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The Workshop Meeting of the Butler Mayor and Council was opened by Mayor Joseph Heywang who indicated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act having been duly advertised and posted in Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Joseph Heywang, Councilman Steven Regis, Councilman Robert Fox, Councilman Robert Meier, Council President Robert Alviene, Councilman Edwin Vath and Councilwoman Judith Woop

ABSENT: None

1. PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 2010-5 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAY APRONS IN AND ALONG A PORTION OF MYRTLE AVENUE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$150,000 THEREFOR, DIRECTING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE COST THEREOF, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$143,800 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING THE SAME.

Introduced: June 15, 2010

Advertised: June 20, 2010

Public hearing conducted:

Anita Bunal, 61 Myrtle Ave., would like to have the Engineer take a look at her sidewalks.

Ralph Reed, 2 Richard Court, said his sidewalk is not all bad. The engineer will look at his sidewalks.

Jim Lampmann, Borough Administrator, indicated that the actual cost of sidewalk replacement is lower than originally proposed.

Patricia Vanhasselt, 65 Myrtle Ave., asked why are sidewalks being replaced. Jim Lampmann indicated that the sidewalk conditions were assessed by the Engineer and Road Foreman.

She then asked why the ordinance was for \$140,000 and the actual cost is \$70,000. Mr. Lampmann explained that the ordinance was introduced before actual numbers were available, but the only part of the bond spent will be that to replace sidewalks.

Frederick Victor, 21 Myrtle Ave. wants the Engineer to look at his sidewalks.

Kristopher Weatherby, 62 Myrtle Ave., wants to know if the stumps will be removed. The answer was yes.

Jim Lampmann explained that the infrastructure will be replaced and/or repaired while the project is being done.

Craig Vanhasselt, 65 Myrtle Ave., was concerned as to whether the bond would cover private property. He was told by Mr. Lampmann, that any problems should be reported to him and he will deal with contractor.

Christine Argenio, 1 Richard Court, asked if the handicapped curb will be installed. She was told yes, and the Borough will pay for that.

She then asked if the property owners on Main St. paid for their sidewalks. The Mayor said the property owners did not pay for their sidewalks, the town got a grant and since the work took a long time and they lost business it was decided not to charge them for the sidewalks.

A question was asked about speed bumps, the response was that they are not allowed.

Ralph Reed, 2 Richard Court, asked if they could get private contractors to replace the sidewalks. He was told that it is doubtful that the amount for the replacement would be lower since lower costs are incurred with the bid process.

The he asked why the job had to be done now. Councilman Fox said the road is in bad condition.

Renee Weatherby, 62 Myrtle Ave., asked if the property owners could pay part and have the Borough pay part of the cost. She was told that could not be done.

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Lori Evans, 28 Myrtle Ave., asked why she has to have a sidewalk. She was told only where the sidewalk exists is it being replaced. There is no sidewalk on one side of her, but she does have existing sidewalk.

Councilwoman Woop said she has heard of new traffic calming devices, possible wider speed bumps or solar signage.

Councilman Regis told the residents that they could investigate traffic calming devices and bring them to the Governing Body if they chose to.

Public Hearing Closed

Motion to adopt: Fox Second: Alviene

Voted Aye: Regis, Fox, Meier, Alviene, Vath, Woop

Voted Nay: None

Ordinance 2010-5 adopted.

2. R2010-59 AUTHORIZATION TO LEASE TWO 2010 FORD CROWN VICTORIA'S FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Moved: Regis Second: Fox

Voted Aye: Woop, Vath, Alviene, Meier, Fox, Regis

Voted Nay: None

R2010-59 adopted.

3. RESOLUTION R2010-60 RESOLUTION AMENDING CAPITAL BUDGET

Moved: Regis Second: Vath

Voted Aye: Regis, Fox, Meier, Alviene, Vath, Woop

Voted Nay: None

R2010-60 adopted.

4. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2010-6 BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW DIGGER DERRICK TRUCK FOR USE BY THE ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$250,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$238,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION

Supplemental Debt Statement Filed as of this date.

Moved: Fox Second: Regis

Voted Aye: Woop, Vath, Alviene, Meier, Fox, Regis

Voted Nay: None

Public hearing scheduled for July 20, 2010.

5. APPLICATION/APPROVAL OF LIMOUSINE LICENSE FOR ABBA LIMOUSING SERVICE 36 KIEL AVE.

Approved.

An ordinance regarding urinating in public will be introduced at the July 20, 2010 meeting.

RESOLUTION R2010-61 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE 2010 MYRTLE AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Moved: Fox

Second: Alviene

Voted Aye: Fox, Meier, Alviene, Vath, Woop

Voted Nay: None

Councilman Regis was absent for this vote.

R2010-61 adopted.

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RESOLUTION R2010-62 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENTRY INTO A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF BUTLER AND NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

Moved: Vath

Second: Meier

Voted Aye: Woop, Vath, Alviene, Meier, Fox, Regis

Voted Nay: None

R2010-62 adopted.

Jim Lampmann, Borough Administrator, brought up the subject of water emergency restrictions. A motion was made by Councilman Fox and seconded by Council President Alviene approving a notice to users restricting water usage if the Engineer feels it is necessary.

Voted Aye: Fox, Meier, Alviene, Vath, Woop

Voted Nay: Regis

Motion carried.

Councilman Meier brought up the subject of neglected properties. He indicated that both 17 and 20 Bellevue are in bad shape.

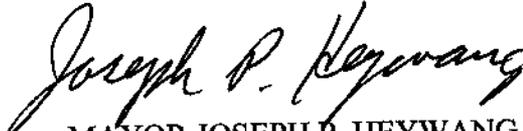
An ordinance will be introduced July 20th addressing this issue.

OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

No comments.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:40 pm

Adopted:


MAYOR JOSEPH P. HEYWANG

Attest:


Carol M. Ashley, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

Dated: 7/20/10