

OCTOBER 28, 2104

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, Kelly, Moore, Root, Farrell & Kappatos. Absent: Mayor Kalvaitis; Present: Borough Administrator Richard Wright; Solicitor Len Wood, Esquire; Borough Engineer Mark Basehore.

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

Public hearings for a sign ordinance and two residency ordinances were discussed. A resolution for the Triton resource officer, an agreement with US Fish and Wildlife and the yearly interlocal agreement with the county for plowing and salt and sand were discussed.

Also discussed to be placed on the November agenda was a county home improvement application, the cancellation of taxes for a totally disabled vet, the shared services agreement with the county for a recreation grant and several raffle and bingo licenses for Holy Child Parish.

Council President Kappatos asked the solicitor to come up with a revision to our abandoned car ordinance.

Solicitor Wood reported on a request from a resident to have those residents filing complaints identify themselves to public. Currently, that information is confidential.

Councilwoman Moore asked that improvements be made to the Harry Williams Building and that benches be purchased to be used along the Black Horse Pike. Administrator Wright stated that those items would be considered for the 2015 bond ordinance. Beverly also apologized to Val Colasuonno for the mixup with the bus for the play.

Councilwoman Kelly asked about a new police car. Administrator Wright explained that no money could be spent until transfers of funds were able to be done.

Councilwoman Passio reminded everyone about the Halloween Party on Thursday at 6:00 PM.

Councilman Farrell reported on the borough hall front and side doors as well as the Washington Avenue project.

Councilman Root reported "progress". Councilwoman Moore had questions for Mike about the fountain to be installed in the lake.

A discussion ensued regarding new appointments to be placed on the November meeting agenda. A part-time clerk and two part-time EMT's would be considered for approval.

Borough Engineer, Mark Basehore reviewed his written report.

Borough Administrator Richard Wright reviewed his plans for the coming year. Mr. Wright then reviewed the Best Practices Survey with Mayor & Council item by item as required.

#### **GOOD & WELFARE:**

Charles Jess, 837 N. Read Avenue: Mr. Jess reported on the water problem which exists in and around his home. Mr. Jess claims this is the borough's fault and that he cannot sell his home because of it.

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

#### **RESOLUTION #14-164**

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede desires to discuss matters relating to contracts and personnel issues wish to do so in Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes;

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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 October 28, 2014 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.

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 Moore, seconded by Farrell to have Mayor & Council enter into a closed session. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos stated that Mayor & Council were now in closed session.

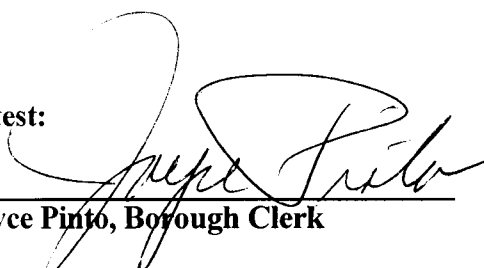
A motion was made by Kappatos, seconded by Root to return to open session at 8:00 PM. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos stated that Mayor & Council were now in open session.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Kappatos and seconded by Moore to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Approved by:

  
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Nick Kappatos, Council President

Attest:

  
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Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk