

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

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 Kappatos; Council members: Passio, Kelly, Root, Farrell & Ranieri. Absent: Moore; Present: Solicitor Chris Long; Borough Administrator Richard Wright; Borough Engineer: Mark Basehore.

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

The following issues were discussed:

Public Hearings for various ordinances; introduction of COLA & dog tethering ordinances; resolution granting authority to assessor to file appeals, sewer fee adjustments, two shared service agreements, three police procedure resolutions, a resolution supporting transportation trust fund, two tonnage grant resolutions and a property maintenance resolution.

A discussion ensued regarding the two applications for clothing bin placement on properties within the borough. A few members of council had concerns about the bins on the Bridge Deli property. Resolutions would be on the next council meeting agenda for members to either approve or disapprove.

Mayor & Council discussed the Year 37 CDBG funds and how to use them. Reimbursement for the overage of Year 36 funding repairs to Washington Avenue was the consensus reached.

Mayor & Council discussed the hiring of two new police officers and employee severance for two former employees.

Councilman Root informed Mayor & Council about the fountain for the lake and about treatment and maintenance needed in and around the lake. Mike also asked if he should apply for several recreation grants with a general consensus reached that he should apply for two.

Councilwoman Kelly reported on her meeting with the Fire Company to look at their needs. Eleanor stressed the need for lighting upgrades. Councilwoman Kelly informed everyone about the Municipal Alliance, Dare program, Senior Dinner, Bicycle Program, baseball cards and prescription drop-off.

Councilman Ranieri informed everyone about the electrical outlet near the sign at the Harry Williams Building, quotes for lighting the flagpole, HVAC quote for Harry Williams Building, purchasing benches and painting of borough hall courtroom and hallway. John also informed everyone that spring banners had been purchased.

Administrator Richard Wright informed everyone that Robert Law, QPA, was working on specs for the trash truck purchase. Richard also informed everyone about the cost of salt this year as opposed to last year and the quantities necessary in order to meet storm needs.

Borough Engineer Mark Basehore went over his written report for the month. He touched on parking lot design, infrastructure trust applications for slip lining 4 miles of pipe due March 6, Bowers Avenue and Bike Path drainage repair quotes as well as Washington Avenue reconstruction and emergency generator progress. Mark also raised the issue of analyzing street openings and how he was to charge for this.

A discussion ensued regarding whether to make Forrest Avenue one way. Police Chief Dailey suggested making it one way only partially. Councilwoman Kelly wanted to make Forrest Avenue entirely one way. Several different scenarios were raised. The matter deserves further discussion.

Councilman Ranieri reported that the Finance Committee would be meeting next week.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Linda Hurd, 213 Oak Avenue: Mrs. Hurd thanked Mayor & Council for considering the dog tethering ordinance. Mrs. Hurd raised concerns about making Forrest Avenue one way and the impact this would have on the amount of traffic redirected to Oak and Pine Avenues.

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

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RESOLUTION #15-34

FORM 1B

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, Mayor & Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor & Council of the Borough of Runnemede further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor & Council of the Borough of Runnemede has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Camden.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor & Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

- Mayor & Council of the Borough of Runnemede does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Runnemede Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 7/1/15 through 6/30/16 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$11,875.00
Cash Match	\$ 2,968.75
In-Kind	\$ 8,906.25

- Mayor & Council of the Borough of Runnemede acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Passio, seconded by Kelly the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Ranieri, Kelly, Farrell, Root, & Passio; Absent: Moore; Nays: None. Mayor Kappatos declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #15-35

**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 20 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 February 24, 2015 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.

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

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Passio, seconded by Ranieri the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos declared that Mayor & Council were now in closed session.

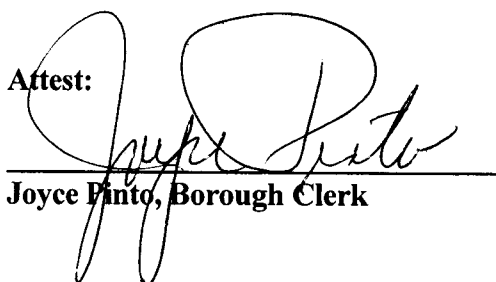
A motion was made by Root, seconded by Passio that Mayor & Council were back in open session.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Root and seconded by Passio to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Approved by:


Nick Kappatos, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk