

NOVEMBER 26, 2013

The Caucus Meeting of the 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 5:00 P.M. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Kalvaitis. Council members: Root, Passio, Kappatos, Kelly & White; Absent: Moore; Present: 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."

Council President Kappatos stated that it was now time to discuss items to be included on the agenda for 12/3/13.

The 2014 Animal Shelter Agreement was discussed. Also discussed was an amendment to the zoning ordinance regarding fences, concrete issues and sheds. Amendments to our trash ordinance were also discussed. These amendments had to do with placement of garbage cans after collection and the disposal of medical waste (needles).

Solicitor Wood advised Mayor & Council of the proper method a business in town could request a temporary use permit.

Change orders for various projects in town were discussed as well as providing holiday pay for part-time EMTS.

Several items scheduled to be brought up at the next meeting were discussed: Resolutions exempting taxes for veterans, a letter from Andrew Viola requesting to be considered for the position of prosecutor in 2014, the public hearing for Ordinance #13-20 vacating a portion of Dettmar Terrace, the Memorandum of Understanding for police radios, and a Chapter 159 resolution adding the 2011 Tonnage Grant award to the 2013 budget.

Borough Engineer Mark Basehore reviewed the change orders and a discussion ensued regarding the monitoring cameras at the new bathrooms.

Councilman Root updated everyone about the progress on the handicapped parking at the RYAA complex. Mike commented on how everyone-Bellmawr, our public works department and our engineers are working together to complete the project. Councilman Root also reviewed his discussions with the representatives of Girls' Softball with respect to their fields.

Councilwoman Passio reminded everyone about the Christmas Parade and Tree lighting on Sunday.

Councilwoman Kelly attended a Mt. Calvary Church Service and remarked on their gratitude for our letting them use our facilities after the flood damage to their church. Eleanor raised the issue of the eticket system and why the stats were down for the prior month. Chief Diano reported that the eticket system has been out of order since sometime in October. Council President Kappatos stated that Captain Dailey had recently requested more of the same eticket machines that are currently not working. Council President Kappatos asked what the chief was doing about the matter and why physical tickets were not written. Police Chief Diano stated that he was looking at other companies to run the eticket system. Council President Kappatos and Public Safety Director Kelly stated that they wanted this issue resolved and that the purchase of any new equipment, hardware or software, was on hold until the matter could be resolved.

Council President Kappatos gave a brief synopsis of the Master Plan recommendations presented to the former planning/zoning board and the former Council by a planner engaged by the Borough. Nick explained that neither board acted on any of the recommendations. Council President proposed that the current board and council look at these recommendations and consider action on items such as R3 standards and drive-thru windows. Solicitor Wood explained some of these items to Mayor & Council.

Administrator Richard Wright reviewed several shared services agreements which need to be renewed for next year.

GOOD & WELFARE:

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

RESOLUTION #13-159

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede desires to discuss matters relating to personnel & litigation issues wish to do so in Closed Session for approximately 30 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 November 26, 2013 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 Kelly, seconded by Passio that the resolution be adopted. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to go back into regular session at 7:13 PM

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Passio and seconded by Root to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Approved by:



Nick Kappatos, Council President

Attest:



Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk