

**BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE**

**Mayor & Council Meeting**

**October 9, 2007**

A meeting of the Governing Body was called to order by Mayor Lee Honecker at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2007. Present were Council Members Denis J. Dooley, II, Charlotte J. Foster, Michael Landau, Joseph Rossi and Mikael Salovaara. Also present were Borough Attorney John R. Pidgeon, Administrator/C.M.F.O. Ralph Maresca, Jr., and Borough Clerk/Assistant Administrator Sandra G. Jones. John McCrossan arrived late.

**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 December 12, 2006.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

Council Member McCrossan arrived at 7:06 p.m.

**Ordinance #07-1476**

An ordinance entitled **ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$450,000 THEREFOR CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF GRANTS FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**, was discussed. Mr. Maresca explained that the ordinance would appropriate \$450,000 from three separate D.O.T. grants, for road improvements on Pill Hill Road (2005), Mt. Harmony Road (2006) and Ballantine Road (2007), and combined with funds provided from earlier bond ordinances, would cover the cost of said projects. Following discussion about the language in the ordinance, Mr. Pidgeon was directed to discuss concerns with bond counsel, and the ordinance was carried to the October 22 meeting.

**Resolutions**

**#07-163 AUTHORIZING A REFUND OF POLICE OFF-DUTY ESCROW FUND BALANCES**

**#07-164 AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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**#07-165 AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR A 2008 TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK (66,000 GVW) WITH DUMP BODY, HYDRAULICS, SPREADER, PLOW FRAME AND PLOW**

Mr. Salovaara moved approval of Resolution #07-163 and 164. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion which was approved upon a call of the roll, with results as follows:

Mr. Dooley	Yes	Mr. McCrossan	Yes
Mrs. Foster	Yes	Mr. Rossi	Yes

Mr. Landau

Yes

Mr. Salovaara

Yes

Resolution #07-165 was discussed separately, at the request of Mr. Rossi, who urged the group to return same to the Public Works Committee. Mr. Rossi cited several concerns, including one that the vehicle and its plow may be too large for narrow roads on the mountain. After weighing Mr. Rossi’s concerns against the Public Works Manager’s comments in support of the purchase in a letter dated October 3, 2007, it was decided to proceed with a vote. Mr. Salovaara moved approval of **Resolution #07-165, AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR A 2008 TANDEM AXLE DUMP TRUCK (66,000 GVW) WITH DUMP BODY, HYDRAULICS, SPREADER, PLOW FRAME AND PLOW.** Mr. Landau seconded the motion and a roll call followed:

Mr. Dooley

Yes

Mr. McCrossan

No

Mrs. Foster

Yes

Mr. Rossi

No

Mr. Landau

Yes

Mr. Salovaara

Yes

**Attendance at NJLOM Conference**

Mr. Maresca asked for direction in responding to a Member of the Board of Adjustment who has expressed interest in attending a NJ Planning Officials program to be held at the NJ League of Municipalities Conference in November, and asked if the Borough would cover the cost of “attending and staying” in Atlantic City. The Borough Council agreed that costs of required, local continuing education would be covered for board members, but none of the considerable expenses involved with attendance at the League of Municipalities Convention.

**Amendment to Stormwater Management Ordinance**

The amendment to #06-1423 was suggested by Ferriero Engineering because “when the NJDEP inspected for compliance with Stormwater Regulations they noted that we were lacking a mechanism to ensure that private entities provide maintenance on stormwater structures.”

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Borough Council requested Planning Board review. In a memo dated September 28, 2007, the Planning Board responded “no comment.” Council directed Mr. Pidgeon to discuss this amendment with Ferriero Engineering and to hold further consideration to the October 22 meeting.

**Landscaping improvements at the Train Station**

A landscaping improvement plan for the Train Station was forwarded for consideration by the Public Works Manager, via a memo dated October 4. The plan calls for removal of existing plantings, installation of new plantings and an irrigation system (to be provided free of charge by New Jersey American Water Company). The Borough would be responsible for electrical service installation and future water and electric bills. It was decided to table consideration to the October 22 meeting and the Borough Administrator was directed to contact the Friends for a Greener Bernardsville to ask if the plan was coordinated with the Garden Club.

**Unity Day**

Mr. Rossi reported that Unity Day, held Saturday, October 6, was a great success.

**Habitat for Humanity**

Mayor Honecker acknowledged a letter from Habitat for Humanity transmitting the 2007 Golden Heart and Hammer certificate to the Borough of Bernardsville in thanks for working together to provide the low income housing units on Route 202 opposite the Borough offices.

### **Lions Club/Holiday display**

Mr. Rossi advised the group that the Lions Club would like approval for the same holiday display which was erected last year on the track side of the pond. He was advised that in support of the request, a certificate of insurance and hold harmless agreement would be required, as usual.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Salovaara moved to adjourn to an executive session to consider personnel and contract matters, and that the time when and circumstances under which the matters can be disclosed to the public is when they are finally resolved. Members of the public were advised that no action on these matters would be taken this evening. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

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Mr. Salovaara moved to reopen the meeting to the public. Mr. Landau seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Salovaara moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Foster seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

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