

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Agenda
February 9, 2009

The meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Lee Honecker at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2009. Present were Joseph DeMarco, Charlotte Foster, John McCrossan, Edward McDowell, Joseph Rossi and Kevin Sooy. Also present were Borough Attorney John R. Pidgeon, Esquire, Ralph Maresca, Administrator & CMFO, and Sandra G. Jones, Borough Clerk & Assistant Administrator.

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 6, 2009.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Honecker opened the meeting to the public. Hearing no comments, the open session was closed.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Resolutions

- #09-45 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF 2008 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION**
- #09-47 AMENDING THE 2009 TEMPORARY BUDGET**
- #09-48 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- #09-49 AMENDING FEES FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS**
- #09-50 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS**
- #09-51 AUTHORIZING THE GATEWAY FOR RECREATION REVENUE CREDIT CARD COLLECTIONS**

Mr. McDowell moved adoption of #09-45 and #09-47 through #09-51. Mr. Rossi seconded and the motion was approved upon a call of the roll:

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

Following discussion, Mr. Rossi moved adoption of Resolution **#09-46, APPOINTING A PART-TIME/SUBSTITUTE DISPATCHER**. Mr. McDowell seconded and the motion was approved with six yes votes.

Library Funding

Stephanie Wallace, Library Board of Trustees, and Karen Brodsky, Librarian, spoke in opposition to the New Jersey League of Municipalities proposal to change the minimum library funding level from 1/3 mill per dollar of equalized valuation to 1/6 mill, and they asked the Borough Council to consider a resolution in opposition. Mr. McCrossan commended the library staff, management and Trustees for being recognized as the No. #1 Library in the state for the population they serve, and he moved to introduce a resolution, #09-52, **REGARDING OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CHANGE IN FUNDING OF MUNICIPAL PUBLIC LIBRARIES**, to maintain funding at 1/3 mill, as discussed. Mrs. Foster seconded and the motion was approved by six yes votes.

Dayton Crescent Extension

Jason Alex, 17 Dayton Crescent Extension, was present. Previous requests from Mr. Alex for assistance with this private road were discussed, and Mr. Alex stated that he is not in a position to improve the road at his expense, but requests free millings. It was agreed to refer the request to the Public Works Committee for review.

Vacancies

Discussion of board, committee and commission vacancies was held for Executive Session.

Powers/Duties of Individual Council members

Draft #3 of an ordinance entitled CONCERNING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER II OF THE BOROUGH CODE, was discussed. Mr. Pidgeon was given direction for changes, and it was agreed that the ordinance, as discussed on this date, will be considered for introduction on February 23.

Dumpsters in Residential Zones

Sample ordinances were provided for review by the Borough Attorney from Santa Claus, IN, Neptune, NJ and Minnetonka, MN. Following discussion, Mr. Pidgeon was directed to prepare a draft for Bernardsville, for review at the work meeting on March 9.

Parking Study Committee

Mayor Honecker appointed Joseph DeMarco, Caesar Mistretta, Rich Steinberg, Christine Salko, Sandra Jones and a representative from the Public Safety Committee, to serve on an ad hoc parking study committee.

Traffic Regulations at Polo Grounds

Draft #1 of an ordinance CONCERNING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AT THE POLO GROUNDS AND BOROUGH POOL AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER VIII OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "PARKING LOTS AND OFF-STREET PARKING", was reviewed. It was agreed that Mr. Pidgeon would ask for a final review by the Police Department, then prepare the amendment for introduction on February 23.

CLOSED SESSION

Council Member Foster moved to adjourn to an executive session to consider **Personnel** and **Contract** matters, that the time when and circumstances under which the matters can be disclosed to the public is when they are finally resolved, and that further action this evening is anticipated. Mr. McDowell seconded and the motion was approved by six yes votes.

OPENED to the public

Mr. McCrossan moved to adopt Resolution #09-53, **APPOINTING DANIEL BUTTEL AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER UPON SATISFACTION OF CONDITIONS**, and #09-54, **APPOINTING WALTER KELLEY III AS A PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICER UPON SATISFACTION OF CONDITIONS**. Mr. Rossi seconded and the motion was approved with six yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved at 8:45 p.m., duly seconded and unanimously approved.

BOROUGH CLERK