

MARCH 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 present. 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 second reading and public hearing of Ordinance 1475 Adopting Amendments to the Standard Operating Procedures for the Fire Department of the Borough of Collingswood. Mayor Maley opened the ordinance to the public, but with no response he moved the public hearing closed and the ordinance be approved on a second and final reading, which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.
Aye: Joan Leonard
Aye: Michael A. Hall

The Commissioners called for the first reading of Ordinance 1476 implementing a redevelopment plan for an area located in the Borough of Collingswood which is located within that area of land known as BLOCK 31, LOTS 21, 23, 23.01 and 24 also known as 765 Haddon Avenue Pursuant to NJSA 40A:12A-7. Mayor Maley explained this property is the vacant bank located next to the Library. The purpose is to gain interest in the property and building. He moved the ordinance be adopted on first reading, published, and the second reading and public hearing to be held on April 5, 2010 which was seconded and approved by the following call of the roll:

Aye: M. James Maley, Jr.
Abstain: Joan Leonard
Aye: Michael A. Hall

The following resolutions were approved without a dissenting vote.

- 37 Appointing Joseph Slaton as a Financial Consultant
- 38 Approving the Recommendation of the Planning Board that the Area in Collingswood known as Block 31, Lots 21, 23, 23.01 and 24 also known as 765 Haddon Avenue is a Redevelopment Area.
- 39 Approving an Emergency Contract for the Installation of a Boiler at the Public Works Department.
- 40 Approving Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriations in the 2010 Municipal Budget
- 41 Awarding a Contract to Redflex Traffic System Inc. for the Automated Photo Enforcement System
- 42 Confirming the Details of the Sale of the Borough's Bonds to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for the Roberts Park Pump Station Project
- 43 Approving the Payment of Bills in General
- 44 Approving the Payment of Bills in Water
- 44a Approving the Payment of Bills in Sewer Accounts

Commissioner Hall spoke of the upcoming 6th Annual Saint Baldrick's Day Fundraiser being held at the Scottish Rite on March 7th. He commented it is a great cause lead by the Fire Department, whose fundraising goal this year is \$100,000.00. He encouraged residents to come out in support and to enjoy the fun.

Commissioner Leonard spoke of the Community Garden located at Washington Avenue and Maple Terrace. She said if anyone was interested in registering that the paper work would be available in a week or so and information can be found in the Town Crier or on the Borough's website. She announced the date of the upcoming Green Festival being held on April 24, 2010 along with Camden County's Hazardous Waste Collection Day. She spoke of the offerings at the Festival such as rain barrels, composters, trees and a kid zone. Commissioner Leonard also spoke about the Cattell Avenue Greenhouse getting underway and referred people to the borough's website for information.

Mayor Maley spoke of a fundraiser being held benefiting the Local Food Pantry which includes a reading from the book "The Grapes of Wrath". He encouraged people to support the Food Pantry which is run by several Collingswood Churches. The Mayor asked everyone to keep our town historian Doris Hand in their thoughts & prayers. She has been ill. Mayor Maley commented on the school budget and possible upcoming layoffs the schools are faced with. He spoke of the governor's plan and the 4% cap and the items that have normally been excluded from the cap that may now be included; such as health insurance and pension contributions. Mayor Maley spoke about contract negotiations, binding arbitration, annual salary increases and the effect it all has on the cap and how it can lead to layoffs.

Mayor Maley opened the meeting to the public.



Joseph Dinella, 716 Stokes Avenue, commented on the number of times the Borough has refinanced over the past several years and the amount of money in the General Capital Accounts over those years. He believes the amount in the budget is four times the amount being raised by taxes. Mayor Maley replied he would check with the Municipal Auditors but explained the Borough has not refinanced every year. The Mayor explained Bond Anticipated Notes as short term financing, how they are used and the difference between a Bond Anticipation Note and a long term Bond. A discussion followed regarding some items included on the 2008 Audit. It included financing for the Lumberyard Project through Collingswood Partners and the DCA. The Mayor explained it was a zero interest \$500,000.00 loan used for sidewalks, and streets in the Lumberyard/Downtown area.

Richard Klingerman 743 Maple Terrace, complained about a curb cut at 39 Washington Avenue. He explained the use of wine bottles as decoration on the ground between the sidewalk and street. Mr. Klingerman was concerned for the safety of the children on the street. Mayor Maley told Mr. Klingerman it would be taken care of right away. Nuisance Officer Maryellen Reis took note to the address.

Tim O'Neill, 18 W. Linden Avenue, thanked the Mayor for putting the minutes on the website. He requested that information on the vacancies and terms of the various boards be put on the website as well.

With no further comments, Mayor Maley moved the meeting be adjourned at 7:24 PM, which was seconded.


K. Holly Mannel
Acting Borough Clerk


M. James Maley, Jr.

Joan Leonard

Michael Hall
Borough Commissioners