

**CITY OF NORTHFIELD WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

At 6:05pm this meeting was called to order by Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk. This meeting was properly advertised in the Press of Atlantic City in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Mayor Chau.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dewees, Lischin, Murray, O'Neill, Perri, Piergiovanni, Travagline

Mayor Chau, Solicitor Facenda, Engineer Kwapinski and Chief Newman were also in attendance.

- OEM Generator Bid, *Resolution No. 170-2016* – Tim Joo

Council President Travagline introduced OEM Coordinator Tim Joo and asked him to comment on Resolution 170-2016.

Tim Joo explained that the grant was the result of Hurricane Sandy. Post-Sandy, because we had our Hazard Communication Plan completed, we became eligible for hazard mitigation funding. This was a grant we obtained; Coordinator Joo said he put in for \$70,000.00, and at the time, City Hall did not have a generator. However, by the time the paperwork and processes had been completed, the City Hall generator had been installed. Coordinator Joo received approval to use the grant for two sewer pump station generators, one would be trailer mounted and one fixed-mount. The City of Linwood got the same grant and this is the bid specification that they used. Originally the fixed mount was going to go at Mill and Zion, but it had since been changed to a plan that puts that generator at the Davis Avenue Station. There is no match, it is 100% grant funded.

Councilman Perri told Coordinator Joo that he did a good job.

Solicitor Facenda pointed out that since Mr. Joo was in attendance, and the resolution for the sheltering agreement was also on the agenda, would Joo please comment on that as well.

Coordinator Joo explained that if we had the need for a shelter, under the terms of the agreement, our shelter will be at the Linwood Community Church, located at Shore Road and Seaview Avenue. He further explained the details and that the facility was well equipped in terms of design to handle first responders as well as members of the public. The agreement was between Northfield, Linwood and Somers Point. Coordinator Joo did not like the idea of using the City Hall as a shelter because of the

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need to use this facility to do business and get the city services back up and running, and it was not the best scenario to have the public here while that was going on. Having the three towns in the same location, with the same goal and a single purpose for that facility is more desirable. This had taken several months to accomplish and the agreement had been revised numerous times with the input of the three participating towns and the church. The County had indicated their support of the plan, but their approval was not required. Once all three towns were on board it would be included in the Red Cross' directory of shelters.

Councilman Dewees asked how it would work since the facility did not have a generator.

Coordinator Joo replied that we could possibly use the sewer department generator, or we could rent one. Northfield did not have a shelter with a generator, so were not in any worse situation.

Council President Travagline thanked Tim for coming.

- Proposed Land Donation to Birch Grove Park

Councilman Dewees had not yet been able to connect with the owner of the donated land; will move discussion to the next meeting.

- Sewer Interlocal – Capital Purchase – *requested by Councilman Perri*

Councilman Perri explained that some time ago Council did an authorization for a sewer utility truck; the CFO had asked Councilman Perri to look into it, but it did not look like it was going to happen this year. He asked that Mayor Chau and Councilman Dewees work with him to get the sewer interlocal agreement renewed next year, and to get the purchase of the crane truck authorized. There was a truck for the park that was authorized but not purchased. Mayor Chau was chair of sewer committee this year. He informed Council that the meeting had to be publicly advertised.

Mayor Chau asked why Linwood did not want to purchase the truck.

Councilman Perri replied that they did not appropriate the funds. He also felt the bypass pump should be considered, since Linwood can use them as well. He asked if the meeting could be scheduled within the next month or so.

Mayor Chau asked Clerk Canesi to confirm which mayor was the sewer chair and to schedule a meeting accordingly.

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Council President Travagline felt the sewer committee should meet, and then Council would discuss, pending the outcome of that meeting

- Drainage Project – Cresson, Walnut, Pincus, Aster, Burton, Ridgewood

Council President Travagline asked Engineer Kwapinski to speak regarding the drainage project.

Engineer Kwapinski referred to the previously distributed phased-in plan for the Cresson, Burton, Walnut, etc. areas.

Councilman Perri asked if we have seen a heavy rain since they cleared the main at Cresson and Burton.

Engineer Kwapinski replied no.

Engineer Kwapinski explained Phase I.

Council President Travagline, Councilman Dewees and Engineer Kwapinski discussed the details of Phase I and the anticipated associated impact of the execution of this phase.

Council President Travagline did not understand need for Phase I; it was a lot of money. Questioned whether they could possibly regrade Aster as an alternative.

Councilman Dewees was pleased with the design of Phase I and II, he was not sure if phase III would be needed.

Council President Travagline asked Darren Boyd, Sewer Department employee, who was in the audience, for his opinion.

Mr. Boyd reiterated that increasing the size of the 12" pipe, closest to Tilton Road, was a must.

Discussion ensued between Council President Travagline, Engineer Kwapinski, Councilmen Murray, Lischin and Dewees and Darren Boyd.

Council President Travagline asked Engineer Kwapinski to come to the next meeting with numbers that take the project up Tilton, down Cresson to Burton. He asked all to digest for next meeting. He pointed out that Phase III may not be necessary, as noted by Councilman Dewees.

Council President Travagline confirmed with Council they were probably all in agreement that we can do this in 3 stages. No one wanted to do it all at once.

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Engineer Kwapinski noted that he would come back with a revised plan and numbers, as per tonight's discussions regarding to the Tilton/Cresson Drainage issue.

AGENDA REVIEW

Council President Travagline reviewed the regular meeting agenda.

Solicitor Facenda noted for the record that corrected survey description for Helen Drive had been received.

Councilman Perri asked if the ACIA resolution was new?

Clerk Canesi responded that it was an existing program that was being reinstated.

PUBLIC SESSION

Council President Travagline opened the meeting to the public for discussion on any topic.

Seeing no one wishing to speak Council President Travagline closed the public session.

At 6:58pm, on motions properly made and seconded, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Canesi, Municipal Clerk