

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting of January 3, 2008

A special meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Lee Honecker at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2008. Present were Council Members Dooley, Foster, Rossi and Sooy. Council Members McCrossan and McDowell arrived at 5:08 p.m. Messrs. Sooy and McDowell signed an oath of office. Mayor Honecker announced that 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 19, 2007.

Railroad Station Lease

Messrs. Pidgeon, Rossi and Maresca advised that they met with the successful bidder again today, who has now signed a lease and provided the security deposit. There is work to be done by the Borough in the portion formally occupied by the bank and it will be necessary to get quotes for that work. Mr. Maresca stated that Mr. Rossi has offered to help out with that project. The possibility of hiring a property manager was suggested. Mr. Rossi suggested handling management in house initially, thereby saving the cost of a property manager.

JCP&L Chipping work

Mr. Rossi reported that chipping work requested by the borough has begun, and that JCP&L has asked if they can park seven trucks/chippers on property across Route 202 from the Borough offices during the project which they estimate will take about one month. No objections were raised. Mr. Pidgeon suggested JCP&L provide a certificate of insurance and sign a hold harmless agreement.

Public Session

Mayor Honecker opened the meeting to the public. There were no comments or questions and the Mayor closed the public portion.

Reorganization

Mayor Honecker said that the meeting will be closed for discussion on matters of personnel. He said among other appointments, the group will consider the appointment of Council President and reappointments/new appointments to the Board of Adjustment. Messrs. McDowell and McCrossan arrived. Mrs. Foster moved that the meeting be adjourned to executive session and that the time when and circumstances under which the matters can be disclosed to the public is when they are finally resolved. Mr. McCrossan seconded and the motion was approved with six yes votes.

Reopen and Adjournment

Mr. Rossi moved to reopen the meeting. Mrs. Foster seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted. Mrs. Foster moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Mr. Rossi seconded and the motion was unanimously adopted.

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