

M I N U T E S  
Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council  
Monday, August 22, 2011  
9:45 P.M.

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER -

Mayor Watkins called the meeting to order at 9:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall.

STATEMENT -

Mayor Watkins read the statement under the Sunshine Law and asked the Clerk to put it into the minutes. "Adequate Notice of this meeting has been made by sending notice on August 12, 2011 to THE RECORD and THE RIDGEWOOD NEWSPAPER, by positioning on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Borough Hall, and filing a Notice of the same with the Municipal Clerk".

ROLL CALL - Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon, Councilman Cordts and Mayor Watkins were present.

RESOLUTIONS - By Consent

Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Cordts to approve resolution #11-287.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes, Councilman Moscaritolo voted no.

#11-287 Advertisement for RFP's for the Borough-Wide Reassessment of the Previous Revaluation of Real Property

WHEREAS, THE Borough Tax Assessor, James Anzevino, gave a presentation pertaining to property values and reassessment at a public meeting of the Governing Body on November 22, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the previous revaluation of real property of the Borough needs to be updated and made current for the use of and by the local Tax Assessor.

WHEREAS, in order to have a timely reassessment and advertise on a shared service basis, the Borough Administrator has drafted an RFP, which was reviewed by the Assessor and Borough Attorney and advertised by the Borough Clerk on or about August 8, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED after consideration of the Assessor's comments, that the Governing Body authorizes the advertisement for RFP's for the professionals to perform reassessment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the advertisement for the RFP'S is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to James Anzevino, Tax Assessor, the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Auditor.

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Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by Councilman Cordts to approve resolution #11-288.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes, Councilman Moscaritolo voted no.

#11-288 Authorization to Enter Into A Shared Services Agreement for Property Reassessment

WHEREAS, the Governing body has authorized the advertising of an RFP for a borough-wide reassessment of real property; and

WHEREAS, based on the State's Best practices, it is highly recommended that municipalities find ways to share services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Assessor, James Anzevino, has suggested two neighboring communities, Dumont and Cresskill, that are willing to enter into an agreement; and

WHEREAS, such agreement can lower the cost of reassessment services to the taxpayers of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body authorizes the shared service agreement to include, but not be limited to, the municipalities of Dumont and Cresskill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, copies shall be provided to the Tax Assessor and the Municipal Clerks of Dumont and Cresskill.

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Motion by Councilman Bartelloni, seconded by councilman Cordts to approve resolution #11-289.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

#11-289 Award of Contract to TSUJ Corp., P.O. Box 4621, Wayne, New Jersey 07474

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2011 sealed bids were received for the 2011 Wayne Avenue Generator Project; and

WHEREAS, four (4) bids were received, the lowest from TSUJ Corp.; and

WHEREAS, the bids have been reviewed by the Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer, and Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this matter at a work session on August 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available from Account #04-2150-55-1568-550 of the Capital Fund not to exceed \$65,900.00.

WHEREAS, TSUJ CORP. failed to submit a fully executed Consent of Insurance Coverage form; and

WHEREAS, TSUJ Corp. signed said form before the award of the bid; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney gave an opinion that the defects in the TSUJ's bid are not material.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid is hereby awarded to TSUJ Corp. P.O. Box 4621, Wayne, New Jersey 07474 in the amount of \$65,900.00 and the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign said contract for the Borough.

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OPEN HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

Motion by Councilman Mignone, seconded by Councilman Cordts to open hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

CLOSE HEARING OF THE PUBLIC -

There being no comments by the public, motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Cannon to close hearing of the public.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS -

Mayor Watkins-announced that there will be a senior citizens picnic at Van Saun Park in September.

Councilman Moscaritolo-commented on 584 Kinderkamack Road. He spoke about a letter from the Borough Attorney to the County of Bergen pertaining to the construction of the convenience store at this location. He specifically referred to the traffic pattern on Kinderkamack Road for this property. Councilman Moscaritolo said he was not aware that the Mayor and Council had instructed the Borough Attorney to contact the County and feels that in many instances he over steps his bounds.

Councilman Porco-stated that he had been in contact with Sam several times regarding this and other properties and felt that it would be the quickest way to get the information back to the developers without all of the red tape. He was not aware that everything needed to be brought before the Governing Body but takes full responsibility for not bringing it before the Council.

Councilman Cannon-stated that he feels that issues like this should definitely be brought before the Council so they are aware of what's going on. He feels that at times there is a seventh Council person instead of a Borough Attorney who in his opinion should not give his own opinion but give guidance to the Council.

Mayor Watkins-stated that she feels it was information seeking to see if they would even bother address it.

Sam Cereste, Esq.- stated that he is repeatedly contacted by people in the Borough and feels that if he needs to get consent for everything, nothing will get done. He further stated that Borough has been looking at this abandoned site for many years and feels that all he did was expedite the process by contacting individuals who were receptive to reversing the north and south exit of the property. He feels that time is of the essence when you have someone interested in development and to make them wait until it is listed on an agenda may result in losing them. He stated that he always has the best interest of the town at heart because he too is a taxpayer.

ADJOURNMENT - 10:05 P.M.

Motion by Councilman Cordts, seconded by Councilman Bartelloni to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Bartelloni, Councilman Moscaritolo, Councilman Porco, Councilman Mignone, Councilman Cannon and Councilman Cordts voted yes.

Mayor Margaret Falahee Watkins

Attest:

Denise A. Dondiego, Borough Clerk

Dated: