

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2018

Mayor Sooy called this meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Council Members John Donahue, Thomas O'Dea, Jr., Chris Schmidt, Michael Sullivan, and Christine Zamarra. Also present were John Pidgeon, Borough Attorney, Ralph A. Maresca, Jr., Administrator/CMFO, and Anthony Suriano, Borough Clerk. Council Member Jeffrey J. DeLeo was absent.

STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Bernardsville News, Courier News and the Star Ledger, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on August 16, 2018.

Mayor Sooy said since he was not present at the August 13th meeting when the topic of the solid waste transfer station application at 33 Old Quarry Road was previously discussed, he would turn the meeting over to Mr. Schmidt. Mr. Sullivan read a statement stating that he has been advised by Mr. Pidgeon to recuse himself from this matter due to a meeting he had in October 2014 with Jim Brady, President of Lakeview Industrial Property Owners Association. Mr. Sullivan stepped away from the podium.

OPEN SESSION

At this point in the meeting, the Mayor & 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. If reading from a prepared statement, please provide a copy and email a copy to the Clerk's Office after making your comments so it may be properly reflected in the minutes.

Mr. Schmidt opened the meeting to the public.

David Neill, Prospect Street, said we are not talking about garbage, explained the recycling process and said Rubinetti went through the application process with the NJDEP since 2015. Mr. Schmidt said there are state affordable housing requirements that are part of the quarry. Mr. O'Dea said the type of trash is 80% recycling and 20% residue. Mr. O'Dea said right now Mr. Rubinetti is the primary user, but if this is approved and another company acquires the business then the letter of the law would apply and not what we were told or promised. Mr. O'Dea said a traffic study in the application indicates 33 trucks would be going in and 33 trucks will be going out of the quarry area everyday.

Carmine Viola, Charles Road in Long Hill Township and property owner in Lakeview, said that other areas of town would be a better place to have affordable housing. He said limiting traffic is a tough task on Route 202.

Anthony Patavano, Deer Path in Gladstone, said he works in Lakeview Industrial Park and they are a group that keeps their property clean and there is no smell.

Peter Welsh, Pfizer Drive in Gladstone, asked council to consider the people who work at the businesses in Lakeview Industrial Park, and said he is concerned if this application goes away, where does he work.

Jeff Hammond, Flintlock Court, said there is misinformation in the application and indicated that sections on describing soil, wind direction and velocity were not answered.

Doug Solomon, Charlotte Hill Drive, said he is not against businesses and asked where does the garbage go.

Melissa Provost, Charles Road, said the Rose Bowl was omitted from the application and added that parking at the Rose Bowl is dangerous.

Jeff Horowitz, Laurel Lane, said rezoning the area is a wise way to proceed.

ORDINANCES

Mr. O'Dea moved that Draft #2 of Ordinance #18-1779, **AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING USES PERMITTED IN THE I INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AND AMENDING CHAPTER XII OF THE BOROUGH LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE ENTITLED "ZONING"**, be introduced by title, passed on first reading, published according to law, and that a public hearing be scheduled for a meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m., September 10, 2018. Ms. Zamarra seconded the motion, which was approved with four yes votes.

Mr. Suriano informed council of a request from one of the affordable housing developers that asked to see the submissions by the other developers prior to the presentations at the September 10th council meeting. Council denied this request.

Council agreed to hold the September 10th meeting at the Bernards High School PAC in anticipation of a large crowd in attendance. Notice of this change will be posted.

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sooy adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.
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