

June 1, 2015  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Collingswood Community Center, 30 W. Collings Avenue, 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 Michael Hall *present*. Mayor Maley read the Sunshine Notice stating that the Borough has complied with provisions of the Sunshine Law by adopting by January 10 of this year, a resolution prescribing the dates, times and locations of all regular meetings of the Commission. This meeting was one of the meetings listed on the resolution. Mayor Maley led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Tax Collector, Municipal Court, CFO, Parking Utility and Zoning Official reports were approved and seconded.

**The Commissioners called for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of 1571**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 293 OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD CODE REGARDING VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Commission of the BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, that the following Chapter of the Borough Code be amended as follows:

**I. ENACTMENTS**

A.) **Chapter 293, Section 24, subsection A,** "Exceptions to parking restrictions for certain residents; insignia required," shall be amended to add the following areas for which parking permits or insignia are required:

- (i) Gorman Avenue.
- (ii) The eastern side of Spring Avenue.

B.) **Chapter 293, Section 61 Schedule XII** "Parking Prohibited at all Times" shall be amended to add the following streets: Gorman Avenue and Spring Avenue.

C.) **Chapter 293, Section 71.2, Schedule XXIV:** "Fire Lanes"

Amend Haddon Avenue Garfield School

**Add:** 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Substitute: **Heights of Collingswood** for **Parkview**

**Add:** N. Atlantic Ave East From Powell Lane to garage entrance

595 Haddon Avenue

**II. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

**Mayor Maley opened the Ordinance to the public**

Gary Papa, 4 Comly Avenue expressed concerns about the permit parking not leaving enough spots for the tenants on Haddon Avenue. Mr. Papa expressed concerns about the no parking loading zone on Gorman alongside the restaurant. Mayor Maley explained nothing is changing, it was realized that the parking regulation signs that have been in place for the past several years have not been codified in the Borough Code. This ordinance is simply codifying the parking regulations for that area. Mr. Papa asked if the parking situation could be reevaluated. Mayor Maley said that his concerns will be looked at. A discussion ensued about parking and the loading zone.

**With no comments Mayor Maley 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:**

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.  
Aye: Joan Leonard  
Aye: Michael Hall

The Commissioners called for the First Reading of Ordinance 1572

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD AMENDING CHAPTER 57 OF THE CODE ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" AND CREATING THE POSITIONS OF DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF AND POLICE CAPTAIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police, who is responsible for the day-to-day operations and efficiency of the Police Department, recommends the creation of the positions of Deputy Police Chief and Police Captain and the removal of the position of Lieutenant as necessary and advisable for the operation of the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Administrator, who has supervisory responsibility for the efficient and effective operation of the Police Department, subject to the appropriate authority as set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118, also recommends the creation of the positions of Deputy Police Chief and Police Captain and the removal of the position of Lieutenant as necessary and advisable for the operation of the Police Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood, that Chapter 57 of the Code of the Borough of Collingswood be and is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION I.** Amended Section. Section 57-4, entitled "Organization of the Police Department," is hereby amended to read as follows:

The uniformed officers of the Department shall include the Chief of Police (1), Deputy Chief (1), Captain (1), Sergeants (up to 6), Patrolmen (up to 22) and such Class I and Class II officers as permitted in § 57-18.

**SECTION II.** Amended Section. Section 57-11, entitled "Composition of Department," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Police Department shall consist of the Chief of Police, one (1) Deputy Chief, one (1) Captain, up to six (6) Sergeants, up to 18 (eighteen) Patrolmen, and any civilian personnel as deemed appropriate by the Borough Commission."

**SECTION III.** Amended Section. Section 57-14, entitled "General powers," is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, Captain, Sergeants, and Patrolmen shall have the power and authority conferred upon members and officers of such police force by N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and 40A:14-152."

**SECTION IV.** Amended Section 57-18, entitled Special Law Enforcement Officers

G. Appointments as special law enforcement officers shall be made in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-146.8 et seq., and their duties and qualifications shall be as set forth therein

[all other portions of Chapter 57 remain unchanged]

**SECTION V.** **REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- A. Repealer. Any and all Ordinances inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistencies.
- B. Severability. In the event that any clause, section, paragraph or sentence of this Ordinance is deemed to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, then the Borough Commissioners hereby declares its intent that the balance of the Ordinance not affected by said invalidity shall remain in full force and effect to the extent that it allows the Borough to meet the goals of the Ordinance.
- C. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage in accordance with the law.

**Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on June 1, 2015, which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:**

**Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.**  
**Aye: Joan Leonard**  
**Aye: Michael Hall**

**The Following Resolutions were Approved without a Dissenting Vote.**

84. Appointing Alexander Romano as Class II Officer for the Borough of Collingswood

**Oath of Office: Alexander Romano**

85. Appointing Elizabeth Pigliacelli as Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Borough of Collingswood

86. Awarding a Contract to Lexa Concrete LLC for the Resurfacing of Colford Avenue

87. Authorizing a Refund of a Tax Overpayment

88. Authorizing to Advertise for Sealed Bids- Various Road Improvement Projects

89. Requesting Approval of Items of Special Revenue- DEP Clean Communities Council

90. Requesting Approval for the Payment of Bills as Presented by the Borough Treasurer

Commissioner Hall talked upcoming tree removal and trimming of some trees that that are beyond our capabilities. Commissioner Hall commented that Knight Park will get new trash cans this summer. Commissioner Hall added that the Colford Avenue Project will be starting soon and that there will be a meeting with the residents before the project starts.

Commissioner Leonard thanked the Borough family and all involved with their help at the May Fair. Commissioner Leonard said it is a wonderful day for everyone. Commissioner Leonard wished everyone a Happy and Healthy spring and summer.

Mayor Maley talked about the status of McFarland's Market. Mayor Maley said we are waiting on a "No Further Action" letter from NJ DEP, which we should be receiving soon. Once "NFA" is issued, closing will happen and McFarland's Market should be opened by the end of the year. Mayor Maley talked about the upcoming Fourth of July celebration. Mayor Maley commented that parked vehicles will not be allowed on Collings Avenue or in Knight Park. Last year this worked really well. The reason for restricting vehicles in Knight Park is for safety reasons. Mayor Maley explained two years ago, after the fireworks some folks drove off the rode through the park almost hitting a family still sitting on their blanket. Mayor Maley said the folks who own the vacant lot on the other side of the street from the library will be going to the zoning board this week. We are looking at getting more signage for the parking garages. Mayor Maley talked about the feedback of small breweries coming to town. We have had several discussions with residents and restaurant owners. We talked about it at our town forums and meetings. We are looking to introduce an ordinance in July. Mayor Maley asked anyone with any thoughts or concerns on the matter to please reach out to us.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the public.

Richard Klingerman, 743 Maple Terrace asked if there could be something added to the Brewery regulations regarding distance from a school or church. Mayor Maley said they would look at it. Mr. Klingerman expressed concerns about a hole in a sidewalk on Washington Avenue where there is work being done. Mr. Klingerman said people have to walk in the street. Mayor Maley said the police will take a look and if needed put up signage. Mr. Klingerman pointed out people are parking the wrong way on streets. Mr. Klingerman asked for signage. Mayor Maley said they are aware more and more people are parking this way. We are looking into a ways to fix it. The Mayor told Mr. Klingerman he does not need to wait to report his concerns at the commission meetings, Mayor Maley added that he (Mr. Klingerman) is always welcome to reach out to the Commissioners, Borough Hall and the Police Department with these matters.

Kristine Scarpa, 606 Atlantic, Thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their service to town. Ms. Scarpa expressed concerns about the street parking along Atlantic Avenue due to the doctor's office, farmers market restaurant patrons and employees. Ms. Scarpa asked for a Resident Parking only sign be installed in front of the homes between the doctor's office and the American Legion Hall. Mayor Maley said he would have the police take a look and we will work on a solution.

Gary Papa, 4 Comly Avenue advised the Commissioners that the parking meters along the 400 block of Haddon have been out of service for a while. Mayor Maley said thank you and we will have the Police Dept. take a look.

With no comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:24PM, which was seconded.