

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 14, 2022
7:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Councilmember Capilli

Also Present: John Schettino, Borough Attorney
Connie Carpenter, Borough CFO
Magdalena Giandomenico, Borough Clerk
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. **Admin Report:**

- We are requesting \$12,000,000.00 from Congressman Gottheimer's office to potentially obtain funds for the dredging of Electric Lake by applying for the FY 2024 Community Project Funding Request., which includes the construction costs, permit fee costs and anticipated design/ construction management costs, which encompasses the entire project costs.

2. **CFO Report:**

- The revenue side of the budget is delayed because Munidex is having system issues and has not been able to provide numbers to our auditor to complete the Borough's financial statements and without that we can not move forward. As it stands not without the revenue, the budget is up \$80,000 from last year only. Mobility elevator has been doing the work so we can close out the old grant before we lose it,

3. **Engineers Report:**

- a. **Sink Hole Colony Ave:** As discussed, my office coordinated televising and inspecting an existing sewer line traversing under the sinkhole. We did not observe any damages to the existing line. Following this, we reached out to several contractors to provide quotes to address the sinkhole. We received the following responses: **Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc.:** \$23,155.00 and **ConQuest Construction, Inc.:** \$9,600.00 We have instructed ConQuest to proceed with the work on an emergency basis and the contractor will be completing the this

week. I note that the when completing emergency repairs such as this one, there is always an element of unknown, so the above price is subject to change if any unforeseen conditions are encountered. We will keep the Borough updated on any such circumstances.

- b. **2023 Roadway Project**: The engineer asked for a list of roads to be chose by the governing body so the Borough can bid the project early in the year. The governing body agreed to allocate about a million dollars this year. Engineer also spoke about status of Midland Ave and how the drainage and water flow has to be addressed. The bid documents will be prepared to have the roads, and the alternate options for Midland Ave and an alternate for sidewalk/ tree removal services. Council President Fenwick would like to have a cost analysis of what it would cost for the Borough to address the sidewalks walk replacement and tree removal services. 29 West Park can be addressed in the road program.
4. **155 Park Ave** Councilman Hoffman asked about the project proposed on 155 Park Ave. Borough Engineer started he just got the proposed plans so he will review them, but it would be a substantial project because NJDEP permitting would be involved and it is an acre of land, it would not be a small development. He will review the plans and see how many proposed units. Council President Fenwick would like there to be some units set aside for affordable housing.
5. **49 Linden Ave**: Borough Clerk stated how a resident is complaining about the field lights staying on until 11pm,. Even if no one is on the field. The coaches and users are supposed to turn the fields lights off after use, but if they don't, the lights are set to be automatically shut off by 11pm. She wanted to know if it can be earlier. Council stated the problem now is the field is used daily and spring sports starting. Councilman Ferguson will; talk to Jimmy Leightman about possibly adding censors or maybe using a key system for the lights versus the lock that is there now.
6. **Pool Bridge**: Borough Engineer spoke about the deteriorating bridge leading to the pool. Neglia has prepared this proposal to provide Professional Surveying and Engineering Services for the above-referenced project. We understand that a pedestrian bridge located at the Park Ridge Municipal Pool that crosses Mill Brook is in need of replacement. The pedestrian bridge is likely to be a pre-fabricated steel bridge and must be pedestrian-rated. Improvements for this project will generally be associated with the removal of the existing concrete pedestrian bridge and abutments to install a new pre-fabricated steel bridge and associated bridge abutments. As we understand, the work associated with this project will require NJDEP permits, as Mill Brook is a Category-1 waterbody. This proposal addresses surveying and engineering services necessary to prepare permitting and construction documents for the proposed pedestrian bridge improvements. As such, in addition to the engineering and design documents, this proposal includes all costs associated with the preparation of NJDEP Land Use Permit Environmental and Engineering Reports, geotechnical

soil investigations and testing, and structural designs. On a lump sum basis for a cost of Forty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Zero Cents (\$47,128.00) representing Phase 1-111 - Surveying, Design and Construction Documents, and Permitting Services. On a material basis for a cost not to exceed Five Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars and Zero Cents (\$566.00) for Phase IV - Reimbursable Expenses (See Conditions and Exclusions). The actual cost of bridge replacement would be: \$451,590. A discussion ensued and the engineer will go out and check the bridge out this Thursday at 10am with a structural engineer and see if the work would need to be done this year and report back along with options.

Open Work Session adjourned at 7:45pm

Councilman Ferguson made a motion to adjourn open session into closed session and seconded by Councilman Hoffman confirm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Magdalena Giandomenico".

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk