

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2010

This meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee C. Honecker at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, February 8. Present were Council Members Joseph DeMarco, Charlotte J. Foster, John McCrossan, Edward McDowell and Kevin Sooy. Also present were John R. Pidgeon, Borough Attorney and Sandra Jones, Borough Clerk and Assistant Administrator. Messrs. Rossi and Maresca were 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 January 5, 2010.

OPEN SESSION

Craig Lawrence, Chair of the Planning Board said he discussed with the School Superintendent, the possibility of student help with getting Planning Board minutes on the Borough website, and with taping of meetings. The Borough Clerk advised that the Borough already has a system for minutes; that Planning Board staff has to add key words to approved minutes, then transmit them electronically to the Deputy Clerk, who in turn converts the file to PDF then forwards to the library for posting on the Bernardsville Library site. A link on the Borough site connects to Borough Council minutes and a link can be added for Planning Board minutes when they arrive. The possibility of broadcasting meetings was discussed.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Resolutions

- #10-31 **AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS**
- #10-33 **CONCERNING IDLE FREE NEW JERSEY**
- #10-34 **AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF 2009 RECYCLING TONNAGE
GRANT APPLICATION**
- #10-35 **APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE FIRE COMPANY**
- #10-36 **AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR SLUDGE REMOVAL AND SEWER
JETTING**

#10-37 **AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL STATEMENT OF CONSENT (WQM-003) FOR SOMERSET HILLS COUNTRY CLUB**

Mrs. Foster moved approval of #10-31, and #10-33 through #10-37. Mr. McDowell seconded the motion, which was approved as follows:

Mr. DeMarco	yes	Mr. McDowell	yes
Mrs. Foster	yes	Mr. Rossi	absent
Mr. McCrossan	yes	Mr. Sooy	yes

Resolution #10-32, **AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**, was discussed. Mr. McCrossan pointed out that a payment to the Fire Company (for the last quarter of 2009) is included on the bill list even though we have not received a budget from them. Mrs. Foster moved approval of #10-32. Mr. DeMarco seconded the motion, which was approved as follows:

Mr. DeMarco	yes	Mr. McDowell	yes
Mrs. Foster	yes	Mr. Rossi	absent
Mr. McCrossan	yes	Mr. Sooy	yes

Community Development Application/Bernardsville School of Music

Scott Boutsikaris, Director of the school, was present to discuss the application. He advised that since the draft application was submitted the senior center on Mt. Airy Road has agreed to participate. Mr. Boutsikaris said he would deliver a final application. Mr. DeMarco moved to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the endorsement on said application. Mr. McCrossan seconded the motion, which was approved with five yes votes.

Fire Prevention procedures

Discussion on this item was carried to the February 22 meeting.

Construction fees

Increases in fees proposed by the Construction Official were discussed, and Mr. Pidgeon was directed to prepare an ordinance for this purpose, for introduction on February 22.

Deer management

Mrs. Foster discussed information provided by NJ Audubon regarding "the impacts that white-tailed deer are having on our natural ecosystems in New Jersey," and a resolution adopted by

Bernards Township "Urging the National park Service to Implement a Comprehensive Deer Control Program that includes the Morristown national historic Park in Morris County, New Jersey." Mrs. Foster explained that NJ Audubon is hoping for support from Bernardsville for this effort, and she agreed to request additional information for future discussion.

Volunteer/Citizen Leadership Form

Assembly Bill No. 2784 was discussed. Mr. Pidgeon reported that the Borough is in compliance with the Directory maintained by the Clerk's Office and the Skills Bank Form. It was decided, however, to add a written requirement on the form for interested volunteers to supply a formal resume, and to ask for a residence and mailing address, in case they are not one and the same.

Cablevision Lightpath – Rights of Way Use Agreement

Mr. Pidgeon discussed the process for approval. It was agreed that more information is needed, and it was decided to invite the applicant to attend the meeting on February 22.

2011 Appropriations Requests

Sixteen applications received from the Library, Public Works, Sewer Department, Recreation Department, Police Department and Fire Company were discussed and ranked. Council Members Sooy, Foster and McCrossan agreed to serve on a committee to review the applications. Final review by the Borough Council, before submission, was carried to the February 22 agenda.

District 3 polling location

In the search for a new location for District 3, the Borough Clerk reported that the High School is willing to host an additional district for the Primary and General Elections. District 7 votes in the upper gym now. The Business Administrator at the school has asked if on street parking regulations in the area could be relaxed on those days to make up for spaces which will be reserved for voters? It was agreed that members of the Public Safety Committee will discuss this request with the Chief. All agreed that the Borough Clerk should make a request to the Somerset County Board of Elections to move District 3 to the High School.

Claremont Tavern request regarding amusement devices

A written request from Jacqueline Cutaneo to approve an additional device (five instead of four now allowed by ordinance) for use at the Claremont Tavern, was discussed. It was decided to amend the ordinance at a future meeting to allow an additional device, and to add an inspection of the proposed location to ensure safe placement of machines. Mr. McCrossan expressed noise concerns regarding the proposed juke box. Mr. Pidgeon read from current ordinance regulations which outline enforcement options for such devices.

Spring curbside pickup for 2010

Mr. McCrossan stated that about \$75,000 was saved last year because a pickup was not done, and he asked, as the Finance Committee begins work on the 2010 budget, what should be done about this service for 2010? It was decided the Finance Committee should explore provision of a pickup for 2010.

CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Foster moved to adjourn to an executive session to consider PBA Grievances and a Contract matter. 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 five yes votes.

REOPEN AND ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Foster moved to reopen, and adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Mr. McDowell seconded, and the motion was approved with five yes votes.

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