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A Work Session Meeting of the Manasquan Mayor and Council was held on July 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., in Council Chambers of Borough Hall.

Mayor Dempsey related that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 22, 2009.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas .

Also present was Borough Attorney James Kinneally and Borough Administrator John Trengrove.

Absent: None.

ITEM #1. Solid Waste and Recycling Contract for 2011 Renewal Discussion.

Council Member Lucas related that the Borough has the option to renew the contracts with DeLisa Demolition and Disposal for the calendar year of 2011 with no cost increase. He related that overall they have done an excellent job.

Mr. Trengrove related that the last bid specifications contained an option for a one day a week collection schedule and that several no-bids were received and the bids that were received were not significantly lower than the two day a week collection schedule.

The Municipal Clerk noted that the contracts will have to be approved by resolution at a regular meeting of the Governing Body.

There were no objections from the Governing Body.

ITEM #2. Sea Watch Restaurant Lease for 2011 Renewal Discussion.

Mr. Trengrove related that this contract will expire this year and that the Borough will have to go out to bid to lease the property. He asked that the Governing Body inform him and the Public Property and Parks Committee of any suggested changes to the bid specifications.

Mayor Dempsey related that this matter should be turned over to the Public Parks and Property Committee for review and that they should report back to the Governing Body at the August 2nd. 2010 meeting.

ITEM #3. Brielle Gas and Fuel Interlocal for 2011 Renewal Discussion.

Mr. Trengrove related that the Borough has had a very successful interlocal agreement with Brielle and that the contract is up for renewal.

He related that if there are no objections he will work with the Borough Attorney to prepare a renewal resolution.

There were no objections from the members of the Governing Body.

ITEM #4. Taxi Fee Ordinance – Discussion.

Council Member Grasso related that he has not received any comments or suggestions about the last proposed Taxi Fee Ordinance and recommended that the Borough Attorney review the proposal and prepare a draft ordinance.

Council Member Lucas related that the draft was looked over and the recommendation is that the Borough Attorney review it to ensure he is comfortable with the committee's recommendations. He related that it has been scaled back and that he does not see a problem with forwarding it to the Borough Attorney for his review.

Mayor Dempsey forwarded some recommended changes to Council Member Lucas the chairman of the Public Safety Committee. He suggested that the Public Safety Committee meet with the Police Chief once again before forwarding the final draft to the Borough Attorney.

Council Member Lee related that he is concerned that this will cause a reduction of taxis in the

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beach area of Manasquan at night when they are needed to get the bar patrons out of Manasquan. He related that he is fretful that without the volume of taxis that are currently available more people will linger in the beachfront area after bar break. He related that this is one reason why he is not in favor of moving forward with Council Member Grasso's recommendation.

Council Member Grasso related that the in-town taxis have a large fleet and are not concerned that they can't get the people out of Manasquan. He related that this ordinance will not keep taxis out of Manasquan but is letting them know that the surrounding towns have a fee and our taxis want to do business in Brielle and Belmar they have to pay for a license. He related that we are the only one....Point Pleasant, Sea Girt, Belmar.....that have this, so it is not a question of reducing the number of taxis coming in here it is a question of do we want to charge them for doing business here as well as our own taxis. He related that it will generate revenue for the town and they will still get people out of here. He related that it probably will weed out some of the taxi companies that may be a problem as far as who is driving their vehicles, if their vehicles are in shape and safety issues. He related that he knows that the Manasquan taxi companies abide by every rule as far as making sure that their vehicles are up to standard. He related that he would like to keep this consistent with taxis coming from Newark or Jackson. He related that he is hearing that they are coming from all over.....they are coming in here as gypsies and he asked are they up to Manasquan standards. He related that we will still get the people out of Manasquan. He related that he spoke to all of them (Manasquan taxi companies) and they will get the people out.

Council Member Lucas related that it is a concern but as long as we can get some guidance and direction it shouldn't be a problem. He related that the Chief brought up this issue and that he also has some concerns about it.

Mayor Dempsey asked if there have been any problems with the taxis this year.

Council Member Lucas related that there have not been any reported problems.

Council Member Lee related that he is concerned with the enforcement of this ordinance since the taxis come into town during the busiest time for the Police Department. He related that he is sure that the taxi companies will expect it to be enforced if they are paying a fee for the license and he questioned if the police will be able to make the enforcement of this ordinance a priority as compared to making the quality of life and traffic issues a priority. He related that the taxi companies are going to demand a service for the fees.

Council Member Grasso related that when laws are enforced the message gets out and you will find less and less taxis that shouldn't come in to town, won't come into town and maybe the officers won't have to spend their time chasing them. He related that if they are paying the fees they will probably be upstanding and work within the towns laws. He asked if the Governing Body if they would like the draft to go to the Borough Attorney for his review.

There was some discussion about whether or not the ordinance should go to the Borough Attorney for review at this time.

Council Member Connolly related that this ordinance will produce \$44,000 in revenue.

Mayor Dempsey asked where the figure of \$44,000 came from.

Council Member Connolly related that they did a hypothetical study.

The Governing Body agreed that the Public Safety Committee along with the Police Chief would meet with the Borough Attorney to review the draft taxi fee ordinance.

ITEM# 5. Use of Borough Property Requests:

- N.J. Volleyball Association – Inlet Beach Volleyball – various dates (rescheduled from the June 21, 2010 meeting)

Francisco Casado, Head Volleyball Coach for Georgian Court University introduced himself and asked if there were any questions regarding his request.

Council Member Lee related that he would like to see the beach recreation programs channel through the Manasquan Recreation Department for sponsorship and profit.

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Mr. Casado related that the N.J. Volleyball Association is a 501(c) (3) organization and he proceeded to describe its programs that could potentially bring income into the Borough. He related that the fees that they charge pay for the insurance that is required to hold events in a municipality. He related that they help the local community and businesses of the shore. He related that he is willing to meet with the Manasquan Recreation Commission to discuss the programs that it has to offer.

Council Member Lee related that he would like to see some revenue sharing.

Mr. Casado related that they would like to offer programs to the children as well as the high school students and that he is willing to work with the Borough to bring in some people and share the revenue with the Borough.

Mayor Dempsey agreed that these programs should be run through the Borough's Recreation Program with revenue sharing with the Borough.

Council Member Bossone asked if the program is a league or instructional.

Mr. Casado related that their program is instructional but occasionally they host tournaments.

Council Member Bossone related that the fact that the programs are instructional is more the reason that he believes it should be sponsored by the Recreation Commission.

Council Member Lee asked if the instructors have had background checks.

Mr. Casado related that all of the instructors are U.S.A. Volleyball certified and a background check is done on all of them. He related that they also have to prove to him that they know what they are doing.

Council Member Bossone made a motion to approve this program as long as it is coordinated through the Manasquan Recreation Commission, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

- Gifts of Nature/Healing Touch – Yoga Classes at Sea Watch Beach
Wednesdays - July through September

Council Member Bossone made a motion to approve this program as long as it is coordinated through the Manasquan Recreation Commission, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

Kim Bradle , 33 Clark Street and owner of Gifts of Nature Healing Touch asked what is the next step.

The Mayor related that part of the fee will be paid to Recreation Commission.

Ms. Bradle asked if this is in addition to the \$100.00 fee that she already paid.

Mayor Dempsey related that the \$100.00 is the application fee.

Council Member Donovan related that he will meet with Ms. Bradle to coordinate with the Manasquan Recreation Commission.

ITEM #6. Virginia Ave. Sidewalk Assessment Discussion.

Mr. Trengrove asked the Governing Body if they want to collect this money in 2010 or 2011 due to the state of the economy. He explained the assessment process.

There was some discussion regarding this matter.

Council Member Connolly made a motion to proceed with the assessment process now, seconded by Council Member Grasso. Roll Call was taken and the motion was carried unanimously.

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Public Works Committee – Council Member Donovan reminded the audience that quite a bit of water was used on the weekend and that the DPW has requested that the residents conserve due to the lack of rain. He related that the South Monmouth Regional Sewerage Authority is implementing preventive measures for infiltration into the system. He related that a Water Treatment Plant Project pre-construction meeting was held with Patock Construction Company on Wednesday. He related that the Manasquan Recreation Commission is currently running its summer program. He announced that Big Sea Day is August 14th, 2010 and the Manasquan Senior Group is holding a Berry Festival on August 1st.

Beach Committee – Council Member Bossone related that OEM Coordinator Dave Kircher and his deputy, Chris Tucker submitted and received reimbursement in the amount of \$58,000 for the damage done in the Borough during the March 2010 Storm. He thanked them for their hard work. He gave an update on the beach revenues noting that they are up \$160,000 from the same time period last year. He noted that just because the revenue is up this year doesn't mean that it can be spent on purchases and repairs that were not included in the budget. He related that *GameTime* has given the Borough a playground set that is the same size as the one that it is replacing for the budgeted allotment saving the Borough about \$12,000.00. He related that the poles will be aluminum and plastic so they will not rust. He gave an update on the operation of the bathrooms. He related that Manasquan Beach employee Brett Nielsen has offered to paint the wall at the Inlet. He related that he is unsure about whether or not the Beach Department or the DPW would handle that project.

Mr. Trengrove related that he will discuss this matter further with the Superintendent of DPW.

Council Member Bossone related that he will inform Brett to proceed with the project.

There were no objections from the members of the Governing Body.

Council Member Bossone suggested that the Governing Body pass a resolution urging the Federal and State Governments to proceed with the Beach Replenishment Project that was promised 4 years ago. He noted that the beach area is eroding.

Mr. Trengrove related that the resolution should go to the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers.

Mayor Dempsey related that the resolution should also be sent to the State and U.S. Legislators.

There were no objections from the members of the Governing Body.

Council Member Bossone announced the upcoming Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Events. He congratulated the Manasquan ELKS for being honored by the Manasquan Tourism Commission for all that they do for the town.

Public Parks and Property Committee – Council Member Lee related that they received three Clean Energy Audit proposals and that they are under review. He related that the Borough is working with the Manasquan ELKS on a solution to temporarily repair the Squan Plaza Fountain. He commended Manasquan Superintendent Thomas Nicastro for monitoring and observing the build up of silt in the trap at Mac's Pond. He related that Mr. Nicastro and Mr. Trengrove have arranged to have it cleaned by the County in the near future. He related that there are issues with the geese at Mallard Park, Mac's Pond and Stockton Lake Park. He related that the committee is researching ways to control the problem. He thanked Mr. Trengrove for submitting the close out documents for the Plaza Grant. He also thanked Council Member Donovan for his leadership on that project. He related that the Borough Hall has been repainted and that the painter did a great job. He related that the Curtis Ave Basketball Repair Project has been completed. He stated that maintaining the bulkhead is an uphill battle and will need a permanent fix. He suggested exploring grant opportunities.

There was a brief discussion about the creation of a Harbor Utility and it was agreed that it would be a worthwhile discussion to have.

Mr. Trengrove noted that creating a utility would have an impact on the current budget.

Public Safety and Recycling Committee – Council Member Lucas read the Police Department Activity Report dated from Memorial Day 2010 through July 11, 2010. He commended the police officers for doing their jobs.

Administration and Finance Committee – Council Member Connolly related that her committee

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has approved the 7/12/10 Payment of Bills. Council Member Connolly announced the collection schedules for the taxes and water and sewer bills. She related that the Borough and other municipalities researched the bulk purchase of electricity. She related that the Borough should be able to see an average of 11 percent savings. She also related that there should be some savings with the gas bill also.

Law and Code Committee – Council Member Grasso read the current Code Department Activity Report. He presented a report of the deficiencies detected at the Borough Docks and revenues dated July 12, 2010 that was prepared by his committee. He related that being in charge of Code these are very serious and dangerous problems. He asked what percentage of the revenues go to the maintenance of the docks.

Mayor Dempsey related that there is a line item in the budget for repairs at the docks. He also related that these dangerous conditions should have been reported immediately when they were detected so that they could be taken care of.

The Municipal Clerk related that her office should have been made aware of these issues.

Council Member Grasso related that the docks are open April 1st to March 31st and that he received numerous complaints on this. He related that the pictures show wire laying around and loose boards. He asked why these issues weren't taken care of before the season opened to avoid any type of electrical accidents. He related that the complaints came from residents and boaters.

Mayor Dempsey related that if they came to you they should have been directed to contact the DPW.

The Municipal Clerk related that her office handles the complaints about the docks and that they did not receive any of the complaints mentioned by Council Member Grasso. She related that these are not Code Department issues but that they are handled by her office and the DPW.

Council Member Grasso related that for some reason being that the Code Department is responsible – I get the calls.

The Municipal Clerk related that the Code Department is not responsible and that the complaints can be turned over to the Clerk's Office.

Council Member Grasso related that some people are saying that the old baseball shack at Stockton Park is deteriorating and is an eyesore.

Mayor Dempsey related that he will get back to Council Member Grasso on this issue.

CLOSED SESSION

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