

53 Park Ave
Park Ridge, NJ

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION
December 12, 2023
7:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmember Hoffman, Councilmember Ferguson, Councilmember Goldsmith
Councilmember Cozzi, Councilmember Capilli, Council President Fenwick and Mayor
Misciagna

Absent:

Also Present: John Schettino, Borough Attorney
Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk
Connie Carpenter, CFO
John Dunlea, Borough Engineer

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

1. **Engineering:** Brough Engineer Dunlea spoke about Res. No. 023-348 - TWA Application Endorsement - 1 Sony Drive (Landmark AR Park Ridge LLC) and his recommendation for the Governing Body to approve it.
 - a. Council President Fenwick asked about Leach and how a resident spoke about the gas leak in a road leaking. Brough Engineer Dunlea said they have to contact public service.
2. **Borough Administrator:** Brough Administrator talked about the polling and surveying conducted to gather public input about purchasing the North 5th property and applying for Green Acres, as well as the additional letters of support solicited.
3. **CFO Report:** The Borough CFO said the rollover is scheduled to take place on Jan. 3rd.
 - a. Council President Fenwick asked if the CFO contacted the Borough Auditor for the estimated surplus for next year as was mentioned last meeting? Ms. Carpenter said she did, but it would be an additional cost associated with that and the auditor will do it as part of the regular audit conducted next year starting in February.
4. **2024 RFO Recommendations:** The following recommendations were made:
 - a. CONFLICT ATTORNEY - Dario, Albert, Metz, Eyerman, Canda, Concannon, Ortiz & Krouse, LLC
 - b. BOND COUNSEL – ROGURT MCCARTHY LLC
 - c. BOROUGH ENGINEER - Neglia Associates

- d. Risk Manager – Medical – Vozza Agency
 - e. Risk Manager - Vozza Agency
 - f. Financial Advisor - NW Financial Group
 - g. Borough Attorney - John Schettino LLC
 - h. Tax Appeal Attorney - Chasan, Lamparello, Mallon & Cappuzzo
 - i. Borough Planner - Colliers Engineering and Design
 - j. Grant Writer / Consultant - Bruno Associates Inc
5. **Mill Pond Committee:** Councilman Goldsmith spoke about how he would like a Mill Pond Committee to be established.
- a. Mayor Misciagna stated that the green team would deal with Mill Pond cleanup and restoration and the Borough has been soliciting the community to get new membership, and we have about 6 new names who would like to join and be active in 2024. Mayor Misciagna always told everyone about a meeting he had with a grant writer who works on a Federal and State level and he spoke about Mill Pond with her and she stated she is confident she can get the Borough close to 70-80% of the funding. He would like her to come and speak to the governing body in the new year.

Open Work Session adjourned to Closed Session at 7: 15 pm

Council President Fenwick made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Councilman Goldsmith confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk