

Work Session Meeting
February 9, 2023
7:00 PM

The Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called 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.

Members present: Mayor Grova, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski, Mrs. Pierce, and Mr. Linton. Absent: Mrs. Marandino. Also present was Solicitor Moustakas.

Mayor Grova began the meeting with a review of the agenda and planning board appointments. He announced that there would be an executive session this evening to discuss the litigation matter.

Chief Decesari was present to discuss the capture of the person responsible for robbing the liquor store. The Chief advised that his detectives worked tirelessly and captured him by way of piecing together video surveillance. They discovered that he worked for a trucking company in Vineland and is a career criminal. Chief Decesari reported that he met with the owner of the liquor store, and he was very happy to hear they apprehended the person responsible for the robberies, which puts closure to the case.

Mayor Grova advised that the sign has been updated and that Mrs. Marandino and Mrs. Pierce have been working with the Borough's IT person to complete the updates to the website. Mrs. Pierce reported that revisions to the bios for the council, clerk's office, and public works will be made. New content for the public works page will be created to add information regarding recycling. A poll worker application will be added to replace the Covid-19 button on the top of the page.

Mayor Grova advised that Clerk VanCamp sent an email to the council regarding their budgets for 2023.

The Mayor advised that the Borough is waiting for two quotes to complete an update to the Borough's Master Plan. A quote has been requested from the person who completed the original master plan. Mayor Grova advised that affordable housing will not be part of our proposed plan.

Mr. Miller discussed the recycling and advised that the Public Works Supervisor would like to change the recycling day for bulk item collection to a Wednesday night in place of Saturday. Currently, the recycling center is open every other month but will take items by appointment to assist residents. Mayor Grova shared that he did not want our bulk item collection day changed from Saturday 8 am until 12 noon to Wednesday evening, but this could be added in addition to the Saturday hours. He felt this would be an inconvenience to the residents. Mr. Miller agreed.

Mr. Miller reported that the doors on the concession stand were repaired and secured.

Mr. Carrow advised that Mrs. VanCamp's email explained the budget procedure and that he would review the budget sheets once they are submitted. Mr. Miller suggested considering a minimal increase in taxes due to our economy. Mrs. Pierce shared that she did not think residents would mind an increase if they were seeing the benefits of their money. Mr. Carrow reminded members of the two percent cap.

Mayor Grova reminded the council that the elected official's seminar is now online and once the link is available, it will be emailed to everyone.

Mrs. Pierce advised that there is a USDA low-interest rate loan available for residents for septic systems and it may be something that interests our residents and should be placed on our website.

Mayor Grova advised there is a meeting Thursday, February 16th at Schalick High School to discuss the results of a feasibility study with the Newfield Board of Education. The Mayor further noted that Mr. Carrow and Mrs. Pierce will be attending.

Mr. Johnson reported that the Gross Alpha contaminant has risen to 10.5 pCi/Lin Well Number 5, with the Radon numbers being good. The Brough is currently working with WRT to change the media, which is possibly the source of the gross alpha problem. Mr. Johnson noted that he will keep the council apprised of the issue.

Mr. Corwonski made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Pierce. All In Favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk