

March 6, 2017
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 Robert Lewandowski *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 and Zoning Official reports were approved and seconded.

Approve Raffle License Application:
2017-7 Collingswood High School Band Boosters

Community Champion Award-Ellen Geigel

The Commissioners called for the First Reading of Ordinance 1613 to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and the Establish Cap Bank

**CALENDAR YEAR 2017
ORDINANCE 1613 TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to .5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood in the County of Camden finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2017 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Commissioners hereby determines that a 3% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 338,191 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Commissioners hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood, in the County of Camden, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2017 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Collingswood shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$ 394,556, and that the CY 2017 municipal budget for the Borough of Collingswood be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on Tuesday April 11, 2017, which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:

**Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.
Aye: Joan Leonard
Aye: Robert Lewandowski**

The Following Resolutions were Approved without a Dissenting Vote

60. Introducing and Approving the 2017 Municipal Budget

Mayor Maley thanked CFO Elizabeth Pigliacelli and all the Department Heads for the work they did on this budget. Mayor Maley talked about some highlighted items of the 2017 Budget– 2% Employee Salary Increase, hiring of two new Police Officers, provisions for a School Resource Officer, Gear for the Fire Department, Increase of Grease Line Inspections to help with Sewer Line Issues, Roadwork on Chelsea and Ventnor Avenues, DPW trucks, Salt Shed and Preparing for upcoming Haddon Ave repaving project with new water lines.

**Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.
Aye: Joan Leonard
Aye: Robert Lewandowski**

61. Authorizing a Performance Bond Reduction for Gill Market, LLC as recommended by the Borough Engineer

62. Authorizing to Submit Application -Year 39 Community Development Block Grant

63. Authorizing the Acquisition of the Property Located at 691 Haddon Avenue, Identified as Block 30.01, Lot 7

64. Authorizing the Acquisition of the Property Located at 734 Haddon Avenue, Identified as Block 95, Lot 12

65. Approving the Year 2017 Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriations for the General Current Account

66. Approving Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Improvements” at the Intersection of Collings Avenue (C.R. 630) and Comly Avenue

67. Approving the Application of a Recycling Tonnage Grant

68. Approving a Local Aid agreement between the Borough of Collingswood and NJDOT

69. Appointing Kitchen & Associates for Architectural Services

70. Requesting Dedication By Rider Pursuant To NJSA 40A:4-39- Susan Koman

71. Appointing Kevin Klepp as an Alternate Member of the Zoning Board

Reappointing Zoning Board Members

72. John Bellace

73. Bradford Stokes

74. Harvey Stick

75. Mary Marker

76. Reappointing Diane Marini as Alternate Member to the Planning Board

77. Retaining Timothy D. Scaffidi, Esquire as Special Counsel for Specific Litigation

78. Approving the Payment of Bills as Presented by the Treasurer

Commissioner Lewandowski thanked the board members who were appointed and all the community volunteers throughout Collingswood. Commissioner Lewandowski said Collingswood is better when we work together. Commissioner Lewandowski talked about the great progress of the Robert’s Pool Project. Commissioner Lewandowski mentioned Little League evaluations have started and they are looking for equipment donations if anyone has any equipment that your child has outgrown.

Commissioner Leonard talked about Arbor Day, Earth Day, and the Green Festival taking place on April 8th. Commissioner Leonard talked about the many green initiatives happening around

the town, she reminded residents to look on the website for information for all the events at the Green Festival. Commissioner Leonard talked about the partnership between Collingswood Shade Tree and the Elementary schools, working together on a tree planting project. Commissioner Leonard encouraged residents to reach out to the Borough if they would like a tree planted or any green initiative ideas.

Mayor Maley talked about the abandon property work on Harvard Ave.; the progress of the work being done and that he is hopeful a family will be moving in sometime over the summer. Mayor Maley said there has been a ripple effect with other abandoned properties, the banks are taking notice and contacting us with rehab plans. Mayor Maley explained because of where we are in the court process, the courts allow the banks a small window to submit a plan and to get the work started. Mayor Maley added the impact of all this is not just on the properties we are working on; it is letting the banks know they need to act or risk losing any investment they have in a property.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the public.

With no further comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:10PM, which was seconded.