

DECEMBER 7, 2015

A Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 7:02 p.m. on December 7, 2015 in Council Chambers of Borough Hall with Mayor Dempsey presiding.

Mayor's statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 18, 2014 and January 5, 2015.

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

Absent: None

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 7:06 p.m.

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

ITEM #1: Use of Borough Property

- **Arrow Acres Farm – Christmas in Manasquan Alpacas – Preston Miller Way**

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

ITEM #2: Engineer's Monthly Report

Mr. James Priolo read the Engineer's report dated November 2015.

There were questions from council regarding Second Avenue Parking Lot Project and the Valve Replacement Project and the status of these projects.

Mr. Priolo went over the location of the valve replacements.

Mr. DeIorio went over the process of a bid and a proposal for the valve replacements. He advised that the council needs to decide which valves they want done now and the valves that will be done at a later date.

It was recommended that Main Street valves be done first as this is the problem area.

Mr. DeIorio stated that he will have a resolution ready for the next meeting awarding the construction and valve installation for the 2 areas on Main Street that have been suggested.

ITEM #3: Amended Bench Policy – Update

Council Member Donovan went over the present policy for the purchase of a bench honoring someone and the revised policy that he is recommending council approve.

Council Member Olivera stated that he believes it should be stated that the benches should be available to Current Manasquan residents.

Council Member Donovan stated that the policy will be revised to add Current Manasquan residents as recommended and agreed upon by council.

ITEM #4: Assessment Demonstration Program Opt Out

Mr. DeIorio went over the resolution that is on the regular meeting agenda for tonight and the council's option to opt out of the Assessment Demonstration Program.

Mayor Dempsey stated that it needs to be clear that the revaluation is still on and will move forward as planned.

Council Member Mangan went over the process of the Assessment Demonstration Program and the reason for opting out of the program. He also went over the difference between assessment and inspection and when this would happen.

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Mr. DeIorio went over the process of the assessment and the cost that would be involved in the assessments and inspections.

Council Member McCarthy stated that the appeal process has not and will not change and the deadline for appeals will remain January 15.

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

Mayor Dempsey asked if there were any questions regarding the resolutions that are on the agenda at the regular meeting. There were no questions from council.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront inquired about the Second Avenue Parking Lot and the size of the parking spaces.

Mr. Priolo stated that they are sized and marked per State regulations.

Ms. Ryan also inquired about the revaluation process and opt out program.

Council Member Mangan and other members stated that the Borough is happy with the company that the Borough hired for the assessment.

Council Member Mangan stated that the revaluation will stand in its entirety. He also advised that an appeal can be filed every year and the calendar will not change whether the Borough stays in the program or opts out.

There was discussion on the assessment program and the revaluation process.

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

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Council Member Donovan made a motion to close the work session at 9:05 p.m., seconded by Council Member Sinneck. Motion carried unanimously.