DECEMBER 16, 2013

A Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. on December 16, 2013 in Council Chambers of Borough Hall with Mayor Dempsey presiding.

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 4, 2012.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Bossone, Donovan, Olivera, Mangan, and McCarthy

Absent: Council Member Sinneck

Also present was Borough Attorney Kevin Sheehy, Borough Administrator/CFO Joseph DeIorio, and Borough Auditor Allan Shechter

PRESENTATION: Mr. Charles Rooney – Borough Engineer's Report

Mr. Charles Rooney read the Engineer's report dated December 12, 2013.

Council Member Olivera inquired about the size of the new pad for the generator at Borough Hall.

Mr. Rooney stated that it will be a couple of feet in length and about a foot wider.

Council Member Mangan inquired about what work will commence prior to a weather break, what will continue throughout the winter and what will be left for the spring.

Mr. Rooney stated that there will be no work from now until after the New Year and after the first of the year the contractor will start installing the culvert pipe from Hancock Park west. He advised that if there is favorable weather they might start some concrete work on the south edge of the Plaza.

ITEM #1: Use of Borough Property

- Mid Winter Beach Run – Saturday, February 15, 2014

Council Member Olivera made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried unanimously.

- Squan Historical Society Craft Fair – June 1, 2014 (rain date 6/8/14)

Council Member McCarthy made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried unanimously.

- Training Room Winter Games Recreation – Sunday, January 19, 2014

Council Member Donovan made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #2: Water Sewer Budget Financial Update and Rate Discussion

Mr. DeIorio advised that this discussion is not about the water and sewer budget in of its self as that will happen in January or February during the budget process. He stated that this discussion is about the rate and the financial position that the Borough is in as a result of post Sandy and storm recovery. He advised that some of the points to be discussed tonight will be estimated anticipated revenues and appropriations, the impact of Super Storm Sandy on the Borough's financial position, the Community Disaster Loan use and recommendations, surplus position and other financial history, a town by town comparison of rates, and a suggested rate for 2014. He presented a slide show for ratable and other water sewer related finances and advised that the slides will be posted on the website for the residents to review. He advised that he is recommending a 4% rate increase from 2013 which means that the annual service charge would increase to $516

from $496 and the per gallon usage charge would increase to $388 from $372. He went over the history of the rate increases in the Borough.

Mr. Shechter advised that the main item is to try and figure out what the Borough will do when the Community Disaster Loan money stops. He advised that if the Borough did nothing until the money stopped the rates would have to be raised from 17% to 20% to make up the $400,000 plus amount.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the Borough tap fees are lower then the surrounding towns and that they need to be looked at the bring them up to date.

ITEM #3: Acknowledge and Accept Tax Collector's Monthly Report - November

Council Member Mangan made a motion to acknowledge and accept the monthly report, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #4: Water Treatment Plant - Update

Mr. Nicastro advised that the liquid lime trial started on December 11 and it was stopped shortly after it began because the pump that was delivered was not large enough. He reported that a new pump had to be shipped to the Borough and was received today and it is still being installed and the trial will begin either tonight or tomorrow morning. He advised that he received the results from the underground storage tank of the most recent ground sampling that was conducted in November and the results are consistent with previous data and the only one well is showing any results exceeding the normal testing. He reported that the benzene concentration has decreased from approximately 15 parts per billion from the previous sampling to 4.9 parts per billion.

Mayor Dempsey stated that these are not the wells that the water is drawn from but a monitoring well that was put in to monitor the surface water.

Mr. Nicastro advised that Black and Veatch suggested install another hydrant at the dead end of Willow Way near the school property and that hydrant has been installed.

ITEM #5: Hurricane Recovery/Beach Restoration - Update

Mr. DeIorio advised that the State OEM representative for Manasquan is no longer with the Borough so a new State OEM liaison for an interim until someone is assigned. He advised that the electronic transfer of $559,787 has been received representing the other half of the category A debris request for fund. He advised that this was the initial estimated request and that another category A debris request has been submitted and the Borough is awaiting word on when this will be available.

ITEM #6: Review of Resolutions for Consideration at the Regular Meeting

Mayor Dempsey asked if council had any questions regarding the resolutions on for the Regular Meeting.

Council Member Bossone asked that Mr. DeIorio explain Resolution 360-13.

Mr. DeIorio explained the resolution opposing the counties taking over the beaches.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council Member Bossone made a motion to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront requested that a blast go out about the meters being turned in and the sensors not working. She inquired about the payments that the town has received for debris removal.

Mr. DeIorio went over what the town has received so far for debris removal.

Ms. Ryan wanted to know what still needs to be discussed.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the difference between $1 million and $5.5 million that is still owed to the Borough.

Ms. Ryan inquired about resolution 360-13 and stated that she and the MBIA is in favor of opposing this bill.

Council Member Mangan stated that the group can send letters to the legislation and senators opposing the bill.

Ed Hyer, 56 Second Avenue inquired about the water sewer presentation and the revenue and appropriations and cost of replacing the main in town and how does that get paid and where does that show up on anticipated appropriations

Mr. DeIorio advised that the Ridge Avenue and Old Squan road project does not show up until the Borough actually secures financing for the project and right now it is being paid through deferred charges. He advised that once a bond anticipation note then you will see the payment in a year from the date it is secured.

Mr. Hyer asked if it would show up in 2015 as a portion of debt service.

Mr. DeIorio stated yes probably as a deferred charge.

Council Member Donovan made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Donovan made a motion to suspend the work session, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bossone made a motion to re-open the meeting, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

The closed session portion of the minutes begins on the next page. The signature and approval date are located on the last page following the closed session meeting minutes.

Council Member Olivera made a motion to close the meeting at 8:22 p.m., seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried unanimously.