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A Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. on November 18, 2013 in Council Chambers of Borough Hall with Mayor Dempsey presiding.

Mayor Dempsey related that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 4, 2012.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Bossone, Sinneck, Donovan, Mangan, Olivera and McCarthy

Absent: None

Also present was Borough Attorney Mark Kitrick and Borough Administrator/CFO Joseph Delorio

PRESENTATION: Mr. Charles Rooney – Borough Engineer’s Report

Mr. Charles Rooney read the Engineer’s report dated November 15, 2013.

Council Member Olivera inquired about the restrictions on the temporary co for the Beach Headquarters.

Mr. Rooney stated that the Borough can access the building and start to set up some of the equipment and furniture.

There was discussion on the items that are on a list to be completed before the co can be issued.

Council Member Olivera made a motion to allow T&M’s construction manager to access the Life Saving Station to allow a walk through of bidders, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #1: Use of Borough Property

- Candy Cane Hunt – Chamber – Change of Location to Main Street

There was discussion on when the No Parking Signs should be put up.

Council Member Donovan made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

- River to Sea Relay – August 2, 2014

Council Member Mangan made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

- Marine Science Camp – 8/4/14-8/22/14 (M-F) – Stockton Lake Park

There was a brief discussion on this request as it has not been requested in the past.

Council Member Sinneck made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #2: Acknowledge and Accept Tax Collector’s Report – October 2013

Council Member Mangan made a motion to acknowledge and accept this report, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #3: Water Treatment Plant – Update

Superintendent Tom Nicastro reported that a conference call was held with Black and Veatch to discuss the next steps for the new water plant and the Willow Way area and

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that Black and Veatch has requested that the test run be extended of the liquid lime from 14 to 30 days and they have recommended another hydrant be installed at the dead end of Willow Way near the school property which will be installed. He advised that the company has agreed to extend the test period for the liquid lime to 30 days and the State has granted permission which will begin shortly. He reported that the monitoring wells were tested today for the underground storage tank and he is waiting for the results which should be in within 2 weeks. He advised that the third set of analyzers for the SCADA system have been connected and the reporting issues with well #5 have been resolved. He went over the reasons for the use of liquid lime.

There was discussion on the new chemicals that will be used.

ITEM #4: Hurricane Recovery/Beach Restoration - Update

Mr. Delorio stated that the Borough has been in constant communication with FEMA and the State Office of Emergency Management to expect project worksheets to help get reimbursements. He advised that a project worksheet has been submitted and it is anticipated that another \$580,000 will come in before year which goes towards the estimated debris amount that was submitted weeks after Super Storm Sandy. He advised that the entire debris costs to be submitted are over \$5.5 million which help the budget position in 2014. He also advised that the Borough has reached out to the State and Federal officials to help with the process of getting the project worksheet through but have had little or no response.

Council Member Mangan stated that he met with the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF) and it was eye opener and that they are waiting for all the member towns to get claims in because there is only \$50 million in excess liability which will go to all the towns that put in a claim. He advised that he was informed by the JIF that the funds will be distributed fairly. He also advised that FEMA will not talk about claims that could be reimbursed by insurance so they are being held up and all the deadlines have been met by the Borough.

Mr. Delorio advised that the Mayor and he met with the Director of Local Government Services where they talked about the budget challenges for the end of the year and the New Year. He advised that there is a special emergency note that is being scheduled to roll over in March.

ITEM #5: Review of Resolution for Consideration at the Regular Meeting

Mayor Dempsey asked if council had any questions regarding the resolutions on for the Regular Meeting.

There were none.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council Member Sinneck made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Council Member Olivera. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront wanted to know who the Borough's insurance carrier is.

Mr. Delorio stated that the Borough is part of the Monmouth Joint Insurance Fund which is comprised of member municipalities that pay into a joint insurance fund and there are carriers underneath of that. He advised that Zurich is the carrier for the municipal excess liability which is where the \$50 million is pooled. He also mentioned Selective as a carrier.

Dick Meincke, 36 N. McClellan wanted to know what the comparison of capital and operating costs is between the existing powdered lime and caustic versus the new liquid lime.

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Mr. Nicastro advised that per unit per pound for liquid lime is \$.20 per pound and the lime that is purchased now is \$.22 per pound. He stated that he recalls a figure for the new system to go in would be in the area of \$150,000.

There was discussion on caustic versus liquid and when Black and Veatch was hired and how and how much they are being paid.

Marilyn Jacobson, 59 McClean wanted to know who is paying the Black and Veatch bills.

Council Member Mangan stated that the Borough is paying the bills.

Ms. Jacobson stated that she believed that T&M Associates was picking up the tab and that was the way it was originally set up.

Mayor Dempsey stated that T&M Associates was paying for the modification of the water plant.

Ms. Jacobson stated that she understood that Black and Veatch was being paid to correct the problems that were caused by the design and implementation of that design and that it was being picked up by T&M.

Council Member Mangan stated that there was a time that T&M was picking up all the costs.

Ms. Jacobson wanted to know why that is not still the case.

There was discussion on what T&M Associates is or should be paying for.

Mr. Kitrick stated that Black and Veatch at all times is retained by the Borough.

Ms. Jacobson stated that there was an agreement that T&M was to pick up the costs.

Mr. Kitrick stated that he will address the specific issue here which is Black and Veatch and they were retained by the Borough and is being paid by the Borough.

Ms. Jacobson stated essentially the Borough is paying Black and Veatch without reimbursement.

Mr. DeLorio stated that he believes that there was a resolution that was adopted early on for the initial consultation with Black and Veatch which related to T&M which he can pull out but anything beyond that was not charged to T&M. He stated that he does not know the cost off the top of his head.

Ms. Jacobson inquired about the new equipment to change over to liquid lime.

Council Member Donovan stated that there is a test program for the new equipment and they will decide after that if they will go with the liquid lime. He advised that it costs around \$150,000 and that would be if the council chooses to go with the liquid lime after the trial.

Ms. Jacobson stated that the Beach Headquarters was supposed to be done prior to Memorial Day and after that there was going to be a daily fine for not completing it on time to the contractor. She wanted to know if the Borough has been collecting \$800 a day since May 31.

Mr. Kitrick stated that on May 24 which was the scheduled completion date a letter was directed to the contractor that the penalty was then going forward and that the Borough was going to enforce the penalty and that it would be ongoing until the building was fully complete.

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Council Member Donovan made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Olivera made a motion to suspend the work session meeting, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried unanimously.

The closed session portion of the minutes begins on the next page. The signature and approval date are located on the last page following the closed session meeting minutes.

Council Member Donovan made a motion to close the meeting at 9:51 p.m., seconded by Council Member Sinneck. Motion carried unanimously.