

BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION

September 22, 2009
9:10 P.M.

Present: Council members; Ciannella, Kane, Levinson, Maughan (via telephone 7:25 p.m.), Viola and Council President Wells and Mayor Ruschman

Absent: None

Also Present: Robert Mancinelli, Borough Attorney
Kelley O'Donnell, Borough Clerk

Mayor Ruschman read the compliance statement as required by the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- **Pedestrian Improvements Train Station**
 - Construction scheduled to begin Thursday, September 24th
 - Approximate duration – 1 week

- **2009 PV Coop Road Improvement Program**
 - All work complete
 - Checking discrepancy on quantities for the roadway milling
 - After verification of quantities voucher will be submitted for final payment

- **2009 Park Ridge Road Improvement Program**
 - Joseph M. Sanzari began work on Monday, September 21st
 - Construction schedule distributed to all present
 - Sidewalk improvement at corner of Johnsvale Road & Pascack Road to be included in this project
 - Milling & Paving to begin once the other improvements are near completion – Mid December

- **Fifth Street Improvements**
 - NJDOT PV Coop
 - Maser Consulting has prepared plans
 - Azzolina & Feury reviewed and offered their comments to Maser Consulting
 - Administration & Inspection to be handled by Maser Consulting
 - Azzolina & Feury offered to monitor this project

- **Improvements to Leroy Place**
 - County Approval is required
 - Coordinating with County Engineer's office for their requirements for connecting to County drainage system
 - Preliminary Plan being prepared for County review & approval
 - Cost Estimate to be supplied to Mayor & Council with specifications after County approval
 - Easements will be required from adjacent property owners

COUNCIL CONCERNS

- **Councilmember Viola** – Leaf disposal shared services
 - Thorough investigation of the shared service proposal took place
 - This year the Borough will continue with Organic Recycling just as last year
 - **Colleen Ennis sent letter of intent to Organic Recycling**
 - **Agreement needed**
 - Waste Management will allow the Borough to weigh truckloads of leaves this year
 - Park Ridge only
 - Discrepancies in data received on weight of leaves wet or dry
 - **Mayor Ruschman stated that residents have inquired as to burning of the leaves**
 - **Councilmember Viola stated that leaves would absolutely not be burned**
 - It is illegal to burn leaves
- **Councilmember Ciannella** – Spoke with Joan Valas, OEM regarding the H1N1 vaccine schedule
 - Advertisement on TV that Walgreens will apply to be a site
 - Federal Government will distribute to the States
 - States will decide on the sites
 - New Jersey will have 2300 sites
 - **Meeting has been scheduled for September 30th with Board of Education, Board of Health and Borough Administration**
 - **PKRG will be asked to do a Public Health Announcement**
 - Council concerns and/or ramifications if Borough Hall is chosen as a site
 - County may choose the Borough Hall as a site, but the County is still considered the provider

BOROUGH CLERK REPORT

- **Shared Courts – Feasibility Study**
 - 9/16/09 – County Board of Freeholders voted to award the grant request in the amount of \$20,000 with no matching obligation.
 - Meeting scheduled 9/24 with all 3 towns – proposals received from 4 firms

- **Senior Van**
 - No response from Tom Padilla, County Freeholder
 - Email sent to Hertz Corp – No response
 - Mayor to provide an additional contact at Hertz

- **2009 Road Improvement Program**
 - Sanzari met with Lou Turli and Chief at Pool Parking Lot on 9/22
 - Hold Harmless & COLI received

- **Signs in Depot Square**
 - New Hope, Inc is holding a fund raiser at the Plaza at Mill Pond Dam – Antique & Fine Art Appraisal
 - Asked if they could put 2 x 4 signs on Borough Property
 - **Council unanimously agrees to no signs on Borough property & suggested resident contact PKRG – TV for bulletin board**

- **Memo sent to Department Heads – H1N1 Preparedness & Prevention**
 - Request of Joan Valas
 - Health Care Professional volunteers recruiting to be on web site

- **Political Banners**
 - Distributed fax received from Peter Incardone, County Board of Elections
 - Banners hung over county roads must have approval of Bergen County Police
 - **Council agrees to no banners**

BOROUGH ATTORNEY REPORT

- **Mader Place Contractor – New Prince Construction**
 - Rob Mancinelli has been monitoring the dispute
 - Borough is taking the position that there are still open punch list items

- **Musso Lane**
 - No residents showed up this evening
 - Private property
 - 25' right of way granted 60 years ago
 - Borough does not need to take a position
 - Private property – residents' dispute
 - Rob Mancinelli visited the site
 - Reviewed the deeds
 - Question is not the Borough accessing
 - Rob Mancinelli advised the Council to stay out of resident disputes
 - **Council and Rob Mancinelli advise clerk to notify Mrs. Schechtman that she should notify her neighbors in writing that they do not have her permission to use her property**

- **Councilmember Ciannella – Downtown Beautification**
 - Triangle park at Park Avenue & Kinderkamack Road
 - Asked for feedback from Council regarding closing off point of entrance to create a larger park area
 - Councilmember Ciannella stated at first look the County does not object
 - Council discussion on concerns of increased traffic
 - There is no place to put a box for a traffic study
 - Traffic studies are generally conducted for 3 days between the hours of 9:00 am & 5:00 pm
 - Council questioned a volunteer sitting to conduct a traffic study
 - Rob Mancinelli advised against it – counts have been challenged
 - Council feels there would be a major objection to closing off that entrance
 - **Councilmember Ciannella was advised to discuss this matter with Lyn Beer, Land Use Administrator**
 - Lyn Beer would be aware of constraints and restrictions on the ingress or egress

Work Session adjourned to Closed Session at 9:45 p.m.