

BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH

GRANT APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING & COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

JULY 12, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, PUBLIC MEETINGS MAY BE HELD IN PERSON OR BY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TO INCLUDE STREAMING SERVICES AND OTHER ONLINE MEETING PLATFORMS (N.J.S.A. 10:4-8b).

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON AND THROUGH THE ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM, BEING BROADCAST FROM BOROUGH HALL, 701 MAIN STREET, BRADLEY BEACH, NJ 07720. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR THIS GRANT APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING (ADVERTISED JUNE 27, 2023) AND COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING OF JULY 12, 2023 WAS AVAILABLE IN PERSON OR THROUGH THE ZOOM LINK POSTED TO THE WEBSITE. THE REMAINDER OF COUNCIL MEETINGS DATES (RESOLUTION 2022-265 ADOPTED DECEMBER 13, 2022) FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023 WERE ADVERTISED IN THE COAST STAR AND THE NEW COASTER ON DECEMBER 15, 2022 AND THE ASBURY PARK PRESS ON DECEMBER 17, 2022.

WITH ADEQUATE NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN, THE MUNICIPAL CLERK IS DIRECTED TO INCLUDE THIS STATEMENT IN THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

A Council Business Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the Meeting Room, 701 Main Street, Bradley Beach, New Jersey on the above date.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fox opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law was read.

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for the “Annual Notice” and posted on the official bulletin board in the Borough Office.

ROLL CALL AT 6:30 P.M.

Present at the July 12, 2023 Budget Public Hearing and Council Business Meeting:

**Councilwoman DeNoble, Councilman Gubitosi, Councilman Weber, Mayor Fox
Interim Borough Administrator, Gregory C. Fehrenbach
Municipal Clerk, Erica Kostyz
Borough Attorney: Gregory Cannon Esq.
Bennett Matlack of CME Associates
Police Department: Captain James Arnold
Deputy Municipal Clerk: Michele Whille (ZOOM operator)**

Mayor Fox announced the Arts Council performances of King Lear for Friday July 14th and Saturday, July 15th, will be moved from the Gazebo to the Fire House Banquet Hall at 6:30 p.m. due to potential weather situations.

Public Hearing on a Grant Application for Improvements to the Recreation Center Park:

Bennet Matlack of CME Associates explained this is a new grant program offered by Monmouth County that is almost identical to the Monmouth County Open Space Grant Program. The difference in the two programs is the new program offers a matching maximum grant amount of \$500,000.00 versus a matching maximum \$250,000.00 grant amount. Mr. Matlack presented a Power Point Presentation for the public and governing Body.

Items displayed included:

Existing Condition

- Showing areas of the park that are in need of repair and improvement.

Eligible projects

- Park improvement/development and redevelopment projects
- Open space and historic preservation purposes
- New facilities and/or repair of existing facilities.
- Dredging to improve and expand access to recreational areas.

Cost Estimate and schedule/Scope of work

- Improvements to pedestrian walkway.
- Replacement of benches, tables, and receptacles.
- Improvements to playground equipment and replacing of trees.
- Resurfacing of existing tennis and basketball ball courts with an intent to provide pickle ball courts.
- Improvements to drainage near the playground.
- The Recreation Park cost estimate is \$510,000.00 with a fifty percent matching grant amount for \$255,000.00.

Mr. Matlack stated this project also received a Local Recreation Improvement Grant through the NJDCA for \$74,000.00 which CME is hoping to add to this project cost.

Councilman Weber inquired what kind of trees are currently there and requested bigger trees for shade purposes.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired about the grant amounts and how they are utilized.

Mr. Matlack addressed this inquiry.

Councilman Gubitosi stated he would like to get feedback from residents regarding prevalence of tennis or pickle ball, expanding the playground equipment suited for younger children.

A discussion ensued amongst Mr. Matlack and the Governing Body regarding adding additional items and increasing the grant amount.

Mr. Fehrenbach stated he has had a few discussions with the Grant Administrator on this project. Receiving a grant is not guaranteed and is a competitive process. This application was not approved last year. Because this is the second year this application is being submitted, the chances of approval are favorable. Mr. Fehrenbach stated if there are going to be modifications to this application, it would be best to do so now.

Councilman Gubitosi asked if there is an alternative to avoid removing trees.

Mr. Matlack responded he did not know at this time, if the project moves forward, the property would be surveyed & could be determined then.

Councilwoman DeNoble asked who would be responsible for choosing the design.

Mr. Matlack stated CME would present a design to the Administrator with Council input.

Public Comment on the Grant Application Hearing:

In Person

Tracie Davidson, 304 Fourth Avenue, inquired if the playground equipment will be ADA compliant.

Mayor Fox and Mr. Matlack responded yes.

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, complained about the timing of the grant submittal and feels this is being done at the last minute.

Brigitte McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue, suggested inquiring with the foundation “Where Angels Play” to have the playground equipment donated instead of using grant money. Ms. McGuire also requested another alternative to using mulch.

Linda Duffy, 312 Brinley Avenue, suggested demolishing the greenhouse and adding that property to the grant.

Shana Greenblatt-Janoff, 414 Monmouth Avenue, expressed concerns over preserving trees, last minute grant submission, replacing equipment, and suggested removing the greenhouse to create a dog park.

Julie Nutaitis, 605 Newark Avenue, suggested removing the greenhouse and consider using this space for parking, expressed concern regarding schematics, and agreed the Borough should research having the playground equipment donated by a foundation.

Eileen Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue, suggested using a design expert for the schematics and feels residents should have priority for use of the athletic courts.

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, inquired about the drainage repairs.

Mr. Matlack addressed this inquiry.

ZOOM:

Kristen Mahoney, 200 LaReine Avenue, stated she is in favor of having a dog park.

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS:

Short Term Rental Ordinance Discussion:

Borough Attorney, Greg Cannon gave a summarization of this potential ordinance to include:

- **Minimal rental time for six days.**
- **Importance of public safety.**
- **Establishing a Landlord Registration system.**
- **Not disrupting the quality of life for permanent residents.**

Councilman Gubitosi feels this ordinance is off to a good start. Additionally, he would like to see better tracking of maximum occupancy and off-street parking vehicle registration.

Mr. Fehrenbach stated he feels excessive violations can be controlled under the current plan presented and should be evaluated and if needed, put more restrictions in place.

Mr. Cannon addressed the off-street parking suggestions.

Councilman Gubitosi also suggested looking into online or electronic registration possibilities and external monitoring of rental properties.

A discussion ensued between Councilman Weber and Mr. Cannon regarding owner occupied requirements for short-term rentals and stating six days versus six days and seven nights.

Councilwoman DeNoble thanked everyone for their hard work and research with on this draft.

The following residents inquired, commented and gave their suggestions on this topic.

In Person:

Thomas McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue

Jamie Hausman, 100 Fourth Avenue

Brigitte McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue

Shana Greenblatt-Janoff, 414 Monmouth Avenue

Brigitte McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue

ZOOM: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

MINUTES APPROVAL

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to approve the Council Business Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2023.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox
NAYS: None
ABSENT: DeMarco
ABSTAIN: None

APPROVED

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

In Person:

Thomas McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue, inquired about the topic under Communications.

Mayor Fox addressed this inquiry.

Mr. McGuire inquired about the status of the Newark Avenue Concession.

Mr. Fehrenbach provided an update on this Concession.

Rick Bartolomei, 116 Newark Avenue, commented on the amount increase for the McCabe Avenue Outfall pipe repair listed in Bond Ordinance 2023-10.

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, commented on Bond Ordinance 2023-10 stating McCabe Avenue and not Ocean Park Avenue.

Zoom: None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION(S):

BOND ORDINANCE 2023-10

BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING IN PART BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023, PROVIDING FOR MCCABE AVENUE STORMWATER OUTFALL IMPROVEMENTS, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREFOR BY \$500,000 FOR A TOTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED BONDS AND NOTES TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF BY \$500,000 FOR A TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF \$1,500,000, AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF THE APPROPRIATION TO COSTS PERMITTED UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BRADLEY BEACH, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.

Mayor Fox explained the amount in the original Bond Ordinance as an estimated amount. The lowest responsible bidder awarded the contract came in a higher amount. Additional funds were also approved for Engineering Administrative costs and additional application fees.

Councilman Weber inquired why the additional funds were not placed in the original Bond Ordinance.

Mr. Fehrenbach stated he was not sure why this occurred however this Bond Ordinance will place the Borough in a position to pay the contractor and meet the contractual obligations.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired why this is still being called McCabe Avenue Stormwater Outfall.

Mr. Fehrenbach replied this is an amendment to the original Bond Ordinance which stated McCabe Avenue and that is the proper way to do this.

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to introduce Bond Ordinance 2023-10.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeMarco

ABSTAIN: None

INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE 2023-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 423: “TOWING” OF THE BOROUGH’S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO UPDATE THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR TOWING VEHICLES WITHIN THE BOROUGH.

Councilman Weber asked the purpose of this Ordinance.

Mr. Fehrenbach responded that the current rate the Municipality charges a towing company to charge a person when the Police summon them is significantly lower than other Municipalities causing towing companies to not provide their services.

Councilman Gubitosi asked about the sustainability of the amounts proposed in the ordinance and if the dollar amounts should be higher.

Police Captain James Arnold responded that the increased amount of \$115.00 will keep the Borough strong for a few years, however it is possible it may have to be raised again at some point.

A discussion ensued as to whether to increase the amount. It was decided to keep the increased amount listed in the ordinance for introduction.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to introduce Bond Ordinance 2023-10.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Weber

ABSTAIN: None

INTRODUCED

ORDINANCE ADOPTION(S):

ORDINANCE 2023-9

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 310: "NOISE" OF THE BOROUGH'S REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO UPDATE NOISE REGULATIONS TO ADDRESS CURRENT ISSUES AND NUISANCES WITHIN THE BOROUGH, ESPECIALLY DURING THE SUMMER SEASON.

Councilman Gubitosi recapped the prior discussions for this ordinance and stated while this ordinance is not perfect, but there will be opportunities to continue more revisions in the future.

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to open the public hearing for the adoption of Ordinance 2023-9.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeMarco

ABSTAIN: None

Public Comment:

In Person:

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, thanked the Governing Body for this ordinance and inquired if this ordinance applies to Borough maintenance.

Mr. Cannon explained it does not apply to Borough maintenance generated noise that occurs in the Borough.

Shana Greenblatt-Janoff, 414 Monmouth Avenue, strongly requested the public, contractors, and tree companies receive notification of this ordinance.

Mayor Fox stated a communication will be done and provided to all pertinent parties.

Email:

Tim Sexsmith, 500 LaReine Avenue

Section 310-8 of the proposed revision to the noise ordinance states as follows:

"Sound devices on boardwalk, beaches and streets.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to operate, play or permit the operation of any radio, phonograph, tape or cassette player, television, musical instrument, loudspeaker or amplifier or any other machine or device for the electronic or stereophonic production or reproduction of sound on the boardwalk, beaches and streets unless the person operating said device is using earphones which restrict the sound emanating from said device to the hearing of the operator only."

Given that this section prohibits playing music on the boardwalk and beach, doesn't that imply that musical acts will no longer be legally able to perform on the promenade? This prohibition would also seem to extend to line dancing, Shakespeare performances and even the Memorial Day parade and

festivities. If banning musical acts is not the intent of the Council, then this ordinance needs to be revised again prior to adoption.

ZOOM: None

ON MOTION by Fox/De Noble to close the public hearing and adopt Ordinance 2023-9.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT : DeMarco

ABSTAIN : None

ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS :

- **Request for Proposals for 319 LaReine Avenue.**

Mr. Fehrenbach stated the Council indicated they preferred to receive proposals from engineering firms for specifications for the demolition and clearing of 319 LaReine Avenue. The RFP with a submittal date of July 25th has been prepared and circulated to the five Special Consult Engineering Firms appointed for 2023. Once the Proposals are submitted, they will be analyzed and reviewed. A recommendation will be presented to the Governing Body in terms of an award of contract.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired if the RFP provides guidance regarding the artifacts and who prepared the RFP.

Mr. Fehrenbach stated he has not been able to confirm the piece Councilman Gubitosi is referring, however he is looking into it and stated the current QPA prepared the RFP.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

2023-202 Bill List for July 12, 2023.

2023-203 Authorizing Coastal Rhythms Association to conduct their Silent Disco in July and August on the Fifth Avenue beach.

2023-204 Approval of an On-Premises 50/50 Raffle License for the Bradley Beach Elementary School PTA and waiver of the \$20.00 Municipal Application Fee.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired about the waiver of the Municipal Raffle License Fee which was addressed by Ms. Kostyz.

Councilman Weber had an inquiry on the bill list which was addressed by Mr. Fehrenbach.

ON MOTION by Fox/Weber to adopt the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeMarco

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

INDIVIUAL RESOLUTIONS:

2023-205 Award of Contract for Professional Engineering Services with CME Associates for Engineering Design through Construction Administration Services for Fifth Avenue Phase I Improvement Project.

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to adopt Resolution 2023-205.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeMarco

ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

2023-206 Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services Agreement for Public Answering Point (PSAP/911) with the County of Monmouth.

Councilman Weber inquired the purpose of this resolution which was answered by Mr. Fehrenbach and Captain Arnold.

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to adopt Resolution 2023-206.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeMarco, DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ADOPTED

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Fox

What a successful July 4th weekend for Bradley Beach. July 4th went very well for our community. The long weekend weather cooperated, with the exception of the Tuesday concert on the Promenade which we postponed due to a severe weather warning. I have heard many compliments on the fireworks display. We changed companies this year, looks like a good choice.

Special thanks goes to our Office of Emergency Management (OEM) who did a great job organizing a team of critical players who developed and executed the plan flawlessly. Chief Guida appointed Bob Pearsall to lead the team, great job, and thank you.

I will update on a key Infrastructure project we are focused on right now. I also want to acknowledge our Fletcher Lake Commission for some bulkhead work they were involved in initiating. More projects to come as we get more into planning for the remainder of the year.

The Carmen A. Biase Center and our Municipal Building roof has had a roof leak for some time. We brought in an architect and the recommendation was for total replacement. We finally started work on Tuesday. The roof will be completely replaced. Following that, a mold remediation effort for the building interior will take place. This was necessary and long overdue. We will then move the Community Development departments and Meals on Wheels back into the building; and groups like the Seniors, Arts Council, and committees and commissions will have access to the facility.

Now, back to Fletcher Lake. Our partners, Neptune Township, specifically Ocean Grove, have been working on funding to fix the northeast bulkhead portion of Fletcher Lake. Work began recently. This is a key project in terms of safety and stability of the bulkhead and contributes to our continued improvements to Fletcher Lake. Thank you, Neptune, and the Fletcher Lake Team, for advocating for this important project.

This Sunday was our second annual Parkfest celebration. Another successful event with great bands, food, vendors and the Bradley Brew Project beer garden. A third stage to our Parkfest festivities was added thanks to the support of Tito's Vodka. We had performers from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the UVA Restaurant's "Two Day Tiki Bar", just a block from Riley Park at Main Street & McCabe Avenue. People drifted down to UVA's and enjoyed.

Last Thursday night "Songwriters on the Beach -2023" Concert Series began and will continue all summer. Steve Forbert and Cranston Dean rocked the beach; and we had about one thousand residents and visitors, and friends enjoy the evening!!! WHAT A SETTING! What a night! Cannot wait for tomorrow's event.

Another big event this weekend is being sponsored by our Arts at the Beach Council, King Lear. Julia Rand and her team are anticipating a great performance. Due to possible weather issues, performances have been moved from the Gazebo to the Firehouse Banquet Hall at 6:30 p.m.

In addition, this week starts our eight-week Saturday in the Park Concert Series. Week one, The Pat Roddy Band will perform from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. great opportunity to grab a take-out meal from Restaurant Row and enjoy some great Jersey Shore music. Next Saturday, The Moroccan Shepherders will perform.

LIBRARY

Summer Reading is in full swing through August 7th to win prizes. Details on the library's website.

The Friends of the Bradley Beach Library will be hosting a Book Sale Saturday, July 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a rain date for Sunday, July 16th.

The Friends are also planning a summer jewelry sale and are currently collecting donations of jewelry. Donations can be brought to the circulation desk.

Tuesday, July 18th 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. there will be a Community Scavenger Hunt. Families or small groups will register one point person and will meet at the library at 5:30 p.m. July 18th. They will receive a list of Bradley Beach locations, where they will walk and take pictures of as many of them as they can and be back to the library before 7:30 p.m. The fastest group will earn a prize, but all participants can pick a small prize.

Each group will need at least one cellphone that can take pictures. The group must walk and stay together the entire time. Registration of point person is required on the Library's website.

Thursday, July 20th at 6:30 p.m., the Florian Schantz Jazz Combo will perform Hollywood and Broadway hits outside on the library lawn. Bring a blanket or chairs to enjoy the performance.

Did you know the Library has two museum pass programs? These programs allow Library card holders a certain number of passes to attend a museum for free. Currently, the library has passes to the Guggenheim Museum in NYC and the Thomas Edison Center at Menlo Park. Contact the library or visit the Library's website to find out more. The passes are generously provided by the Friends of the Bradley Beach Library.

Our Beach is one of our key assets in which we are the stewards. There is a mutual dependency with our Tourism in Bradley Beach and our beach. Our Lifeguards, First Aid, and Police all do a great job in managing the beach. There has to, however, be a respect for the power and sometimes danger of the Atlantic Ocean. We have had a few before and after hour rescues in the last week or so; and one sent two swimmers from New York to the hospital. I am sad to report that one of the young men passed away yesterday. A 19 year-old recent graduate of Army basic training, after hours swimming with three friends. Low Tide, calm waters, except for the rip current that overcame two of them. I urge everyone to promote water safety.

We will continue to focus on Service and Progress as a Municipal Team.

Councilwoman DeNoble

- The Tourism Commission is offering free promotion at Bradley Beach Businesses during a new program called Picnic in the Park Saturdays which will coincide with the Saturday in Park Concert series. The goal is to have concert goers purchase takeout food and picnic with it in the park.
- The Annual Bradley Beach Pirate Day will be held August 19th.
- Ms. DeNoble stated she has been working with the Tourism Commission and other organizations to map out costs for events for 2024.

Councilman Gubitosi

- Presented the weekly Police Activity Report and shared items in the Monthly Activity Report.
- Thanked all departments involved in the Fireworks display.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired if there is any status on upgrading the showers and pick-up and drop-off areas on Ocean Avenue to accommodate people with disabilities.

Mr. Fehrenbach stated he did not have a status on the showers. The request to place signage on Ocean Avenue for pick-up and drop-off for handicapped patrons does not comply with the Manual and Uniform Traffic Control Division (MUTCD).

Further discussion ensued regarding alternatives for pick-up and drop-off areas for people with disabilities and grant funding for showers.

Councilman Gubitosi inquired if there is an update on the spend management plan he requested.

Mr. Fehrenbach stated he is working on this and should have a report prepared by the end of July or beginning of August.

Councilman Weber

- Stated he attended many of the events which were all great, however they all cost money. Mr. Weber stated he is in support of the effort to find out what the costs of these events are to the town and stated he would like to reintroduce the idea of “Cost Plus” from a few years ago for these events.
- Mentioned the importance of trees for shade and mentioned the Shade Tree Commission had applications to remove fourteen trees at their last meeting.
- The Shade Tree Commission are looking for big trees that are older than 130 years.
- Mr. Weber mentioned the recent drownings.
- Requested not allowing people on the dunes during events on the beach and to allow dogs in Riley Park when there is an event there.

Councilman Weber inquired about after hour lifeguards on the beach.

Mr. Fehrenbach provided the standard hours for lifeguards on weekdays and weekends and stated as per the Chief Lifeguard’s report, there are certain circumstances lifeguards would be kept on the beach after hours.

Public Comment

In Person:

Thomas McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue, asked several questions regarding payment of fireworks, the Newark Avenue Concession, cost of events in town, status on the Business Administrator, and payment for the Mayor’s lawsuit.

Ms. DeNoble addressed Mr. McGuire’s questions regarding special events.

Mr. Fehrenbach addressed the remainder of Mr. McGuire’s inquiries.

Eileen Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue, stated there was a misspelling on the lifeguard shirts and requested the bill for those shirts not be paid and requested research be done before replacing the beach showers.

Nancy Meadow, 805 Beach Avenue, gave opinions and complaints about overtime for fireworks, the 319 LaReine Avenue RFP, the locker registration list, dumping fees, and the current form of government.

Linda Duffy, 312 Brinley Avenue, requested the bill list items regarding uniforms indicate what department they are for, requested a portal be available for residents to look up rentals and permit information, and requested the Senior Citizen Group be allowed to continue conducting their meetings at the Fire House.

Mr. Fehrenbach addressed Ms. Duffy’s bill list comment.

Jim Shissias, 112 Fourth Avenue, inquired what the status is for the Sewer Analysis RFP.

Mr. Fehrenbach responded that the proposals were reviewed and evaluated, and a report was provided to the Governing Body giving his analysis of the proposals and determine how to proceed.

Brigitte McGuire, 610 Brinley Avenue, gave a statement to include inquiries regarding the budget, backpay to employers, Mayor Newsletters, Tourism events, and the fees for the Mayor's lawsuit.

In response to the legal fees for the Mayor's lawsuit, Mr. Fehrenbach stated the Borough has not received an Attorney invoice yet.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Ms. McGuire's 2022 budget inquiries to which Mr. Fehrenbach tried to explain the process that was taken to protect the Borough with regards to the back pay situation.

Thomas J. Coan, 612 Third Avenue, inquired if there is a JIF determination as to what the Borough should be doing regarding Lifeguards, if the tax rate is available, if there is a status on one-way streets for Atlantic and Pacific Avenues and a status on the BA search.

Mr. Fehrenbach addressed Mr. Coan's inquiries regarding the JIF, the tax rate, and the one-way streets.

Mayor Fox addressed the inquiry regarding the BA search.

ZOOM:

Kristen Mahoney, 200 La Reine Avenue, inquired about the tax increase and requested a status on 217 McCabe Avenue.

Ms. Mahoney's inquiries were addressed by Mr. Fehrenbach and Mr. Cannon.

Paul Neshamkin, 411 ½ LaReine Avenue, stated confusion regarding the RFP for 319 LaReine Avenue inquired if there was a resolution done for the demolition.

Mr. Fehrenbach explained there has not been a resolution authorizing the demolition and this is an request for proposal to engineering firms to prepare specifications for demolition. Mr. Fehrenbach stated the Governing Body would need to adopt a resolution awarding a contract to an engineer to prepare the specifications and event that would not authorize demolition until such time those specifications went out, contractors bid on those specifications, and the Governing Body took a vote to award a contract to demolish.

Mr. Neshamkin feels there should be an open discussion about alternative possibilities for the future of 319 LaReine and not feasible to spend money on engineers.

Mr. Neshamkin inquired why there has not been a Tourism Commission meeting in three years.

Councilwoman DeNoble stated she did not know why; however she is working with the Tourism Director to schedule Commission meetings.

EXECUTIVE SESSION : CANCELLED

Mr. Cannon announced the Executive Session for this evening was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT:

ON MOTION by Fox/Gubitosi to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: DeNoble, Gubitosi, Weber, Mayor Fox

NAYS: None

ABSENT: DeMarco

ABSTAIN: None

THE COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 P.M.


Erica Kostyz, RMC, CMR
Municipal Clerk