

JERSEY SHORE BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 8, 2013
7:00 PM

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

Members Absent: Mary Greene

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

Bid Opening – Vacant Municipal Parking Lot, Parcel # 20-001-213: The Borough received one (1) bid for Parcel # 20-001-213. Mr. Toby Welker, of the Frederick P. Welker Funeral Home, bid \$2,000.00. Mr. Welker plans to install a carport, as well as pave and landscape the property. Councilor Pisarcik made a motion to reject Mr. Welker's bid of \$2,000.00, seconded by Councilor Colocino. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilor Simcox: no; Councilor Snyder: no; Councilor Barnhart: yes; Councilor Dyroff: no; Councilor Colocino: no; Councilor Scheesley: no; Councilor Pisarcik: yes. Motion failed 2/5. Councilor Simcox pointed out that that lot needs a lot of work and inquired as to whether the Borough was prepared to invest the money necessary to fix it. Councilor Pisarcik stated that if the Borough has no plans to repair that property, he would like to make a motion to accept the bid of \$2,000.00 from Mr. Welker, seconded by Councilor Simcox. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilor Simcox: yes; Councilor Snyder: yes; Councilor Barnhart: yes; Councilor Dyroff: no; Councilor Colocino: yes; Councilor Scheesley: yes; Councilor Pisarcik: yes. Motion carried 6/1.

Minutes: Councilor Scheesley made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 10, 2013 Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Simcox. Motion carried 7/0.

Council President: Councilor Dyroff read a thank-you letter from the Jersey Shore Historical Society to Borough Council, thanking them for the Borough's 2013 donation of \$250.00.

Borough Manager: Councilor Colocino made a motion to pass Ordinance 2013-5, an Ordinance vacating an unopened portion of Bank Avenue (formerly known as Hazel Alley), seconded by Councilor Pisarcik. Motion carried 7/0.

Councilor Pisarcik made a motion to pass Ordinance 2013-6, an Ordinance restricting parking on the Eastern side of the 100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue to no more than fifteen (15) minutes, seconded by Councilor Scheesley. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm discussed the PPL Electric Utilities lease agreement. After Council discussion, it was decided to ask PPL to include language about the Borough still being able to store snow on the same property as they are leasing. PPL agreed to it, but no language was in their lease agreement. Mr. Hamm will follow up on this.

Mr. Hamm presented the Electric Choice quotes to Council. They were as follows: Auion Energy Group: \$0.0824/ kWh, IGS Energy: \$0.0723/ kWh, PPL Energy Plus: \$0.0765/ kWh, and Hudson Energy: \$0.0504/ kWh. The Borough is currently paying \$0.072/ kWh or \$0.102/ kWh, depending on the account. Councilor Colocino made a motion to go with Hudson Energy as the Borough's energy provider, at a cost of \$0.0504/ kWh, seconded by Councilor Scheesley. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that Lycoming County Resources Management will be switching over to single steam processing within the next few years. In order to prepare for this, Lycoming County Resources Management has requested that the Borough's recycling drop-off site be expanded to include all three colors of glass, tin and aluminum. Councilor Colocino made a motion to approve the Recycling Site Expansion plan, seconded by Councilor Scheesley. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that five (5) participants of the Jersey Shore Home Rehabilitation Program have satisfied all the requirements of the program and presented their Mortgage Satisfaction Pieces to council for approval. Councilor Simcox made a motion to approve the Mortgage Satisfaction Pieces, seconded by Councilor Scheesley. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that PennDOT will be doing construction on the Thomas Street Bridge and inquired as to whether or not Council wants to install ADA ramps at the intersection of Thomas Street and High Street. The ramps are optional and each ramp would cost the Borough \$5,000.00 - \$10,000.00. Council chose not to install the ramps.

Mr. Hamm stated that the Jersey Shore School District has requested permission to use the gravel parking lot, east of the varsity football field, during home football games. Councilor Simcox made a motion to allow the Jersey Shore School District to use the gravel parking lot during home football games, seconded by Councilor Colocino. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that the Jersey Shore School District has requested permission to use the grass lot behind the gravel parking lot for football practice, from August 12th to November 1st. They also requested permission to use the Thompson Street Recreation field for football practice, from August 12th to August 20th. Councilor Simcox made a motion to allow the football team to use both fields for football practice. Ms. Dieter expressed a concern that the existence of a lease between the Borough and AYSO soccer for use of the Thompson Street Recreation field may prove problematic. There was no second to the motion. Motion died. Councilor Simcox made a motion to allow the Jersey Shore School District to use the small grass lot behind the gravel parking lot, from August 12th to November 1st, for football practice, seconded by Councilor Colocino. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that the Borough received the 2013 traffic signal maintenance from Lecce Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$2,150.00. Councilor Simcox made a motion to accept the 2013 traffic signal maintenance agreement from Lecce Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$2,150.00, seconded by Councilor Scheesley. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Hamm stated that Independent Hose Company is having difficulty negotiating the turn from S. Broad Street onto Smith Street and has requested that the yellow line on the corner of S. Broad Street and Smith Street be extended fifteen feet. Council requested that a representative from Independent Hose attend the August council meeting and justify their request.

Mr. Hamm stated that the 2nd Annual Keystone Challenge 40 Miler canoe and kayak relay race will be held on July 14, 2013. Race participants will be using the Jersey Shore Boat Launch area from approximately 7:30 am until 12:30 pm.

Mr. Hamm stated that the Borough received their 2nd Act 13 Impact Fee check in the amount of \$88,575.16.

Mayor: Mr. Buttorff stated that the Bridge over Pfoust Run is not safe for pedestrian traffic and requested that the sidewalk on the south side of the Thompson Street Bridge be fenced off.

Mr. Buttorff recommended that a committee be put together to deal with the conflicting Sidewalk and Tree Ordinances. This matter was assigned to the Codes Committee.

Mr. Buttorff stated that the Department of Community and Economic Development will be visiting the Borough on July 9th and 10th to do a statutory determination of housing rehabilitation.

Mr. Buttorff stated that the Borough of Jersey Shore was changed from an ISO-9 to an ISO-8 rating, which provides Borough residents with a ten percent (10%) discount on their National Flood Insurance premiums.

Solicitor: Ms. Dieter stated that she is currently working on the Borough's Rental Inspection Ordinance and requested some direction on how to break up the four phases of the rental inspection program. Councilor Simcox stated that Council would like the Ordinance to read in such a way so that twenty-five percent (25%) of the rental properties will be inspected annually.

Finance: Councilor Colocino made a motion to pay the bills for July in the amounts of: General Fund for \$6,483.67 and Swimming Pool for \$3,701.94, for a grand total of \$10,185.61, seconded by Councilor Scheesley. Motion carried 7/0.

Councilor Colocino stated that she would like to start preparing to work on the 2014 budget.

Police: Nothing to report.

The next scheduled meeting is on July 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Highway Committee: Burt Francis sent an email to the Highway Committee requesting that the Borough trim the limbs, shrubs and brush back to the right of way on Plum Alley. Mr. Hamm has forwarded the matter to the TVRPD, due to it being a codes issue.

Personnel: Nothing at this time.

Sewer: Councilor Snyder stated that there is a small portion of Cemetery Street in Porter Township that does not have access to the main sewer. Larson Design Group is working on a Component 3M Minor Act 537 Plan Update to resolve this issue.

Fire Commission: Mr. Buttorff stated that the Independent Hose Company has requested permission to take Special Unit 3, Brush 3, Boat 3, Boat1-3, and ATV 3 to the Fanny Float in Woodward Township. Councilor Colocino made a motion to allow Independent Hose Company to take the aforementioned vehicles to the fanny float, seconded by Councilor Pisarcik. Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Buttorff stated that none of the local Fire Police were available to help during the Town Meeting celebration and requested that this issue be addressed. Councilor Dyroff stated that this would be discussed at the next TVRPD meeting.

Pool: Bonnie Messersmith, pool manager, stated that the float and fireworks event was a huge success, bringing in \$517.00.

Recreation: Mr. Buttorff expressed some frustration about the lack of communication between the Borough office and the Recreation Committee in regards to all the Thompson Street Recreation field leases. This makes it difficult for the Recreation Committee to plan events. Councilor Dyroff suggested that Mr. Hamm provide the Recreation Committee with copies of the leases.

Tree Commission: Nothing at this time.

Codes: The next scheduled meeting is July 29, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

Library: Councilor Greene was absent.

Borough of Jersey Shore: Mr. Hamm stated that the contractor for the Thompson Street Park Project will be returning to fix all the issues, free of charge. The only cost to the Borough will be an additional \$200.00 to put the aluminum fascia around the pavilion.

Mr. Hamm stated that all the paperwork for the Rails to Trails project has been submitted to Beth Helterbran for review. Once all the paperwork is reviewed by Ms. Helterbran, Mr. Daniels, Ms. Messersmith and Mr. Hamm, the Rails to Trails project will be completely done.

Mr. Buttorff stated that he is working with LDG on getting the subdivision completed for the River Access project. Ms. Dieter stated that she received approval from Tammy Gunsallus at JSSB to start working on the quiet title action against a parcel that should be included with Parcel # 20-001-228.

J.S. Hospital: Councilor Simcox stated that the hospital passed their 2014 budget.

J.S. YMCA: Councilor Scheesley stated that the YMCA will be hosting a bike rally on September 29, 2013, with more information to follow as it becomes available.

Old Business: Mr. Hamm stated the work to the electric lines that run under the Thompson Street Recreation field has been completed. The total cost for the repairs was \$5,004.70, which was paid for by the Jersey Shore Town Meeting. Town Meeting is requesting that the Borough reimburse them for a portion of that bill. Councilor Snyder made a motion to donate \$2,500.00, out of the Recreation fund, to the Jersey Shore Town Meeting, seconded by Councilor Pisarcik. Motion carried 7/0.

Adjourn: Councilor Snyder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Pisarcik.

Borough Manager