

Work Session
January 5, 2023
6:30 PM

Mr. Carrow called the Reorganization Work Session to order on the date and time stated above with a flag salute. This meeting was duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, PL 1975, Chapter 231,

Solicitor Moustakas administered the oath of office for Mayor to Charles D. Grova, Jr.

The solicitor administered the oath of office for the council to Jennifer Marandino and Tom Corwonski.

Call of the Roll: Mayor Grova, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, Mr. Linton, and Mrs. Marandino. Absent: none. Also present was Solicitor Moustakas.

Mayor Grova advised that going forward, all work sessions would be held at 7:00 PM prior to the regular meeting.

Mayor Grova reminded everyone to check their emails and voicemails on a weekly basis. Council inquired about receiving voicemails through email.

Mayor Grova advised that he was changing the way we were handling a discussion matter. He advised that he will ask for the motion and second, followed by a discussion. This gives the council an opportunity to voice their concerns about a matter prior to the vote.

Mayor Grova discussed the possibility of creating an Environmental Commission in the Borough. One of the items the commission can address is the Shieldalloy matter. Council suggested a representative attend a council meeting and provide the council with a briefing on Shieldalloy's status and future.

Mayor Grova advised that this year is going to be a difficult year with regard to budget. Bond rates increased from .05 % to 4% and we are not sure about the legal matter at this time which could have a negative impact. We need to concentrate on increasing the surplus. Road projects are funded partially by grant funds and capital monies. Mr. Carrow noted that we will need to bond for laterals for the roads we plan to refurbish this year and we will also need \$15,000. for carpeting in the library.

Mayor Grova reviewed the Departments, Chairs and second seats.

Mayor advised that Ryan Ricci will be reappointed to the Planning Board as an Alternate member. Tom Corwonski as Shade Tree Liaison. Jennifer Marandino as Community Events Committee/Newfield Day Committee Liaison. Christina Pierce as School Board Liaison.

Mrs. Pierce requested that a 5k run will be added for approval as the request of the Recreation Committee. She noted that the 5k would take place on April 1st before the Egg Hunt, with a rain date of April 8th.

The following projects will be considered for 2023:

- Revisions to the Master Plan
- Amendments to rental registration ordinance and creating a bonafide rental registration list
- Update bylaws to make them gender neutral

Mrs. Pierce reported that she has a meeting scheduled on January 19 with Edward Andricola. Jennifer Marandino and Toni Van Camp will also attend the meeting regarding electric cost savings and any grants that may be available for work that needs to be done on streetlights.

Mr. Miller advised that the road department employees cleaned out the property across from Bondy Oil owned by Conrail. There are railroad ties on the property, but Conrail abandoned the property. Mr. Miller advised Public Works he would reach out to Conrail for further instruction.

Mrs. Pierce made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in Favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM. All in Favor.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk