BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Minutes February 13, 2023

Mayor Canose called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Jay Ambelang, Diane Greenfield, Chad McQueen, Al Ribeiro, and Christine Zamarra. Also present were Tom Czerniecki, Administrator, Anthony Suriano, Borough Clerk, and John Pidgeon, Borough Attorney. Council Member Jena McCredie 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 15, 2022.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

Jolanta Maziarz of JCP&L gave a presentation on storm preparedness and restoration. She said JCP&L has regional headquarters in Morristown and Holmdel. They have 1.1 million customers in 13 counties. They have 1,500 employees and \$7.6 billion in assets. They have approximately 26,000 miles of transmission and distribution lines. Ms. Maziarz discussed tree density, preventative maintenance programs, restoration process, communication with customers, and vegetation management. She said the restoration process calls for critical facilities such as hospitals, police departments, cooling centers, and warming centers to be prioritized. She discussed the planning and preparation of JCP&L's weather event process. She discussed a Winter Storm Preparation Checklist for residents to be prepared and stay safe. Mr. Ribeiro thanked Ms. Maziarz for her presentation and in particular, for going over the checklist for residents. He said the prioritization process was also very helpful for residents to know why certain areas of the borough are prioritized over others.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Canose opened the meeting to the public.

Johanna Wissinger, Washington Corner Road and Environmental Commission Chair, talked about the importance of deer management. She said she hopes council will continue to have a hunting club which is the safest and most efficient way to handle deer management. She said they are looking for a new person to organize deer management to fill a void for what Ed English used to do.

Catherine Ridder, Mount Harmony Road, discussed an email she wrote to the Mayor and Council about an ordinance from 1999 that does not allow accessory dwellings in the R-1 district to be rented. She said her property on Mt Harmony Road is 5 acres and has a small cottage with its own driveway, well & electric meter. She said she is only allowed to have employees, such as

a nanny or caretaker, or family stay there. She said in these days of Airbnb's and people being able to rent part of their homes, she feels this ordinance doesn't make sense. Council decided to refer this topic to the Housing/Zoning Committee. Mr. Pidgeon noted that it should go to the Planning Board after Housing/Zoning Committee review.

Aaron Duff, Crestview Drive, spoke about Resolution #23-48. He said the resolution would appoint the owner as redeveloper of that lot. He said he was present when council was considering the ordinance amendment to increase the density at that location. He said he thought it was decided that a prerequisite for designation would be an amendment of the existing agreement between the Borough and Advance Realty. He said the redevelopment agreement says that they are the exclusive redeveloper within the Quimby Lane area which includes this property and specifically states that the borough shall not appoint any other redevelopers for any portion of the project. He said this resolution would set a bad precedent if any property owner at Quimby is free to go on their own not go with our designated redeveloper, it could lead to piecemeal development. He said there's also a lot of documentation that need to be submitted in advance of designation as a redeveloper that he didn't see in the meeting documents for tonight's meeting. He referenced prerequisites under section 7.5 of the Quimby Lane Redevelopment plan as an affordable housing plan, studies substantiating the basis for the project, traffic impact study, financial qualifications, and a description of how the project would benefit the borough.

Mayor Canose closed the open session to the public.

ORDINANCES (Public Hearing)

Mayor Canose continued the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-1942, ADJUSTING THE ZONE DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINE WHICH BISECTS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 70 STONE FENCE ROAD (BLOCK 23, LOT 15). Hearing no comments, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Mayor Canose noted a recommendation was received from the Planning Board stating that this ordinance is not inconsistent with the Master Plan. Mr. McQueen moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-1945, CALENDAR YEAR 2023 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14). Hearing no comments, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Mr. Ribeiro moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Mr. McQueen seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-1946, ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SIDEWALKS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF

GRANTS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Hearing no comments, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Ms. Zamarra moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Ms. Greenfield seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-1947, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE BOROUGH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "ADMININSTRATION. Hearing no comments, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Ms. Greenfield moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-1948, AMENDING SECTION 11-4 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTIES PENDING FORECLOSURE" TO BRING IT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH P.L. 2021, c. 444. Hearing no comments, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Mr. McQueen moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-1949, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION". Hearing no comments, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Mr. Ambelang moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Ms. Greenfield seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-1950, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION FOR RESIDENTIAL RENTALS PROPERTIES AND AMENDING CHAPTER XI OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE". Hearing no comments, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Ms. Greenfield moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Mr. Ambelang seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2023-1951, REORGANIZING BOROUGH ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND AMENDING ARTICLE V ENTITLED "BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS" IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION". Kerry Haselton, Mine Brook Road, said she is the Chair of the Trails Committee. She asked about membership of that committee and if it is an ad hoc committee or Recreation Subcommittee. Mayor Canose said when this ordinance is adopted it'll be Recreation Subcommittee. She said there can be people on it that are not regular Recreation Committee members which means they can only be at the Trails

Committee meetings and not the regular Recreation Committee meetings. Ms. Haselton asked if the Trails Committee meetings had to be recorded because they usually take place out in the field. It was noted that there has to be a report to the larger committee. Ms. Haselton said the ordinance states no member on a subcommittee or ad hoc committee can talk to anyone at the Borough without going through the Borough Administrator. She said Recreation has Bob Markowick and Leah Horowitz so she would like to inquire if she can email or call them without having to go through the Borough Administrator. Mr. Pidgeon said the intent that subcommittee members are not to direct employees to perform certain tasks. Ms. Haselton said she would be much more likely to have emails back and forth with Recreation staff over event, which was noted to be permissible.

Mr. Pidgeon said he was made aware of concerns if this ordinance affects the Fire Prevention Bureau and it does not.

Hearing further no comments, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Mr. Ribeiro moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

ORDINANCES (Introduction)

Ms. Zamarra moved that Ordinance #2023-1952, ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CAMPBELL ROAD IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$300,000 THEREFOR, CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF GRANTS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, be introduced by title, passed on first reading, published according to law, and that a public hearing be scheduled for a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2023. Ms. Greenfield seconded and the motion to introduce was approved with five yes votes.

Mr. Ambelang moved that Ordinance #2023-1953, AN ORDINANCE SETTING FEES FOR LEAD PAINT INSPECTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "PROPERTY MAINTENANCE", be introduced by title, passed on first reading, published according to law, and that a public hearing be scheduled for a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2023. Ms. Greenfield seconded and the motion to introduce was approved with five yes votes.

Ms. Greenfield moved that Ordinance #2023-1954, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING OFF-DUTY EMPLOYMENT OF BOROUGH POLICE OFFICERS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENITLED "ADMINISTRATION", be introduced by title, passed on first reading, published according to law, and that a public hearing be scheduled for a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2023. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion to introduce was approved with five yes votes.

Mr. Ambelang moved that Ordinance #2023-1955, AN ORDINANCE SETTING 2023 SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES FOR NON-CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES, be introduced by title, passed on first reading, published according to law, and that a public hearing

be scheduled for a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2023. Ms. Greenfield seconded and the motion to introduce was approved with five yes votes.

Ms. Greenfield moved that Ordinance #2023-1956, AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM FIRE CODE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION", be introduced by title, passed on first reading, published according to law, and that a public hearing be scheduled for a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2023. Mr. McQueen seconded and the motion to introduce was approved with five yes votes.

RESOLUTIONS

#23-42	AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS
#23-43	AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN A PISTOL RANGE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN EFE REALTY AND THE BOROUGH OF BERNARSVILLE
#23-44	RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY DESIGNATING EQUINET PROPERTIES LLC AS REDEVELOPER FOR A PORTION OF THE QUIMBY LANE REDEVELOPMENT AREA FOR BLOCK 71, LOT 6 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE REDEVELOPER FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SUCH PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN
#23-45	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STORMWATER ESCROW ACCOUNTS: 04-280-7024-0100; 04-280-7034-0100 FOR JOHN MOY FOR 477-1 MINE BROOK RD.
#23-46	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STORMWATER ESCROW ACCOUNT 04-280-7000-0003 FOR RAVI S. KUMAR FOR 103 SENEY DR. EXT.
#23-47	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STORMWATER ESCROW ACCOUNT 04-280-7000-0016 FOR ANTONIA GOLLOB FOR 73-1 POST KUNHARDT RD.
#23-48	ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE BERNARDSVILLE LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION FOR POLICE SHOOTING RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

#23-49	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STORMWATER ESCROW ACCOUNT 04-280-7000-0050 FOR SCENIC LANDSCAPING FOR 95 TOWER MOUNTAIN DR.
#23-50	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STORMWATER ESCROW ACCOUNT 04-280-7000-0036 FOR ESTATE OF BERTHA RUSCHMANN FOR 260 MINE BROOK RD.
#23-51	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STORMWATER ESCROW ACCOUNT 04-280-7016-0100 FOR MICHAEL LEANZA FOR 30 SHADOWBROOK CT.
#23-52	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STORMWATER ESCROW ACCOUNT 04-280-7022-0100 FOR MAGDALA GONZALES FOR 41 DOUGLASS AVE.
#23-53	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STORMWATER ESCROW ACCOUNT 04-280-7030-0100 FOR AMY & JOSH SHAVER FOR 20 SOUTHFIELD DR.
#23-54	PROMOTING SERGEANT JEFF MELITSKI TO LIEUTENANT, SERGEANT MICHAEL PARADISO TO LIEUTENANT, AND PATROLMAN STEVEN SEIPLE TO SERGEANT
#23-55	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STORMWATER ESCROW ACCOUNT 04-280-7031-0100 FOR MIKE & LINDSAY FEELEY FOR 46 LIBERTY RD.
#23-56	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF STORMWATER ESCROW ACCOUNT 04-280-7035-0100 FOR LOUIS LAROSA FOR 10 CHARLOTTE HILL DR.
#23-57	AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS TO AND ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION OF BERNARDS AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD
#23-58	AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF BONDS FOR STREET OPENING PERMITS
#23-59	APPOINTING A PART TIME SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD
#23-60	RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CERTAIN UNEXPENDED BALANCES OF CAPITAL ORDINANCES IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND
#23-61	AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2022 TAXES FOR TAX COURT OF NJ APPEAL, 52 CHAPIN ROAD

#23-62	PROMOTING SERGEANT DAN BUTTEL TO CAPTAIN	
#23-63	DESIGNATING FIELD TREATMENTS IN 2023	
#23-64	SETTING RECREATION PROGRAM FEES	
#23-65	SUPPORTING THE GREEN TEAM AND APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 2023 GREEN TEAM	
#23-66	APPOINTING TOM SHADOOD WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR	
#23-67	AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH TOPOLOGY TO PERFORM PLANNING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LOT 13 IN BLOCK 125 (AUDI PROPERTY)	
#23-68	AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CLEARY, GIACOBBE ALFIERI, JACOBS LLC TO PERFORM LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LOT 13 IN BLOCK 125 (AUDI PROPERTY) AND LOTS 1 AND 3 IN BLOCK 125 (PALMER PROPERTY)	
#23-69	AUTHORIZING JOHN SZABO OF BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL PLANNING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LOTS 1 AND 3 IN BLOCK 125 (PALMER PROPERTY)	

Ms. Greenfield moved to adopt Resolutions #23-42 to #23-69, except #23-44. Mr. McQueen seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Regarding Resolution #23-44, redevelopment attorney, Joe DeMarco said Equinet is a one-off project. He said Quimby has six sub-areas and is Block 70. He said the Redevelopment Agreement lists Block 70 and every lot except for the Bernards Inn, which we specifically did not include in the agreement because we wanted that to stay being that it's an important icon in the municipality. He said Advance was never under the impression that they had the rights to the rest of the properties on the other side of Quimby, which include the car wash and NAPA Auto. He said the other side of Quimby was always contemplated in the concept plans to be future open space. He said the Equinet property sits on the high side on Mill Street and it's a small lot that falls within the Redevelopment area and therefore needs to be designated. He said this resolution provides that requirement. He said there is an affordable component and a give back to the municipality. He said we talked about cohesiveness and one of the plans is that there is a path along that walkway and this development reserves a part of open space on the river where the building doesn't go. He said ultimately the NJDEP is going to have to sign off on the big

concern that everyone has, which is having to build close to the stream. He said this will be the purview of the NJDEP and how they handle that could take a year. Mayor Canose asked if hypothetically the person who owns the movie theater says they want to develop it. She said they'd need a developer and that can't happen because that is the area that Advance has. Mr. DeMarco said yes, they have everything in that lot except for the Bernards Inn. He said there is no right in New Jersey to be the developer of your own property, so you don't have the right to partake of being a redeveloper of your own property. He said if there's a Redevelopment Plan, the municipality retains that right. He said that's why this resolution is in front of council tonight because even though they (Equinet) own it, they can't develop it under the plan. He said this forces cohesion as this will get reviewed by the Planning Board and they'll make sure the design standard for Quimby Lane is to be applied to this project as well, so there is cohesion in the long run.

Ms. Greenfield moved to adopt Resolution #23-44. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mayor's Update

Mayor Canose said Coffee With A Cop was held on January 26th at the Library which also included Officers Saif Naqvi and Tim Richard reading stories to the kids. The first meeting of the Centennial Committee was held. The centennial will be happening in 2024. Mayor Canose attended the first Keep Somerset Moving public meeting. She said Somerset County is working on their transportation plan in order to make transportation in the county more connected, equity based, pedestrian friendly, and bike friendly. She said they have a website and they're going to have the plan done by September. February 4th was the adult mini golf night at the Library which was very successful. Mayor Canose had a meeting with Walter Lane, Director of Planning and Economic Development for Somerset County about getting an overall global picture of the whole downtown, and how all the pieces fit together. She said they are going to get back to her with some helpful ideas. As part of the Mayor Wellness Campaign for 2023, Mayor Canose said she talked to Somerset County about trying to locate our senior population as we're working towards an age-friendly community. February 8th was the Somerset County Governing Officials Association and our auditor, Bob Swisher, has a program called Food Stock. Mayor Canose said Mr. Swisher is trying to get every town in Somerset County to participate in this food challenge and collect as much food as possible. Mayor Canose performed a wedding ceremony on February 9th at Borough Hall. She said the groom and his witness had guitars and played some amazing Guarania, which is a style of Paraguayan music, and offered to do a cultural event, possibly at the Library. Mayor Canose said the Personnel Committee has been interviewing for a Borough Administrator and will discuss in executive session. Mayor Canose said we got a request from CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) who act as advocates for children in the foster care system who don't have someone to speak up for them. She said our local program is Somerset/Hunterdon/Warren County and in March we'll have on the agenda a proclamation since April is Child Advocate Month. She said they're also looking for each town

to have a pinwheel garden where people can sponsor pinwheels and have them on display with a sign for awareness about child advocacy. Council had no objections to the pinwheel garden. While no location was decided, possible locations discussed were Olcott Square, near the Millicent Fenwick statue, and on the wedge by the High School.

Administrator's Update

Mr. Czerniecki said he wanted to point out that there is an unusually large number of ordinances and resolutions on this agenda. He said many originate from our staff and professionals in order to make sure we are charging appropriate fees or have consistency in the laws. He thanked our staff for getting everything written and ready to go for the agenda. Mr. Czerniecki said we received our OEM score from the Somerset County Department of Health and Safety which is provided to each municipality. He said we scored 101 out of 100 and thanked the Police Department for the job they are doing. Mr. McQueen asked about the status of engineering for the Polo Grounds project. Mr. Czerniecki said they were out surveying the Mine Brook property and for the Polo Grounds, we are waiting for the architect's plans to come in.

Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee - Centennial Planning Committee

Mayor Canose announced the following appointments to the Centennial Planning Committee: Chief John Remian, Sgt. Jeff Melitski, Olivia Manning, Leah Horowitz, Bob Markowick, Fred Buehler, Lisa Garofalo, Peter Palmer, and Fran Daley.

Bernards High School PAC Parents – Temporary Sign for BHS Spring Musical

Council consent was given to allow the Bernards High School PAC Parents to display their sign for the Bernards High School Spring Musical as requested from February 18th to March 13th at Olcott Square. This topic needed council approval due to the request of the duration of the sign being displayed for more than 14 days.

<u>Raritan Headwaters Association –</u> Request to Sell Well Testing Kits at Borough Hall

Council consent was given to Raritan Headwaters Association to sell well testing kits at Borough Hall. The time and date will be decided by Raritan Headwaters and the Borough Clerk's office.

Resolution in Support of Liquor License Reform in the state of New Jersey

Council agreed to have this resolution on the agenda for the next council meeting on February 27th.

Mayor's Appointment of John Donahue to the Recreation Committee

Ms. Greenfield moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment of John Donahue to the Recreation Committee. Mr. McQueen seconded and the motion was approved with five yes votes.

Correspondence

Ms. Zamarra said she received an email from the Health Department about a Nutrition Education Program this Thursday from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Bernards Township Library. She said it is a nutrition presentation and culinary demonstration to improve heart health. She said they will highlight what foods to shop for, review strategies to incorporate healthy foods into your diet, and provide delicious samples of heart healthy meals and snacks.

Mayor Canose said on the Mayor's Wellness website, she posted a short video about how to talk to your child about vaping, opioids, and stress.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Pidgeon said he has no objection to advisory committees having meetings now that Ordinance #2023-1951 was adopted earlier in the meeting. Ms. Greenfield said the Open Space subcommittee of the Recreation Committee would like to know what is expected of them and what they should be focusing on. Mr. Ribeiro will work with Mayor Canose on clarifications that may arise from other advisory committees or subcommittees. Mr. McQueen suggested having some committees come to council for a public forum about their role. Mr. Ribeiro mentioned Ms. Zamarra's idea of having committee charters and website information consistent, and that's something that can be done if the committees come to council to talk about.

Mr. Ribeiro said he would like to follow up on a topic he brought up at the end of last year which is a request from Linder's French Cleaners to have a food truck in their parking lot on weekends. He said he would like to properly evaluate the request and possibly have a committee look into it. Mayor Canose said it would probably need to go to the Board of Adjustment because it's a different use. Mr. Pidgeon agreed and said this came to council several years ago and council decided it wasn't fair to those businesses in town that came through the planning process. Mr. McQueen asked if we have a governing ordinance for mobile trucks. Mr. Pidgeon said we don't have one but if a food truck is on the site of another business then you have two primary uses. Council discussion took place about the requirements regarding the frequency of a food truck on private property, borough property, or having a food truck at a special event. Mr. Ribeiro said he will go back to Linder's French Cleaners and ask them to send him an email to put it in writing specifically what they want to do and then we can take that and evaluate it.

New Business - None

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved to adjourn to an executive session to consider Contract Negotiations, Personnel Matters, and Pending Litigation 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 four yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40p.m.	