

Regular Meeting
December 14, 2023
7:30 PM

Mayor Grova called the meeting to order 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 to Christina Renzi for the unexpired term of council.

Call of the Roll: Mayor Grova, Mr. Carrow, Mr. Miller, Mr. Corwonski and Miss Renzi. Absent: Mrs. Marandino and Mr. Linton. Also, present was Solicitor Moustakas and Wayne Johnson, engineer.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety Chair- Miss. Renzi provided the monthly reports for both the police department and the fire department. Joseph Banco was awarded police officer of the month for November 2023.

Water- Mr. Corwonski – Mr. Corwonski reported that the holly tree that was decorated with Christmas lights cannot be turned on due to a non-working electrical outlet. The outlet belongs to Conrail and they were unavailable. The dog waste collection receptacles were purchased and placement of the receptacles will be determined, possibly in the park and the downtown area.

Recycling and Trash/ Buildings, Grounds, Roads Chair- Mr. Miller reported that December 3 was the last day for the collection of leaves and limbs curbside.

Solicitor's Report- Mr. Moustakas advised he is currently reviewing the T-Mobile lease purchase agreement and has requested a drawing of the site from T-Mobile.

Mr. Carrow noted that our insurance premium will be increasing 22 per cent in 2024 and recommended drafting a letter to the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund to request clarification for the increase. Mr. Carrow suggested contacting Corbin City to determine why they withdrew from the Atlantic County Jif and what insurance company they are currently using.

Mr. Carrow made a motion to authorize Solicitor Moustakas to send a letter to the Atlantic County Joint Insurance Fund requesting an explanation regarding the 22 percent premium increase. Mr Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Engineer's Report-Mr. Johnson reported that the Rena Street project is substantially completed. Mr. Johnson advised he would complete the project final change order and close out all project items once everything is completed. This will allow the Borough to receive the final grant payment.

The Borough will refocus on Franklin Street Plan, specification and engineering completion in advance of the April 2024 award requirement.

The Borough will need to move ahead early next year with Sandy Drive to meet the November 2024 Award deadline due to the two rounds of grant funding on the project and complete the water service replacements.

Public participation-Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. No one in the public addressed the council. A motion was made by Mr. Carrow to close the public portion. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from:

November 9, 2023 Work Session, Regular Meeting and Executive Session and Tax Collector's Report

Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the minutes from November 9, 2023 and the Tax Collectors' report. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. RCV: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Old Business -none.

New Business

Requests for Proposals received 12/8/23- council reviewed the requests for proposals.

Public Participation- Mr. Carrow made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. No one in the public addressed the council. A motion was made by Mr. Carrow to close the public portion. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Disbursements- Resolution NO. 86-23 Mr. Carrow made a motion to approve the disbursements. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Raffle license application #328 Grandparents Association of Edgarton Academy- May 17, 2024.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve raffle application license #328 and Mr. Corwonski seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor announced the following meetings:

Reorganization Meeting 1/4/24 - 7:30 PM

Work Session 1/4/24 - 6:30PM

Mr. Corwonski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm and Mr. Miller seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Clerk