

April 28, 2008

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
6:30 PM WORK SESSION
OPEN SESSION immediately following
Monday, January 14, 2008

Councilman Arthur Zeilner	Present
Councilman Keith Bachmann	Present (left 9:00)
Councilman Joseph Murray	Present (arrived 7:30)
Council President Tina DeLucia	Present
Councilwoman Ann Subrizi	Present
Councilman Michael Putrino	Present
Mayor Frank DeBari	Present

Mayor DeBari read the Open Public Meeting and Mission Statements.

1. JIF – Elected Official Training – 6:30

David Grubb presented the Elected Official Joint Insurance Fund Training. The Administrator and all Elected Officials, except Councilman Murray, were in attendance. Mr. Grubb explained Title 59 and different types of immunity. Mr. Grubb then discussed the Liability Risk Control Plan and urged every municipality to form a Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Grubb requested that the Administrator forward a list of officials in attendance to him via e-mail for credit.

Council President DeLucia made a motion to close the work session to the public. Councilman Murray seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

Closed Session:

1. Police
2. Property Maintenance

As there was no further discussion for closed session, Councilman Putrino made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Councilman Murray seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

Open Session: (continued)

2. LOSAP

The Administrator stated that last year's contribution for those with prior years service was \$1,260.00. For service years 2005 and 2006 the Borough gave a \$55.00 increase each year. The Administrator stated that the statute does not allow for a flat rate increase. She explained that increases could only be made based upon the CPI adjustment rate determined by the State. She explained that the Council could go back to service years

2005 and 2006 and apply the CPI adjustment, which is cumulative, and then could decide whether or not they wished to apply the CPI adjustment for service year 2007 to respond to the Fire Department request for an increase. She acknowledged that even with cumulative increases for 2005, 2006 and 2007 the contribution would be less than the previous year, but that it would put the Borough back in compliance with the State. She also explained that the Council could institute automatic annual adjustments by ordinance or continue to apply time-to-time adjustments by resolution each year.

The Administrator reported on a meeting held with George Saigh and Councilman Putrino to explain the matter and to discuss options for going forward. The Mayor and Council discussed the options and unanimously agreed to apply the cumulative CPI adjustment for the three previous service years. The Council further agreed to use a time-to-time CPI adjustment resolution rather than modifying the current ordinance. The Administrator and Councilman Putrino will meet with George Saigh and the CFO, individually, to advise them of the Council's determination.

3. Fire Department – 5K run

Councilman Putrino stated the 5K run, a fundraiser for Fire Company 1, is still in the planning phase. He further stated they plan to have it on a Saturday in May, June or September from 8 AM to Noon. Councilman Putrino referenced a map of the planned route. Councilman Putrino stated some streets will be blocked off and the Fire Department requests no parking on those streets. A small section of Boulevard will be blocked off for approximately 90 minutes. Councilwoman Subrizi asked about insurance. Councilman Putrino responded that insurance will be obtained as well as a Track and Field Certification. Mayor DeBari questioned the reason for the certification. Councilman Putrino responded it will attract track and field enthusiasts which will increase revenue. The Administrator asked the Council what month they felt would work best; the Council responded unanimously to September. The Fire Department will be responsible for paying Police O/T.

APPOINTMENT: Andrew Quevedo, Fire Company 1

A motion was made by Councilman Putrino to appoint Andrew Quevedo to Fire Company 1. Council President DeLucia seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

A motion was made by Council President DeLucia to permanently rename the street entering Borough Hall to Douglas F. Baker Drive. The Parade Marshall will still be honored annually as a dual attachment to the sign. Councilman Zeilner seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor DeBari requested that the Baker family be notified of this honor and he asked to have a ceremony scheduled for January 28, 2008 at 6:45 PM. He noted that Mr. Baker's son will be returning to Iraq and the ceremony should be held prior to him leaving.

Councilman Putrino confirmed that the Council had received his note regarding the 25th Anniversary of the Borough Hall fire that took the life of firefighter Entwistle. He reminded the Council of the memorial ceremony scheduled for Thursday, January 17th at 7 PM.

Councilwoman Subrizi suggested that January 17th be considered as an alternative for the Doug Baker ceremony if an alternate schedule became necessary.

Council President DeLucia announced that the Chamber of Commerce meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, at 8:00 AM at the Garden Café.

Mayor DeBari requested that the Administrator contact Little League and tell them that Mayor and Council wished to be made aware of every meeting to be held regarding the World Series.

Noting the financial burden of delaying the third quarter tax bills and the necessity to operate under a temporary budget for more than one half of the year, Councilwoman Subrizi proposed that the budget be compiled without the benefit of extraordinary aid. Mayor DeBari informed the Council that according to the CFO, the Budget cannot be adopted without the benefit of extraordinary aid because we would then not be eligible for the aid. The Council members in attendance decided unanimously to issue estimated tax bills to offset the late budget adoption and eliminate the need to float a bond to cover expenses in the interim.

The Administrator stated that there were sewer concerns on Faller Drive, Hoffman Avenue and Boulevard near the apartments. Mike Calamari has visited the site and there are grease issues causing clogs. Marlene Casey has already applied for a grant for de-rooting the area. The Administrator went on to say once the Borough receives the grant, the money can be re-appropriated for sewer replacement, as needed, in those areas.

The Administrator announced that there will be a special meeting on January 30, 2008 at which time the Engineer will address the concerns and answer questions of residents regarding the Hirschfeld Brook Flood Mitigation Plan.

The Administrator asked if the Council had reviewed the letter regarding the availability of Optional Excess Limits from the JIF and the Risk Manager's opinion that they were not required. The Administrator confirmed that the Council did not wish to purchase the additional coverage.

Councilman Putrino inquired about the Fire Department Grant. The Administrator stated it was recently denied. Councilman Putrino requested a copy of the denial. The Administrator further stated that the grant, for the acquisition for the three properties in the flood area, was also denied; Marlene Casey will reapply.

Councilwoman Subrizi requested another copy of the breakdown of the interest on the Carlton Place loan.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2008:38 Closed Session
- 2008:39 Payment of Bills and Vouchers
- 2008:40 Approve additional handicap parking spaces for 2008
- 2008:41 Approve temporary appointments for Construction Official, Fire Subcode Official, Zoning Officer
- 2008:42 Authorize Boswell McClave Engineering to prepare SPCC Plan

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Councilman Zeilner made a motion to open the meeting to the public. Council President DeLucia seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

Ms. Mildred Zombick asked if the resolution regarding handicap spaces included Shoprite. The Administrator stated that as it is private property it was not included in the resolution.

A member of the Gloria Dei parish, inquired about a letter received from the Fire Department requiring a permit for storing combustible materials. Councilman Putrino will look into the matter.

Mr. Gus Bachmann, Stevens Court, extended the appreciation of the Senior Advisory Board to the Administrator for her help with a recent mailing.

As there were no further comments from the public, the meeting was closed on a motion from Councilman Putrino. Councilman Zeilner seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

Council President DeLucia made a motion to approve resolutions #2008:38 through #2008:42. Councilman Zeilner seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Putrino referenced the tire disposal memo from Mary Ann Perrone. The Borough is required, by the County, to pay for tire disposal. Councilman Putrino reported that the DPW is seeing an unusually high amount of tires being disposed of. Due to this increase, residents are now required to provide their name, address and the number of tires being disposed of. This list will also prohibit local businesses from using this service, as it is only intended for residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Putrino made a motion to adjourn. Council President DeLucia seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 10:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Demiris
Borough Clerk