

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2024

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom only due to weather conditions. Mayor Canose called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Jay Ambelang, Jena McCredie, Al Ribeiro, Jeffrey Roos, and Christine Zamarra. Also present were Nancy Malool, Administrator, Anthony Suriano, Borough Clerk, and John Pidgeon, Borough Attorney. Council Member Chad McQueen was absent.

STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Bernardsville News, Courier News and the Star Ledger, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on December 14, 2023.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Canose opened the meeting to the public. Hearing no comments Mayor Canose closed the open session.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Construction Code Fee Schedule, Amendment to Ordinance #2023-1987, this ordinance will be introduced at the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Ordinance Concerning Affordable Housing Set-Asides, this ordinance will be introduced at the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Ordinance Concerning Towing Contractors, this ordinance will be introduced at the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Ordinance Concerning the Qualified Purchasing Agent's Responsibilities, this ordinance will be introduced at the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Contract with HR Representative, council consent was given to Ms. Malool to look for an HR Representative that we can enter into a contract with in the future.

License Plate Readers, Chief Remian will be present at the January 22, 2024 Council meeting and discuss this topic.

Mayor's Appointment of Quimby Project Advisory Committee, Mayor Canose will make an official announcement of the appointments at the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Appraisals for 261 Claremont Road, Ms. McCredie will refer this to Recreation Director, Bob Markowick, to get his input on this property. If necessary, this topic will be added to the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Resolution - Application for a Highlands Stormwater Grant, a resolution approving the application will be on the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Resolution - Authorizing the Purchase of Bulk Rock Salt Through Somerset County Co-Op Contract, a resolution authorizing the purchase will be on the January 22, 2024 Council meeting

Resolution - Designating Field Treatments for 2024 and Authorizing a Contract with TruGreen through the Somerset County Coop, Ms. Zamarra said while she's not in favor of synthetic treatments, in an effort to compromise, her main concern is the area around the pickleball courts and does not see the need of having synthetic treatment in that area. Council was in favor of organic treatment in the area around the pickleball courts. Ms. Malool will follow up with John Macdowall to see if there's a reason for synthetic treatment in that area and a resolution will be on the January 22, 2024 agenda.

Resolution - Professional Services Agreement with Parker McCay, a resolution approving the agreement will be on the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Resolution - Fire Company Membership, David Lai-Len, a resolution approving membership to the Fire Company will be on the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Tree Recovery Campaign Approval Request (Green Team & Environmental Commission obtaining seedlings for distribution in April in conjunction with Earth Day), a resolution approving the request will be on the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Resolution - Contract with Traffic Planning & Design, a resolution approving the contract will be on the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Resolution - Contract with ParkMobile, a resolution approving the contract will be on the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

Recycling Contract with Somerset County, a resolution approving the contract will be on the January 22, 2024 Council meeting. It was noted that the amount of the contract increased from \$26.70 per household to \$27.00 per household.

Raritan Headwaters Association Annual Stream Cleanup, a resolution approving payment in amount of \$1,000 to Raritan Headwaters Association for services they provide for the annual stream cleanup will be on the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL

Correspondence - None

Unfinished Business

Boylan Terrace Walkway, a status update was given and it was noted the Borough Engineer, Tony Hajjar, is taking training on the project and will check on it.

Bids for the Pavilion, it was noted the Borough Engineer Tony Hajjar is going to meet with Suburban Engineering.

New Business

Request from Harrington Construction to Use Gravel Lot Across from Borough Hall for Fill Dirt, it was noted this was a water main project being done in Far Hills and the request to temporarily store fill dirt from the excavated trenches in the gravel lot across from Borough Hall was discussed by Council. Council consent was to direct Harrington Construction to see if there is a temporary storage location in Far Hills instead of Bernardsville.

National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) Five Star Water Restoration Grant, a resolution approving application for the grant and to authorize Rippled Waters to make the application will be on the January 22, 2024 Council meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved to adjourn to an executive session to consider Personnel Matters, Attorney/Client Privilege, Contract Negotiations, Audi Property and Other Redevelopment Matters and that the time when and circumstances under which the matter can be disclosed to the public is when it is finally resolved. The motion was seconded and approved with five yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15p.m.
