

CAUCUS/FINANCE MEETING

June 1, 2022

A REGULAR SCHEDULED CAUCUS / FINANCE MEETING of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt was held in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 7:15 P.M.

Mayor Robert Zimmermann asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Mayor Robert Zimmermann, Council members David Stoltz, Joseph Emerson, Suzanne Fonseca and Diane DeBiase were present. Councilman William Roseman arrived at 7:40 P.M. Councilman James Lenoy was absent.

Joseph Crifasi, Borough Administrator was also present.

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

Mayor Zimmermann – 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, 2022 and the Herald News on January 6, 2022 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.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Gregory Polyniak of Neglia Engineering read his report for the month regarding projects that are being done in the Borough of Carlstadt. A copy of his report is on file in the Borough Clerk's office. Councilman Emerson thanked Mr. Polyniak for the follow up on the Tenth Street playground.

Mr. Polyniak said it is up to date and meets all ASTM standards and was tested to meet all safety standards and satisfies all the requirements in respect to site safety. Mayor Zimmermann said we are getting all kinds of compliments when people see it.

Councilman Emerson also talked about the paving of certain roads that Mr. Polyniak mentioned in his report.

Robert Ceberio of RCM Ceberio, LLC Management Consultants read his report on Carlstadt Economic Development. A copy of his report is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

Richard Allen, Esq. and Martin Truscott of Remington & Vernick who are working on the affordable housing were in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Allen said he hoped tonight is the public hearing and consideration of the affordable housing ordinance that was distributed a few weeks ago. He hoped it was reviewed and that the Planning Board approved it. He said we believe that it is in accord with the settlement agreement.

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FINAL READING

ORDINANCE NO. 22-5

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT TO IMPLEMENT THE BOROUGH'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING FAIR SHARE PLAN AS APPROVED BY THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to open the floor to a hearing of citizens for Ordinance No. 22-5 on affordable housing.

On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann asked if any citizen wished to speak on the affordable housing ordinance.

Mayor Zimmermann said to let the record note there is no citizen here to speak.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to close the floor to a hearing of citizens.

On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Fonseca, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-155-A

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

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heretofore re-introduced, does now pass on final reading and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law.

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

SPECIAL REPORTS

Assistant Chief Harr thanked the Mayor and Council for getting the doors at the Jefferson Street firehouse painted red. On Saturday, June 11, 2022 he said we will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the department from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Karl Ross, Recreation Advisor mentioned all is going well with the summer recreation program for this year. Councilwoman DeBiase asked Mr. Ross if we get more applications for summer recreation, can she still give them to him. Mr. Ross said no we are done. We are at capacity.

CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION NO. 2022-156
RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Gregory J. Polyniak of the Neglia Group, that the plans & specifications for:

GARDEN ORCHARD RECREATION COMPLEX – PHASES II AND III
(BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE FUNDED)

BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

are hereby approved and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for bids. This Resolution to take effect immediately.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-157

Approval to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the 8th Street Roadway Improvements-Section 3 project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2023-8th Street Roadway Improvements-Section 3-00102 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Carlstadt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Carlstadt and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

My signature and the Clerk's seal serve to acknowledge the above resolution and constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approve the execution of the grant agreement as authorized by the resolution above.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-158

WHEREAS, the Borough of Carlstadt has entered into a Three-Year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act NJSA 40A:8A-1 et seq. and Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

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WHEREAS, said Agreement requires that one Municipal Representative be appointed by the Governing Body of the community be part of the Community Development Regional Committee for the term of one year coinciding with the fiscal year July 1 through June 30.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body hereby appoints Joseph Crifasi as its representative to participate on the Community Development Regional Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David Stoltz be appointed as the alternate representative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Gregory Polyniak be appointed as additional alternate representative.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-159

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt that permission is granted to the following for the use of facilities on the specified date:

Community Center:

1. WERC Warriors – Wednesdays, June 1 and 8, 2022 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. for cheering.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Fonseca, seconded by Emerson. Councilmembers Emerson, Fonseca and DeBiase voted yes. Councilman Stoltz abstained on Resolution No. 158. Councilman Lenoy was absent and Councilman Roseman was not present for the vote.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to open the floor to a hearing of citizens.

On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Fonseca, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann asked if any citizen wished to be heard.

Stacey Lipinski, 536 Jefferson Street - She thanked the Mayor and Council for helping her with the problem she is having on her block. There is a house near her home that the grounds are not being taken care of. The backyard has a chain link fence and the grass is up to two feet. There are a lot of weeds and her children are allergic to weeds. They cannot go out into the backyard. Joseph Crifasi, Borough Administrator said this was a problem last year. They were notified and they did cut the grass. After a few weeks the grass was high and they were called again and were told it is not good enough. They went and cut the grass again. This went on again all last year. They were notified and have not responded to any notifications sent to them. Mr. Crifasi said we will contact a landscaper to cut the grass and put the charge on their tax bill. Mr. Crifasi said he will give Ms. Lipinski the Bergen County Mosquito hot line and they will come and spray the front and backyard of her property. The owner next to Mrs. Lipinski also would like her property sprayed too.

Gunter Kuprat, 507 Washington Street – he thanked the Mayor and Council for a wonderful Memorial Day Parade. He said George Schrieb was our VFW commander and he is stepping down this year. He was the one who added to it for that day. We have to give him all the credit for what he did for all the years he was here. Mr. Kuprat also wanted to thank Council President Suzanne Fonseca for a wonderful speech at Borough Hall and at the Memorial. Mr. Kuprat also wanted to thank from the VFW Mr. Crifasi because he had asked him to fill in the holes around the monument so that the older people who come up with canes and walkers don't get stuck in the holes.

Mayor Zimmermann asked if any other citizen wished to speak.

Mayor Zimmermann said to let the record note no one else wished to speak.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to close the hearing of citizens.

On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Roseman, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann said we still need a replacement for Pilar Odenheim on the Library Board and also a replacement for Erwin Fedkenheuer on the Planning Board.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve a dish garden for the George Escolano family. On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING ACT

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Governing Body of the Borough of Carlstadt to conduct an executive session closed to the public in order to discuss one or more of the following subjects: personnel and property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt hereby moves to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4 et. Seq. for the purpose of discussing one or more of the following subjects: personnel and property.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public will be informed either later this evening after reconvening the public meeting or at a future public meeting said date is not predictable at the present time.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in and minutes of the closed session shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to go into closed session at 7:50 P.M.

On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Roseman, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to go back into open session at 8:50 P.M

On motion by Emerson, seconded by DeBiase, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

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Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to hire Anthony Hirujo and Gregory Dickman as full time dispatchers for the Police Department with the start date on or about June 22, 2022.

On motion by Emerson, seconded by Roseman, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to appoint a redevelopment attorney for Richard Allen, Esq. He is Richard Malagiere, Esq.

On motion by Roseman seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to appoint twenty-two summer counselors. There are spots for thirty-two counselors if we need to do that.

On motion by Emerson, seconded by Fonseca, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to hire three DPW helpers for the summer.

On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to appoint Anthony Silletto as the part-time Fire Official to take the place of Robert Moore who is retiring for the unexpired term to December 31, 2023.

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

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to allow an extra Special Police Officer at Carlstadt Public School to work Election Day on June 7, 2022.

On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Roseman, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M.

On motion by Roseman, seconded by Emerson, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

APPROVED: _____
ROBERT J. ZIMMERMANN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK