

JUNE 24, 2014

The Caucus Meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the above date in the meeting room of the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Kalvaitis; Council members: Passio, Kelly, Moore, Farrell & Kappatos. Absent: Root; Present: Business Administrator, Richard Wright; Solicitor Len Wood, Esquire; Borough Engineer Mark Basehore.

STATEMENT: Council President Kappatos read the notice of this meeting pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act."

Council President Kappatos stated that it was now time to discuss items to be included on the agenda for 7/1/14.

Issues raised were as follows:

The public hearing for the ordinance amending personnel ordinance; the ordinance amending EMS fees and the ordinance regulating clothing bins. A discussion ensued regarding the EMS ordinance and how ambulance fees are collected. Another discussion ensued regarding the clothing bins. Councilwoman Moore wanted size of the lots where these bins would be located on to be addressed. Solicitor Wood suggested adopting the current ordinance and then looking for what works and what does not work and then amending.

Council President Kappatos raised the issue of the resignation of the current Municipal Alliance Coordinator. Nick presented an email from an employee at Triton High School who was interested in the position at the same rate as the prior coordinator who was willing to complete training necessary for the position.

Council President Kappatos also raised the issue of creating a residency ordinance for hiring purposes. After discussion, council agreed not to pursue this ordinance which they all felt would limit the borough from hiring the best candidates.

A resolution refunding construction fees, authorization for a blue light permit and authorization for the Mayor to sign the form to authorize the borough's participation in the State Local Coop Housing Inspection Program were all discussed.

Solicitor Wood would be supplying an ordinance amending our zoning ordinance regarding corner lots and front yards.

Mark Basehore, Borough Engineer, referred to his written report. Mark touched on the front and side door project, the bathroom door issues at Green Acres and the road program. Councilwoman Moore asked about getting cages for the lights in the bathroom area. Councilman Farrell reported on various areas in town that he had looked at to resolve problems such as Payne and Read Avenues. Councilwoman Moore asked Mark about how to remedy drainage problems along the bike path around 3rd Avenue. Councilwoman Kelly also asked about what the progress was on the drainage issues at Oakland & Bowers. Mr. Basehore stated that he would be investigating these problems and would bring a surveying proposal to Mayor & Council in the future.

Mark Basehore also reviewed the proposed new road opening ordinance which had been submitted earlier in the afternoon.

Council President Kappatos reported that he wanted the townhouse ordinance placed on the agenda. There were no objections.

Mark Basehore reported on the additional costs of the generator installation. There appears to be a code issue and door size issue. Councilman Farrell asked why our projects were always over budget. Councilwoman Moore expressed a need for summer help in public works. Council President Kappatos asked Beverly how many employees she needed. Councilwoman Moore stated she needed five. Council President Kappatos asked Councilwoman Moore if he could approach road department supervisors to discuss personnel needs. Beverly stated that he could do that.

Council President Kappatos reported that the Finance Department would be hiring two individuals.

Councilwoman Passio reported on the upcoming July 4th festivities.

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Council President Kappatos reported for Councilman Root that work was continuing at the RYAA and that he was awaiting word on the grant applied for. A discussion ensued regarding bonding for trash truck purchase and fact finding on the exact amount needed.

Councilman Kappatos brought up the issue of parking on the Black Horse Pike. Councilman Farrell stated that he would be talking to some of the property owners along the pike regarding the potential sale of their properties. Nick also stated that Solicitor Wood would be reviewing the towing application received.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Seeing no one wishing to speak, a motion was made by Kappatos, seconded by Passio to close the good and welfare portion of the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos declared that portion of the meeting closed.

RESOLUTION #14-106

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION
TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede desires to discuss matters relating to personnel issues wish to do so in Closed Session for approximately 30 minutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that the governing body shall discuss matters pertaining to the issues outlined above in the Borough of Runnemede at a Closed Session to be held on June 24, 2014 in the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ; and

The minutes of the Closed Session Meeting shall be kept, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. The matters discussed at such meeting shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for discussing this matter privately no longer exists.

It is further determined that said Closed Session and matters to be discussed therein are matters as permitted under the Open Public Meetings Act.

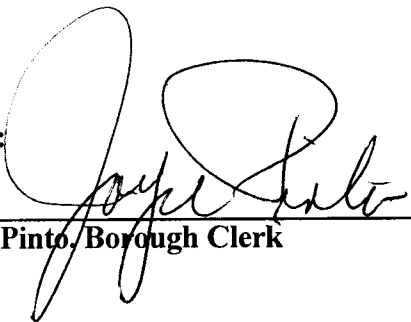
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A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Passio this resolution be approved. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Passio, seconded by Kelly to go back into open session. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos stated that Mayor & Council was now back in open session.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Passio to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Attest:


Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk

Approved by:


Nick Kappatos, Council President