

FEBRUARY 1, 2010
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held at the Collingswood Community Center, 30 W. Collings Avenue, Collingswood, NJ, on the second floor, at 7:00 P.M. Mayor M. James Maley, Jr., called the meeting to order, with Commissioner Joan Leonard present and Commissioner Michael Hall absent. Mayor Maley read the Sunshine Notice stating that the Borough has complied with provisions of the Sunshine Law by adopting prior to January 10 of this year, a resolution prescribing the dates, times and locations of all regular meetings of the Commission. This meeting was one of the meetings listed on the resolution. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. The previous meeting's minutes and the Tax Collector, Construction Code Officer and Treasurer reports were approved and seconded.

The Commissioners called for first reading and introduction of Ordinance 1475 Adopting Amendments to the Standard Operating Procedures for the Fire Department of the Borough of Collingswood. Mayor Maley moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on March 1, 2010. This was seconded and adopted with the following call of the roll:

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.

Aye: Joan Leonard

Absent: Michael A. Hall

The following resolutions were approved without a dissenting vote.

- 25 Authorizing a professional services contract with NW Financial Group, LLC as Financial Advisors
- 26 Authorizing a professional services contract with DM Medical billings for Ambulance Billing Services
- 27 Authorizing the Community Development Block Grant Agreement for the 32nd year for The Borough of Collingswood
- 28 Authorizing the Borough Administrator to Execute a Grant Agreement with the State of New Jersey for a \$7,000 Business Stimulus Tree Grant
- 29 Authorizing the Appointment of Keith Hastings as Alternate to the Camden County Community Development Advisory Board
- 30 Approving the membership of Brandon Harkness in the Collingswood Fire Department / Fire Company No. 1 Post 161
- 31 Approving the membership of Timothy Henzler in the Collingswood Fire Department / Fire Company No. 1 Post 161
- 32 Introducing and initially approving the Business Improvement District Budget for 2010
- 33 Approving the Sale of Municipal Equipment on E-Bay
- 34 Approving the Payment of Bills in General
- 35 Approving the Payment of Bills in Water
- 36 Approving the Payment of Bills in Sewer Accounts

Mayor Maley indicated Commissioner Hall was visiting family in Utah. Commissioner Leonard had no comments this evening.

Mayor Maley spoke on some budget issues. The Mayor spoke of his testimony in front of the Budget Advisory Commission in Trenton. Mayor Maley explained that the Commission is looking into making the four percent cap on property taxes into a "hard cap". Mayor Maley explained the concept of a "hard cap" and how it would affect the borough. Mayor Maley spoke on steps being made by the Borough, such as withholding employee pay increases, in an attempt to avoid layoffs if the state does implement a four percent hard cap. The Mayor also mentioned that some of the borough's collective bargaining units have filed grievances against the borough because of the withholding of pay increase.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the public.

Joseph Dinella, 716 Stokes Avenue, asked if NW Financial was a successor to Acacia Group. The Mayor explained the reason for the change is that the advisor the borough has previously worked with is now with NW financial. Mr. Dinella had questions about 2008 surplus funds and the budget. The Mayor explained that the Municipal Auditor reviews the municipal budget and its funds and that the auditor could explain how the funds are identified and where they are in the budget. Mr. Dinella stated that all the units in the lumberyard are not sold. Mayor Maley said he was of the understanding that all but one, a model unit, had sold but he would check.




John Staley 829 Stokes Avenue asked about the loan for the Lumberyard Phase Two project and when would it be completed. Mayor Maley explained a loan was made for the Phase Three portion of the project; which was getting the building shell up and the garage opened. Mayor Maley mentioned that the portion of the project being called Phase Two has residents actively moving into units. But because of the state of the economy and the time it took to get the building completed some

prospective buyers may have been lost.

Joseph Dinella, 716 Stokes Avenue, inquired about the missing sprinkler system in the Lumber Yard garages. Mayor Maley explained all the sprinklers have not been installed. The Mayor said the portion of the garage where residents are residing above are equipped with sprinklers and the second portion of the garage without sprinklers has no residents above. Mayor Maley added the Borough is waiting for the sprinklers systems to be completed before opening the garages to the public.

With no further comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:16 PM, which was seconded.


K. Holly Mannel
Acting Borough Clerk


M. James Maley, Jr.

Jean Leonard

Michael Hall
Borough Commissioners