

JERSEY SHORE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2013
7:00 PM

Members Present: Kenneth Scheesley, John Pisarcik, Janet Barnhart, Mary Greene, Marguerite Dyroff, Deborah Colocino, Sean Simcox

Members Absent: Wade Snyder

Others Present: Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager; Dennis Buttorff, Mayor; Denise Dieter, Solicitor

Public: The Jersey Shore Postmaster, Stephanie Fravel, requested that N. Cherry Alley, from McClintock Alley to Seminary Street, be made one-way. This matter was placed in the Highway Committee for further review.

Ms. Fravel stated that there are several apartment buildings in the Borough that are addressed incorrectly and requested that they be corrected. Councilor Dyroff stated that the Borough Zoning officer, Jim Douty, would contact her about this matter.

Ms. Fravel encouraged Borough residents to walk in and use the window over the lunch hour. If the post office does not see an increase in window transactions, it will be forced to close for two hours over lunch.

Leanne Rauch stated that she would like to volunteer for the Recreation Committee and/or Pool Committee. Ms. Rauch would like to see some work done with the Riverfront. Councilor Dyroff suggested that Ms. Rauch work with the Jersey Shore River Town Revitalization Team. The Jersey Shore River Town Revitalization Team meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm.

Vicki Dalton, director of the Jersey Shore Water Aerobics Group, explained how the “Be a Lifesaver, Save our Pool” Fundraiser came about and stated that \$4,833.00 has been raised to date. The fundraiser was a proactive idea to help with funding the pool in 2014.

Minutes: Councilor Scheesley made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2013, Council meeting, seconded by Councilor Simcox. Motion carried 7/0.

Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm presented Ordinance 2013-07, an Ordinance Vacating an unopened portion of Michael Street. This is the area that Mr. Bob Snyder petitioned to have absorbed into the adjoining properties. Councilor Scheesley made a motion to pass Ordinance 2013-07, an Ordinance Vacating an unopened portion of Michael Street, seconded by Councilor Barnhart. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm presented Council with the Laydown Area Lease Agreement for Parcel #'s 49-366-225.B and 21-003-106, between PPL Electric Utilities Corporation and the Jersey Shore Borough. Mr. Hamm stated that this Lease has been revised and includes the requested snow storage language. Councilor Colocino made a motion to approve the Laydown Area Lease Agreement with PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, seconded by Councilor Greene. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm presented Council with the Electric Choice quotes. They were as follows: IGS Energy: \$0.0709/ kWh and Liberty Power: \$0.0806/ kWh. Currently the Borough is paying \$0.07715/ kWh or \$0.10814/ kWh, depending on the account. Councilor Simcox made a motion to enter into a two (2) year contract with IGS Energy at a rate of \$0.0709/kWh, seconded by Councilor Pisarcik. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that he met with Robert Wargo from PPL to discuss some of Council's concerns about reinforcing the PPL poles on Allegheny St. Mr. Hamm stated that the steel C-braces are installed on the opposite side of the flow of traffic. Therefore, in the event of an accident direct impact would not be made with the steel C-brace. Mr. Hamm also stated that PennDOT prohibits the use of steel C-braces on poles along state roads. However, that does not seem to apply in this case because of the 35 mph speed limit on state roadways in the Borough. Councilor Scheesley made a motion to approve the installation of the steel C-braces to the PPL poles along state roadways in the Borough, seconded by Councilor Greene. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm presented Council with the estimate to repair the Borough codes truck. It will cost \$970.00 in parts and \$320.00 in tools, for a grand total of \$1,290.00, to fix the codes truck. Councilor Simcox made a motion to spend \$1,290.00 to fix the codes truck, seconded by Councilor Scheesley. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that the 2013 Flood Summit has been cancelled.

Mr. Hamm suggested that the September Council meeting be moved from September 9th to September 16th to allow council members adequate time to review the Rental Inspection Program Ordinance. Council decided to move the September Council meeting to September 16th.

Mr. Hamm stated that he has received confirmation that the Borough's CDBG 2013 allocation is \$83,311.00, which is an increase from last year's allocation of \$82,646.00.

Mr. Hamm stated that the Jersey Shore Town Meeting has requested the use of the Gazebo lot on December 7, 2013 for their annual Christmas Parade, Santa Homecoming and Block Party. Councilor Colocino made a motion to approve Jersey Shore Town Meeting's request to use the Gazebo lot on December 7, 2013, seconded by Councilor Scheesley. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that PennDOT has changed their permitting process regarding Highway Occupancy Permit Application. This will allow municipalities to track anyone who wants to attach a driveway to a state roadway.

Mr. Hamm stated that Lycoming County is applying for a \$250,000.00 grant to be used for a Baseline Water Quality Data program.

Mr. Hamm stated that he has received a stop sign request for the intersection of Seminary Street and Fountain Street. Mr. Buttorff will do a traffic study and present the results to Council at September's meeting.

Mayor: Mr. Buttorff suggested that the Borough take down the street signs that state "No Parking from 2 am – 6 am." The Borough no longer owns a street sweeper, for which the signs were installed, and the signs have become an eyesore. Consensus was to have them removed.

Mr. Buttorff stated that the girl's softball team will be coming through town on Thursday, August 15 at 5:00 pm, in a parade celebrating their successful season.

Solicitor: Ms. Dieter stated that the quiet title action on the bank lot was no longer necessary. Ms. Dieter did some more research and found that in 1829/1830 the whole parcel was sold in a sheriff sale, but the portion of the parcel in question was left out of the description. All subsequent property owners have paid taxes on the entire parcel. Therefore, the sheriff is going to sign a corrected deed which will date back to the time of the original sale, Jersey Shore State Bank will hold title to all the land and will be able to lease/give it to the Borough.

Finance: Councilor Colocino made a motion to pay the bills for August in the amounts of: General Fund for \$24,779.33 and Swimming Pool for \$7,452.42, for a grand total of \$32,231.75, seconded by Councilor Scheesley. Motion carried 7/0.

The next scheduled meeting is September 17th at 6:30 pm to begin work on the 2014 Budget.

Police: Councilor Simcox stated that the Police Commission discussed the need for police vehicles and the possibly of budgeting for two (2) vehicles in 2014.

Councilor Simcox stated that the officer who has been out on medical leave has returned and is performing light duty service.

Highway Committee: Councilor Scheesley stated that they will be purchasing some sealcoat for the cracks in the streets.

Councilor Scheesley stated that Borough garage has been sprayed down and cleaned. Ron Henry estimated that it would cost approximately \$8555.00 to put two (2) coats of paint on the garage.

Mr. Hamm stated that HRI, Inc. will be doing the Borough's paving work the second week in September. Mr. Hamm tried to get the paving done prior to the start of school, but HRI, Inc. was unable to schedule it until the second week in September. The work must be completed by September 14, 2013 or HRI, Inc. will be subject to liquidated damages.

Mr. Hamm stated that he has been working with Nationwide Insurance to make sure that the signs and posts that were damaged in an accident on Allegheny Street are paid for and replaced.

The next scheduled meeting is August 15th at 2:00 pm.

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

Sewer: Councilor Snyder was absent.

Fire Commission: Mr. Buttorff stated that he has not received any requests for box card changes.

Councilor Colocino made a motion to approve Citizen Hose Company's list of events outside the Borough, seconded by Councilor Pisarcik. Motion carried 7/0.

Chief Sheets, from the Independent Hose Company, requested that Council extend the yellow line on Smith Street fifteen (15) feet so that the fire trucks can negotiate that turn. Councilor Scheesley made a motion to extend the yellow line on the corner of Smith Street and Broad Street fifteen (15) feet, seconded by Councilor Pisarcik. Motion carried 7/0.

Pool: Councilor Scheesley stated that Arthur Cipriany, one of the founders of the Jersey Shore Pool, died July 25, 2013. Councilor Scheesley asked if any Councilor would like to make a monetary donation to the pool or library in Art Cipriany's name.

The pool committee is requesting Council's permission to allow them to ask for volunteers to prepare the pool for the 2014 season.

The pool will be closing for the season on August 23, 2013.

The next scheduled meeting is September 4, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Recreation: Nothing at this time.

Tree Commission: Nothing at this time.

Codes: Councilor Simcox reminded everyone of how big a step the Rental Inspection Program Ordinance is and encouraged everyone to read it carefully and ask questions.

No progress has been made on the conflicting Sidewalk Ordinance and Tree Ordinance.

Library: Nothing at this time.

Borough of Jersey Shore: Mr. Hamm stated that the Thompson Street Project is finished and ready to be signed off on.

Mr. Hamm presented Council with three (3) different examples of age appropriate signs for the Thompson Street Park. There is approximately \$40,000.00 available in CDBG funds that can be used to purchase signage. Councilor Scheesley made a motion to purchase the “2-12 years of age” sign for the Thompson Street Park project, seconded by Councilor Pisarcik. Motion carried 7/0.

J.S. Hospital: Councilor Simcox stated that the urgent care center is now open seven (7) days per week.

J.S. YMCA: Councilor Scheesley stated that the YMCA bike ride will be on September 29th at 10:00 am.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Mr. Buttorff stated that flood insurance rates will be going up over the next five (5) years, due to the subsidy from the Federal government not being available any longer.

Adjourn: Councilor Scheesley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Colocino.

Borough Manager