

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Borough Council Regular Meeting
MINUTES
September 10, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vallone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Far Hills Municipal Building and read the open public meetings statement in accordance with the law.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Vallone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Vallone asked that a moment of silence be observed in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, Karner, Surks, Tweedie (via phone), Vallone
Absent, as Excused:
Absent:
Also Present: Clerk Hicks, Attorney Sordillo, Chief DeCarolis

PRESENTATION

Messrs. Guy Torsilieri and Ron Kennedy, Far Hills Race Meeting Association provided an overview of the event scheduled for October 20, 2018. Mr. Torsilieri stated that this would be the 98th year of the Race Meeting. He also outlined the process for the pari-mutuel wagering that would take place for the first time this year. Mr. Torsilieri also informed the Council that fundraising efforts have been expanded to assist additional charities in the local community.

REPORTS

Councilman Hand – Fire, Water, Light, Buildings & Grounds

No report.

Councilwoman Tweedie – Health/Sanitation

No report.

Councilman Surks – Roads

Councilman Surks reported that a meeting is scheduled with himself, Ms. Hicks and Borough Engineer, Paul Ferriero on September 24, 2018 to meet with responsive contractors and commence negotiations for the Ludlow Avenue Road Improvements project. He commented that he has also reviewed the requested parking restrictions on Peapack Road and the proposed shared service with Bernards Township for improvements to Mine Brook Road via a NJDOT grant.

Lastly, he commended Councilman Hand on the landscaping improvements to the NJ Transit Train Station.

Councilman Carty – Finance/Insurance

No report.

Councilwoman Chimenti – Laws, Ordinances & Elections

No report.

Council President Karner – Police

Council President Karner reported that he and Councilman Carty met to review the proposed PBA contract, and a presentation to the PBA is planned in the next few weeks.

He also presented the August 2018 Police Report.

Chief DeCarolis

Chief DeCarolis reported that a cyclist was injured on Route 202 near Castle Court during the Gran Fondo bicycle event which occurred on September 9, 2018.

He noted the DUI high visibility enforcement detail concluded on September 4, 2018. Lastly, Chief DeCarolis stated that preparations were underway for the upcoming VNA Rummage Sale.

Mayor Vallone

Mayor Vallone stated that there have been no new updates regarding affordable housing but stated that the Borough is continuing negotiations and a public presentation is anticipated to be scheduled at the September 24, 2018 or October 9, 2018 Council meeting.

Mr. Sordillo reported that the Borough would be providing a status report only to Judge Miller on September 12, 2018, as a case management conference had not yet been scheduled.

Messrs. Kennedy and Torsilieri left the meeting at this time.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

8/27/18 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilwoman Chimenti was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content and release.

8/27/18 – Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Hand, was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content only.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION

ORDINANCE 2018-07 – AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PARKING REGULATIONS ON A PORTION OF PEAPACK ROAD SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

Mr. Sordillo provided a brief overview of the ordinance noting that Somerset County supported the parking regulations proposed by the Borough provided that they be formalized via ordinance rather than by the resolution previously submitted.

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Surks that Ordinance 2018-07 be introduced.

Roll Call:

Aye: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, Karner, Surks, Tweedie

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed within the consent agenda portion of the meeting have been referred to the Borough Council for reading and study and are considered routine and will be enacted with one motion of the Borough Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is required, the item may be removed from the agenda by Borough Council action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 18-116 – Appointment - Municipal Court Violations Clerk
2. Resolution 18-117 – Appointment - Technical Assistant Construction Official
3. Resolution 18-118 – Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Lien – B14 L3 – 27 Route 202
4. Resolution 18-119 – Authorizing Agreement – Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System
5. Resolution 18-120 – Authorizing Agreement – Union County Cooperative Pricing System
6. Resolution 18-121 – Authorizing Agreement – NJEdge Cooperative Pricing System
7. Resolution 18-122 – Authorizing Purchase of Police Live Scan System
8. Resolution 18-123 – Payment of Bill List

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Surks that Resolutions 18-116 through 18-123 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, Karner, Surks, Tweedie

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – *The Mayor and Council welcome comments from any member of the public. To help facilitate an orderly meeting and to permit the opportunity for anyone who wishes to be heard, speakers shall limit their comments to 5 minutes.*

Michael Fiore, MD, 110 Douglas Road, Far Hills commented that he wrote a letter opposing the proposed truck route for the solid waste transfer station at the Quarry in Bernardsville and inquired if there was a resolution to the matter. Mayor Vallone opined, that due to considerable public opposition, the Bernardsville Borough Council was planning to rescind the original zoning for the transfer station. Mayor Vallone added, as a proactive measure, the Borough of Far Hills sent a letter to the NJDEP officially opposing the truck route.

Michael Joyce, 57 Liberty Corner Road, Far Hills commented that the Quarry site was originally planned for affordable housing.

There were no further comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 18-124


- Attorney/Client Privilege – Litigation – Affordable Housing

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilwoman Chimenti and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 18-124.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Carty and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy S. Hicks
Borough Clerk

APPROVED - 9/24/18