

FINANCE MEETING
January 14, 2016

A REGULAR SCHEDULED FINANCE MEETING of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt was held in the Caucus Room of the Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:10 P.M

Mayor Craig Lahullier asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Mayor Lahullier, Councilmen David Stoltz, Richard Bartlett, Joseph Emerson and William Shockley were present. Councilman James Lenoy arrived at 7:20 P.M. and Councilman Robert Zimmermann was absent.

Mayor Lahullier led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Lahullier – This meeting has been called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law and in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting having been provided in the annual notice schedule which contained the time, date and location of the meeting, copies of which were sent and advertised in the following official newspapers of Carlstadt: The Record on January 6, 2016 and the Herald News on January 6, 2016 a copy of which is on the Bulletin Board in the Borough Hall and a copy on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Lucia Guerrero of Veriella's Bakery, 309 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ was in attendance. She mentioned that the Zoning Enforcement Officer came into the bakery Tuesday morning and told her to remove the flag from the front of the store. It has been up for a year and now she's told to remove it. It has the name of the bakery and the American flag. He said that someone else on the block put up the same flag. She said she came up here to ask if she can put up both of the flags again. Mayor Lahullier said this really does not come from us, it comes from zoning. Joseph Crifasi, Operations Manager said this is one of those ten foot high flags similar to a banner. He said under the ordinance it does not allow banner signs or signs that stick out. Lucia said it is not a permanent banner. It can be taken down. She does this if it is very windy. Mayor Lahullier said if it is removable, he does not see a problem with it. All of the Councilmembers said they had no problem with this. Lucia said if she can't advertise for her business, people will not see the store. The flag draws attention to the building. This went into a lengthy discussion.

Mayor Lahullier said all of the businesses on Hackensack Street need all the help we can give them. If we have to look into and redo or amend the ordinance we should consider this. The other thing she brought up is one as a resident and the other as a business owner. It has to do with the parking on Hackensack Street. She said the ticketing works if properly done consistently and the two hour parking does not work because if you move your car two inches, it is defeating the purpose. She mentioned to park on Broad Street by the Village Green is inconvenient because if her husband has to make a delivery, it's too far to carry anything to his vehicle. She said she would like an ordinance so that the employees of a business should not park on Hackensack Street. Mayor Lahullier said that if you get a New Jersey license and plates we cannot pass an ordinance not to let you park there as long as you obey the parking rules.

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Nino Casio from Bella Pizza, 401 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ told the Mayor and Council that he sold his building. The person who bought the building plans to continue to have it as a pizza place. He mentioned that there is no place to park for people to come into the restaurant now that there are cones on all the corners. Mayor Lahullier said the cones are for safety reasons and the police were the ones who enforced this.

Robert Ceberio of RCM Ceberio LLC, Wayne, NJ 07470 and representatives of KDC Solar LLC Bedminster, NJ 07921 spoke regarding various opportunities at the Scientific Chemical site. They thought there might be an opportunity in terms of parking for the Sports Complex or a Park and Ride for the morning commute. They have been speaking with USEPA and the engineering firm that handled the closure of the Super Fund site. As the result of their reporting back to them as to what the potentials are for the site, they made it very clear that they are concerned about putting any structures on the site. This is specifically because there is synthetic membrane on the cap on the site. This has been covered up with twelve inches of soil and it is very close to the surface of the site. He went into further detail on this matter. As a result they looked at a potential of solar on the site. They were able to have the Meadowlands Commission designate the Borough as the redeveloper of that site which gives a significant flexibility in terms of dealing with that site. Mr. D'Amico Senior Vice-President and Josh Smith, Vice-President of project development gave a presentation regarding their company. They are a NJ company and are privately held. They went into the solar business in 2010. They do all of their work in either commercial or industrial facilities. They do not do residential. The Council had questions regarding the project. Mayor Lahullier said that he would like to discuss this proposal in closed session.

Mayor Lahullier said we need to approve \$250.00 for the Fire Chief's gift. On motion by Emerson, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Lahullier said we also need to approve three plaques for the Voice of Democracy winners. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD BARTLETT

Last week we approved to get the retirement plaques for Gino Popejoy and Steven Sass Sr. Gino's time of service is thirty five years and Steven is forty two years. He informed the Board of Officers that we will be presenting them at the February public meeting which is a Tuesday, February 16, 2016. The other things he has are in closed session.

COUNCILMAN SHOCKLEY

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

COUNCILMAN JAMES LENOY

We submitted an open space grant. It was sent back to us because they needed a breakdown of exactly what we are doing. Joe Orlando took care of it. It was submitted back today and we should get a phone call from them next week or the week after.

COUNCILMAN DAVID STOLTZ

A Fire Department parking sign has to be removed for the past Chief Thomas Sabia from 423 Jefferson Street and the placement of a new sign at 504 Second Street for Battalion Chief Henry Riveros. The DPW needs to know of this to have the work done.

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH EMERSON

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

JOSEPH CRIFASI – OPERATIONS MANAGER

He mentioned at the last Civic Center meeting we were asked to check if we can get a different door opener system. We did find a new system and the cost will be cost \$1,800.00.

Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to approve this. On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mr. Crifasi asked for approval to advertise for requests for qualifications for the EDA grant. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mr. Crifasi mentioned the problem we are having with parking on Patricia Court. He met with Deputy Chief Berta and one of the suggestions was to use a side lot where people park their cars which is on Borough property and it is not an official parking lot. There is a grass area behind it. He measured how much would be needed to pave it estimating well under \$10,000.00. He would like to go out for a price quote as long as the CFO, Domenick Giancaspro says the money is available. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Lahullier mentioned Project Graduation and said to give the same amount of money we gave last year which was \$1,000.00. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to go into closed session at 8:30 P.M. to discuss personnel and property. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Bartlett, the meeting unanimously went into closed session.

The meeting went back into open session at 10:20 P.M. with the following members in attendance: Mayor Lahullier, Councilmen Stoltz, Bartlett, Lenoy, Emerson and Shockley.

Councilman Bartlett made a motion to ratify the personnel issue discussed in closed session, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Joseph Crifasi suggested to extend hours for Cheryl Rivera, Violations Clerk, to thirty-five hours at \$15.77 per hour. On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

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Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to ratify flowers for the family of Councilman Richard Bartlett. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, Councilmen Stoltz, Lenoy, Emerson and Shockley voted yes. Councilman Bartlett abstained and Council Zimmermann was absent.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-27-A

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt that Vincent DeSimone be appointed a Commissioner on the Carlstadt Sewerage Authority for a five year term; said appointment to be effective starting February 1, 2016.

On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 P.M. On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Lenoy, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

APPROVED: _____
CRAIG LAHULLIER, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK