

FEBRUARY 5, 2018
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 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 by 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, Treasurer, CFO, Municipal Court and Zoning Official reports were approved and seconded.

The Commissioners called for the First Reading of Ordinance 1634

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT
REGULATIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD**

I. Purpose: Pursuant to Borough Ordinance §141-102, the Historic Preservation Commission ("Commission") shall, among other responsibilities, provide advice and make recommendations to the Borough's governing body, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment, regarding the designation of historic sites, updating the Borough's Master Plan and review permit application affecting designated districts and sites and to provide written reports to the Borough's Construction Official. Borough Ordinance §141-107(A) establishes standards to be considered by the Commission for all applications and the Borough Commissioners wish to amend §141-107(A) to provide additional guidance to the Commission and provide it with the authority to consider the time, resources and costs to an applicant when proposing additions or alterations to properties and balance such considerations against their responsibility for preserving the historical integrity of any property located within a historic district.

II. Enactment: BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood that Chapter 141, Section 107 (A) shall be amended by adding the following:

(11) Efforts to preserve the architectural features and historical integrity of a property or specific feature of that property should be consistent with the intent and purpose of the Borough's Development Regulations and the Borough's Master Plan. The time, resources, and costs determined to be necessary to preserve the architectural features and historical integrity of a property located within a historic district shall be considered by the Commission and balanced against the market value of the property and any substantial economic hardship that may be sustained by an applicant. In rendering its decision, the Commission shall consider an applicant's proposed use of alternative and less expensive materials and methods of preservation. Commission members shall provide reasons for their decision which shall be memorialized in the Commission's resolution.

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

Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on March 5, 2018 which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.

Aye: Joan Leonard

Aye: Robert Lewandowski

The Commissioners called for the First Reading of Ordinance 1635

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 163 OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD
CODE
REGARDING FIRE PREVENTION.**

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

I. ENACTMENTS

A.) Chapter 162, Section 9 – Establishment of Fees

d. Collingswood Residential Fire Inspection Fees

Add:

3. Residential properties with only one residential unit shall pay a \$50.00 annual fire Inspection fee per unit in addition to the Residential Housing Fees.

- a. Exception: Life Hazard use buildings.

Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on March 5, 2018 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

39. Appointing Part Time Municipal Court Employees
40. Approving the Grace Period for Taxes, Water and Sewer Payments to February 12, 2018
41. Approving the Application of a Recycling Tonnage Grant
42. Canceling Tax Account Balance- 22 E. Zane Ave.
43. Authorizing the Renewal of Membership in the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- 44.. Adopting a Three Year Cooperation Agreement with the County of Camden
45. Awarding a Contract to USA Architects-Public Safety Facility
46. Memorializing the Rejection of Proposals Submitted for Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Public Safety Building
47. Authorizing an Appropriation Reserve Transfer
48. Approving the Payment of Bills as Presented by the Treasurer

Commissioner Lewandowski thanked Collingswood Library for organizing the Eagles Pep Rally and poetry contest. Commissioner Lewandowski talked about Odyssey of the Mind and congratulated them on their recent competition wins. He also invited folks to come out and to support Odyssey of the Mind Valentine's Day dance fundraiser at The Factory.

Commissioner Leonard talked about the upcoming Green Festival and the Camden County Hazardous Waste and Electronics' Recycling event coming up in April. She invited residents to come out and learn about the many ways we can all help the environment. Commissioner Leonard also invited residents to come out the Fire Department's Casino Night, a benefit to help a local family and one of the Fire Department's own.

Mayor Maley talked about this time of year is pothole season and asked folks to report any potholes on the Borough website. Mayor Maley explained these repairs take time but once an issue is reported it will be added to the list. Mayor Maley explained Public Works and the Water Crews have been very busy with pot hole repairs and water main breaks over the past several weeks.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the Public:

Kate Latano, 529 Lincoln Ave., said she is in favor of the Backyard Chicken Pilot Program. A discussion ensued about feelings vs. facts and community outreach and education ideas.

Kate Delany, 126 E Palmer Ave., and Heidi Fraley 800 Belmont Ave., joined in the discussion of the Backyard Chicken Pilot Program expressing their support of the program.

Ann Woodcock, 121 E Palmer Ave., expressed her opposition to the Backyard Chicken Pilot Program, stating several concerns such as property lot sizes being too small, noise and health concerns.

Heidi Fraley 800 Belmont Ave, presented the Commissioners with a Flyer addressing some of the concerns people may have about backyard chickens.

With no further comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 PM, which was seconded.

K. Holly Mannel
Borough Clerk