

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Minutes
December 27, 2018

Mayor Sooy called this meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Present were Council Members Jeffrey J. DeLeo, John Donahue, Diane Greenfield, Thomas O'Dea, Jr., and Christine Zamarra. Also present were John Pidgeon (via telephone), Borough Attorney, Ralph A. Maresca, Jr., Administrator/CMFO, and Anthony Suriano, Borough Clerk. Council Member Chris Schmidt 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 December 12, 2017.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

Council Vacancy – Present were Karen Gardner, Diane Greenfield, and A.Q. Orza as the three nominees to fill the vacancy of Michael Sullivan on council. Each nominee made a statement and answered questions asked by council members.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved to adjourn to an executive session to consider Attorney/Client Privilege and that the time when and circumstances under which the matter can be disclosed to the public is when it is finally resolved. The motion was seconded and approved with four yes votes.

REOPEN

It was moved, seconded, and approved to reopen the meeting to the public.

Council Vacancy (continued) – Mr. DeLeo moved to appoint Diane Greenfield to fill the vacancy on the Borough Council. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved with four yes votes. Ms. Greenfield was sworn into office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. DeLeo moved adoption of minutes of November 26th. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved with five yes votes.

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.

Hearing no comments or questions, Mayor Sooy closed the open session.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Sooy opened the public hearing on Ordinance #18-1789, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SHOPPERS PARKING SPACES IN THE MOUNT AIRY ROAD PARKING LOT AND AMENDING SECTION 8-4 OF THE BOROUGH CODE.**

Hearing no comments or questions from the public, Mayor Sooy closed the public hearing. Mr. DeLeo moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Mr. O'Dea seconded and a roll call vote followed. Council Members DeLeo, Donahue, Greenfield, O'Dea, and Zamarra voted yes.

RESOLUTIONS

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| #18-268 | AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS |
| #18-269 | ACCEPTING MONTHLY REPORTS |
| #18-270 | APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE BERNARDSVILLE FIRE COMPANY |
| #18-271 | RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND TO NGC DEVELOPMENT – THE HERITAGE AT CLAREMONT (BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATION NO. 17-02) |
| #18-272 | ACCEPTING A DONATION TO THE BERNARDSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT |
| #18-273 | AUTHORIZING THE EXPLORATION OF OBTAINING A NEW JERSEY SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT |

- #18-274 RESOLUTION TO CANCEL CERTAIN UNEXPENDED
BALANCES OF CAPITAL ORDINANCES IN THE GENERAL
CAPITAL FUND**
- #18-275 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE CONTRACT
FOR THE ANDERSON HILL ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT -
PHASE 1 INLET REPAIRS AND CURB RAMPS**
- #18-276 AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS**
- #18-277 AUTHORIZING THE NJ LAND CONSERVANCY TO OBTAIN
TITLE INSURANCE, SURVEY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL
STUDIES FOR 251 CLAREMONT ROAD**
- #18-278 AMENDING RESOLUTION #18-259, ACCEPTING THE DESIGN
OF A BENCH FOR DONATIONS TO THE BOROUGH OF
BERNARDSVILLE**

It was stated that the bench listed in Resolution #18-278 is a lower cost bench. Regarding Resolution #18-270, Mr. O'Dea thanked Salma Ahmed and Xenia Baumert who have applied to become junior members in the Bernardsville Fire Company as EMTs. Regarding Resolution #18-277, an inspection has been done.

Mr. O'Dea moved to adopt Resolutions #18-268 to #18-278. Mr. Donahue seconded and a roll call vote followed. Council Members DeLeo, Donahue, Greenfield, O'Dea, and Zamarra voted yes.

REPORTS

Municipal Attorney

Mr. Pidgeon's confidential report as of December 21, 2018 was received. Questions from council on any items will be held for closed session.

Council Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee, no report was given.

Finance and Personnel Committee, Mr. O'Dea said a draft of the library's request for next year was received.

Engineering, Technology, and Public Works, Mr. DeLeo said the committee did not meet since the last council meeting. Doug Walker said Peters Park playground is now open.

Other committee/commission reports - None

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Cross Training Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Administrative Officer

Mr. Donahue moved to approve Renee Apuzzo to fill in on an as needed basis for the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment Administrative Officer. Mr. DeLeo seconded and the motion was approved with five yes votes.

Reorganization

This item was moved to closed session.

2019 Resurfacing of CR525 Mendham Road - Working Hours

Chief Valentine discussed this request with council. It was stated that working at night will allow the project to move along faster. This item will be moved to the January 14th meeting.

Shade Tree Request for Funding of a Community Forestry Management Plan

Mr. DeLeo moved to approve the request from the Shade Tree Committee for an additional \$500 to fund a community forestry management plan. Mr. O'Dea seconded and the motion was approved with five yes votes.

Fuel Tank Oil Evaluation, 251 Claremont Road

Mr. O'Dea moved to proceed with the fuel tank oil evaluation for the property at 251 Claremont Road. Mr. Donahue seconded and the motion was approved with five yes votes.

Correspondence - None

OPEN SESSION

Ed English, Olde Town Court, said this is Mayor Sooy's last meeting, thanked him for years of service and presented him with a book of pictures from his time as Mayor.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved to adjourn to an executive session to consider Attorney/Client Privilege and Personnel Matters, and that the time when and circumstances under which the matter can be disclosed to the public is when it is finally resolved. The motion was seconded and approved with five yes votes. It was noted that the meeting may be reopened to the public following the session.

REOPEN

It was moved, seconded, and approved to reopen the meeting to the public.

Mayor Sooy read the titles of the following resolutions:

Resolution #18-279, Appointing Russell Kingsland III as a Probationary Police Officer upon Satisfaction of Conditions

Resolution #18-280, Terminating the Employment of Effie Vlassopoulos

Mr. DeLeo moved to adopt Resolutions #18-279 to #18-280. Ms. Greenfield seconded and a roll call vote followed. Council Members DeLeo, Donahue, Greenfield, O'Dea, and Zamarra voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sooy adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.