

53 Park Ave
Park Ridge, NJ

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION
March 28, 2022
7:00 P.M.

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

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

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

1. **Parking at the James:** A discussion was held with Bob Goldsmith and the Governing Body about the Parking Spots at the James. Bob Goldsmith was present by phone for about 15 minutes to go over the parking agreement with everyone. The governing body would like to auction off the spots for now for about \$115 a month and Mayor Misciagna would like to have the other half of the spots be metered. The governing body would like a resolution authorizing a bid/auction and for the Administrator to work with a parking consultant to work on the language.
2. **CFO Report :** CFO stated that the Annual Financial Statement has been completed and is on the website. The work on the elevators was completed and she submitted the necessary paperwork to get the grant monies back for the elevator grant. All of the monies of the Borough is in Valley National bank and the Utility Board was contemplating spreading it out. Connie mentioned money market accounts. Council President Fenwick is for spreading the money out and the Borough CFO will speak to Roy Riggitano about money market accounts. Next Finance Committee meeting will be April 5th at 3pm and the budget will be introduced on April 11th.
3. **Marijuana Ordinance:** Borough Attorney discussed the proposed ordinance clarifying the definition of drug paraphernalia and how the current one the Borough has in code is lacking the definition.
 - a. Mayor Misciagna's only concern is the Borough getting sued by the current Smoke Shop.
 - b. Councilman Capilli stated he would have like to have known about new businesses going in prior and when the business first enquired into it, the Borough needs to have clarification to the definitions.
 - c. Ordinance will be introduced at the 4/11/2023 meeting.

4. **PFOS**: Councilman Cozzi stated there are new PFOS regulations that will be coming down the line from the NJDEP and can have an impact on our wells.
5. **Shared Pascack Court**: Council President Fenwick summarized the new agreement for the TriBoro Court, each town will have a veto power as it related to the hire of professionals. All in favor.
6. **Substation Brea Blvd**: Resident complaining about the size and noise of the station. The Mayor will speak to Paul Longo or Jimmy Leichtman about this.
7. **Board Meetings**: Councilman Ferguson stated it is time for our Borough Boards to meet in person not via zoom. Councilman Cozzi will inform the utility board members they need to meet in person. Mayor Misciagna stated zoom should be used if someone can to make a meeting due to some circumstance and can zoom in.
8. **Board of Health**: Councilman Hoffman stated the Board of Health is looking into ordinance to limit the amount of dogs residents can have, he is against dog kennels and the ordinance would look to address that.
9. **Memorial Field**: Councilman Ferguson stated the concern of a resident over the lights on the Field and them being on late in the evening during some times that no one is on the Fields. Currently the lights go off 11pm during the season and it's hard to have them automatically shut off earlier then that due to practices and games running into the evening. It was agreed by the governing body that from April to October the light will automatically shut off 10:20-11:00pm and winter the cut off can be 9-9:30pm. He would also like to see if there are any grants out there for iPad.

Open Work Session adjourned at 8:01pm

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

Respectfully submitted,



Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk