

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
AUGUST 30, 2016**

At 6:03pm this meeting was called to order by Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dewees, Lischin, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Travagline

Absent: Piergiovanni

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Kwapinski and Chief Newman were also in attendance.

Council President Travagline welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 911 Service – Possible RFP in 2017

Council President Travagline announced he would like to get ahead of this RFP. He had spoken to several towns pertaining to the subject, had spoken to one particular town who had since backed out. He has been to the Egg Harbor Township facility and has not received any complaints, but it comes down to price. He wanted to give respect to the neighboring town, and did not want to blindside them. If we want to make a change he suggested waiting until 2017 to go out to RFP and renew with EHT in the near future. There may be an issue with pricing; service was top notch. As in the past, there would be an opt-out clause, although he was not sure it would be used. Atlantic City recently put out an RFP for their 911 services; they did get a bidder but had not gone public as of the meeting. Council President Travagline noted that he had been approached by private entities to see if we would go that route.

Mayor Chau would like to let Egg Harbor Township know our intent as soon as possible as he had received a letter from them reminding us of expiration.

Council President Travagline asked Councilman Lischin to respond to Egg Harbor Township renewing for one year, and to check pricing to see if there were any changes.

Councilman Lischin responded that he would contact Peter Miller from Egg Harbor Township.

Council President Travagline asked if anyone had thoughts about contracting it out.

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Councilman Perri questioned if the CAD (*Computer Aided Dispatch*) system would need to be changed if we changed services.

Councilman Lischin replied that the CAD history would be lost if we changed to a different system.

Municipal Clerk Canesi indicated she thought the proposal sent to the Mayor included pricing; she would attempt to locate this information.

- Proposed Land Donation to BGP

Councilman Dewees explained that a resident had offered to donate to the City a 1½ acres parcel of land that butted up against Birch Grove Park, behind Capaldi Reynolds on Tilton Road. He did not see any benefit to the City; it's a wooded lot. The cost in taxes was about \$500.00.

Council President Travagline asked if there were any easements or a way to get to the property.

Councilman Dewees replied that it was landlocked and possibly wetlands.

Councilman Perri noted that lot 52 next to it was donated years ago and did have wetlands.

Councilman Dewees suggested that the County may be interested to use it for drainage if there was no interest from the City.

Discussion ensued amongst Council members regarding liability and uses for the lot and why the owner didn't offer it to neighboring businesses. There were many issues with trees; would there be a benefit to the City to accept the piece of land.

Solicitor Facenda stated a title search could be done.

After a straw poll vote members did not see a benefit to the City in accepting the land.

Councilman Perri also noted that Lot 42 was donated to the City and was not buildable.

Engineer Kwapinski suggested asking the owner for maps and information on the property.

Municipal Clerk Canesi offered to contact the owner and research the property. She would bring the information back to the next meeting.

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- Sign Ordinance

Solicitor Facenda asked Mayor Chau if the Planning Board had made any decision, the Council would adopt the Ordinance at the end of September.

Mayor Chau replied that there was nothing further from the Planning Board.

- Engineering Project: Tilton/Cresson Drainage

Council President Travagline moved to the Tilton/Cresson Drainage issue.

Engineer Kwapinski explained that he had worked the past 2 years looking at drainage issues, such as Davis Avenue, Cresson and Ridgewood. Some issues were an easy fix. Ridgewood had areas that were uneven. Inlets on one side were low and he had received complaints from a resident. The existing inlet couldn't be adjusted. In regard to Davis Avenue the drainage swale at Birch Grove was cleared out; it was partially obstructed. Drainage had been better since clearing the debris, he recommended keeping up with swale clean up.

Mayor Chau questioned the accuracy of the photos that were in the handout since they were from last year.

Council President Travagline asked had all the swales been cleaned out?

Engineer Kwapinski stated most had been done, this was a major one. Rosedale had not been worked on and could be a problem at high tide, some areas drained slowly because the water couldn't get out. Interconnecting with the County may be an option. Depending on the amount of water from Walnut, Aster, and Pincus, the inlets fill up quickly then go down the street causing flooding. Engineer Kwapinski noted that the system on Cresson had been cleaned since photos were taken.

Councilman Dewees noted that Burton to Tilton had also been cleaned.

Engineer Kwapinski advised that the pipes were undersized and catch other debris; they constantly had to be maintained by Public Works.

Mayor Chau asked Engineer Kwapinski for his suggestion and recommendation.

Engineer Kwapinski again referred to the handout, he had designed a system that would connect pipes down Cresson to capture some of the water before getting to Burton and Pincus. He could try to phase in some connections to see if there was any relief.

Councilman Dewees recommended phasing in and seeing how the system held up.

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Mayor Chau, Councilman Dewees and Engineer Kwapinski discussed the existing and proposed sizes of the pipes, rainfall and debris.

Darren Boyd, Sewer Department, was in attendance in the audience, and commented that there was too much water for the 12" pipe.

Engineer Kwapinski noted the project could be done in phases. He recommended replacing the bottom section by Island Gym; the County did inform the Engineer that the pipe was heavily corroded.

Municipal Clerk Canesi informed Council that the Engineer had previously emailed the estimate for this project them, and requested that the engineer confirm that his estimate for this project was close to \$400,000.00; Engineer Kwapinski confirmed. Canesi suggested that the Engineer revise the estimate, to include phasing the project, so council can better decide.

Council President Travagline asked if construction in the area would change anything on this project.

Engineer Kwapinski stated that if there was construction they would be responsible. We could do final paving at the end, one lane would be open with the project, this included temporary trench work paving.

Council and the Engineer discussed flooding at Burton and Cresson and the fact that there was no on site drainage at the commercial property. The Engineer stated that he would redo the estimate putting the project in phases.

Mayor Chau asked Engineer Kwapinski if the County car wash drained into our system.

Councilman Perri replied, and said he had been looking into whose meter the water was on; the tax office had not been able to get an answer. Perri said the permit fees were waived by the City when the system was hooked up. The water company had been contacted and was also unable to locate whose system the meter was on. Councilman Perri suggested County Administration be contacted to look into it.

Mayor Chau asked for a Resolution at the next meeting asking County Executive Levinson to help.

Councilman Lischin explained the letter in the agenda packet from Mothers League to use Council Chambers for their meetings. Mary Canesi, the current President of the League, had offered to open and lock up the building; he approved but would like opinions from Council.

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Councilman Dewees and Councilman Perri abstained; Council President Travagline wanted to make sure the option was only available during her tenure.

Councilman Lischin stated he would like them to ask every year as dates change.

Mayor Chau would like the dates on a resolution; all agreed.

Council President Travagline asked if there were any other issues from Council.

Municipal Clerk Canesi asked for clarification on the Rosedale Pump Resolution; is the Council considering the base bid, or the base plus one of the alternates?

Council President Travagline asked everyone to look at Resolution 159-2016.

Engineer Kwapinski explained the Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 options, purchasing the pump gave the city the option to use the pump for future projects. The City had two other pumps that would need to be upgraded.

Council President Travagline asked where the pump would be stored; there is not much storage space.

Councilman Dewees asked if the Sewer Department had an opinion on purchase versus the rental. Councilman Perri replied that they would like to purchase it so it could be used for emergencies or operate a station if needed.

Engineer Kwapinski reminded Council that the City spent \$8,000.00 renting pumps already this year.

Council President Travagline questioned any required maintenance, annuals costs for the pump, and education for the employees.

Councilman Perri replied that employees were trained and certified. The pump may have to be housed internally due to extreme weather.

Councilman Dewees asked if there was a place to store it and its useful life.

Darren Boyd, Sewer Department employee in attendance in the audience, explained that the pump could be used to monitor high flows and for bypass lines. Owning a pump would be useful, they would find a place for it, and it could be winterized.

Clerk Canesi confirmed for the record that Council would be voting on the base bid plus Alternate 2.

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AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Travagline reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

Mayor Chau stated that he had not received any comments on the police promotional ordinance and recommended we proceed.

Councilman Perri questioned the written test.

Mayor Chau recommended the written and oral test.

Municipal Clerk Canesi made a correction to the Resolution numbers on the agenda.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to the public for discussion on any topic.

Bob Webb, 218 West Revere Avenue – advised Council that he had heard nice comments on the street regarding the Bay Drive fire; he complimented the Chief and officers. It used to be a family here; the guys should get together and help.

Mr. Webb asked if there was anything new on the shared service for sewer.

Council President Travagline said it would probably move forward.

John Hafner, 402 Cresson Avenue – stated that he has called the Zoning Official numerous times regarding issues around the City and nothing gets done. Mr. Hafner stated he ran the Housing Department for 3 years, and that the residents were great. The current inspector does not enforce the laws; there are stop signs covered by tree limbs and trailers in the street. Mr. Hafner stated that the truck at the liquor store has never been moved. He had also called Zoning numerous times about trash blowing in his yard from the Gurwicz property. He questioned whether Gurwicz produced a letter stating the property was rodent free as required by City Ordinance. Mr. Hafner recommended that the Zoning Officer work on Saturdays, and take a weekday off, so he can check on all of the weekend construction. Tall grass and weeds on Tilton Road needs to be addressed. Money from people without permits could be additional income for the City. He then asked for an explanation of the earlier discussion regarding Cresson Avenue.

Councilman Dewees informed Mr. Hafner about the drainage project that was discussed earlier.

Mr. Hafner asked where the sewerage will go for the Gurwicz project.

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Engineer Kwapinski replied that a plan had not yet been submitted.

Councilman Perri stated that the original plan showed it going to Tilton Road.

Mr. Hafner asked if the road would need to be paved twice.

Engineer Kwapinski answered that the 1st phase of the Gurwicz project may want to go to Cresson Avenue, the plan would have to go to the Planning Board.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak Council President Travagline closed the public session.

At 7:29pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Campbell, Deputy Municipal Clerk