

August 10, 2023

Work Session

7:00 PM

The Work Session of Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Grova 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, via phone and Mr. Corwonski, Absent: Mrs. Marandino and Mr. Linton. Also present was Solicitor, John Moustakas and Engineer, Wayne Johnson.

Mayor Grova announced that Christina Pierce resigned from council and her resignation is on the agenda. The Mayor explained that the Democratic County Committee submitted three names to council to fill the council vacancy:

1. Christina Renzi
2. Nicole Bruno
3. Cara Stanzione

Mayor Grova began the meeting with the review of the agenda:

- Two resolutions are listed on the agenda for work liens which include, 322 Madison Avenue and 105 S Church Street.
- Introduction of a lot grading and soil removal ordinance
- Reintroduction of flood plain management ordinance.
- New mercantile application
- After dinner play date August 29 will be added to the agenda
- Franklin Street extension resolution

Mayor Grova advised that Planning/Zoning Board is in need of members. Wayne Johnson, Borough Engineer volunteered to serve on the board if it did not constitute a conflict. Solicitor Moustakas advised he would look into the matter.

Mr. Johnson advised he had a preconstruction meeting with South State and issued a notice to proceed. Mr. Johnson contacted the NJDOT in regard to adding leaching pits at the curve on Rena Street. This would allow for use of grant funds to install the pits and pipe that was planned for the Borough to install in the future. If we do not receive a response, we could use type b inlets in a stone bed in place of the pits since these are line items in the contract.

Since the paving prices are stabilizing, Mr. Johnson suggested a paving expansion into Church Street, but the NJDOT's requirements are strict and require drawings reviews and approval will cause delays to the project. It may not be possible to add the intersection in the way it was added to the Maple Avenue project.

Mr. Johnson reported that it was determined by test pits completed by the Water Service contractor that Sandy Drive has a six-inch main in the roadway, which is a cost savings for the Borough of approximately \$250,000.

Mr. Nicholson reported there are problems at the well and issues with WRT. WRT has not done anything with regard to changing the media and the problem at the well is continually getting worse. It was suggested that legal action be considered.

Mr. Johnson informed the Borough that the DEP's regulations have created a hardship for the Borough because we cannot backwash the system and the sediment that is created from the radium removal needs to be backwashed from the system. It was suggested that we apply to the infrastructure trust fund. There are two years left on the contract and the changing of the media will cost the Borough approximately 50,000100,000. At the present time we are limiting our capacity of pumping water because of our issues with the media. Mr. Johnson advised he would like to discuss this with one of his professional friends to get his opinion. It was also mentioned that we had discussions with Adage another company that provides radium removal systems, however, at that time they did not have an operating system in NJ and we decided it was not desired to be the first one in the state for their system. We could contact them to see if they do have operating systems in NJ and how we could possibly utilize them in the future. Mr. Johnson advised he would send the current contract to the Borough Solicitor for his review.

Mr. Corwonski reported a tree that went down in the cemetery during a storm. Mr. Price is aware of the matter and is going to handle it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm on a motion made by Mr. Corwonski and seconded by Mr. Carrow. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk