

APRIL 26, 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 & Ranieri. Absent: Kelly; Present: Acting Solicitor Long, Jr.; 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:

Public hearing for the 2016 Budget, public hearing for Ordinance #16-04 to register business for boarding up structures and fire damaged buildings, a resolution to approve the 2014 Audit Corrective Plan, a resolution refunding a duplicate sewer payment, a resolution authorizing a tonnage grant application submission and a resolution authorizing shared services agreement with Bellmawr for cleaning of sanitary sewer pumping station wetwell. Several communications were discussed for inclusion at the regular meeting.

A resolution to switch public works and parks & recreation committee directors was discussed with Councilman Root providing an explanation as to why he felt this was a good idea.

A resolution to accept a donation of a pavilion from the Rotary Club was discussed. Mayor Kappatos explained this proposal.

An introduction of a bond ordinance was explained by Administrator Wright. Mr. Wright listed the items which would be covered by this ordinance.

A discussion ensued about creating a position of "senior crossing guard". Mayor Kappatos and Mr. Wright stated the benefits of doing so.

RESOLUTION #16-56

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING 2016 APPOINTMENTS,
FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, that the following individuals are hereby appointed for 2016:

PUBLIC WORKS

Justin Patrick Finegan	Temporary Laborer	\$13.71 per hour
Stephen Charles Mach	Temporary Laborer	\$13.71 per hour

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Daniel Joseph Buscio	Part-Time EMT	\$12.00 per hour
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BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Ranieri, seconded by Laubenstein, the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Ranieri, Passio, Farrell, Root, & Laubenstein. Absent: Kelly; Nays: None. Mayor Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

Councilwoman Passio announced that Youth Mayor & Council will begin on May 7th. Patty also reported that the veterans' memorial would be getting a facelift for Memorial Day commemoration. Councilwoman Passio also reported that Officer Burns would like to begin a Junior Police Academy program. Patty also announced that Saturday, April 30th, was National Prescription Take Back Day and that the police lobby would be open from 10 AM until 2 PM for residents.

Councilman Farrell reported on the buildings taken down next to borough hall, the Clements Bridge Road project, Read Avenue sign and potholes.

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Councilman Laubenstein stated that he wanted information on the soccer field at Green Acres and about tree removal at the girls' softball field.

Councilman Ranieri reported that there would be a zero increase in the 2016 municipal and sewer budgets. John also asked to place a bench at the lake.

Councilman Root reported that the fountain was now operating but borough may still have to treat lake with chemicals. Mike state that he was still working on creating access to lake and he reported on opening days for the RYAA and Girls' Softball.

Borough Engineer Mark Basehore reviewed his written report as well as presenting proposed drawings of new parking lot and borough hall improvements.

Acting Solicitor Long reported progress.

Mayor Kappatos listed many things he would like to accomplish including street hockey rink at Green Acres, resolve land issue behind the Acme, old borough garage site cleanup and what to do about Liberty Park at Washington and Haverford Avenues.

GOOD & WELFARE

Val Colasuonno, 831 N. Oakland Avenue: Ms. Colasuonno asked about the summer recreation program and the drainage problem in her neighborhood.

Michael Simon, 572 Sherrington Lane: Mr. Simon gave advice about how potholes and crossing guards should be handled. Mr. Simon also wanted to know about the Green Team.

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

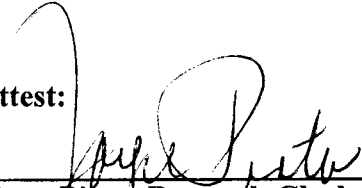
There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Root and seconded by Laubenstein to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Passio declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Approved by:



Nick Kappatos, Mayor

Attest:



Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk