

Work Session Meeting
September 12, 2024
630 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.

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

Mayor Grova introduced Tom Narolewksiki of the Barclay Group. He was present to discuss insurance. He informed Council that he is a Risk Management Consultant that works with Statewide Insurance. It was designed to offer New Jersey public entities liability, workers compensation, and property coverage at a fair and stable price

- They provide a monthly zoom meeting
- There is no required training
- There is a safety training committee
- They use a program called Leopold
- Their pricing is competitive, but do not offer a dividend.'
- It is a user-friendly JIF.
10-15 per cent cost savings

Mayor Grova advised this matter would be taken under consideration at the time of renewal.

Representatives from NJ Future Navigation made a presentation to the Borough Council. Benjamine Ziomek and Christina Petagna were present from the NJ Future.

They gave an overview of the funding navigator and explained how they could assist in working thru the Water Bank Trust application at no cost to the Borough of Newfield. The NJ Future would guide the Borough through the entire process absorbing all associated costs that are considerable.

- Setting up the project in the I Bank program
- Application professional services
- Planning and Design
- Engineering Services
- Construction Cost

It was also discussed that due to the Boroughs situation we were looking very favorable to receiving complete forgiveness for all the cost of the project required to resolve the water system reliability issues that now exist.

It was discussed by the Borough Engineer that the cost is considerable as he has been working on an application with Millville for over a year and the project has an estimated cost of close to 12 million dollars and is receiving construction bids early in October, From the timeline you can see the enormous cost savings to the Borough if we can access funding through the Water Bank.

The NJ Future will send over a letter of agreement to move forward that is non-binding to initiate the process.

Mr. Johnson will send over a synopsis of the current Borough Water System situation so the letter can be focused on our Radium System issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7::00 pm.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk