

## AUGUST 1, 2011

A Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. on August 1, 2011 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 21, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas, and McCarthy

Absent: None

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

Council Member Lucas made a motion to add to the agenda for the Council to discuss Dispatching with the County expanding their dispatch and they will be holding a seminar that will be given on August 18, 2011, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION: Manasquan Board of Education

Mayor Dempsey introduced Tom Bauer, Bob Bryant, and Chris Muly who are in attendance tonight to give a presentation on the Field Program. He stated that they are representing the Manasquan High School Endowment Fund, the Field Project Fund and the Board of Education.

Mr. Bryant went over the project and the way the Green Acres Grant would need to be processed with the help of the Borough of Manasquan Council to comply with the regulations.

Mr. Bauer went over a brochure that was handed out to the Council and he went over a plan of the field that is currently in place at the High School. He also went over the condition of the fields currently being used.

Mayor Dempsey asked if any of the Council Members had any questions.

Council Member Donovan stated that one of the problems with the old field is that it is used for both practice and games and with the new synthetic field that will eliminate that problem.

Mr. Bauer stated that is correct. He stated that the Army Camp will still be utilized for certain practices and games perhaps but this new field will give the opportunity to play not only football but other sports.

Council Member Lucas stated that the school utilizes the field during gym classes also.

Mr. Bauer went over the extensive use of the current facility.

Council Member Grasso asked what the maintenance would be on the new field.

Mr. Bauer stated that the maintenance on the synthetic turf field is a brushing and grooming of the rubberized material but the maintenance that goes into these types of fields is much less than a normal turf facility.

Mr. Bryant stated that a comparison was done a few years ago and the savings would be about \$25,000 a year.

Council Member Grasso asked how much money has been raised so far in donations.

Mr. Bryant stated that there has been in excess of \$500,000 in commitments and he stated that a little more than half of that is cash in the bank now.

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Council Member Connolly asked if the neighbors are aware of this redesign.

Mr. Bauer stated that he knows that several of the neighbors have been at board meetings in the past and some of them might be here tonight.

Council Member Connolly stated that she did not know that this was going to be the topic of conversation or maybe she would have done some research. She stated that they are very interested in that wetland area and thinks they should be included.

Mr. Bauer went over the concerns of the neighbors with regards to the wetlands in question. He stated that there is a minor encroachment into the wetlands buffer.

Council Member Connolly recommended getting in touch with the neighbors.

Mr. Bauer went over the benefits to the area as far as drainage goes with the new field. He stated that the neighbors are well aware of what is being proposed and they have conversations with the engineer, written correspondence back and forth so they are aware of the situation.

Mr. Bauer stated that the Board of Education has approved this current plan in previous years.

There was a discussion on what programs will come back to the school that are now being hosted off site.

Mr. Bryant went over the grant process for the Board of Education.

Mayor Dempsey stated that there was an e-mail that went out on July 29, 2011 by the Superintendent which states that "I have spoken with Mayor Dempsey and he will support this." He stated that this position has not been taken by him and his position has always been neutral and he told Ms. Margin, Mr. Bryant and others that he will not support it and will not hurt it. He stated that this is something that he should be neutral on. He stated that he has been misquoted on this project.

There was discussion on how the grant would need to be processed with the Board of Education and the Borough of Manasquan as far as the matching grant money would be.

Mr. Bryant stated that it is his goal to do this project without any local taxpayer money but it would be state taxpayers' money.

There was discussion on what Green Acres actually is and what land can be used for it.

Mr. DeLorio stated that the Borough would have to go through the normal process with regards to an ordinance and verifying funds if this was to move forward.

Council Member Lee asked if there is a timeline or a deadline for filing the grant.

Mr. Bryant stated that with the Green Acres grant you have 2 years to complete the project. The grant is issued and that you can get an extension as long as you show progress. He stated that the grants are out two times a year to apply for. He stated that the DEP permit is good for another 3 years and this is the time frame that needs to be watched.

Council Member Grasso stated that this is all well done with the pictures and everything like that and it was very nicely done verbally but I see nothing on paper. He stated that if you are going to come and present something to us, where is the DEP papers, where is the Green Acres papers, where is all this background that you are talking about that we can review and then meet again.

Mr. Bryant stated that is not a problem and he will provide some more information about what they are asking the town to do and get the regulations.

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Council Member Grasso stated "why wouldn't you do this for this meeting."

Mayor Dempsey stated that "there is not going to be a decision tonight".

Council Member Grasso stated "we're not, sounds like we are."

Mayor Dempsey stated that "Council Member Connolly wants to do research and you want paperwork and he is sure the Board of Ed has some ideas that they want to kick around."

Mayor Dempsey asked if there was anyone in the audience that had any questions or comments with regards to this presentation.

Chris Muly, member of Manasquan Board of Education stated that it has to be emphasized that the Board of Ed approved the Endowment Fund and the Group to go ahead and raise the money. She stated that no taxpayers' dollars are going towards this.

Council Member Connolly wanted to know if the Board of Ed not approved applying for Green Acres.

Ms. Muly stated that they are in discussion about that.

Michelle LaSalla, 44 Parker Avenue, Member of Board of Ed stated that she does not believe that anything has been discussed with regards to the grant. She thanked Council Member Connolly for pointing out that she didn't know what this was about. She stated that she pulled the agenda for the meeting up today and it said a Board of Education Presentation. She stated that as far as she is concerned this was not a Board of Education Presentation.

Mayor Dempsey stated that it was his fault that it was presented the wrong way on the agenda.

Ms. LaSalla stated that there were some question asked that should be answered by the Board of Ed directly with regard to the Board of Ed being a promissory.

Fran Drew, 111 Third Avenue stated that it looks like a great plan but one of the points that she would like to suggest is what other sports can be played in this field if Football is eliminated in the future. She suggested an open air arts concert maybe.

Mayor Dempsey stated that Mr. Bryant answered this question earlier.

Jim Smith, 37 Gertrude Place asked Mr. Bryant if the Sea Girt Avenue Tract would be included because he thought that it was the backup.

Mr. Bryant stated that is a decision that the Board of Ed and the Borough of Manasquan need to work out and it was not considered in the past.

Mr. Smith asked since no taxpayer's dollars are being used would there eventually be a problem in charging admission to the football games since the track and the field was funded by State dollars.

Mr. Bryant stated that he knows that it has been done before and he is not sure if it would be a problem or not.

Mr. Delorio stated that you would be paying for the football program not specifically the field.

There was discussion on the issue of paying for events with the new field.

Dick Meincke, 36 N. McClellan asked if there is money raised by private sources and the State matches through the grant and then there is no more money raised is the town on the hook for the completion of the work.

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Mr. Bryant stated that he is not going for the whole \$3 million what they are going to do is what they raise privately and get a 50% match that is the amount of work that will be done.

Mr. Meincke asked about the lights and concerns of the neighbors.

Mr. Bryant stated that he is not aware of any lights proposed.

Mr. Meincke asked about the run off of the rubber material with the new plan into the stream.

Mr. Bauer stated that is not a concern.

Rich Bartholomew, 121 Lake Avenue thanked Mr. Bauer and Mr. Bryant for what he thought was a very clear presentation and clear answers to the questions. He wanted to know what the Board of Ed has approved and not approved.

Mr. Bauer stated that the previous Board of Ed did vote to authorize the Endowment Fund to raise money to construct this plan.

Mayor Dempsey stated that information will be gathered and another meeting will be scheduled in the future.

#### **ITEM #1: BOCCE BALL COURT PRESENTATION**

JD Kuper, 169 South Street presented a project to the Council to build a bocce ball court in the Borough as part of his National Honor Society project.

Council Member McCarthy went over the different areas that could be utilized for the court and who he has spoken to so far with regards to the placement.

There was a discussion on horse shoes and if they could be used.

Council Member Connolly asked if there has been any thought put into the maintenance of the bocce courts.

Mr. Kuper stated that the maintenance would be done by him and he would also purchase or get a roller that would keep everything patted down. He stated that the materials that would be used for the court would be donated by local stores.

Council Member Donovan stated that the Senior Citizen Group has volunteered to help maintain the court.

Council Member Connolly made a motion to accept the bocce ball court project and work with the Chairman of Public Property & Parks Committee and the DPW, seconded by Council Member Lee. Roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **SHARED SERVICES**

Mr. Delorio went over a letter that he received from Freeholder Arnone's office with regard to a Shared Service Committee specifically on the issue of Dispatchers and providing a county wide dispatching service. He stated that he met with other administrators and it was discussed the opportunity to share services with the county on various topics. He stated that the meeting was called by the Freeholder and the Sheriff was announced for the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. He advised that he has already replied that he would attend and asked if council is interested to let him know. He informed the Council that the County is moving ahead with the building of a facility that would allow for other communities to join into a joint countywide dispatching service. He wanted the council to be aware of where the county is move to.

Council Member Connolly stated that she would like to attend the meeting.

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Mayor Dempsey asked that the work session be suspended and have a closed session and then come back and have the regular meeting and then continue with the work session.

The work session meeting resumed at 8:50 p.m.

**ITEM #2 Use of Borough Property:**

\*Zumba Classes – Sea Watch Beach – Wednesdays, August & September.

Mayor asked if the council had any questions with regards to this event.

Council Member Grasso stated that this is a question he brings up all the time that when there are multiple uses of the beach, the Borough is charging \$100. He advised that this Zumba class is going to be eight nights and the use for the beach for eight nights is only \$100 doesn't sound right. He stated that the Borough charges people for weddings the \$100 and anyone who uses the beach gets \$100 for a single use. He stated that he is not sure if the Borough should have a floating cost that if you were going to use multiple nights maybe \$100 for the first night and maybe \$50 for every other night afterwards. He stated that it just seems that the Borough is not getting the revenues coming in and he is not sure if the lady that is coming up in front of us is doing this free of charge or if she is charging people for the class. He stated that it was just a thought.

Council Member Lee stated that he would like some consideration for these types of programs. He advised that maybe the person running this event could run this through Recreation for the same process that Council Member Grasso talks about.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he thought that this was done where everything would have to go through Recreation for use of the beach earlier in the year.

Arlene Rudo, 1208 Plymouth Dr, Brick, soon to be a resident at 425 Euclid Ave. advised that there will be a fee for the class. She stated that it is \$10 a class for eight weeks. She went over her background for the Council. She stated that if it needs to go through the recreation program then that is what she will do. She went over what the class would entail.

Mayor Dempsey asked if approval should be given with the provision that all details are worked out with the Recreation Program.

Council Member Donovan made a motion to have a conditional approval, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

\*Block Party – Fletcher Avenue – September 4, 2011 (rain date 9/5/11)

Mayor Dempsey stated that the application has an end time of 10:00 p.m. and he stated that they will be informed that the event must end at 9:00 p.m.

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

\*Squan Riptide Baseball Team – Saturdays, Sept-Nov. 15 1 to 7 p.m.

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

\*Bombers Baseball Team – Saturdays, Sept –Nov. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

\*Manasquan Baseball Beach Blast – August 5-7, 2011 -- various times

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Council Member Connolly asked about the parking situation for this event because it is during the beach season.

The Municipal Clerk pointed out that at the bottom of the application, Mr. Wall, Beach Manager, stated that they need to pay to park in the lot.

Council Member Connolly wanted to know how many people would be attending this event.

Council Member Lee stated that there is a schedule attached to the paperwork.

Council Member Connolly stated that she is concerned with the parking lot being used for this event and interfering with the beachgoers.

Mayor Dempsey stated that the parking lots are first come first served. He stated that either way someone is paying to park in the lot.

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

\*Big Brother Big Sister Volleyball Tournament – September 18, 2011 – 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Council Member Lee stated that he has some conflicts with this event. He advised that the Recreation Family Picnic was originally going to be on September 11, 2011 and is now scheduled for September 18, 2011. He stated that the conflict is with the use of Main Beach. He stated that the second conflict is that usually at the Inlet there is some surfing events.

William Salcedo, Executive Director, 1128 Row Ave., Pt. Pleasant advised that he is anticipating to put 6 to 8 nets for volleyball. He stated that he is anticipating about 150 participants.

There was discussion on how the Recreation and the Big Brothers Big Sisters events can be worked out so that they both have the same day.

Mr. Salcedo stated that he is working with Gee Gees and all the kids who attend will have pizza and tokens for the games.

Council Member Lee stated that the Recreation Picnic will have music and he sees that the Big Brother Big Sister event is having the WRAT radio station.

Mr. Salcedo stated that is what has been done in the past but if the council objects to it then he would not have the radio station. He stated that he does not want that to be the deal breaker.

Mayor Dempsey stated that if the radio station does come the speakers need to be facing the water. He asked Mr. Salcedo if they would like to use another date such as the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Salcedo stated that he would like to keep that as the rain date.

Council Member McCarthy stated that the application shows that this event would be ending 2 p.m. and the Recreation Picnic would start about noon, so there might not be a lot of overlap between the two events.

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

\*Curtis Avenue Block Party – August 20, 2011 – 2-9 p.m.

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

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### ITEM #3 Cable Advisory – Equipment Request

Council Member Connolly stated that Lee Weisert is in attendance tonight and he is the Borough Director of Television Services and he is also a member of the Cable Advisory Committee. She stated that the Committee met and were talking about how the committee could participate in the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming up next year. She stated that Mr. Weisert has a significant amount of old films that he would like to show but there is difficulty in showing them because of the timing. She stated that he actually has to be in the studio to press the button to put them on. She stated that Mr. Weisert has a recommendation to the Council for this equipment.

Mr. Weisert stated that what this device does is automate the studio. He stated that right now it is broadcast over Cablevision channel 77 and Verizon channel 28 and it is broadcast on the bulletin board 24/7. He stated that he has given the council a list of what videos are available and in order to show videos someone has to actually be in the studio, hook up wires, push a button and when it is over unhook wires, change it around, and stop it. He stated that what this device does is enable him to set up a week's program and that program would be set up on the server. He stated that this equipment would allow him to show whatever and whenever without having to have somebody go down to the studio and do that. He went over some other ideas that the Committee had discussed at their meeting with regards to what other types of videos could be shown.

Mayor Dempsey asked what the unit would cost.

Mr. Weisert stated that it would cost about \$6500 which is a video server made by Leighttronix.

Mayor Dempsey asked what else would be needed besides the video server.

Mr. Weisert stated that they are set besides that. He stated that the school purchased a \$10,000 - \$12,000 SCALA system which is the bulletin board system. He thought with the new equipment they could become more involved in the community because it is the community access channel.

Mayor Dempsey asked Mr. DeLorio if there is a line item for this.

Mr. DeLorio stated that there are no operating funds for something like this.

Mayor Dempsey asked if this is requested for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and suggested that this item be put into the budget for next year.

Council Member Connolly stated that she believes that there is a technology fund that does have some money in it and asked if that would be appropriate to use.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he does not believe so. He stated that since it is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary he would rather put it into the budget for next year.

Council Member McCarthy in regard to the technology fund stated that he thought that was to be used for computers and upgrades and software. He stated that he is not opposed to this idea but he stated that it has been a work in progress to try and do some upgrades with computers and phone system. He asked if that is where the technology fund is be utilized.

Mr. DeLorio stated that the technology bond has been used in the past for computers and it is being used currently for computers and an upgrade to the phone system.

Mr. Weisert stated that when the agreement was made with Cablevision a number of years ago Cablevision gave the Borough \$10,000 for the television studio. He stated that it was spent on something like computers. He stated that it was not given to the committee for technology.

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Council Member Lucas asked how long it would take Mr. Weisert to get it to full operation when and if that piece of equipment is purchased.

Mr. Weisert stated that it would take a couple of weeks to hook it up and get training on it.

Council Member Connolly advised the Council that Manasquan did receive a franchise tax from the Cable Television and last year it was quite significant. She stated that it was \$95,000 and she thinks taking \$6,000 out of that would be appropriate.

Council Member Lee asked if there were any grant programs that could be applied for through Cablevision and/or Verizon.

Council Member Connolly stated that she did not know this information.

Mr. Weisert stated that the only one that he knows was the original money to the town to get their studio set up so that they could use the access channel. He stated that he is not certain if they give out any grants or not.

Council Member McCarthy asked about the cable money received now and where is it utilized.

Mr. DeLorio stated that the funding from the franchise fee is general revenue and it goes into the current budget. He stated that it is unanticipated revenue and this money is not in a separate line item.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he believes it should be put into next year's budget.

Council Member Connolly asked the Mayor if she found the \$6,000 would he be agreeable to give it.

Mayor Dempsey stated that you would have to bring it to council and see if they object to it.

Council Member Lucas stated that if this amount is put into a line item during the budget process Mr. Weisert would have plenty of time to order the equipment and install it before the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

Council Member Grasso stated that he agrees with Council Member Connolly. He stated that he is on the Finance Committee with her and he suggested letting them look at each line and see what they can do to find the money. He stated that it is a good thing for the community and to wait until next year would be ridiculous.

#### **ITEM #4 Review of Resolutions for Consideration at the Regular Meeting.**

Mayor Dempsey asked if there were any questions on the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda.

#### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

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

There being no questions or comments Council Member Connolly made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Connolly made a motion to close the work session meeting at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Council Member McCarthy. 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.