

BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS
Borough Council Regular Meeting
MINUTES
January 6, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vallone called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. at the Far Hills Municipal Building. The flag salute and reading of the open public meetings statement was previously conducted at the Reorganization meeting held immediately prior to this Regular meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilman Joseph Carty, Councilwoman Mary Chimenti, Councilman Richard Hand, Council President David Karner, Councilman Ted McLean, Councilwoman Sheila Tweedie, Mayor Paul J. Vallone, MD

Absent, as Excused:

Absent:

Also Present: Borough Clerk Dorothy S. Hicks, Borough Attorney Joseph Sordillo, Chief of Police Michael DeCarolis

REPORTS

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

No report.

Councilwoman Tweedie – Health/Sanitation

Councilwoman Tweedie reported that the Borough Environmental Engineer, Natural Systems Utilities would develop a report and repair schedule to address the deterioration of the sewer lining discovered during the videotaping analysis conducted in June 2019. She noted that currently there are no leaks in the system.

Councilman McLean – Roads

No report.

Councilman Carty – Finance/Insurance

Councilman Carty reported that he met with CFO Debra Stern, Chief Michael DeCarolis and Sergeant Chris Kocur regarding budgeting for new police equipment as required by the state.

Councilwoman Chimenti – Laws, Ordinances & Elections

No report.

Council President Karner – Police

Council President Karner reiterated Councilman Carty's report regarding budget discussions for the state required evidence management equipment. He acknowledged the efforts of Sergeant Kocur, Officer Curtis Mulch and Councilman Carty in the PBA negotiations.

He also reported that a Memorandum of Agreement was reached with Chief DeCarolis. The Borough Council acknowledged the efforts and professionalism of the Borough's Police Department through a round of applause.

Chief DeCarolis – Police

Chief DeCarolis on behalf of the Far Hills Police Department expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Council and was looking forward to 2020. He also thanked Council President Karner and Councilman Carty for their efforts in the PBA negotiations.

Mayor Vallone

Mayor Vallone echoed the sentiments expressed during his address at the Reorganization meeting, highlighting the importance of working collaboratively for the benefit of our residents.

REGULAR AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12/23/19 Regular Meeting

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 20-041 – Authorizing PBA Contract

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Carty that Resolution 20-041 be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

Resolution 20-042 – Authorizing Memorandum of Agreement with Police Chief

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilman Carty that Resolution 20-042 be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion Carried.

Resolution 20-043 – Payment of Bill List

Motion by Councilwoman Tweedie, seconded by Councilman Hand that Resolution 20-043 be approved.

Roll Call:

Aye: Carty, Chimenti, Hand, Karner, McLean, 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.*

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie to open the meeting to public comment.

Councilman Carty commented upon the positive improvements being made to the property located at 49 Route 202.

Ev Prather, Ashington Club Road, Far Hills commented that that building used to be a country store and suggested that a historical review be contemplated.

Mayor Vallone responded that as the Borough would be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in April 2021, submission of historical photos and information would be welcomed so that it could be shared with all residents.

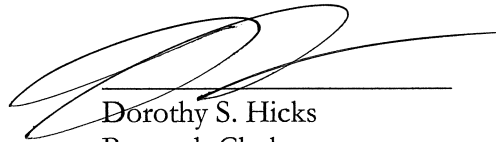
There were no further comments from the public.

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie to close the meeting to public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council President Karner, seconded by Councilwoman Tweedie and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy S. Hicks
Borough Clerk

APPROVED - 1-27-2020