





## Meeting of March 9, 2015

### DPW SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

**Replacement of Sanitary Manhole Frames and Covers in the Singac Section of the Township** -Mr. Simone reported approximately 85 new watertight manholes are planned to be replaced at price of about \$500 a piece. Bids are to be sought and a recommendation for an award will be brought forward at the next meeting. Additionally, in the Singac Section, PSE&G is slated to restore the roads half way, which will intersect with the sanitary sewers. Council President FONTANA queried whether the storm drains must be replaced with eco-friendly grates, adding that there is funding in the storm water program. Mr. Simone stated this can be done at the same time.

**Basketball Hoop Ordinance**- The language of the ordinance was clarified with the Mr. Northgrave, indicating that new ordinance requirements will be posted on residents' doors, and that they will have 48 hours to move their basketball hoops out of the roadway.

**Stormwater Regulations**- Mr. Simone informed the Council Stormwater Permits have expired as of last year. The DEP is in the process of adopting new regulations which involve completion of a questionnaire, some pertaining to the Planning Board, to be submitted annually. The new requirements also require annual inspection from the Township as well as provision of maps. The Council to be apprised as more information becomes available.

**No Parking Ordinances for Remaining Areas of the Township**- Mr. Simone requested Council permission to obtain measurements for parking to develop recommendations in compliance with the Township standards. Mr. Lindsay elaborated on the differences in the regulations with regard to road width. Councilmember MACERI requested clarification on the numbers on certain streets. Mr. Lindsay to follow-up. Upon acceptance of the recommendations, an ordinance is to be drafted. Signs, which cost roughly \$50 each, are to be erected in conformance with the municipal traffic code to inform residents of parking changes. Residents in the immediate area will also be notified.

**Recreation Center Bathroom Improvements**- Mr. Simone announced the proposals received and the lowest bidder for bathroom improvements at the Recreation Center. He recommended an award to the lowest bidder be made at the next meeting.

**Recreation Center HVAC Improvements**- Mr. Simone announced proposals for the bathroom improvements at the Recreation Center and recommended an award to the lowest bidder be made at the next meeting. Mr. Simone explained that these improvements would be funded by a bond ordinance. Proposals for window improvements will also be accepted.

### ENGINEER'S REPORT

**Transit Village**- Mr. Lindsay distributed a draft map to the Council, highlighting that the long linear zone from Main Street to the laundry area be broken up. He relayed Mr. Janota's recommendations to have three distinct areas which would contain a higher density and height. A draft zoning ordinance was reviewed with Mr. Janota and Mr. Cuccia. A final presentation is planned for the April 2015 Workshop meeting.

### William Street Pump Station

Mr. Lindsay reported three bids were accepted for this project, with CMS Construction as the lowest bid. A full report was provided to the Council and included a new generator and electrical work. Documents were reviewed for technical and legal sufficiency. A recommendation for award to be made at the next meeting.

### OLD POLICE STATION COMMITTEE

**35 Stevens Avenue Building** - Mr. Veteri distributed a document to the Mayor and Council detailing the Committee members, mission statement, and proposals put forth by the Committee upon evaluating potential future uses of the old Police station. Mr. Veteri cited recommendations from the Committee propose using the first floor as a business center and the second floor as office space. A funding source was identified through the County Open Space Coordinator and would require applying for historic designation, the process of which would cost between \$15-\$20,000. The application is due March 13, 2015. A lengthy discussion ensued with regard to implication of affecting other grants, the possibility of selling the building, experiences of other towns with similar projects, and the short timeframe to consider this. Some concern was expressed as to whether the Township is obliged to designate the building as historic. Mr. Northgrave requested review of the grant application as he had reservations regarding the language. Mr. Veteri explained his understanding through discussions with the Open Space Coordinator that since this is a non-profit requesting a grant, the Township is not the applicant, and does not have to prioritize grants. Therefore, other pending grants should not be jeopardized. He further noted that if the Council does not approve, the next application period would be next year. Mr. Veteri asked for the Council's approval for a letter of support specifying the Township is not bound to designate the building, but supports conducting an evaluation to designate the building. A consensus was taken and a recommendation put forth for Mr. Veteri to forward the grant application to Mr. Northgrave's office for review.

### COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Councilmember LIESS reported on literature he received requiring government to function on transparency. He declared this is how our government operates.

There being no further business to come before the meeting it was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Maceri, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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Cynthia Kraus  
Municipal Clerk