

**BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE**  
**Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Minutes**  
**June 27, 2022**

Mayor Mary Jane Canose called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Council Members Jay Ambelang, Diane Greenfield, Jena McCredie, Chad McQueen, Al Ribeiro, and Christine Zamarra. Also present were John Pidgeon, Borough Attorney, Tom Czerniecki, Administrator, and Anthony Suriano, Borough Clerk.

**STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER**

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Bernardsville News and Courier News, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on December 27, 2021.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Zamarra moved approval of minutes from May 23, 2022. Mr. Ribeiro seconded and the motion was approved with six yes votes.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Canose read the following statement:

*Bernardsville's motto, "Small Town, Big Community," is most powerfully felt in our historic downtown area; it is our community's main gathering space. Unfortunately, years of commercial highway sprawl and the growth of on-line retail present real challenges to the area.*

*After considerable public outreach and planning, the Borough reached a significant step along the road to revitalizing downtown. In January 2022, the Borough signed an agreement with Advance Realty to implement a redevelopment plan for the Quimby Lane Redevelopment Area. Under our agreement, Advance Realty was given time to reach out to willing property owners to purchase land in the area to implement the plan. Some property owners expressed a strong interest in selling while others passed on offers, at least for the time being. Some of the tenants of the retail sites raised concerns about their leases and ongoing businesses. Through it all, the Borough was kept apprised of the progress and issues related to the property acquisitions.*

*As the time allowed under the developer's agreement for property acquisition is set to expire, the Borough has decided to extend the time. This decision was made after listening to the owners, tenants, residents and the developer, and in consideration of the progress of some negotiations, as well as the uncertainty in the economy. The Borough will continue to work with Advance to reach agreements with property owners in the Quimby Redevelopment Area. The Borough's goal is to create an environment whereby mutually beneficial agreements can be reached. Simply*

*stated, we are committed to our vision for the future of the downtown and to making it work for our commercial property owners, their tenants and all entities who are committed to the Borough.*

*We would like to take this opportunity to address a few misperceptions that have developed. **First, the Borough is not forcing any property owner to sell their property, and the approved redevelopment plan does not authorize the use of eminent domain for redevelopment purposes. Second, the Borough has no involvement in and takes no position on relationships between landlords and tenants in the redevelopment area. The desire of every elected official in the Borough is to have a vibrant, attractive center of town that benefits us all.***

*In closing, the Borough will continue to work to revitalize our downtown and will do so hand-in-hand with our existing commercial property owners and all our community stakeholders.*

## **OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Canose opened the meeting to the public.

Mary Ellen Strauss, owners of 73-75 Anderson Hill Road and 59 Bernards Avenue asked if their properties are grandfathered under the new Ordinance #2022-1918. Mr. Pidgeon said it would not affect those properties as the two subject properties in the ordinance are 63 Bernards Avenue and 18 Mount Airy Road. He said the notices were sent as a requirement to properties within 200 feet of the subject properties.

Mark Corigliano, owner of 30 West Street, said the fees for a rental inspection is \$150 per apartment. He said he pays \$900 each year for inspections and the inspection takes about five minutes per apartment. He said he does not really make much money on this property and has to pay close to \$1,000 a year in fees for rental compliance inspections which in his opinion, seems onerous. He said he serves on the council in Peapack/Gladstone and they are supposed to keep their fees equal to what it actually costs to perform those services. He said they charge \$100 for the first apartment and \$50 for every apartment thereafter. He said he is asking the council to revisit those fees. Mayor Canose said Mr. Corigliano's comments will be referred to the Housing/Zoning Committee via Ms. Greenfield who sits on that committee.

Maryann Streiter, Pine Street, asked about the notice she received regarding Ordinance #2022-1918 and if it would affect her property. It was answered it would not.

Abby Jochowitz, Prospect Street, asked about the notice she received regarding Ordinance #2022-1918 and if it would affect her property. It was answered it would not. Ms. Jochowitz said her property backs up to the Amerman parking lot of Mount Airy Road and asked what happens with everyone's house in the back as far as building and paving. Mr. McQueen said it would have to go through the normal process and have the appropriate setbacks as if any other building was erected on a parcel of land that was buildable in town. He said we will have a full public hearing at the Planning Board. Mr. Pidgeon said they will apply for site plan approval. Mr. McQueen said it will adhere to all zoning and setbacks as outlined in both the ordinance as well as our zoning overlays. He said when it's officially being heard at the Planning Board, there

will be the similar notice that will be sent to properties within 200 feet, so Ms. Jochnowitz will get another notice when it's being heard at the Planning Board.

Mr. Ribeiro said that while meeting our affordable housing obligations, some of the lots housing will be built on currently consists of parking used to access downtown. He said losing additional parking downtown is a concern of many residents and we should take parking constraints into any future development plans.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Canose closed the open session.

### **ORDINANCES (Public Hearing)**

Mr. Pidgeon said the Planning Board's recommendation is that this ordinance is not inconsistent with the Master Plan. He said the Planning Board noted some typographical errors that are not substantive, so the ordinance can be amended and then adopted at this meeting. Mr. McQueen moved to amend Ordinance #2022-1918 as noted by the Planning Board. Ms. Greenfield seconded and the motion was approved with six yes votes. Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2022-1918, **SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING THE BOROUGH LAND USE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE AH-3 ZONE REQUIREMENTS AND ADDING TWO ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ZONES** as amended. Hearing no comments or questions, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Ms. Greenfield moved to pass this ordinance on final reading as amended and adopt as published. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Ms. McCredie, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2022-1919, **CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES FOR SUBMISSION AND APPROVAL OF FINAL SITE PLAN AND SUBDIVISION PLATS AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING ARTICLE 9 ENTITLED "SITE PLAN REVIEW" AND ARTICLE 10 ENTITLED "SUBDIVISION" OF THE BOROUGH LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.** Hearing no comments or questions, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Mr. Ribeiro moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Ms. McCredie, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2022-1920, **AN ORDINANCE SETTING 2022 SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES FOR NON-CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES.** Hearing no comments or questions, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Ms. Zamarra moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Ms. Greenfield seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Ms. McCredie, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mr. McQueen moved to table Ordinance #2022-1921 **CONCERNING OUTDOOR DINING AND AMENDING ARTICLE 12 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "ZONING"** as

council awaits Planning Board recommendation. Ms. McCredie seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Ms. McCredie, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mayor Canose opened the public hearing on Ordinance #2022-1922, **CREATING A DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, AND CLARIFYING THE DUTIES OF THE POSITIONS WITHIN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING SECTION 2-10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER" AND RENAMING THAT SECTION "DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE"**.

Hearing no comments or questions, Mayor Canose closed the public hearing. Mr. McQueen moved to pass this ordinance on final reading and adopt as published. Mr. Ribeiro seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Ms. McCredie, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

Mr. McQueen moved to table Ordinance #2022-1923, **AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5 SENEY DRIVE (BLOCK 41, LOT 2) FROM D-CL TO R-5 AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING SECTION LD 12-2.2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "ZONING MAP"** as council awaits Planning Board recommendation.

Ms. Greenfield seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Ms. McCredie, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

#### **ORDINANCES (Introduction)**

Mr. Ribeiro moved that Ordinance #2022-1924, **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 65 MORRISTOWN ROAD IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,430,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION**, 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., Monday, July 11, 2022. Ms. Greenfield seconded. The motion to introduce was approved with four yes votes. Mr. Ambelang and Ms. Zamarra abstained.

Mr. McQueen moved that Ordinance #2022-1925, **BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO OPEN SPACE PROPERTIES IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION**, 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., Monday, July 11, 2022. Ms. Greenfield seconded. The motion to introduce was approved with four yes votes. Mr. Ambelang and Ms. Zamarra abstained.

Ms. Greenfield moved that Ordinance #2022-1926, **CONCERNING FINES FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AND AMENDING ARTICLE 2 OF THE BOROUGH**

**CODE ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION” AND ARTICLE 16 OF THE BOROUGH LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ENTITLED “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES”**, 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., Monday, July 11, 2022. Ms. Zamarra seconded. The motion to introduce was approved with six yes votes.

Mr. McQueen moved that Ordinance #2022-1927, **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 65 MORRISTOWN ROAD AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 124, LOT 13, FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES**, 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., Monday, July 11, 2022. Ms. Greenfield seconded. The motion to introduce was approved with six yes votes.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- #22-141      AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**
- #22-142      A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE AND GARDNER INVESTMENTS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 65 MORRISTOWN ROAD AND IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 124, LOT 13, FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES**
- #22-143      GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT (2021)**
- #22-144      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROVISION OF A LOAN PURSUANT TO THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASER OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT LOCATED AT 15-07 PINE STREET, BERNARDSVILLE, NJ 07924**
- #22-145      APPROVING MEMBERSHIP IN THE FIRE COMPANY**
- #22-146      AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF A.B.C. LICENSES**
- #22-147      SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS AND THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192 ET. SEQ.**
- #22-148      AUTHORIZING A HARDSHIP EXEMPTION FROM ROAD MORATORIUM FOR STREET OPENING – 13 STEVENS STREET**
- #22-149      RESOLUTION OF NEED**

- #22-150      AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH’S PROJECT MANAGER TO BID FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL STORMWATER DRAINAGE TO ENHANCE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE EXISTING STORMWATER DRAINAGE AT MOUNTAIN TOP ROAD AND OVERLEIGH ROAD**
- #22-151      AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH RPM DEVELOPMENT, LLC**
- #22-152      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE THROUGH THE BERNARDSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY, LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE, 1033 PROGRAM TO ENABLE THE BERNARDSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST AND ACQUIRE EXCESS DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT**
- #22-153      A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000 FROM THE BERNARDSVILLE LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION (A 501C3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION) TO REIMBURSE THE BOROUGH FOR FEES AND EXPENSES FOR POLICE OFFICERS TO ATTEND THE 2022 NATIONAL SCHOOL SAFETY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD ON JULY 25TH - 29TH 2022.**

Regarding #22-139, Ms. McCredie thanked Andrew Flood for his volunteering to be a member of the Bernardsville Fire Company.

Ms. McCredie moved to adopt Resolutions #22-141 to #22-153. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Ms. McCredie, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

#### **NON-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

- #22-154      AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD TO CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 71, LOT 3 AS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE WITHIN THE BOROUGH CONSTITUTES A NON-CONDEMNATION AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 *ET SEQ.* AND AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING BOARD TO**

## **PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO THE QUIMBY LANE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN (25 CLAREMONT RD.)**

Ms. McCredie moved to adopt Resolution #22-154. Ms. Zamarra seconded and the motion was approved by the following roll call vote. Mr. Ambelang, Ms. Greenfield, Ms. McCredie, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Ribeiro, and Ms. Zamarra voted yes.

### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Mayor's Update,** Mayor Canose said the Land Use Committee had a meeting with the developers from Griffin & Howe and 56 Degree Wine which led to discussion about the redevelopment plan. Mayor Canose attended the Somerset County Stigma Free meeting, and the committee held a very successful mental health conference for lay people and professionals. She gave a reminder that September is suicide prevention month so we will be working with Community In Crisis to get some events done for that. On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Canose did the ribbon cutting at the new pet store, Well-Bred, in Bernardsville Plaza. On June 20<sup>th</sup> we held the 14<sup>th</sup> Outstanding Community Volunteer Awards ceremony in the movie theater. It was very well received and had about 40 people attending. Mayor Canose said she is a member of the Somerset County Office on Aging and she attended a service audit at Adult Protective Services. She said we are very lucky to live in Somerset County as they have so many services compared to other counties that we really outshine what we offer our residents. Mayor Canose had a request for a Free Little Library at the Train Station park. This would be done as a project for the Community Kindness Club at the Middle School and be done through volunteers and donations. Mayor Canose suggested having this in the area we are going to designate for Ed English because he was very supportive of the Library. Council agreed in concept and Mayor Canose will get in touch with a contact for this project to get a proposal of how and what it will look like.

**Administrator's Report,** Mr. Czerniecki Thanked council for supporting the non-contractual salary ordinance and adopting it tonight. He said Bob Markowick met with the various sports teams to talk about the pavilion and got some really good guidance. The next step is to get a quote from Suburban Engineers to handle the design project management bid administration to extend the utilities, which would include gas, sewer, water, and electric. Mr. Czerniecki said he will ask Suburban Engineering to come to the July meeting to make a presentation. Mr. Czerniecki said he asked the chair of our Environmental Commission and Housing Committee about best practices to have No Mow May for next year.

**Municipal Attorney Report,** Mr. Pidgeon said RPM is rushing their application before the Planning Board because they have to get everything done in order to apply for tax credits this year. He said because there are three separate properties their escrow deposit amounts to \$38,000. He said RPM is asking if that could be reduced to \$15,000 because it's really just one application and would be replenished if it gets depleted. This would need to be granted by motion. Mr. Pidgeon said he does not see any harm in it as John Szabo, Borough Planner, wrote the ordinance. Mr. McQueen moved to reduce RPM's combined escrow deposit for their three applications with a provision to replenish the escrow that is used. Ms. McCredie seconded and the motion was approved with six yes votes.

Mr. McQueen moved to accept the monthly reports as listed on the agenda. Ms. Greenfield seconded and the motion was approved with six yes votes.

Mayor Canose thanked the Zoning Department for staying ahead of alerting residents ahead of time to keep the weeds down on sidewalks to downtown. Mr. McQueen said we have talked about prioritizing spending and downtown looks really nice right now. He thanked borough staff for their efforts.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety Committee**, Ms. McCredie said Chief Valentine is working on a letter to NJDOT to encourage funding for the crosswalk by the Karate Studio/Bistro 73 on Route 202. Ms. McCredie said she will review traffic studies from a Planning Board perspective with Mr. McQueen.

**Finance Committee**, the committee had nothing new to report since their last meeting.

**Organization Development and Personnel Committee**, the committee had nothing new to report since their last meeting.

**Engineering, Technology, and Public Works Committee**, Ms. Greenfield said the committee met on June 21<sup>st</sup> and the Borough Engineer was present for part of the meeting. The committee discussed Mountain Top drainage. A formal bid will be prepared and advertised. Bernards Avenue residents were mailed notices informing them that the project has been rescheduled for bidding in November 2022 with construction to begin in March 2023 or as weather permits. Residents thinking of changes in utilities are encouraged to plan on doing so while the road is open. Ms. Greenfield said concept plans and estimates for sidewalks on Old Army Road and lower Childs Road were reviewed by the committee. Regarding Claremont Road pedestrian signage, input was received from the Somerset County Engineer regarding the type of solar signage, placement of the signage, and the need for a memorandum of understanding between the Borough and Somerset County for the future maintenance of the signage. We are in the process of obtaining pricing for the suggested solar signage. Regarding 2022 mill and paves, the work schedule has been confirmed with the anticipated start date of July 17<sup>th</sup>. Streets included in the 2022 mill and paves are Post Kennel Road from Douglas Avenue to Far Hills, lower Douglas Avenue from Route 202 to 93 Douglas Avenue, the entire length of Rippling Brook Way, Bell Terrace, Dayton Street, Burrows Avenue, Ambar Place, Whitenack Road, and Mount Harmony Road from Route 202 to north of Lakeview Drive. Ms. Greenfield said as always, residents will receive notification from the borough as to when the work will be done on their street. Regarding the pickleball court, work is underway as the retaining wall is completed and landscaping and grading are still to be done. There have been supply chain and weather delays that have impacted the progress of this project. Ms. Greenfield said for the Polo Grounds walking path, we are looking to bid the work late in 2022 with construction to begin early 2023. Mr. Suriano was asked to include a list of roads being milled and paved on the borough website and Facebook page along with clarifying if the letter sent to residents about milling and paving

their road includes a note that if they are planning to change utilities to do so before their road is milled and paved.

## **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Land Use Committee**, Mayor Canose said the committee has not met.

**Recreation Committee**, Mr. McQueen said Bob Markowick is well ahead of finances this year and congratulated Recreation about that. He said the committee is really pleased with the direction. Mr. McQueen said he thinks there's fine-tuning that we need to have as we go along the way.

**Planning Board**, Mr. McQueen said the Board met and there was an issue that is very complicated about the way that various zoning maps now overlay one another from Quimby Lane, so there will be some further discussion on the Mill Street/Claremont property. Mr. McQueen said the Board is rescheduling the discussion about the Palmer Building to July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Housing/Zoning/Property Maintenance Compliance Committee**, Ms. Greenfield said the committee met on June 8<sup>th</sup> and continued discussion on enforcement of the borough sign ordinance. A draft of a fence ordinance was sent to council for review which will be discussed later in the meeting under new business.

**Open Space**, Ms. Greenfield said the committee did not meet.

**HPAC**, Ms. Greenfield said the committee meets tomorrow.

**Trails Committee**, Ms. Greenfield said tree markers have come in and members of the community will mark Peters Tract trail sometime this week. The committee will hopefully hold its official first meeting this week. The Buildings and Grounds crew weed wacked Peters Tract trail and the Road Department cleared vines and dead trees across the trail. The Building and Grounds crew also weed wacked the Laurelwood/Round Top trail which was significantly overgrown. The committee will be putting trail and parking information about Peters Tract and the Laurelwood and Round Top trails on the borough website with information on other existing Bernardsville trails to follow.

## **ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **Correspondence - Parameter Fence and Wall Ordinance Term Sheet**

Council discussed a draft perimeter fence ordinance as provided by the Housing Committee. Ms. McCredie suggested that with summer upcoming, this ordinance be on for introduction on August 8<sup>th</sup> with a public hearing on September 12<sup>th</sup> to allow more time for feedback from the public. Council agreed and Mr. Pidgeon will prepare the ordinance for introduction on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Unfinished Business - None**

**New Business - None**

**OPEN SESSION**

Mayor Canose opened the meeting to the public.

Kerry Haselton, Mine Brook Road, asked about a reference earlier in the meeting that a bucket of money was there for development regarding Ordinance #1925. Mayor Canose said that's the interest we earn on the Open Space Trust Fund account. Mr. Czerniecki said in addition to that, it's the actual money that comes in. Ms. Haselton asked if the bucket of money being referred to in terms of this new development bond ordinance to do improvements is the bucket of money that's been collected since it was 100% due for development and the acquisition money is still sitting there. It was answered that is correct.

Aaron Duff, Crestview Drive, said he came to talk about the bond ordinance for the open space funds but since there will be a public hearing on July 11<sup>th</sup>, he will be back then with his comments. He said he thinks it beneficial to the public to have each one of those projects separately dealt with when it comes to appropriation and issuing debt. He said he thinks it aids in transparency for the taxpayer to see where their money is being spent on the different projects, and also allows some accountability for the council to have the opportunity to stand up and say if they are in favor of one project and not another. Mr. Duff said he also wanted to see if there are any updates from committees or groups that have been previously discussed at open meetings about the trails connectivity study and trails feasibility study that's been referenced over the past several months. He asked if there has been any written reports about those efforts. Mayor Canose said that Suburban Engineering is mainly handling that. She said we had contracted with them to do those specific trails and the Polo Grounds piece. They did concepts as our professional including how our grading is and what needs to be done. Mayor Canose said they then came to the council to do a public presentation and then it went to Recreation. She said Recreation reached out to the different sports groups and people that use those areas, as we're trying to keep people involved. It was suggested that Mr. Duff meet with Mr. Czerniecki to go over any further questions he may have.

Hearing no further comments from the public, Mayor Canose closed the open session.

**CLOSED SESSION - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

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