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CAUCUS MEETING AGENDA
March 4, 2024

- 1- Call To Order
- 2- Flag Salute
- 3- Announcement
- 4- Engineers Report
- 5- **ITEMS TO VOTE ON**
 - a. **RESOLUTION-NJDHTS 2024 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT**
- 6- **TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR COUNCIL MEETING**
 - a. Ordinance-#02-24-Amending Chapter 112, Streets and Sidewalks-Second Reading, Public Hearing
 - b. Ordinance-#03-24-Amending Chapter 69, Animals-Second Reading, Public Hearing
 - c. Ordinance-#04-24-Calendar Year 2024 COLA Ordinance-Second Reading, Public Hearing
 - d. Resolution-Deferred School Taxes
 - e. Resolution-2024 Mercantile Licenses
 - f. Resolution-2024 Food Handling Licenses
 - g. Resolution-Chicken Advisory Board
 - h. Resolution-Payment of Bills
- 7- **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. Request for Event on Borough Property
 - b. Civic Association Request
 - c. Spotted Lanternfly Grant
 - d. Tennis Courts
- 8- **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Dates for Calendar
- 9- **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
- 10- **ADJOURNMENT**

CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2024

The Meeting was called to order by Mayor Brandley.

The flag salute was led by Mayor Brandley.

Mayor Brandley announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Council Persons present: Joran, Walters, Valianti, MacGregor, Angelucci and Lehman.

Council went over the Engineer's report with Shawn Seroka from Key Engineers.

RESOLUTION #59-24-NJDHTS 2024 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT-Approving the submission of the 2024 NJDHTS Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant.

The foregoing resolution was approved by motion of Council President MacGregor, seconded by Councilman Walters. Unanimous roll call vote.

Council went over the tentative agenda for the Council Meeting. Discussion was had as to Ordinance #02-24, Amending Chapter 112, Streets and Sidewalks.

Councilman Angelucci made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Council President MacGregor. All in favor-motion carried.

Michelle Santos-52 E. Bettewood Ave.-She was one of the properties that has planted on the curb strip. She did cut down overgrown plants and has removed the birdbath. She believes residents should still be able to plant flower beds on the curb strip.

Chris Bogliole-75 Harding Ave-Owens a landscaping business and he feels the Borough should allow planting on the curb strip. He travels all over the world and has seen it in other countries.

Liane Hasner-16 Newton Ave.-She did plant on her neighbor's curb strip and admits it did get out of control. She does believe that it should be allowed but maintained.

Paula Yudkowitz-57 Kendall Blvd.-Does not believe residents should be permitted to plant on the curb strip. It will decrease property values since many will not maintain them. The Community Garden in Veterans Park is a perfect example. It looks horrible and no one is cleaning it up.

Robert Bennett-404 Coldsprings Ave.-He feels that it is better for the stormwater to be able to plant things other than grass on the curb strip.

Lois Giovacchini-5 Laurie Lane-Doesn't think that the Borough should be following rules from 100 years ago. Being able to plant on the curb strip would, in her opinion, better manage stormwater.

Kamilah Clarke-210 E. Haddon Ave.-Though she does not think she would plant anything on the curb strip, she thinks the Borough should be flexible. More pollinator gardens are necessary.

Being there was no further discussion, Council President MacGregor made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Jordan. All in favor-motion carried.

Gwenne Baile, Vice Chair of the Oaklyn Chicken Advisory Board, gave a yearly report. There are 5 Homes with Chickens, 18 total hens and 1 resident is taking the classes now.

Discussion Items:

Request for Event on Borough Property-The South Jersey Fermentation Club requested permission to use the Memorial Park Parking lot on May 4th, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for their Annual Homebrew Day. Council approved the request.

Civic Association Request-The Civic Association requested to have their Annual Adult Dinner on June 7th on West Clinton Ave. Council approved the request. They also want to add a new event, Possible on May 19th, that would involve a wrestling event. They will bring more information back to council.

Spotted Lanternfly Grant-Mayor Brandley received a Spotted Lanternfly Grant Application and asked Councilman Lehman to pass it along to the Green Team.

Tennis Courts-Discussion was had as to the cost of resurfacing the tennis courts. With the estimate over \$12,000 it was decided that the DPW would repaint the lines and add pickleball lines to the courts.

Old Business-

Updating Upcoming Events on Calendar- Reminder to forward all town events to Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Angelucci made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Lehman. All in favor-motion carried.

Liane Hasner-16 Newton Ave.-Asked if the Borough has a "town plan". She was told that the Borough has a master plan, that the Planning Board oversees.

Alexander Stutzman-173 Kendall Blvd.-Is going to be ready in a couple weeks to build his Eagle Scout project which is a GAGA pit. After council discussed the location it was decided that the VFW Park would be a good spot for it.

Being there was no further discussion, Councilman Lehman made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Council President MacGregor. All in favor-motion carried.

Being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by motion of Council President MacGregor, seconded by Councilman Walters. All in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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