

Meeting of May 4, 2015

Mr. Simone stated the DPW secretary is not a new position, but rather a status change from part time to full time based on workload. Mr. Cuccia explained the determination to change status was made by longitudinal review. There was no posting requirement.

Mr. Cuccia informed Ms. Kramic that her home is on the list for the Blue Acres program.

Council President FONTANA thanked Councilmember Porter for attending the Board of Education meetings and the Clifton Health Department for following up on the certificate at MSU.

Mr. Simone explained that BPU requires trees within 15 to be cut to allow substation lines to be run from Notch, Long Hill, Browertown to Woodland Park to Totowa. He is scheduled to meet and discuss issues with PSE&G on Wednesday.

Council President FONTANA provided a status report from the Finance Committee. He commented that the second public comment does not seem more effective since questions can be posed any time, not just specifically at meetings.

Mr. Cuccia responded that he has not received any train schedule information to date.

Mayor Conti recommended if the Council agrees, the possibility of solar power could be examined.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

ADMINISTRATOR:

1. TRANSIT VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE- Mr. Janota itemized the amendments made to the ordinance based on public comments made after the last Council and collaboration with Mr. Cuccia.

At this time, Council President FONTANA welcomed questions from the public regarding Transit Village Zoning.

John Veteri, 133 Prospect Street, commented on office and retail, noting the area of focus should be west of Schumacher. He expressed concern regarding the live/work idea.

Renea Shapiro, Walnut Street, expressed concern regarding ratables and agreed with Mr. Veteri. She suggested that the hub might be more beneficial at Montclair Avenue rather than Center Street.

In response to Mr. Veteri and Ms. Shapiro, Mr. Janota addressed the concerns of the live/work units and explained moving the hub would encroach upon residential areas. Council President FONTANA noted this area can be re-zoned and agreed the areas does require attention.

Mark Simolaris, 111 First Avenue, questioned how the traffic flow would be affected and whether an analysis has been conducted. Council President FONTANA responded an analysis cannot be conducted as plans are not finalized. Council President FONTANA encouraged everyone to email the Council with any further questions or concerns. Mr. Janota to attend the June Workshop for a presentation.

Janine Tucker, 20 Woodside Avenue, questioned if the Transit Village could be de-designated if unsuccessful, whether businesses must upgrade, how many rentals vs. condominiums, and what amount the Township must invest. Mr. Janota clarified an existing business does not require upgrading and, in his experience, a transit village has not been de-designated. Funds are required at this point only for zoning. He will research Ms. Tucker's other concerns and follow-up.

2. RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION SUPPLY SERVICE BY THE PASSAIC COUNTY ENERGY COOPERATIVE- Mr. Cuccia elaborated that the .1019 per kilowatt charge will represent a cost savings on the supply side from 6/1/15-6/1/17.

3. BILLBOARD SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISEMENT- Billboard specifications cover the two areas of Route 46 and McBride Avenue and Route 46 and Clove Road according to Mr. Cuccia. He will compare with other municipalities and report back. Upon her review, Ms. London found the specifications to be in compliance and complete with respect to what other towns have required in their RFPs.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO MAKE PROVISIONS TO ALLOW TAXPAYERS TO PAY TAXES VIA CREDIT CARD OR ACH PROCESSING THROUGH THE INTERNET- Mr. Cuccia indicated this resolution is in response to taxpayers' requests. All costs, such as the \$2.50 ACH processing fee, are incurred on the taxpayer, not the municipality.

5. RESOLUTION FOR TAX REFUND DUE TO 2012 HOMESTEAD BENEFIT CREDITS BLOCK 83 LOT 1 \$436.32, BLOCK 12 LOT 21 \$483.38- Mr. Cuccia provided an explanation of this resolution.

6. RESOLUTION FOR ESTIMATED TAX BILLS 3RD QUARTER 2015 – Mr. Cuccia elaborated on this resolution.

7. CH. 159 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2015 BUDGET FOR THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT - Mr. Cuccia described this resolution.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT

1. RECYCLING MARKET BIDS TO BE RECEIVED ON MAY 12, 2015-Mr. Simone to receive bids on 5/12/15 with presentation at the next meeting on 5/18/15. If approved, it will commence 6/1 for a three-year project.

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2. BASKETBALL HOOP ORDINANCE- Mr. Simone presented sample ordinances in response to discussion at the 4/13/15 meeting.

3. CLEANING BIDS TO BE RECEIVED- Upon receipt of the bids for an annual contract, Mr. Simone will request action from the Council next month. He is currently reviewing specifications with the Police Chief.

4. ACQUISITION OF DPW VEHICLES AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE #1213- A resolution is to be placed on the next agenda for the purchase of the chassis under Somerset County Co-Op. As the membership with Somerset County is not active to date, a resolution awarding the contract is necessary.

5. BLUE ACRES PROGRAM- Mr. Simone notified the Council Martha Sapp, from Blue Acres, requested a prioritized list of homes for buyout so immediate decisions can be made by Blue Acres if funding become available.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

1. 2015 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM - Mr. Simone to evaluate streets and prioritize in collaboration with Mr. Lindsay, and present to the Council. Upon Council approval, proposals will be sought for handicap ramps. Road surfacing commencement will depend on completion of the handicap ramps.

2. RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT WITH EDWARD A. SCHUMACHER WITH RESPECT TO A RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT-Mr. Cuccia explained this resolution, and noted the original development was approved in January of 2012 by the Planning Board.

COUNCIL TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

1. DISCUSSION OF GRANT COMMITTEE- The Council agreed to reinstate the Grant Committee. Council President FONTANA to designate the members at the next meeting by resolution.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Councilmember Porter, seconded by Councilmember Liess, that the meeting be and it was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Cynthia Kraus
Municipal Clerk