

January 6, 2020
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Collingswood Community Center 30 Collings Ave. Collingswood, NJ, on the second floor, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor M. James Maley, Jr. called the meeting to order, with Commissioner Joan Leonard present and Commissioner Robert Lewandowski present.

Mayor Maley read the Sunshine Notice stating that the Borough has complied with provisions of the Sunshine Law by adopting before January 10 of this year, a resolution prescribing the dates, times and locations of all regular meetings of the Commission. Mayor Maley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Tax Collector, Municipal Court and Zoning Official reports were approved and seconded.

Mayor Maley thanked Cass Duffey, Terry Seeley and the Rotary for their help with picking the winners and with the Holly Jolly Trolley. Mayor Maley congratulated Kitchen Consigliere with the win on best decorated store front.

Commissioner Lewandowski thanked the Rotary for their help with the Holly Jolly Trolley. Barbara Di Bueno from the Collingswood Rotary said the holiday spirit in town was wonderful and she heard great feedback from residents and out of towners alike.

Presentation:
Neighborhood Decorating Winners:

MOST CREATIVE
Steve Davis – 14 Gorman Avenue

CLASSIC WINNER
Kelly Haney – 203 Lakeview Drive

BEST BLOCK - 100 block of Knight Avenue
Block Participants:
101 Knight – Mark & Linda DiPasquale
105 Knight – Matthew & Meaghan Meredith
106 Knight – Joe & Elizabeth Blumenstein
107 Knight – Michael & Kristen Toler
108 Knight – Jasmon Harris & Damon Branch
111 Knight – Rosemarie Filippini
117 Knight – Kate Hill
123 Knight – James & Barbara Hart
124 Knight – Brian & Meghan Mikulski
128 Knight – Hayleigh Nash
130 Knight – Daniel & Madison Pigott

Public Comment on Resolution Agenda Items:

Kate Delany, 126 E Palmer Ave. asked if the Borough was renewing the membership with the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund. Mayor Maley said not on this agenda. A discussion ensued about Ms. Delany's concerns about conflict of interest. Mayor Maley asked Ms. Delany to express her concerns so he can explain. Ms. Delany said she thinks because Mayor Maley represents the New Jersey Municipal Environmental Risk Management Fund and votes to approve membership to the Camden County Insurance Fund that there is a conflict. Mayor Maley stated that is not accurate and explained what the CC JIF is, its makeup; consisting of almost all of the municipalities in Camden County and what it does for municipalities. Mayor Maley explained he is on the executive committee of the CC JIF and assists on running the fund. Mayor Maley said the CCJIF along with other County JIFs in the state gets insurance from environmental insurance coverages. Mayor Maley continued to explain that the New Jersey Municipal Environmental Risk Management Fund is run by a separate board, it is a separate fund and he is not a member of that committee and has no voting power. Mayor Maley said there are many other insurance funds including the Municipal Excess Liability Fund and the Residual Claims Fund; which are all run by different board and save municipalities money. Mayor Maley said his law firm has been hire by and done work for individual municipal members in the EJIF but he does not represent the New Jersey Municipal Environmental Risk Management Fund as a whole. Mayor Maley said his role on the Camden County JIF has no control over the EJIF; and there is no conflict. Mayor Maley requested Ms. Delany raise any question of conflict of interest with him directly instead of recording and declaring untrue inferences and allegations. Ms. Delany said she feels the non-fair and open bidding process is troublesome. Mayor Maley explained the differences between the political contribution differences between Fair and Open and Non-Fair and Open contracts. Fair and Open contracts are not as restrictive as the Non-Fair and Open. Mayor Maley explained Fair and Open contracts allow political contributions up to \$2,600.00 a year per candidate and the Unfair and Open

contracts are limited to \$300.00 per candidate. Mayor Maley said we have an ordinance that limits contribution amounts with those that do business with us to \$300.00 per person per year. Commissioner Lewandowski asked Ms. Delany if the contribution limit should be raised to \$2600.00? Commissioner Lewandowski explained going out for RFP's every few years is fine but sometimes you are in the middle of projects and the professionals you have been working with know your town and know the processes. Commissioner Lewandowski explained there is nothing nefarious, we are within the law and want to continue our work with those professionals. Ms. Delany asked what is the amendment to the USA Architect contract? Mayor Maley explained the amendment is in reference to contract administration and LEED Certification. Ms. Delany asked for information on the sale of 641 Haddon? Mayor Maley said the property has been up for sale for some time, there has been an offer of \$280,000.00 and there will be a redevelopment agreement contingent upon the sale. Ms. Delany asked if there will be any abatement? Mayor Maley said that has not been discussed. Mayor Maley explained an architect firm is looking to do first floor commercial, second floor residential with parking for the residential. A discussion continued about the master plan, the planning board, amendments and the process of adoption.

No Comments

The Following Resolutions were Approved without a Dissenting Vote

1. Reappointing Keith Hastings as the Municipal Housing Liaison, Clean Communities Coordinator, the Representative to the Camden County Community Development, Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund,
2. Appointing Rebecca Callaway as Borough Treasurer
3. Appointing Christina E. Medlar as Clerk for the Collingswood Police Department
4. Appointing Basia Wilson as Circulation Assistant for the Collingswood Public Library
5. Reappointing Kathleen McCarthy as Borough Tax Collector
6. Reappointing Keith A. Davis Jr. as Emergency Management Coordinator
7. Reappointing Keith Davis as Back up Fire Official
8. Reappointing Geoffrey Joyce as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
9. Reappointing Melanie Pierce as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator
10. Reappointing Daniel Kerr Jr. as Fire Official
11. Reappointing Joseph Kootcher as Recycling Coordinator
12. Reappointing Andrew Marker as Safety Coordinator
13. Reappointing Al Hallworth Jr. as Building Inspector

Reappointing part Time Municipal Court Staff:

14. Joan Bartlett Court Recorder
15. Robert Eckert Bailiff

Reappointing Special Law Enforcement Officers Class II

16. Robert D. Staszewski
17. James J. Stamer
18. Mandala M. Brown
19. Ronald Morze

Reappointing Special Law Enforcement Officers Class I

20. Victoria A. Sheffield
21. Kevin Dugan
22. Robert LoCastro
23. Scott Nash
24. Mark Meloni
25. Joseph Rivera
26. Georgeann Batte

27. Appointing Special Police Officers Class I
28. Anibal Alvarado III
29. Marc Ritz
30. Egerton Taylor
31. Ashley Sugner
32. Robert Norton
33. Christopher Badecki

RESOLUTIONS:

Authorizing Professional Services Contracts to:

34. Barber Consulting as Information Technology Consultants
35. Brown and Connery as Municipal Attorneys
36. Conner Strong Companies as Risk Management Consultants
37. DM Medical Billing for Ambulance and Fire Department Billing Services
38. Main Street Realty for Professional Services
39. Phoenix Advisors, LLC as Financial Advisors
40. Parker McCay, P.A. as Bond Counsel and Special Counsel
41. Petroni & Associates for Municipal Auditor
42. Remington & Vernick as Municipal Engineers
43. SLK Community Consulting, LLC
44. Timothy Search as Municipal Prosecutor
45. Charles Wigginton as Public Defender
46. Brett Wiltsey as Historic Board Solicitor
47. Michael Madden as Planning Board Solicitor
48. Peter Thorndike as Zoning Board Solicitor
49. Independent Animal Control for Animal Control Services
50. Quality Cleaning for Cleaning Services
51. Timothy Scaffidi Special Counsel for Conflict Matters

RESOLUTIONS:

52. Approving a Cash Management Plan for the Borough of Collingswood in 2020
- Approving Depositories for Borough of Collingswood Funds in 2020
53. Parke Bank
 54. 1st Colonial
55. Approving Year 2020 Temporary Budget Appropriations
 56. Approving the Interest and Grace Period on Taxes, Water, and Sewer in 2020
 57. Approving the Purchase of Items Under State Contract for Various Items
 58. Authorizing the Tax Assessor to File Appeals in 2020
 59. Authorizing an Agreement with Edmunds and Associates for Software Support in 2020
 60. Designating the Official Newspapers for Legal Advertising
 61. Amend Contract for USA Architects for contract administration and LEAD
 62. Amend Shared Service Agreement with CCIA to include Jingoli
 63. . Approve Cash Management Plan

64. Authorizing the Sale of the Property Located At 641 Haddon Avenue, Identified as Block 24, Lot 1

65. Approving the Payment of Bills in General, Water and Sewer Accounts

Commissioner Lewandowski, wished everyone a Happy New Year. Commissioner Lewandowski encouraged residents to go onto Connect 2020 SJ for information and to make comment on the Bike and Pedestrian Plan and invited residents to the up coming meeting. Commissioner Lewandowski thanked DPW for their work during Leaf pick up season adding weekly collection has come to an end until the fall.

Commissioner Leonard, thanked everyone who made the downtown look so beautiful this holiday season. Commissioner Leonard thanked everyone who supported our businesses and welcomed the new businesses to town. Commissioner Leonard said she is thankful for all the communication she receives from residents.

Mayor Maley updated residents on the status of Monte Grillo restaurant explaining they are waiting on PSE&G and should start construction soon, That's Amore restaurant has not had any work done and the borough will be continuing the process to acquire the property. Mayor Maley invited residents to come out to the Ground Breaking for the new Police and Fire building. Mayor Maley talked about all involved with the planning of this project; including police, fire, borough staff, neighbors, the community, and our professionals. We are looking forward to getting the construction started. Mayor Maley said gave an update on energy aggregation. Mayor Maley explained through his work with the NJSEM he has been talking to a consultant on energy aggregation and there have been some preliminary talks with neighboring communities on joining with us to do a study to see if makes financial sense for us to move forward with a program while improving the environment.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the public.

Richard Klingerman, 743 Maple Terrace, commented on leaves piled up outside a Haddon Ave. residence. Mayor Maley said we will still pick up leaves, we just no longer have scheduled pick up. Mayor Maley advised Mr. Klingerman he can always reach out to Public Works and let them know.

Tom Meldon 530 Haddon Ave. asked about information on 530 Haddon Ave. Mayor Maley said the property sold the new owners are doing some clean up. We have not seen any plans, possible first floor commercial and second floor residential. Mayor Maley he said there is environmental remediation as would be expected.

Bob Roof, W. Browning Rd., thanked the Commissioners for putting the lighted tree in Knight Park. He said it looked great. Mayor Maley said the Promenade in Marlton was getting rid of it and we were asked if we were interested; with the help of Chief Carey and Mrs. Duffey we thought it would look good in the park. Mayor Maley thanked all the borough staff for the work that is down through the holidays.

Anne Woodcock, 121 E. Palmer said she enjoyed the Holly Jolly Trolley and it was a great addition.

With no further comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:36PM, which was seconded.

