

Work Session
September 11, 2025
6:30PM

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 251.

Call the Roll: Mayor Grova Mr. Carrow, Mr. Corwonski, Miss Renzi, Mrs. Engle and Mr. Miller. Absent: None. Also, present was Solicitor Moustakas and Wayne Johnson, Engineer.

Mayor Grova asked for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of 9/11 attacks.

Mayor Grova presented a proclamation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2071 and thanked them for helping us by supplying the flag holders and placing the American flags on the graves of our veterans.

Mayor Grova reviewed the agenda items to be discussed this evening.

Mr. Johnson provided an update to Council and advised that bids were accepted for the water services on Sandy Drive and advised that Garrison Enterprises submitted the low bid in the amount of \$85,182.00. He continued to explain that Sandy Drive was on track to be awarded in accordance with the States's time frame until the state required a rail road diagnostic review of the railway and because of that, we will need to request an extension of the grant. The scope amendments are divided into sections.

Nottingham is asking for the bond to be released and since the maintenance bond time requirement has expired, Mr. Johnson recommended the bond be released.

Mr. Johnson advised that he is working with NJ Futures to coordinate a schedule backwashing of the well, as it is difficult to align this with laboratory schedules and equipment delivery.

Mrs. Engle reported on a discussion with grant consultants from Millennium Strategies regarding potential opportunities for infrastructure funding. In her report, Mrs. Engle outlined the firms' offer to meet with the council and provided important guidance for the grant research process.

- Millennium Strategies would be available to meet with the council to discuss infrastructure funding
- The firm writes up to 12 grant applications per year for a \$5,000 annual fee
- Additional fees would be charged for the actual writing of each grant

Recommendations from Mr Nicholson, Licensed Water Operator

- Mr. Nicholson informed council that many grant opportunities are being promoted through the I-Bank.

- Mr Nicholson recommended that Rob Scharle, CFO and Mike Carrow, Finance Chair be involved in the grant funding discussions.

Mr. Nicholson discussed the NJ law that requires all community water systems to replace all lead service lines to be replaced by 2031. This includes both the portion owned by the water utility and the portion owned by the property owner. The Borough must identify all lead and galvanized service lines and create a plan to replace them. The water service project will help identify the replacement needs on Sandy Drive.

Mrs. Engles's advise on grant research

- To research grants effectively, Mrs. Engle advised that the council must first define the specific type of funding needed.

Mr. Nicholson advised that we are waiting on the final report remaining meters to be replaced. Mrs. Hyder advised that there were 90 meters remaining and some have to be done "in house".

Mrs. Engle advised that she received the certificate of insurance for the use of the concession stand and bathroom for the new travel softball team and the next step is to coordinate the issuance of the keys.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn and Miss Renzi seconded the motion At 6:59 PM.

Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk