

## **CAUCUS MEETING**

**July 20, 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, July 20, 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 William Roseman, Suzanne Fonseca and Diane DeBiase were present.

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. Mr. Polyniak asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilman Emerson mentioned that in regards to the rain and flooding that recently occurred and in particular with regard to Route 17 and the work that has been done and needs to be done. Pictures were taken which shows there is work to be done and the residents need to know that it is being addressed. He thanked Mr. Crifasi and Mr. Polyniak for their due diligence and Mr. Polyniak said that he will stay on top of the situation with the State Department of Transportation and New Jersey Transit.

Richard Allen, Esq. gave his report on affordable housing and lease of municipal property including a cell tower bid package and bid notice to be published in the newspaper and posted on the web-site for receipt of bids, the amount of rent and increase to charge and also discussed the sale of unneeded municipal property.

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

On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll.

Mayor Zimmermann asked if any citizen wished to be heard.

Mayor Zimmermann said to let the record note there was no citizen that wished to be heard.

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

On motion by Fonseca, seconded by Roseman, unanimous on call of roll.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Zimmermann said we received a letter from Cassie Deleasa, 705 Washington Street requesting a street closure and barricades on September 24, 2022 for a children's birthday party. Rain date will be October 1, 2022. She is also requesting that 700 Washington Street to 713 Washington Street be blocked off from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve this request.  
On motion by Lenoy, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll.

Mayor Zimmermann said a letter was received from Thomas Cox, Deputy Chief of Police. It is a letter of resignation from Special Police Officer Daniel Bellina as a Special Law Enforcement Officer as of July 11, 2022. He has worked in this position for the past four years.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to accept this resignation with regrets and wishes him luck.  
On motion by Fonseca, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll.

**COUNCILMAN JOSEPH EMERSON**

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COUNCILWOMAN SUZUANNE FONSECA**

She would like to put on record with regards to the Carlstadt Community Garden that we would like to thank the anonymous donors who donated \$4,000.00 for the purchase of four commercial solar powered street lights to put inside the garden.

**COUNCILMAN WILLIAM ROSEMAN**

He had a things to discuss in closed session.

**COUNCILMAN DAVID STOLTZ**

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COUNCILMAN JAMES LENOY**

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COUNCILWOMAN DIANE DeBIASE**

She had nothing to discuss at this time.

**BOROUGH CLERK, CLAIRE FOY**

She had nothing to discuss at this time.

**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 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. 10:4-6 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 7:33 P.M.

On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to go back into open session and adjourn at 8:02 P.M

On motion by Fonseca, seconded by Roseman, unanimous on call of roll.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBERT J. ZIMMERMANN, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK