

CAUCUS MEETING

June 15, 2022

A REGULAR SCHEDULED CAUCUS 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 15, 2022 at 7:02 P.M.

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

Joseph Crifasi, Borough Administrator and Joseph Donahue, Borough Attorney were 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.

Mayor Zimmermann stated he saw on the agenda the discussion of a Board of Health late fee.

Councilwoman Fonseca said yes. The Board of Health has submitted in the correspondence Ordinance No. 2022-1 Schedule of Fees. The Board of Health would like us to approve it so it goes back to them and they can vote to raise the late fees. There is kind of an issue with a business in town that has not been paying. So by raising the late fee this will hopefully hinder any other businesses from not paying their food license on time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Zimmermann said we received correspondence from the Wildcats Football Sideline Club for Wildcat Football and Cheering. They are looking for a donation from us to be a community sponsor. They have a Gold Level Sponsor fee of \$300.00.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve \$300.00 for the Wildcat Football Sideline Club. On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to open the floor to a hearing of citizens. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Fonseca, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann asked if any citizen wished to be heard at this time.

Karl Ross, 309 Division Avenue - he was hoping the Mayor and Council could look into maybe sending a postcard with a friendly reminder about an ordinance being violated.

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He noticed when he is driving around town especially when he is driving by his block when people go to Dunkin Donuts, people are jamming two and three cars in their driveway and they are taking sidewalk space. He watched parents going into the street with strollers and it is just not good. He doesn't want to see people get tickets but just a friendly reminder with a postcard on their windshield that they are violating the ordinance.

George George, 760 Eighth Street - he has Bachelor and Master Degrees in Engineering from NYU. The reason he is mentioning that is he is concerned about his neighbor to the Southeast. He wants to build a four-foot retaining wall and put in a pool. We already had three retaining walls go down in that area. He should know because one of them was his. He is very concerned because he does not think it will work with the way the land is set up. He went into detail on why he says this. It deals with dirt and water. When it rains and we get a storm, it gets worse with the water and dirt. Mayor Zimmerman asked if the construction has started. Mr. George replied no they have not started the construction. They have their paperwork and it was approved. His concern is from a mechanical engineering prospective. He feels that the terrain will not support that. He went into detail on this. Mayor Zimmermann said we will take a look into that.

Assistant Fire Chief John Harr mentioned that the Fire Department had their 150th Anniversary Party at the firehouse this past Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. He wanted to thank the DPW for all they did. Mayor Zimmermann thanked the Chief and everyone who was on the committee that put it together because it really was a wonderful day between the entertainment, the food and everything. It was just absolutely great. Chief Harr said the people who were in charge of that deserve a lot of credit. They put their heart and soul into it. The ad journal will be coming out soon. There were a few late people that donated and we want to get it 100% perfect. Hopefully it will be out in August.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to close the floor to a hearing of citizens.
On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Fonseca, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING ACT RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

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: 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. 10:4-6 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 7:14 P.M. On motion by Lenoy, seconded by DeBiase, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to go into open session and adjourned at 8:10 P.M. On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

APPROVED: _____
ROBERT J. ZIMMERMANN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK