

**BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE**  
**Mayor & Borough Council Meeting**

June 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jay Parsons, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2006, in the Borough Hall. Present were Denis J. Dooley, II, Charlotte J. Foster, Lee C. Honecker, Michael Landau (arrived at 7:03 p.m.) and Joseph Rossi. Also present were John R. Pidgeon, Esquire, Borough Attorney, Sandra Jones, Borough Clerk & Assistant Administrator and Ralph A. Maresca, Jr., Administrator & C.M.F.O. Mikael Salovaara was absent.

**STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER**

Mayor Parsons 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 14, 2005.

**OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Parsons opened the meeting to the public. There were no comments; the session was closed.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Verizon public hearing**

Upon written request from Verizon that the public hearing on Verizon's application for municipal consent be tabled, Mr. Dooley moved to table said hearing to July 10. Mr. Honecker seconded the motion, which was approved with five yes votes.

**Resolutions**

- #06-126      APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE FIRE COMPANY**
- #06-127      GRANTING TAX DEDUCTIONS TO QUALIFIED SENIOR AND/OR DISABLED CITIZENS,  
AND VETERANS**
- #06-128      AWARDING THE 2006 SLUDGE REMOVAL CONTRACT**
- #06-129      AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR GARBAGE CONTAINER REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL**
- #06-130      AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A.B.C. LICENSES**
- #06-131      AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Landau arrived at this point. Mr. Rossi moved approval of Resolutions #06-126 through #06-131. Mrs. Foster seconded the motion. The Borough Clerk mentioned that one A.B.C. licensee was excluded from Resolution #06-130 due to a delay receiving tax clearance, and if said clearance is received before the next meeting, a resolution to approve the license for the Stone Tavern will be presented on June 26. A vote followed. Mrs. Foster, Mr. Honecker, Mr. Landau and Mr. Rossi voted yes. Mr. Dooley voted yes, except that he abstained on Resolution #06-127.

**Ordinances for review; June 26 introduction**

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The following ordinance amendments were reviewed:

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FEES AND AMENDING ARTICLE 13 OF THE BOROUGH LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ENTITLED "AFFORDABLE HOUSING"

AN ORDINANCE LOWERING THE SPEED LIMIT ON WESLEY AVENUE FROM 25 MILES PER HOUR TO 15 MILES PER HOUR AND AMENDING CHAPTER VII OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "TRAFFIC"

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

It was agreed that all three would be prepared for introduction on June 26.

### **Special Events Ordinance, Section 4-12.2(i)**

Mr. Pidgeon stated that the Borough Clerk raised a question about this section in the new ordinance relative to proceeds, since it is unlikely that commercial vendors will participate in special events if the entire net proceeds must be donated. It was decided to amend the ordinance to state that the sponsor of an event must use the net proceeds to one or more local nonprofit organizations, and Mr. Pidgeon was directed to prepare an amendment for introduction on June 26.

### **Cell tower bids**

Mr. Pidgeon discussed bids received on May 18 from New Cingular Wireless (\$40,320) and Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (\$30,000), and the draft resolution which was on the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Pidgeon recommended awarding a contract to Cingular with exceptions. It was agreed that the documents would be reviewed in detail with the intent to adopt same on June 26.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Landau moved to adjourn to executive session to consider property acquisition, and that the time when and circumstances under which the matters can be disclosed to the public is when they are finally resolved. It was also agreed that the meeting would adjourn following the closed session.

Mr. Honecker left the meeting at this point.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Landau to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mrs. Foster seconded, and the motion was approved with four yes votes.

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Borough Clerk