

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held remotely, 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 before January 10 of this year, a resolution prescribing the dates, times and locations of all regular meetings of the Commission. The Mayor stated there was a change in meeting format from in person to remote-conference. Written advanced notice of the change in format of at least 48 hours was supplied to two local newspapers. Mayor Maley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Maley explained this meeting is being held by remote conference because of the stay at home order due to the COVID 19 virus. Mayor Maley explained how questions and comments can be submitted.

Mayor Maley paid his respects to former Police Chiefs of the Borough of Collingswood that had recently passed away, Mayor Maley asked for a moment of silence in their memory.

Chief Bueller served 1974-1982

Chief Condon served 1982-1989

Chief Profico served 1989-1992

Mayor Maley congratulated Administrator Keith Hastings on his retirement. Mayor Maley noted that Mr. Hastings started as a leaf raker and water meter reader for the Borough many years ago and it is said Mr. Hastings has probably been to every home in Collingswood over the years as a Borough employee. Mayor Maley said we wish him the best and thanked him for all his has done.

Commissioner Leonard said Keith is always there. No matter what event or occasion we have been able to count on Keith. Commissioner Leonard expressed her gratitude to Mr. Hastings and wished him the best in his retirement.

Commissioner Lewandowski said he has relied on Keith over the years on municipal matters. Commissioner Lewandowski explained that Keith has a lot of knowledge on community matters and municipal operations. Commissioner Lewandowski said the most thing he admires about Keith Hastings is his heart and his caring for the Collingswood community.

The Tax Collector and Zoning Official and Municipal Court, CFO and Treasurer reports were approved.

**The Commissioners made a motion to table Ordinance 1688 Amending the Borough of Collingswood Redevelopment Plan for the Property Located at 641 Haddon Avenue until October 5, 2020**

**Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.**

**Aye: Joan Leonard**

**Aye: Robert Lewandowski**

**The Commissioners called for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 1689**

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

**SALARY ORDINANCE 1689**

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, MONTHLY OR BIWEEKLY BASIS, SHALL BE PAYABLE AS FOLLOWS:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>ANNUAL SALARY</b>
<b>COLLINGSWOOD PARTNERS</b>	
Director of Business Development	\$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	
Administrative Assistant	\$28,000.00 to \$45,000.00
<b>ZONING DEPARTMENT</b>	
Zoning Officer	\$15.00 to \$30.00 per hour

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. THE DUTIES AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE SEVERAL OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE, ORDINANCE, OR RESOLUTION, IF ANY SHALL HAVE BEEN ENACTED OTHERWISE SUCH DUTIES AND TERMS SHALL BE AS SUCH SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

SECTION 4. ALL OTHER EMPLOYEES, NOT LISTED ABOVE, SHALL BE PAID AS SET FURTHER IN PRIOR ORDINANCES ON A BIWEEKLY BASIS.  
DEPARTMENT HEAD.

SECTION 6. ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY REPEALED.

SECTION 7. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

***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: Robert Lewandowski***

**The Commissioners called for the First Reading of Ordinance 1691**

APPROPRIATING \$600,000 FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTING THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE BUILDING AND RELATED ACQUISITION AND IMPROVMENTS IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Collingswood, County of Camden, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. \$600,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Capital Improvement Fund to complete the construction of the Emergency Response Building in and for the Borough, together with related property acquisition and improvements, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefore or related thereto, and

Section 2. The capital budget of the Borough of Collingswood conforms with the provisions of this ordinance, and

Section 3. The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the Borough may lawfully make, and

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect as provided by the law.

**Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be approved on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on October 5, 2020 which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:**

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

**Public Comment on Resolution Items:**  
**No Comments**

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

147. Approving Salary Resolution
148. Appointing Jason Miller as Zoning Officer for the Borough of Collingswood
149. Appointing Members to the Police Advisory Board Executive Committee
150. Approve Connect 2020 a Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan for Collingswood and Haddon Twp.
151. Award Contract to Lexa Concrete-New Jersey DOT Grant Avenue Resurfacing Project
152. Award Contract to Concord Engineering Group, Inc. -Commissioning Services for the Public Safety Building
153. Award Contract under State Contract to AV Business Communication -Phone System at Public Safety Building
154. Authorizing Change Order #3 Epic Management
155. Authorizing Solicitation of Proposals for Installation of a Solar Panel System on the Public Safety Building and Entering into a Power Purchasing Agreement.
156. Authorizing Payment of Bills as Presented by the Treasurer

**Commissioner Lewandowski**, thanked the Borough staff that has worked so hard to make this year's pool season a success and keeping everyone safe while doing it. Commissioner Leonard talked about some town activities which included the extended Robert's Pool season, the online Book Festival, and some outside events happening at the Scottish Rite. Commissioner Lewandowski again thanked Administrator Hastings

**Commissioner Leonard**, talked about when Keith Hastings started his role as Administrator it was with earthquakes and floods and now he is closing out his role with a pandemic and lantern flies. Commissioner Leonard thanked Administrator Hastings for his dedication and she welcomed Cass Duffey to her new role as Administrator. Commissioner Leonard added that the Green Team was able to hold some events such as the electronic recycling, paper shredding, wildlife habitat and rain garden instruction all while practicing social distancing and following the best practices. Commissioner Leonard added that if there is something the public would like us to do as a Borough please reach out to us with your ideas. Commissioner Leonard added that the new Public Safety Building will have solar panels. Mayor Maley added it will also have a green roof.

**Mayor Maley**, said he wanted to echo Commissioner Lewandowski's thoughts on the successful Roberts Pool season and acknowledge the Borough staff that made it happen. Mayor Maley said he has been getting questions about Halloween. Mayor Maley said there will not be usual trick or treating on Haddon Avenue this year but we are looking at a number of ideas on some fun and festive ways we can celebrate everything Ghosts and Ghouls throughout the month of October and all that info will be coming soon. Mayor Maley also talked about voting in the upcoming General Election.

Mayor Maley said mail in ballots will be coming out soon and we are hoping to have a Mail in Ballot box outside of Borough Hall. Mayor Maley said September is Prostate Cancer Awareness month, Mayor Maley urged all men of a certain age to get tested. Mayor Maley talked about his personal experience with Prostate cancer that he underwent this year. Mayor Maley talked about the years he has spent working with Keith Hastings and the friendship that has developed. Mayor Maley expressed his deep appreciation and wished Keith and his family well.

Keith thanked the Commissioners and the previous administrations. Mr. Hastings said there have been many great accomplishments over the years. Mr. Hastings thanked his coworkers over the years, and his family for their support. Mr. Hastings said Collingswood holds a special place in his heart and he will be around to help out as a volunteer.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the public

Ann Carroll stated she submitted resolutions to the Borough Clerk for the agenda that involved the Camden incinerator and the transportation of liquid gas through the Borough for export in Gibbstown NJ. Mayor Maley said the resolutions were received from the borough clerk and he asked if Commissioner Lewandowski would like to comment on the topic. Commissioner Lewandowski said he would and that he thinks that putting the incinerator in a Camden neighborhood was a bad idea. Commissioner Lewandowski said he is watching the NJ Legislator for some new environmental protections for lower income communities. Commissioner Lewandowski said he is watching proposed Bills S- 232 and A22-12 and he feels they should be adopted. Commissioner Lewandowski mentioned the community organization Heart of Camden and the work they are doing in Camden. Commissioner Lewandowski explained it is difficult for municipalities to weigh in on things that are occurring in other towns. Commissioner Lewandowski added that there is a lot to learn on the different issues that are brought before the Commissioners and that there are 14,000 people in the community that have different interests and causes that are important to them and their families and it would be difficult to research and learn about each of those causes and support them on an official capacity. Commissioner Lewandowski explained that he believes that municipalities should work on issues that affect their municipality. Commissioner Lewandowski explained that environmental injustice is terrible and he knows that there are organizations in Camden that are working on this and he does not want to tell another municipality what they should be doing. Mayor Maley asked if Commissioner Leonard would like to comment. Commissioner Leonard said she is not qualified to speak on the resolution because she had not had an chance to review it but she will look it over. Commissioner Lewandowski commented that Commissioner Leonard was involved with organizations that opposed the incinerator many years ago. Commissioner Leonard said she was. And that they were successful in not have an incinerator built in Pennsauken. Commissioner Leonard expressed her support in overcoming environmental injustices and helping our neighboring communities. Mayor Maley said he represents Greenwich Twp. and cannot comment on the transportation of Liquid Natural Gas because there would be a conflict. Mayor Maley said in respect to the Microgrid at the incinerator that he is aware of many governmental leaders at the county and in Camden city who are working very hard on this. Mayor Maley said he has read a few articles but he believes that one government entity should not consider matters on what another government entity should do and what is that entity's responsibility, it is not our place. Mayor Maley said he read a few articles and does not know enough to weigh in. Commissioner Lewandowski added that a resolution from the Borough of Collingswood does not have a full force of law. Commissioner Lewandowski explained that as individuals we can be involved. Anne Carroll recognized Commissioner Leonard's work opposing the incinerator from the start. Anne Carroll said she believes that if we have more small communities showing support that our voices will be heard and that Collingswood can be a leader. Commissioner Lewandowski added that we agree on the issue but we disagree on tactics and he would like to continue the conversation with Ms. Carroll.

Kate Delany 126 E Palmer Ave., asked on the status of the CCA ordinance and requested a special meeting be held. Mayor Maley explained that because of election deadlines the Ordinance would need to go on the May 2021 ballot but the ordinance has been approved on first reading and will be adopted at the October 4, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Lewandowski explained that ordinances have two readings and it gives residents the opportunity to speak on the ordinance, it is a democratic process.

Ms. Delany requested the Commissioners issue a press release on the adoption of the program. Mayor Maley said the adoption has been announced, it is on record. Ms. Delany said she would like to echo Ms. Carroll's thoughts on the incinerator and LNG terminal.

Jen Rossi, 114 East Palmer Ave. informed residents that the CEAG announced that they will be hosting a Community Forum so questions can be submitted to the candidates for the Board of Education. Ms. Rossi asked for the timeline on the Police Advisory Committee. Mayor Maley

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responded that a resolution was adopted this evening appointing the members to the Executive Committee. Mayor Maley asked Chief Carey to speak on any additional time lines that may be set. Chief Cary said he expects more appointments will be announced over the next two weeks. Commissioner Lewandowski said he would like to speak on the program “Collingswood Conversation” that Custom Ed and the Borough have been working on. Commissioner Lewandowski explained that there is an online survey to gauge options and experiences on race and racism which will help facilitate an online conversation. Ms. Rossi asked if Embracing Race would be involved. Commissioner Lewandowski said he certainly hopes they will be a part of the conversation; along with any other organizations that would like to play a role on this reexamination of how we do things through the lens of race and racism. Ms. Rossi thanked Keith Hastings for his service to the community.

With no other comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 PM, which was seconded.

Approved: January 4, 2021

Commissioners	Present	Absent	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Mayor M. James Maley	x		x		
Commissioner Joan Leonard	x		x		
Commissioner Lewandowski	x		x		