

## NOVEMBER 24, 2104

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: Council members: Passio, Kelly, Moore, Root, Farrell & Kappatos. Absent: Mayor Kalvaitis; Present: Borough 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."

A public hearing for a bond ordinance was discussed. A resolution to refund security deposit to VFW, a raffle license for Holy Child Parish, a resolution for a premium to escheat to the borough, a resolution to participate in county coop for sodium chloride solutions, and a resolution accepting performance bond from South Gas Company for street openings were discussed.

Also discussed for placement on the December agenda was the first reading of an ordinance amending zoning ordinance relative to Quasi Public Land.

Council President Kappatos raised several issues regarding next year's committees and meeting dates.

Nick also brought up for discussion were the generator testing schedule for December 6<sup>th</sup>, a plaque for the outgoing Mayor and the purchase of police vehicles and a trash truck.

Council President Kappatos asked Police Chief Dailey to explain the process of sending Officer Ragonese to the academy. A discussion ensued regarding the use of Officer Regalbuto while an officer is out on medical leave.

Emergency Management Coordinator Charles Romond raised several issues such as snow emergency routes, use of old police radios in highway department vehicles, hazard mitigation & flood map plans, storm drain cleaning, generator issues, keys for the Harry Williams Building and a boat ramp.

Councilwoman Moore asked that improvements be made to the Harry Williams Building and that benches be purchased to be used along the Black Horse Pike. Administrator Wright stated that those items would be considered for the 2015 bond ordinance. Beverly also apologized to Val Colasuonno for the mixup with the bus for the play.

Councilwoman Kelly asked about hiring full time fire fighters. Council President Kappatos explained that this would be a rather lengthy process because of civil service and union issues. Mrs. Kelly also presented a shared services agreement which had been changed since originally presented by the Police Chief. Council President Kappatos as well as Councilwoman Moore were not convinced of the merit of the changes. Police Chief Dailey explained that other chief's had made these changes and that he knew there would be some problems.

Public Safety Director Kelly also asked about police car video cameras, another fire truck and permanent hiring of Officer Woollen. Council President Kappatos explained that the items would be part of the 2015 bond ordinance. As to the permanent hiring of Officer Woollen, Nick explained that there were several steps to be completed prior to the hiring of any officer and that there were no guarantees that it would be Officer Woollen since the borough has to use the civil service list.

Councilwoman Kelly also wants to have a proclamation given to children who would be decorating a tree at Longwood Gardens. Council President Kappatos explained that only the Mayor can issue proclamations and asked someone to speak to the Mayor about this.

Councilwoman Moore reported that she is awaiting a price on painting borough hall windows for the holidays. Beverly also reported that she had met with a Boy Scout troop to assist them in getting merit badges. Mrs. Moore was impressed with their efforts in collecting food for the holiday and by their questions with respect to government.

Councilwoman Passio reminded everyone about the holiday festivities to take place on November 30, 2014 at the Harry Williams Building.

Councilman Farrell reported on Washington Avenue and the South Jersey Gas Company repairs to Harding Avenue.

Councilman Root reported on the pole barn under construction and a crushed pipe at Green Acres which was discovered during the winterizing of the sprinkler system.

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Borough Administrator Wright reported that two police issues raised by Public Safety Director Kelly are not ready for review. Rich also reminded everyone about recycling collection on Friday. Mr. Wright announced that the budget process would begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Rich also reported that he is getting quotes for lighting at the senior center. Mr. Wright reported on the heat problem at the Harry Williams Building.

Borough Engineer, Mark Basehore reviewed his written report.

Councilwoman Moore asked Mr. Wright where the environmental sign was.

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Ken Brooks, 811 Hirsch Avenue: Mr. Brooks asked that Mayor & Council consider constructing a boat ramp, to do something about hunting around the creek and that a curb be constructed to alleviate water problem on his street.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, a motion was made by Root, seconded by Farrell 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 #14-175**

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede desires to discuss matters relating to personnel and contract 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 November 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.

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

A motion was made by Kelly, seconded by Passio to have Mayor & Council enter into a closed session. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos stated that Mayor & Council were now in closed session.

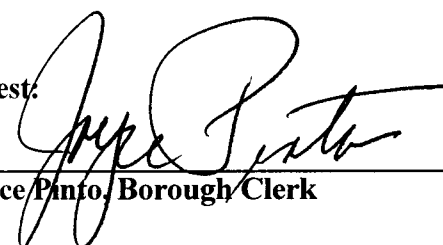
A motion was made by Kappatos, seconded by Root to return to open session at 8:00 PM. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos stated that Mayor & Council were now in open session.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Kappatos and seconded by Moore to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos declared the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Approved by:

  
Nick Kappatos, Council President

Attest:

  
Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk