

SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

The Caucus Meeting of the 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 5:00 P.M. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Kalvaitis. Council members: Root, Passio, Kappatos, Kelly & White; Absent: Moore; Absent: Administrator Richard E. Wright, Jr.; Present: 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 10/1/13.

The approval of minutes and the public hearing of Bond Ordinance #13-19 were discussed. Councilman White asked questions about the inclusion of RYAA projects in the bond ordinance. Councilman Root explained the projects intended for the RYAA as part of the bond ordinance.

The Borough Clerk was asked to read a letter written by a neighbor of a woman considered to be suffering from dementia. A discussion ensued regarding this letter and whether a traffic sign could be erected regarding this woman's condition. A consensus was reached that more information would be necessary before doing anything.

Several resolutions were mentioned for inclusion one the October 1st agenda.

A discussion also ensued regarding the vacating of a paper street. Council President Kappatos reported that all four residents surrounding the street had agreed to take the property. Solicitor Wood explained the proper method in order to achieve these results.

Appointments to the Public Works and Police Departments were discussed.

Solicitor Wood reported his findings regarding the property behind Triton High School. Mr. Wood stated that he could not find any deed restrictions in his search. Borough Engineer Mark Basehore cautioned everyone that there could be something in the master plan or adopted by the Planning Board which would define the space as "recreational." It was decided to continue researching the issue.

Public Safety Director Kelly reminded everyone about Fire Prevention Open House on October 10th at the Fire House. Eleanor also asked if there was a date set for the bathrooms at Green Acres to be completed. Engineer Mark Basehore stated that there was not.

Councilwoman Passio reported on the upcoming Halloween festivities.

Borough Clerk, Joyce Pinto, reported that Camden County would be the first county in the state to offer 911 texting. The county would also be offering global connect services to all municipalities.

Councilwoman Moore and Borough Administrator Richard Wright arrived at 5:40 PM.

Borough Administrator Richard Wright reported on the tax bills being sent out.

Councilman Root raised questions about cement work on Dettmar Terrace.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Robert Farrell, 580 Sherrington Lane: Mr. Farrell asked Mayor & Council to address the cut through to Triton behind his home.

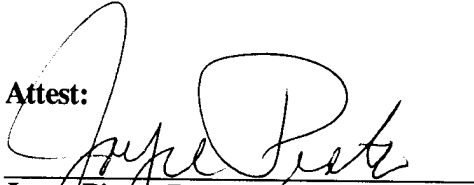
Maria Panzarella, 12 S. Oakland Avenue: Ms. Panzarella thanked the police department for their quick response. Maria also thanked Nick Ritz, Road Superintendent, for his help with the lighting issues at the RYAA. A discussion ensued regarding the homeless sleeping in RYAA facilities. Also discussed was the use of a portable bathroom being used for illegal activities.

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

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Passio and seconded by Root to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Kappatos declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Approved by:


Nick Kappatos, Council President

Attest:

Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk

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