman Wuillermin questioned where Ms. Brita got her Hammonton Police Department shirt as he also supports the Hammonton Police Department and would like to have a shirt?

Ms. Brita responded retired officer Greg Crescenzo gave her the shirt.

Joe Littermen – Royce Run

Mr. Littermen brought pictures of maintenance required at Royce Run. His question is is there something they can do on an ongoing basis to upkeep these maintenance issues until a determination is made as to who is responsible for same?

Solicitor responded, no, as we must first determine who is responsible for the maintenance.

Wendy Vandervort – Boyer Avenue

Ms. Vandervort advised her property has a pressure does system that has been working well and sewer will now be fronting her property. She had several questions for Public Works Committee.

Mayor and Council requested she submit a letter with her concerns to ARH for next PWC meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Barberio, the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by April Boyer Maimone, Deputy

Minutes approved by Susanne Oddo, Clerk/Adm.