

MARCH 22, 2016

The Caucus Meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the above date in the meeting room of the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. The following members were present at roll call: Council members: Passio, Root, Laubenstein, Farrell, Kelly & Ranieri. (Councilman Root arrived at 6:35 PM) Absent: Mayor Kappatos; Present: Solicitor Wood; Borough Engineer: Mark Basehore.

STATEMENT: Mayor Kappatos read the notice of this meeting pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act."

The following issues were discussed for the upcoming meeting:

A resolution to purchase copy paper through county coop, introduction of ordinance for boarding up structures and fire damaged buildings, a resolution to adjust sewer charges, a raffle for the lawn festival in June, a resolution transferring property maintenance charge to correct block & lot and a resolution transferring tax payment to sewer account.

Councilwoman Kelly recommended that Mayor & Council award the towing contract to Bernie's Auto at the next regular meeting.

Councilman Farrell reported on the buildings taken down next to borough hall and progress.

Councilwoman Kelly reported on the future purchase of two police cars and that she would be meeting with the fire department regarding their five year plan.

Councilman Laubenstein stated that he wanted an update on the work to be done at the girls' softball field. Mr. Dave Evangelist, 587 Sherrington Lane spoke to Mayor & Council about what needed to be done at the site.

Councilman Ranieri reported on the 2016 budget time line and the reporting requirements for the affordable care act. John also mentioned the policy updates necessary to comply with the MEL.

Councilwoman Kelly also reported on what she learned at the most recent Board of Education meeting.

Borough Engineer Mark Basehore explained the time line and steps for work to begin on the new borough hall parking lot.

Solicitor Wood stated that a closed session would be needed for about ten minutes to discuss contract negotiations.

Superintendent of Public Works, Harry Wozunk, reported on work done by his department over the past month including yard waste collection, street sweeping, installing some concrete under bleachers. Harry also reported on the renovations at the public works building and the new decals on borough vehicles. Mr. Wozunk reported that he was trying to work out a deal with the company doing the work on Clements Bridge Road to repave Hill Avenue in return for allowing their truck to park on borough property during the Clements Bridge Road project for just the cost of material.

Administrator Wright reported on budget introduction, changes to out policy manual in order to comply with JIF and our agreement with school district for tech support.

Councilman Root reported on the work done to the athletic fields in order to be ready for opening day.

Councilman Ranieri asked council have their articles ready for the newsletter.

Councilwoman Passio reported Youth Mayor & Council would begin May 7th and that there would be a dinner at Triton on April 7th.

Councilman Laubenstein asked that the little league opening day parade be moved back to the Black Horse Pike instead of from Volz school. Councilwoman Passio stated that it could be considered for next year since a permit has to be requested from the DOT.

RESOLUTION #16-42

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION WITH THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY IN SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES**

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**PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE,
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Runnemede wishes to apply for funding for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program; and

WHEREAS, Mayor & Council of the Borough of Runnemede has reviewed the accompanying application and has approved said request, and

WHEREAS, the project is a joint effort between the Department of Law and Public Safety and the Borough of Runnemede for the purpose described in the application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Runnemede that

- 1) As a matter of public policy the Borough of Runnemede wished to participate to fullest possible with the Department of Law and Public Safety.
- 2) The Attorney General will receive funds on behalf of the applicant.
- 3) The Division of Criminal Justice shall be responsible for the receipt and review of the applications for said funds.
- 4) The Division of Criminal Justice shall initiate allocations to each applicant as authorized.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Ranieri, the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Council President Passio requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Ranieri, Passio, Root, Kelly, & Moore. Nays: None. Council President Passio declared the resolution adopted.

GOOD & WELFARE

Patricia Adair, 680 Hirsch Avenue: Ms. Adair thanked Mayor & Council for appointing her as the Clean Communities Coordinator. Ms. Adair also reported that she received her certification and that there was a Green Team meeting coming up.

Michael Simon, 572 Sherrington Lane: Mr. Simon did not like the fact that the plaque on the fire truck does not have the Mayor's name listed first.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, a motion was made by Root, seconded by Laubenstein to close the good and welfare portion of the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Passio declared that portion of the meeting closed.

RESOLUTION #16-43

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION
TO DISCUSS CONTRACT ISSUES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede desires to discuss matters relating to contract issues wish to do so in Closed Session for approximately 10 minutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that the governing body shall discuss matters pertaining to the issues outlined above in the Borough of Runnemede at a Closed Session to be held on March 22, 2016 in the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ; and

The minutes of the Closed Session Meeting shall be kept, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. The matters discussed at such meeting shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for discussing this matter privately no longer exists.

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It is further determined that said Closed Session and matters to be discussed therein are matters as permitted under the Open Public Meetings Act.

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A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Ranieri, the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Council President Passio declared the resolution adopted.

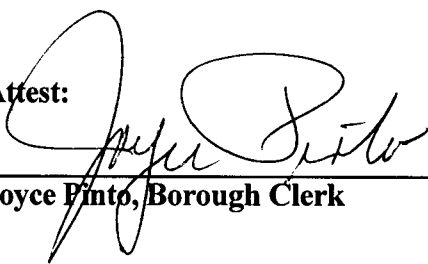
A motion was made and seconded to go back into open session. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Laubenstein and seconded by Kelly to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Passio declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Approved by:


Nick Kappatos, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk