

**Special Meeting of Mayor and Council January 9, 2024
Town Hall Council Chambers, 100 Central Avenue
Public Session 7:00 P.M.**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilperson:
Furgione -Present
Gribbin – Present
Marino-Present
Oliva - Present
R. Rodio - Present
S. Rodio - Present
Mayor DiDonato – Present

PRESENT ALSO

Bob Vettese, Public Works Manager
Mark Herrmann, Town Engineer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so. Also, each person who wishes to address Council will be allotted 5 minutes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DISPENSE WITH REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS

– Discussion regarding Hammonton Lake Park and spraying of lake.

Jerry Barberio Lake Shore Drive- He spoke about prior spraying of the lake. He gave detail on when he sprayed the lake in 2016 and 2017. They used a home built sprayer that sprayed no mist; it was a no surface spraying that occurred.

Marianne Risley ARH- Spoke about the letter from Pinelands and the questions they needed answered. She is satisfied that the answers to the questions are sufficient and will send response this week.

Councilman Furgione- He reviewed the 6 questions that the Pinelands asked. Explained in detail how the Town will answer each one. He also talked about the lake lower and how that can help with the bladder wart.

PUBLIC HEARD

- **Will Donio 920 Central Ave-** Asked about the process with Pinelands. Do they have to put this on their agenda for approval before we can spray the lake? The answer to his question was no, there is no hearing for this approval. He also mentioned that his family enjoys the lake and is thankful we are spraying for the bladder wart. He also asked if the spraying will kill the Lilly pads. Unfortunately, the spraying will not kill the Lilly pads.

- **Robert Schenk 852 Central Ave-** Also spoke about the Lilly Pad issue that is starting to occur at the lake. He also asked about the praying that we done now. The spraying will only take care of the Bladder Wart?

- **David Crescenzo 51 Waterfront Way** – Is it beneficial to spray when the lake is lowered? No, in order to spray the water has to be a certain temperature and this is an under water spray not a surface spray. The endangered species of bladder wart, will this spread if not sprayed?
- **Bill Parkhurst 890 Central Ave-** Can we spray ever 14 days?_Yes, but only the same area that was sprayed at the beginning of the process.
- **Lou Cappuccio- 435 Middle road** – Will the spraying of the Lake effect the stocking of fish in the spring. No it will not.

Long Discussion ensued regaling the spraying with all of council and public.

Motion by council person Furgione Second Marino

Approve construction management to Mumford Borkman for 4th street tank in the amount of \$78,000

Councilperson:

Furgione -Yes

Gribbin – Yes

Marino-Yes

Oliva - Yes

R. Rodio - Yes

S. Rodio - Yes

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared motion carried

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion By council person S. Rodio seconded Gribbin