

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting
May 5, 2008

A special meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Honecker at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2008. Present were Charlotte Foster, Edward McDowell, John McCrossan, Joseph Rossi and Kevin Sooy. Also present was Sandra Jones, Borough Clerk and Assistant Administrator. Denis Dooley, Ralph Maresca and John Pidgeon were absent.

Meeting with consultants on business practices

A written "Project Progress Update" was presented by Carol M. Panza and Edward W. Schneider, regarding a project "undertaken because the Bernardsville Borough Council believed that there was potential to provide better service to Borough residents and businesses, within the current budget." Project scope and the role of the Council were discussed. Management by results was favored by the consultants and the Borough Council. Ms. Panza and Mr. Schneider delivered initial findings and asked if the Borough Council wanted the project to continue? All present were in favor of continuing. Mrs. Foster recommended that Council members keep a journal for reference. The consultants, who are working pro bono, stated that work will progress as soon as possible. Additional meetings with department heads will be scheduled. Another report to the Borough Council will be scheduled at the appropriate time.

Olcott Avenue project

Mr. Macdowall, Public Works Manager, displayed plans for Olcott Avenue improvements which include curbing, 5' sidewalks and drainage. Approximately 23 trees are involved and a replanting plan for trees removed will be developed with input from the Shade Tree Committee and HPAC. Initial cost estimate was \$700,000, but out of necessity changes in the plan have inflated the engineering estimate to about \$867,000. Financing for the project was discussed. Mr. Macdowall advised that if the project is to be completed during the summer months, advertisement for bids must be authorized on May 12, or no later than May 26. Following review of the plans, it was agreed that the Finance Committee will review financing further at a meeting to be held on May 7, that the Public Works Manager will review traffic issues with the chief, meet with HPAC a.s.a.p. to hear their comments, and that a resolution to authorize bidding would be considered on May 12.

Petition to Extend Licensed Premise from Station Pub and Grub

A request was discussed to hold an event on the front lawn of the licensed premise on May 9 from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Activities cited include a water balloon toss, an outside portable bar, and games and promotion provided by liquor distributors. Various concerns were discussed. The question to approve the extension was called. Mr. McCrossan and Mrs. Foster voted no. Messrs. McDowell and Sooy voted yes. Mr. Rossi abstained. Mayor Honecker broke the tie with a yes vote, with conditions, as follows: no glass to be used outside, no music outside, doors of the establishment must be closed to contain noise, no activities on public sidewalks. It

was noted that no rain date was requested or approved and the Borough Clerk was instructed to advise that in the future the Borough must have 30 days notice for all special requests.

OPEN SESSION

It was moved, seconded and approved with five yes votes to open the meeting to the public. No members of the public were present; no comments heard. It was moved, seconded and approved with five yes votes to close the public portion.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Foster at 4:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. McDowell, and approved with five yes votes.

Borough Clerk

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