

OCTOBER 3, 2022
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. Mayor M. James Maley, Jr. was absent, with Commissioner Robert Lewandowski calling the meeting to order and Commissioner Morgan Robinson present.

Commissioner Lewandowski 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. Commissioner Lewandowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Commissioners approved a motion to approve the following reports: CFO, Tax Collector, Municipal Court and Zoning Official

The Commissioners approved a motion to approve the following minutes: June 5, 2022

**THE COMMISSIONERS CALLED FOR THE SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF
ORDINANCE 1746 AMENDING CHAPTER 141, SECTION 81 OF
THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD CODE- PROJECTIONS AND ENCROACHMENT**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Borough Commission of the BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, that:

I. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 141, Section 81 of the Borough Code. The Borough has determined that amending the change in Projections and Encroachment regulations is in the best interest of the Borough's residents.

II. AMENDMENTS

1. In Section 141-81 Projections and Encroachment Insert as Section C:

C. Ground floor entrance steps installed or repaired for existing residential structures only may project into the required front, side or rear yard in excess of the allowance set forth in subsection B above in the event such additional encroachment is the result of the combined required width of the exterior landing together with the maximum allowable vertical rise for such steps as mandated by R311.3 and R311.7.3 of the International Building Code.

2. All other terms and provisions of Chapter 141, Section 81 shall remain the same and are hereby reaffirmed.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

Commissioner Lewandowski opened the Ordinance to the public:

With no comments Commissioner Lewandowski moved the public hearing closed and the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading which was seconded and approved by the call of the roll:

Absent: M. James Maley, Jr.
Aye: Robert Lewandowski
Aye: Morgan Robinson

THE COMMISSIONERS CALLED FOR FIRST READING OF

**ORDINANCE 1745 AMENDING CHAPTER 141-88 OF THE CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD**

WHEREAS, Chapter 269 of the Municipal Code (“Code”) of the Borough of Collingswood (“Borough”) regulates the installation, maintenance and use of private swimming pools within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s zoning officer and administrator have reviewed the current Chapter 269 of the Code and have recommended amendments to the ordinance to further ensure a comprehensive pool ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Borough engineers have recommended certain revisions to the Chapter 269 of the Code to further ensure a comprehensive pool ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s Board of Commissioners have reviewed the recommendations and wish to adopt them as proposed herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY the Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood that Chapter 269 of the Code (entitled “Swimming Pools, Private”) shall be amended as follows:

- I. The existing Chapter 269 of the Code shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with, and to the extent applicable, incorporated into, a new Chapter 269 which is set forth as attached hereto.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication according to law.

Commissioner Lewandowski moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on November 7, 2022 which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:

***Absent: M. James Maley, Jr.
Aye: Robert Lewandowski
Aye: Morgan Robinson***

**THE COMMISSIONERS CALLED FOR FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 1747
APPROPRIATING \$50,000 TO FUND THE CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS AT KNIGHT PARK**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Improvements will be made to the walking path at Knight Park in the amount of \$50,000; and Camden County Recreation Facility Enhancement Grant Program will fund \$25,000, with an additional \$25,000 will be contributed by the Knight Park Trustees.

Section 2. \$50,000 is hereby appropriated in the General Capital Improvement Fund for improvements to the Knight Park walking path in the Borough of Collingswood, County of Camden, New Jersey; and

Section 5. The capital budget of the Borough of Collingswood is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by the law.

Commissioner Lewandowski moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on November 7, 2022 which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:

***Absent: M. James Maley, Jr.
Aye: Robert Lewandowski
Aye: Morgan Robinson***

**THE COMMISSIONERS CALLED FOR FIRST READING OF
ORDINANCE 1748 APPROPRIATING \$60,000.00 FROM THE**

**AMERICAN RESCUE ACT FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE**

WHEREAS, The Federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides funding to Municipalities, and a permitted use of such funds is investing in water and sewer infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the NJDEP adopted the Water Quality Accountability Act, requiring certain improvements to the public water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of utilizing a portion of the ARA funds to invest in the improvements to Water Infrastructure; and

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, (not less than 2/3 of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) as follows:

SECTION 1. The Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood hereby authorizes the following Water Capital improvements:

A. Improvements to Water Infrastructure	\$ 60,000.00
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The useful life of this equipment is at least five (5) years. No Supplemental Debt Statement is required since there is no authorization of any debt within this Capital Ordinance. The gross debt of the Municipality as defined by law is not increased by this ordinance, and no obligation in the matter of bonds or notes are authorized by this ordinance.

SECTION 2. The capital budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. This Capital Ordinance shall take effect immediately after publication following the final adoption as provided by law.

Commissioner Lewandowski moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on November 7, 2022 which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:

***Absent: M. James Maley, Jr.
Aye: Robert Lewandowski
Aye: Morgan Robinson***

Public Comment on Resolution Items: No Comments

162. Appointing Nicholas Ludwig as a Part Time EMT/Firefighter for the Collingswood Fire Department.

163. Appointing Virginia Brown as Circulation and Reference Assistant for the Collingswood Public Library

164. Referring Ordinance 1745 Amending Chapter 269 of the Municipal Code Regulating Swimming Pools to the Joint Land Use Board

165. Authorizing a Redevelopment Agreement with Collingswood Cannabis Company

166. Approving a Resolution of Support for House of Buds

167. Approving Participation in the Camden County Cooperative Pricing System- Deer Carcass Removal

168. Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with Camden County-for Round 22 Recreation Facility Enhancement Funding Improvements-Knight Park Pedestrian Path

169. Authorization to Solicit for RFP- Municipal Auditors

170. Authorizing to Advertise for Safe Streets to Transit-ADA Ramps Project

171. Awarding a Professional Services Contract to Kitchen and Associates as Architects-Comly Avene Conceptual Design Plan

172. Amending a Professional Services Contract to Kitchen and Associates as Architects-
Public Facilities Assessment and Development Project

Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriation NJSA 40a:4-87

173. 2022 Cross County Connection Crosswalk Grant

174. BPU-EV Fast Charging

175. DEP-EV Fast Charging

176. Travel Options Program Grant-Collings Ave and Atlantic Ave Bump out

177. Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with New Jersey Office of Emergency
Management

178. Approving a Lien Certification Pursuant to Chapter 227 of the Borough Code

179. Approving Payment of Bills as Presented by Treasurer

Commissioner Robinson, thanked everyone for participation in the Book Festival Commissioner
Robinson. Commissioner Robison invited folks out to Second Saturday and to the Out Fest
Celebration being held in conjunction with Second Saturday.

Resolution Continued

180. Authorizing to Advertise for Bids for the Knight Park Pedestrian Path Repair/Paving Project

Commissioner Lewandowski asked DPW Superintendent DiOrio to talk about the changes happening
in yard waste collection and where residents can find that information. Superintendent DiOrio
explained the changes. It was added that information will be in the Town Crier and on the Borough
website.

Commissioner Lewandowski opened the meeting to the public

Vivian Principato, 22 W Linden Ave. expressed her concerns about the changes being made to the
landscape at 1055 Haddon Ave. She explained the removal of trees and rain runoff will affect her
property. She also expressed concerns about the noise and pollution from Haddon Avenue being a
problem.

Bill Warne 18 W. Linden Ave. submitted before and after photos of his property with and without the
trees located at 1055 Haddon Ave. Mr. Warne expressed his concerns about lighting, noise and
water run off from the change in landscape at 1055 Haddon. Mr. Warne asked what the
Commissioners will do to help with this situation.

Steven Busa 17 E Linden Ave. Talked about impervious coverage issues and what percentage is
allowable. Mr. Busa talked about flooding in the area that has been occurring for many years. Mr.
Busa explained people have sump pumps in their yard due to yard flooding issues. Mr. Busa talked
about the storm sewers needing improvements.

Vivian Principato, 22 W Linden Ave. expressed traffic concerns on Penn Ave. along with flooding from
failing storm sewers.

Lorraine Prince 649 Beetlewood Ave. introduced herself as a member of Newton Lake Watershed
Assoc.'s lead watchdog. Ms. Prince talked about Stormwater Management and thanked the
Commissioners introducing an Ordinance to include in ground swimming pools under impervious
coverage. Ms. Prince briefly talked about Green Stormwater Infrastructure and offered her
assistance to anyone who would like to learn more about it. Ms. Prince explained many towns are
experiencing flooding issues similar what is happening to the residents above. Ms. Prince talked
about the current allowable impervious coverages. Ms. Prince talked about her calculations of annual
water run off if the property is allowed to have 50% impervious coverage.

Lisa Warne 18 W. Linden Ave asked what is the town going to do about the resident concerns over
1055 Haddon Ave.

Commissioner Lewandowski expressed his frustration as to how that the practice in question did not
consider community needs before the decision to remove the trees. Commissioner Lewandowski

stated however, they do have certain rights but it would have beneficial to them if they reached out to the neighbors. Commissioner Lewandowski explained there is not been a new planning board application submitted. Commissioner Lewandowski said a new application needs to be submitted and it will not be to the Board of Commissioners. The application will go to the Planning Board and they are charged with the decision on what will and will not approved. Commissioner Lewandowski said there are certain reasonable expectations when businesses and residents co-exist. Commissioner Lewandowski asked Zoning Officer Gretchen Kolecki if she felt there may be any additional public notices from the owners at 1055 Haddon Ave. Mrs. Kolecki explained any new applications to the Planning Board would require a 200ft notice to neighboring property owners.

Vivian Principato, 22 W Linden Ave. asked do they have a responsibility to prevent rain runoff.

Commissioner Lewandowski said they could reach out.

Ms. Prince 649 Beetlewood Ave. asked about construction site issues. Superintendent DiOrio said that there are certain requirements that need to be met. Zoning Officer Gretchen Kolecki added that at this time the only construction being done is interior.

Commissioner Lewandowski said the Planning Board will hear any new application and the Board members take their job seriously.

Commissioner Robison stated there is an importance of being stewards of the earth and good neighbors.

Steven Busa 17 E Linden Ave. asked if it is allowable to have your sump pump draining onto the street. There was a discussion that it is a law up for consideration at the state level that would require sump pump draining to go out to your lawn. Solicitor Joseph Nardi added that it is illegal to have your sump pump intentionally drain on someone else's property. A discussion continued about where Haddon Ave. properties rain run off goes.

Richard Klingerman asked why the crosswalk at Atlantic and Dayton Ave. was removed. Commissioner Lewandowski explained because the crosswalk was not ADA compliant. Commissioner Lewandowski said we encourage folks to use the crosswalk at Atlantic and Irvine. Mr. Klingerman said the Farmers Market Map has that ramp being an entrance. A discussion ensued about ramps being installed. Mr. Klingerman asked that a yellow strip be painted on the curb near the crosswalk at Dayton and Atlantic Ave.

Commissioner Lewandowski explained that a good part the Borough's job is addressing problems from the folks who are not following the rules and being good citizens. New laws and regulations are created to address those issues.

With no additional comments, Commissioner Lewandowski moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:55PM, which was seconded.