

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Borough Council Regular Meeting
MINUTES
September 24, 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.

ROLL CALL

Present: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, Surks, Tweedie, Vallone

Absent, as Excused: Karner

Absent:

Also Present: Clerk Hicks, Attorney Sordillo

REPORTS

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

No report.

Councilwoman Tweedie – Health/Sanitation

Councilwoman Tweedie reported that smoke testing of the sewer system was completed in August 2018 for the Polo Club and Sunnybranch Road areas. It was noted that 9 broken clean out caps were discovered out of approximately 128 homes being tested and were determined to be minor sources of inflow. A review of the manhole covers indicated that they were performing adequately. Councilwoman Tweedie noted that inflow and infiltration (I&I) testing would continue in the Village area of the Borough.

Councilman Surks – Roads

Councilman Surks provided a brief overview of the status of the Ludlow Avenue Road Improvements Project and reported that this morning he, Borough Engineer Paul Ferriero and Ms. Hicks met individually with each of the contractors who submitted a Notice of Interest to review the scope of the project to ascertain additional areas for cost savings. The contractors were asked to submit a best and final proposal by October 1, 2018. Councilman Surks noted that it may be advisable to postpone this project until spring 2019, due to the wear and tear on the roadways during the winter months.

Councilman Carty – Finance/Insurance

No report.

Councilwoman Chimenti – Laws, Ordinances & Elections

Councilwoman Chimenti reported that Municipal Court deposits for the month of August 2018 were \$2,900.00.

Councilman Carty for Council President Karner – Police

Councilman Carty presented the police report on behalf of Council President Karner and Chief DeCarolis who were unable to attend the meeting this evening. He reported that Chief DeCarolis had met with the Far Hills Race Meeting Association to review law enforcement efforts for the Far Hills Race Meeting to be held on October 20, 2018. Councilman Carty noted that the police department

would monitor the increase in local traffic as a result of donation drop offs for the upcoming VNA Rummage Sale to be held October 5-7, 2018. Lastly, he reported that the Far Hills Police Department was investigating a burglary that occurred over the weekend at the Butler's Pantry Trackside.

Mayor Vallone

Mayor Vallone stated that there have been no additional updates regarding affordable housing but stated that the Borough was continuing with negotiations and a public presentation was tentatively scheduled for the Tuesday, October 9, 2018 Council meeting. Mr. Sordillo provided a brief overview of the status of the negotiations and concurred that a presentation from the developer may be planned for the next Borough Council meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9/10/18 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Councilman Surks, seconded by Councilman Hand, was unanimously carried that these minutes be approved for content and release.

9/10/18 – Executive Session Meeting Minutes

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE – PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

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

Motion by Councilman Carty, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie and unanimously carried to open the public hearing.

There were no comments from the public. Clerk Hicks advised that the notice of the public hearing was published in the newspaper of record, and that no communication, either written or verbal, was received regarding the Ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Carty, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie and unanimously carried to close the public hearing.

Motion by Councilman Carty, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie that Ordinance 2018-07 be adopted.

Roll Call:

Aye: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, 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 18-125 – Authorizing Adoption of Employee Handbook
2. Resolution 18-126 – Authorizing Shared Service Agreement
Bernards Township – Mine Brook Road Resurfacing Project
3. Resolution 18-127 – Authorizing Submission of NJDOT Grant Application
Mine Brook Road Resurfacing Project
4. Resolution 18-128 – Authorizing Redemption of Tax Sale Lien
B6 L33 – 20 Spring Hollow Road
5. Resolution 18-129 – Authorizing Payment of Taxes – Affordable Housing Restricted Unit
6. Resolution 18-130 – Authorizing Amendment – Union County Cooperative Pricing System
7. Resolution 18-131 – Authorizing Large Event Permit – Far Hills Race Meeting, Inc.
8. Resolution 18-132 – Authorizing Issuance of Special Use Permit - AT&T
9. Resolution 18-133 – Authorizing Issuance of Special Use Permit - T-Mobile
10. Resolution 18-134 – Authorizing Issuance of Special Use Permit - Verizon Wireless
11. Resolution 18-135 – Payment of Bill List

Motion by Councilman Hand, seconded by Councilman Surks that Resolutions 18-125 through 18-135 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, 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 180 Douglas Road may have been sold recently at auction and noted that there was some activity on the property. Mayor Vallone requested that the appropriate Borough officials be notified to ensure permitting compliance.

Ian Joyce, 57 Liberty Corner Road, Far Hills inquired as to the status of the court hearings and deadlines with regard to affordable housing settlements.

There were no further comments from the public.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution 18-136

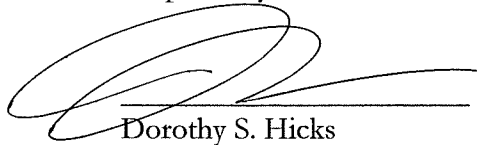
- Attorney/Client Privilege – Litigation – Affordable Housing

Motion by Councilman Hand, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie and unanimously carried to approve Resolution 18-136.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION & ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilman Hand, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dorothy S. Hicks
Borough Clerk

APPROVED – 10/9/18