

August 5, 2019
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 absent 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 CFO, Tax Collector, Municipal Court Treasurer and Zoning Officer reports were approved and seconded.

The Commissioners called for the Second Reading and of Ordinance 1666

SALARY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF EACH OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY DOES ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. THE RATE OF COMPENSATION OF EACH OFFICER AND EMPLOYEE OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, WHOSE COMPENSATION SHALL BE ON AN ANNUAL, SEMI-ANNUAL, AND BIWEEKLY BASIS, SHALL BE PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:

| POSITION | ANNUAL SALARY |
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| <u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u> | |
| Patrol hired before 2/16/96 | \$83,000.00-\$85,000.00 |
| Patrol hired after 2/16/96 but before 7/1/12 | \$75,000.00 - \$85,000.00 |
| Patrol hired after 7/1/12 | |
| Recruit | \$43,675.00 - \$47,000.00 |
| First Year | \$50,000.00 - \$55,000.00 |
| Second Year | \$57,000.00 - \$61,000.00 |
| Third Year | \$63,000.00 - \$68,000.00 |
| Fourth Year | \$70,000.00 - \$75,000.00 |
| Fifth Year | \$76,000.00 - \$79,000.00 |
| Sixth Year | \$78,000.00 - \$81,000.00 |
| Seven Year | \$79,000.00 - \$83,000.00 |
| Sergeants | \$88,000.00 - \$93,000.00 |
| Records Clerk | \$57,000.00 - \$60,000.00 |
| Civil Officer | \$53,000.00 - \$57,000.00 |

ON CALL AND OVERTIME TO BE PAID AS SET FORTH IN CONTRACT RATIFIED BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 2. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY REPEALED. FULL TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH SHALL IN ADDITION TO THE COMPENSATION PROVIDED FOR HEREIN, SHALL RECEIVE LONGEVITY PAY, WHICH SHALL BE PAYABLE ONCE YEARLY OR AS SET FORTH IN LABOR CONTRACT, RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 3. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT

WITH THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

SECTION 4. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

Mayor Maley opened the Ordinance to the Public

Eric Reinehimer, 253 Woodlawn Ter. asked if police officers are paid overtime. Mayor Maley explained that they are.

With no further 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: Absent
Aye: Robert Lewandowski

Public Comment on Resolution Agenda Items:

Kate Delany 126 E Palmer Ave., said she had a few questions related to the renewal of the Borough's JIF

Membership. Ms. Delany asked what are the amounts of the JIF contract, and the Conner Strong contract for

the 6% rate on the annual assessment. Mayor Maley said he did not have the amounts of the contracts but

stated that the information can be provided to Ms. Delany. Mayor Maley further explained the contract with the

Joint Insurance Fund sets our insurance premium and that it is probably slightly more than it was in last year's

budget. Mayor Maley explained the 6% annual assessment is the premium for our worker's compensation

insurance, our liability insurance and our auto insurance and the 6% fee for Risk Managers is set by the JIF

and is a standard amount for all the members. Ms. Delany asked if Borough went out to bid for these

contracts and what other municipal JIF's are there that the borough could join. Mayor Maley explained we did

not go out to bid and there are not any other Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Funds. Mayor Maley

explained the Camden County JIF is a self-insurance pool that Camden County municipalities, fire districts and

some school district enter into a sort of shared service to purchase insurance in the aggregate for cheaper

rates and better coverage. Mayor Maley added he is on the executive Committee of the Camden County JIF.

Ms. Delany stated she found other Municipal Joint Insurance Funds and asked why the Borough has not gone

out to bid. Ms. Delany asked if Mayor Maley was compensated as a Fund Committee member. Mayor Maley

replied he is paid \$150.00 for every meeting he attends. Ms. Delany asked if there is a conflict. Mayor Maley

explained he is on the board because he is the Mayor and he votes as the Mayor there is nothing he does as a

member that is self-dealing. Mayor Maley explained there is nothing he votes on that would make him money.

Mayor Maley explained the items the Committee vote on include what insurance coverages the fund has,

which professionals will be handling liability claims, work compensation cases and decisions involving

settlements; the Fund Committee members are doing the work that was once done by commercial insurance

companies which in turn is getting a better rate for our towns. Ms. Delany asked if the taxpayers are paying for

the Borough Solicitor twice because he is also the Camden County Joint Insurance Fund's attorney. Mayor

Maley explained that those are two separate jobs, one is the Joint Insurance Fund solicitor which is paid by the

JIF and as the Borough of Collingswood attorney, he does not do anything for the Borough that involves the

Borough's insurance coverages. Ms. Delany made comment about campaign contributions, the New Jersey

Economic Development Authority funding investigations, George Norcross and Mr. Norcross's connection with

PERMA, Conner Strong, and JA Montgomery. Mayor Maley stated the EDA funding investigations have

nothing to do with the work of the Camden County JIFs and the insurance those operations provide; which

have provided great service to towns throughout the state for over 20 years. Mayor Maley talked about how the

Borough has come to work with those insurance companies over the last 20 years.

With no further comments, Mayor Maley moved to close the public comment on the agenda items

The Following Resolutions were Approved without a Dissenting Vote

136. Appointing Vincent Haro-Moss as a Junior Firefighter

Appointing Alternate Members to the Collingswood Historic Commission

137. Patrick Smoke

138. Meghan Cmic

Re Appointing Alternate Members to the Collingswood Zoning Board

139. Kevin Klepp

140. Andrew Faupel

141. Approving the Grace Period for Taxes Water and Sewer Payments to August 30, 2019

142. Approving the Budget for Collingswood Partners

143. Authorizing a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Merchantville -Electric Sub-Code Official

144. Approving Renewal of Membership in the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Authorizing an Emergency Appropriations:

145. Repair of Water Main Break -Route 130

146. Water Pump Replacement/ Repair

147. Authorizing to Advertise an RFP for 641 Haddon Avenue

148. Authorizing a Shared Service Agreement with the Borough of Oaklyn for the Rental of Equipment and Use of Manpower

149. Approving a Lien Certification for 328 Harvard Avenue

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

Commissioner Lewandowski invited residents to attend National Night Out at the Scottish Rite. It is a great community event focused on public safety and community partnerships. Commissioner Lewandowski said he and Police Chief Carey would be in the Dunk tank. Commissioner Lewandowski also mentioned a few other upcoming town events; he invited residents to the Gatsby Gala, a roaring 20's themed fundraiser celebrating 20 years at the Scottish Rite, Commissioner Lewandowski reminded parents about Fall Soccer registrations and the summer soccer clinics, he also welcomed everyone to go to the Fine Arts and Crafts Festival and Night Market.

Commissioner Leonard -Absent

Mayor Maley congratulated Police Chief Carey for being recognized by the International Association of Police Chiefs for being recognized as on the Top 40 Police Chiefs in the under 40. Mayor Maley explained it is a national recognition and a great honor and we are lucky to have him. Mayor Maley thanked the Borough Departments and PSEG for the work that was done on the problems related to the storms that went through town last month. Mayor Maley said PSE&G has made a contribution to the BID that will help businesses recover from their losses associated with the power outages from the storm. Mayor Maley also thanked the residents for participating in the *Lights On* initiative that also got a lot of people on Haddon Avenue visiting the shops and restaurants after the power was restored. Mayor Maley talked about the many events that happened at Roberts Pool this season adding there was also an increase in memberships. Mayor Maley said at the September meeting the Commissioners will be introducing a short term rental ordinance and several green initiative ordinances; the green initiative ordinances will help bump up our ranking with Sustainable New Jersey Mayor Maley added that a truck load of our recyclables were rejected today for the first time, he explained this has never happened and it is due to items that are not acceptable were found to be included with appropriate recyclable items. Mayor Maley said that the Borough will continue to bump up our educating of residents on what items are acceptable.

Commissioner Lewandowski thanked Mayor Maley for his persistence on having PATCO repair the section of train rack that was causing a terrible sound.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the Public:

Sarah Vaughn 14 W. Summerville asked about the status of a draft single use plastic bag ordinance. Mayor Maley said there is not a draft at this time but he has spoken with businesses and the Green Team, they are getting feedback and he is hoping to be able to introduce an ordinance in September. Commissioner Lewandowski added that the Green Team is doing a great job getting the word out about single use plastics and the businesses have been receptive of change with the help of the Green Team. Ms. Vaughn expressed her support of a single use plastic bag ban and offered to help with getting the ordinance adopted and helping Collingswood's ranking in Sustainable New Jersey. Mayor Maley explained there are many model ordinances throughout the state and it takes time to look them over and see what fits for us, Mayor Maley added it would be easier if the state took the lead because state wide businesses would not have to abide by 20 different regulations. Ms. Vaughn commented on other ideas she has on composting, and the collecting of #5 and #6 plastics. Mayor Maley explained the problem is the in marketplace and an absence of locations that accept those items.

Brian Dilks, 243 Crestmont Terrace, asked if there was any progress moving towards a Community Choice Energy Aggregation Program. Commissioner Lewandowski said he has met with the County office of Sustainability and started a dialogue. Mayor Maley explained he had a conversation with people from Water Watch and they shared some information with him from Livingston Township and because of his work with the JIF he was able to talk to some folks from Gable and Assoc. and through these conversations he found that there have been savings with the towns that have a running program. Mayor Maley continued to explain that cost savings is what he would concentrate on; Mayor Maley said he would have a hard time bringing this too the residents of Collingswood and telling them that now in addition to the bills we send normally we will also be responsible for higher energy bills. Mayor Maley added he will continue to talk for Gable and Assoc. for guidance. A discussion ensued.

Anne Carroll, 30 Washington Ave. expressed her support of Community Choice Energy Aggregation and working with other towns and Camden County.

Sophie Dipinto asked if there will be any Electric Car Chargers? Mayor Maley said we are working on getting some funding. But right know folks are plugging into any Municipal outlet they come across.

Vincent Lacovara, 26 W Summerville asked if he could get a temporary parking placard while the construction projects for the new safety building are taking place. He had received some information that he would need to call his car in on nights he can not park in his driveway. Mayor Maley said he can get a temporary placard and asked Mr. Lacovara to email him. Mr. Lacovara expressed some ideas about parking stickers instead of placards. Mayor Maley said we can look at it.

Edward Barnes, 26 E Linden Ave. expressed some concerns about pedestrian crosswalks along Haddon in the center of town, Mr. Barnes asked for having flashing lights installed. Mayor Maley said pedestrian safety is always being discussed and the problem with installations is that eventually it will become background and people ignore it. Mayor Maley explained that is why we have put the bike racks near the cross walks, it gives a little buffer. Mayor Maley and Commissioner Lewandowski explained we try to give more space to pedestrian from where the traffic is approaching, and that drivers and pedestrians need to pay closer attention. Chief Carey also commented on the installation of safe spaces at the crosswalks, which are painted bright green and to give pedestrians a place to be seen by drivers.

Eric Reinhiemer, 253 Woodlawn Terrace asked when the single use plastic bag will be introduced. Mayor Maley responded that there is a pack of Green Initiative ordinances being introduced in September and the single use plastic bag ordinance will be included with those. Mayor Maley talked about Sustainable New Jersey and the Borough trying to get a silver star rating. Mayor Maley explained the Green Initiative ordinances will be establishing a written policy for things the Borough already does. Commissioner Lewandowski commented he does not think a Single Use Plastic Bag ordinance will be ready by next month. A discussion continued about plastic bags, paper bags and reusable bags.

Kate Delany 126 E. Palmer Ave. made a complaint about the unused Farmers Market Lawn signs. Mayor Maley explained any questions or concerns about the Farmer's Market should be directed to Farmer's Market Director David Hodges. A discussion ensued with comments from Ms. Delany, Mayor Maley and Commissioner Lewandowski about green initiatives, working together through criticisms and social media, changing the types of bags used at the farmer's market, working with the farmers so we do not lose them as vendors, education and trying to encourage changed habits and finding a balance. Mayor Maley explained the Farmer's Market is self – sustaining and funded by sponsors and that tax dollars are not used to support it.

Sarah Vaughn 14 W. Summerfield Ave. asked if there will be a discussion with the businesses in reference to single use plastic bags. Mayor Maley replied there already have been conversations and we will continue to discuss ideas with our businesses.

Vincent Lacovara, 26 W. Summerfield Ave. requested more updated information on the progress of the discussions with the businesses. Mayor Maley explained since the last meeting we have been working on putting this initiative together, but we have also had to work around a storm that took out the power to a section of our town and conduct a search for a missing young man.

Eric Reinhiemer, 253 Woodlawn Terrace, requested a speed bump, line painting or a stop sign installed on Woodlawn Terr. Mayor Maley explained the noise from the speed bumps is a problem and that we can look into signage and line painting

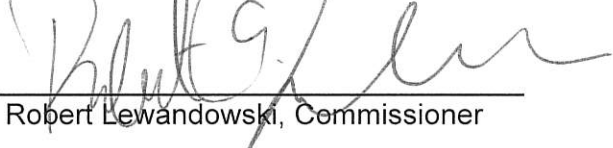
With no further comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 PM, which was seconded.



M. James Maley Jr., Mayor



Joan Leonard, Commissioner



Robert Lewandowski, Commissioner



K. Holly Mannel, Borough Clerk

