

CAUCUS MEETING
September 21, 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, September 21, 2022 at 6:25 P.M.

Mayor Robert Zimmermann asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Mayor Robert Zimmermann, Council members David Stoltz, James Lenoy, and Diane DeBiase were present. Councilmen Joseph Emerson arrived at 6:40 P.M. Councilman William Roseman arrived at 6:48 P.M. and Councilwoman Susanne Fonseca 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 read the following meeting notice change which was posted on the Borough's website and published in The Record on September 19, 2022.

BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT
MEETING NOTICE CHANGE

The time for the Caucus Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt to be held on September 21, 2022 has been changed from 7:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. to be followed by the Council Meeting at 8:00 P.M. in the Borough Hall Council Chambers, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072.

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

Robert Ceberio of RCM Ceberio, LLC Management Consultants 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.

SPECIAL REPORT

Assistant Fire Chief John Harr mentioned they got good news from a car dealership for replacement vehicles that will be in the end of October. By the time they get outfitted they should have them in January 2023. The Carlstadt Fire Department is having their open house on October 14, 2022 at the

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Jefferson Street Firehouse and also Fire Prevention at the school during the day.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was addressed to Hernan Lopez from Homeland Security. Our application submitted for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Grant funding opportunity has been approved in the amount of \$221,240.00 in Federal funding. As a condition of this grant, you are required to contribute non-Federal funds equal to or greater than 5.00% of the Federal funds awarded, or \$11,062.00 for a total approved budget of \$232,302.00.

A letter was received from the Vic's Hoofers Auxiliary of Carlstadt requesting the use of the community bus for members' transportation to their 81st Anniversary Dinner. The dinner will be on Thursday, October 6, 2022 from 5:30 to 9:30 P.M. at Bistro 107, 107 Moonachie Road, Moonachie, NJ.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve the Community Bus.

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

Mayor Zimmermann said a letter was received from Chris Assenheimer, Secretary of the Board of Officers, Carlstadt Fire Department that they have approved a three (3) month Leave of Absence for David Stoltz. Adrian Ferataj was approved as a Probationary Member of Bergen Engine Company One and Dylan Recoulee resigned from Bergen Engine One.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Dylan Recoulee with regrets.

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

Mayor Zimmermann said a letter was received from the Carlstadt PTA for the students' 8th Grade Graduation Dance to be held in June 2023. We typically donate \$600.00 for the DJ.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to donate \$600.00 to the Dance Committee.

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

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to ratify the phone poll taken on September 13, 2022 for the use of the community bus driver on September 17, 2022 for the Turn Hall members to attend the parade in New York City. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Lenoy, 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 Lenoy, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann asked if any citizen wished to be heard.

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

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

On motion by Lenoy, seconded by DeBiase, 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 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 6:48 P.M. On motion by Lenoy, seconded DeBiase, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

On motion by Roseman, seconded by DeBiase, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

APPROVED: _____
ROBERT J. ZIMMERMANN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK