

## SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

The Caucus Meeting of Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the above date in the meeting room of the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Kappatos; Council members: Passio, Kelly, Farrell & Ranieri. Absent: Laubenstein & Root; Present: Administrator Richard Wright, Solicitor Len Wood; Borough Engineer: Mark Basehore; Public Works Superintendent: Harry Wozunk.

STATEMENT: Mayor Kappatos read the notice of this meeting pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act."

The following issues were discussed for the upcoming meeting:

Resolution setting Halloween curfew; resolution authorizing signing of Year 37 CDBG agreement; resolution appointing a crossing guard; resolution partial cancellation of property maintenance fee; resolution approving clothing bins; public hearing for smoking ordinance;

Mayor Kappatos introduced a proposal to enter into a shared services agreement with the county to assist municipalities with their abandoned properties. A discussion ensued as to how this program would work.

Mayor Kappatos also reported on another proposal to enter into an agreement with the county to enable residents to have access to property information on-line. A discussion ensued as to what information would be available to the public.

Councilman Root arrived at 6:15 PM.

Mayor Kappatos also addressed council as to how to go about redeveloping the Black Horse Pike. Engineer Mark Basehore talked about the process of creating a redevelopment zone. Mayor Kappatos discussed declaring certain areas as "blighted" in order to move forward with redevelopment.

Councilwoman Passio reported on the up-coming town-wide yard sale. Patty also reminded everyone that the rain date for the sale would be Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next event would be the Halloween party on October 31, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Councilwoman Kelly reported on the upcoming fall festival being held by the Fire Department. Eleanor also reported on the no parking at the schools recently implemented was working out well and that our insurance representative was happy with the changes.

Councilman Ranieri reported that borough officials are working on FEMA reimbursement for a storm last January. John reported on salary increases and possibly amending our tattoo ordinance. A discussion ensued as to how to amend the tattoo ordinance.

Councilman Farrell reported on the Clements Bridge Road project and the start of the parking lot project.

Councilman Root reported on various projects currently being performed by public works: yard waste pick-up, cleaning of storm drains, benches at Green Acres, Hill Avenue paving, mulching of Borough Hall. Also Mike stated that the leaf schedule was now available on the borough website and that winter vehicles were being serviced.

Public Works Superintendent Harry Wozunk discussed the new flooring project at the gym. Harry also reported on a storm drain failure on Iva Court and another on Payne Avenue. Mr. Wozunk presented a quote for a company to provide a demonstration of slip-lining at a reduced rate and asked that council consider adopting a resolution at the next meeting to authorize this demonstration.

Borough Solicitor Len Wood announced that there would be a GWU mediation meeting on Thursday.

Borough Engineer Mark Basehore reported on the three bids received on Thursday. Mark also reported on the parking lot project and the retaining wall issue on Clements Bridge Road.

Administrator Wright discussed a joint checking agreement for the gym flooring project with our solicitor.

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Mike Simon, 572 Sherrington Lane: Mr. Simon stated that he did not like the article that appeared in the Gloucester City News about the last borough meeting. Mr. Simone wanted to know why there wasn't any positive information in the article. Mayor Kappatos explained that Mayor & Council had nothing to do with the article and that the person who wrote it was Mr. Conard with the camera.

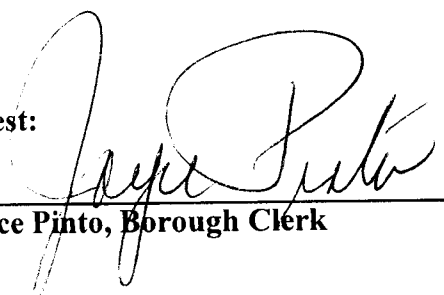
Seeing no one else wishing to speak, a motion was made by Ranieri, seconded by Root to close the good and welfare portion of the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Kappatos declared that portion of the meeting closed.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Root and seconded by Passio to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Council President Passio declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Approved by:

  
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Nick Kappatos, Mayor

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Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk