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CITY COUNCIL

JANUARY 20, 2022

REGULAR MEETING - 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Betty Howell.

FLAG SALUTE

Betty asked for a moment of silence for the passing of several residents in the past few months. They are our family members, our neighbors and our friends. They all contributed to our town and will be sadly missed.

STATEMENT OF THE SUNSHINE LAW
NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Cain, (little late); Cavileer, Larotonda, Light, Poley, Howell

ABSENT: Burroughs

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Horton, Jessica Thompson, Bill Blaney, Carie Crone

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Kim Horton administered the oath to Steve Light, Council-At-Large

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2021 RESOLUTIONS

- 25** Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of sewer fees on the property located at 403 Haddon Ave (Blk. 109, Lot 2).

Jessica – this is due to a recent sale

- 26** Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes for the 4th quarter of 2021 on the listed property.

Jessica – this is for a sale as well

- 27** Authorizing the Tax Collector to prorate the 4th Quarter taxes of 2021 and cancel the 1st and 2nd quarter taxes for the 2022 preliminary on the property located at 72 Able Run Dr. (Blk 258, Lot 1.59).

Jessica – this is due to an exempt veteran

- 28** Authorizing the Mayor and other City Officials to execute a 2022 Safety Contract with the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Jessica – this is a contract we do each year with the JIF insurance

- 29** Authorizing Change Order No. 1 – Final for the 2021 Road Program.

Jessica – this is for \$11,700.10 and represents as-built quantities for several items and work for the trench at 153 Webb Road

- 30** Authorizing the award of a Proprietary Contract for Public Safety Solution Software with PropPhoenix Corporation.

Jessica – as part of the shared dispatch services with Galloway, we need to upgrade our software to be compatible with their systems. We must have this particular software and doing this resolution, allows us not to go out to bid for it. We are hoping that we get back about \$85,000 with the leap grant towards this contract from the State later on. It's also an upgrade to what the police department uses.

PUBLIC PORTION – (For Agenda items only)

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Poley

All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilman Larotonda

All were in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by this City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Betty read Resolutions 25 through 30 again.

Motion to move consent agenda – Councilman Light - second – Councilman Larotonda

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Larotonda, yes; Light, yes; Poley, yes; Howell, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST – \$1,986,532.14

Motion to accept: Councilman Cavileer - second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Larotonda, yes; Light, yes; Poley, yes; Howell, yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 12/16/2021

Re-Organization Minutes – 1/6/2022

Motion to accept: – Councilwoman Poley - second – Councilwoman Cain

ROLL CALL: Cain, yes; Cavileer, yes; Larotonda, yes; Light, abstain; Poley, yes; Howell, yes

Betty asked if any council person wanted to speak, they could.

COMMENTS

Steve Light – he will be chair of Parks and Playgrounds again this year and invited anyone who would like to attend, they are welcome. He mentioned Dave Williamson, who was a coach who passed away.

Donna Poley – she will chair Community Affairs and mentioned some upcoming events.

Sandy Cain – she will chair Public Safety and their first meeting will be 2/7.

Chief Laughlin – asked everyone to keep a watch on their speed driving through town and to slow down. With the bad weather, people should take more time to plan for the day. It's important to clean off the whole car and not just the windows; it can create traffic hazards from debris blowing off the car. With Covid moving on, everyone has stress, and he asked that people take time to know their neighbors. It's important so we can help each other out.

Caleb Cavileer – he will chair Finance and we plan to have several meetings starting next month. There will be special budget meetings held on 2/10 and 2/24 at 5:30 p.m.

Nick Larotonda – he will chair Economic Development and his first meeting will be 2/2 @ 4:30 p.m. and invited anyone who'd like come.

Mayor Horton – she read off the updated terms of members on Parks and Playgrounds; the Planning Board and Community Affairs.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Tax Collection - \$1,007,080.54

Municipal Court - \$5,535.00

Municipal Clerk - \$802.05

Construction - \$9,639.00

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain
All were in favor.

Robert Preston – 601 Sooy Lane – thanked the mayor for reappointing him to the Planning Board. He's happy to be here and see his tax dollars at work and to support his good friend Steve for another term.

Motion to close public – Councilman Light – second – Councilwoman Cain
All were in favor.

Steve – welcomed our new attorney, Bill Blaney.

Donna – thanked the police department, fire departments, EMS and Public Works during this cold weather time and helping out people who are stuck and all the things that come with snow and ice.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn – Councilman Cavileer – second – Councilwoman Cain
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Carrie A. Crone in cursive script.

Carie A. Crone, City Clerk

Approved: 2/3/22