

**BOROUGH OF BLOOMSBURY
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was held on April 26, 2011 at Borough Hall, 91 Brunswick Avenue, Bloomsbury, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by the reading of the Sunshine Law by Lisa Burd.

As required by the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 13, 2011 by the Publication of said notice in the Hunterdon County Democrat and the posting of said notice in the Municipal Building on the same date.

ROLL CALL:	Chris James	Martha Tersigni
	Vicky Papics	Eric Weger
	Steven Shelton - excused	Mark Peck, Mayor - arrived 7:10
		William Edleston, Esq.

FLAG SALUTE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Papics moved Council approve the regular meeting minutes of March 22, 2011; seconded by Mr. Weger. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Weger moved Council approve the budget meeting minutes of March 30, 2011; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion Carried

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORTS

Mr. Weger moved Council accept the Tax Collector's Monthly and Quarterly reports dated March 31, 2011 and Report of Uncollectible Taxes dated April 13, 2011; seconded by Mrs. Papics.

ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Papics-aye; Tersigni-aye; Weger-aye.
Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST

Mrs. Tersigni moved Council approved the Bill List of March 22, 2011; seconded by Mr. Weger.

ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Papics-aye- except for payroll; Tersigni-aye; Weger-aye.
Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

Council reviewed the Code Enforcement Report dated April 21, 2011. Mr. Weger moved Council accept the report; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

2011 DOG AND CAT CENSUS

The Clerk stated that she expects to mail about 29 final notices to pet owner's who still have not licensed their pets, those who fail to do so by May 15th will then be turned over to the Code Enforcement Officer.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

The Clerk stated that she still has not received financial disclosure statements from several employees and officials and will be mailing what she has to the Local Finance Board this week.

MUNICIPAL BOARDS/COMMISSIONS DIRECTORY

Oaths of Office have still not been received for many of the Recreation Commission members and one is needed for the Environmental Commission as well. The Clerk will send out another reminder to the Chairpersons.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

V. Papics

Board of Education-

- Mrs. Papics stated that the School Board Elections will be held this Wednesday from 3-9 pm. She reported that the PTO earned over \$4,000 at the recent Tricky Tray and that the School Board decided not to pursue replacing the rubber playground mulch after learning how expensive the project would be.

E. Weger

Public Works-

- Mr. Weger stated that he will talk to Mr. Heinrich about upcoming pot hole repairs, and the work needed at the park to bring the play area into compliance including the addition of more mulch and he will report back at the May meeting.

C. James:

Newsletter-

- Mr. James stated that the deadline for submissions to the June Newsletter is May 18th.

Environmental Commission-

- Mr. James stated that the Environmental Commission will be participating in a program called Project Porch Light on May 5th, 2011 at 2 pm and members will be going door to door distributing CFL light bulbs. He explained it is funded through grants from Board of Public Utilities and New Jersey Clean Energy and at no cost to us.

- The next Environment Commission meeting will be held on May 5 at Borough Hall provided there are no conflicts for that date.
- Mr. James would like to look into getting more Sustainable New Jersey points, through a program called the Mayor's Wellness Campaign.

M. Tersigni:

Planning Board -

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that the planning board meeting was short but there was a request to have a night light test done on all Pilot signage. The Clerk will contact the Engineer regarding the same.
- Mrs. Tersigni stated that Chris Smith asked the Board's opinion about placing a storage shed on the existing concrete pad at the lower ball field so that Greenwich Recreation can store soccer and lacrosse goals inside. It would require moving the existing bleachers from the lower field and possibly relocating them to the upper field.

Council voiced concerns about potential vandalism, insuring the structure, and the restrictions of Green Acres. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peck will write a letter to Recreation stating Council is fine with them relocating the bleachers and putting a shed on the pad, but we waive all responsibility and liability for the building or its contents and they are responsible for making sure it is compliance with as regulations and laws. The Borough will have the right to revoke permission of the same at any time.

Mr. James moved Council authorize Mayor Peck to write a letter endorsing the relocation of the bleachers, and the installation of a shed onto the existing concrete pad; subject to the above; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

Borough Park-

- Mrs. Tersigni stated that the water bill for the park and garage is minimal, but Bob believes there is a leak as their usage is so low. Discussion followed regarding the impact of the opening of the park bathrooms. Mr. Weger will follow up with Bob regarding the same and report back at the May meeting.

ROAD REPAIRS

Robert Heinrich plans to order one ton of black top and begin pot hole repair but he believes that some spots may need to be dug out and he would recommend hiring Pip's or another contractor to do that work if needed. Mr. Weger will contact Bob to further discuss the same.

M. Peck:

- Mayor Peck stated that he received an invitation to the Hunterdon Prevention Resources Town Hall Meeting which he is unable to attend. He asked any Council member who is available and interested in attending to contact the Clerk for details.

OLD BUSINESS-

MILL REDEVELOPMENT

Mayor Peck stated that Joe Zaleski informed him that the DEP permits have been applied for and they anticipate receiving the same soon and will then move forward with architectural.

STATE POLICE REPORT - PERRYVILLE

No report.

TREES - LETTERS TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Letters will be finalized and mailed to property owners this week.

ROUTE 579 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Mayor Peck reported that John Glynn sent a counter proposal for the bridge replacement including making the Statts Road intersection a three way stop, lowering the speed limit, restricting truck traffic on 579 and installing other traffic calming devices. Mayor Peck explained that Mr. Roseberry suggested the Borough endorse the Bridge replacement but explain our concerns. Discussion followed. The Clerk will reach out to Mr. Glynn to try to arrange for another meeting next week to continue this dialogue.

NEW BUSINESS

2010 TONNAGE GRANT

Steve Douglas presented Council with the completed 2010 recycling tonnage report noting that he plans to review the information received from Alan Johnson this afternoon and make sure no changes are required. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peck asked if Mr. Douglas might prepare an insert for the next newsletter. Mr. Douglas will forward the same to Mr. James for inclusion.

RESOLUTION # 31-11 - TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which a tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to Implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulation impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the municipality to apply for such tonnage grants (for calendar year 2010) will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Borough of Bloomsbury to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury that the Borough of Bloomsbury hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Steve Douglas, Recycling Coordinator, to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purpose of recycling.

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt Resolution # 31-11 as amended; seconded by Mr. James. All ayes. Motion carried.

CREATION OF A FIRE DISTRICT

Council reviewed a memo from Mr. Edleston dated April 1, 2011. Council expressed concerns about how much this would actually cost the tax payers. Mayor Peck said it would likely cost more with the creation of a fire district due to the increased bureaucracy. Mr. Edleston will reach out to another town which recently created a Fire District to ask them for more information. Mrs. Tersigni asked if Rescue could be included as well. Mr. James asked if the estimated \$10 - \$15/ per \$100 of property value was correct. Discussion followed. Mr. Edleston will gather additional information and report back to Council next month.

2011 BUDGET

Mr. James asked if the Borough is responsible for keeping the books for any of the groups we budget money for such as the Recreation or Environmental Commissions. He wondered what kind of accounting records had to be kept for each and if the CFO for the Borough did this.

Mayor Peck explained that it is outlined in the statutes, that you have these Commissions or Boards, the governing body appropriates funds to them, and thereafter they are really on their own. Mr. James asked if this meant that then the Council no right to require any kind of report. The Clerk explained that the Environmental Commission matters are all handled by the CFO, but that it is not that way for the Recreation Commission. Discussion followed. The Clerk will redistribute copies of the Recreation Agreement for their review and further discussion at the next meeting.

Council discussed the need to receive budget information from all groups on an annual basis at minimum. The Clerk explained that some municipalities do require an appearance and report prior to entities receiving annual donations.

Council members with recommendations for changes to any budget line items will forward the same to the Clerk who will share the information with the CFO and Auditor prior to the May meeting.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

Council reviewed a request from Kim Francisco for permission to attend the 2011 Conference. Mr. James moved Council authorize Mr. Francisco to attend the 2011 conference; seconded by Mrs. Papics.

ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Papics-aye; Tersigni-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 20-11 -2011 SALARY

Resolution # 20-11 will be carried to the May meeting.

RESOLUTION # 30-11 - LIEN REDEMPTION

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Bloomsbury has advised the Committee that the following properties have been redeemed and the money due thereon paid to the Borough of Bloomsbury Tax Collector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the Borough of Bloomsbury this 26th day of April 2011 that refunds are made to the certificate holder as noted:

CERTIFICATE HOLDER	BLOCK/LOT	CERT #	AMOUNT
Borough of Bloomsbury	19/18	2010-009	\$16,871.12

Mr. James moved Council adopt Resolution # 30-11; seconded by Mrs. Tersigni.

ROLL CALL VOTE: James-aye; Papics-aye; Tersigni-aye; Weger-aye. Motion carried

RESOLUTION 32-11 - OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of May is traditionally designated and observed throughout the nation as Older Americans Month; and

WHEREAS, this Municipality recognizes the contributions older Americans have made to our families, our communities, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, older Americans remain active and productive, volunteering their time, talents and expertise, thereby enriching all our lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Bloomsbury does hereby proclaim the month of May as Older Americans Month and calls upon individuals and entities to honor and celebrate the outstanding contributions of this Municipality's older residents.

Mr. Weger moved Council adopt Resolution # 32-11; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR PEDDLER'S LICENSE

Council reviewed an application for a Peddler's License for Arcticace, LLC, requesting to bring and ice cream truck into the Borough during the spring and summer 2011.

Mr. James moved Council approve the application and authorize the Clerk to issue the license; seconded by Mrs. Papics. All ayes. Motion carried.

FAWN RUN - CRACK SEALING

Council reviewed an email from Rick Roseberry dated March 31, 2011 which provided a quote of \$10,150.00 from Micro Pave Systems to complete the crack repairs in the Fawn Run development. The Clerk will reach out to Mr. Roseberry to see if any other quotes have been received and Council will consider the matter further at the May meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion followed. Council reviewed an email from John Havay received April 6, 2011, wherein he explained that he has allowed the Rescue Squad to use his building free of charge for the past eleven years. He further explained that he has requested but not received rent and payments toward his electric bill and that the Rescue Squad has refused to sign a lease with him.

Council also reviewed an email received on April 15, 2011 from Andrew R. Carl of All-State Fire Rescue Equipment asking for assistance in collecting \$4000.00 outstanding bill for the purchase of a repeater by the Rescue Squad in November 2010. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peck stated that he had suggested in the past to the Rescue Squad that they look into charging people's insurance companies for their services. He added that many of their calls are to accidents on Route 78 and do not involve residents of the Borough. Discussion followed.

Mr. Weger said that there was oil heat in the building, and Mr. Havey asked the Rescue Squad to help pay the fuel bill. He explained that they did not pay for the oil, but instead, got electric heaters without his knowledge and then Mr. Havey's electric bill went through the roof.

Council voiced concerns about there not being any accountability for how money is spent after donations are made. Mr. James stated that no one wants to be told how to run their organization or ask permission for what they want to do. He explained that if we create a fire district that is exactly what they have to do, but he said there is nothing wrong with asking representatives to come monthly or bi-monthly to give an update and answer questions. He stated that there seems to be zero accountability being handled this way. Discussion followed.

Mayor Peck will reach out to all groups and ask for them to appear at the June meeting to provide a report, prior to the Budget introduction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Papics; seconded by Mr. Weger. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa A. Burd, RMC
Borough Clerk/Administrator