

A REGULAR / BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 10th, 2017 AT THE BOROUGH HALL BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Morgan, Council Members: Hoag, Dennison, Figueiredo, and Smith.

ABSENT: Mr. Pearson and Mrs. Delfing

Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag and in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by advertising notice of meeting in the N.J. Herald and posting copy of notice in the Borough Hall.

MINUTES:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 13, 2017. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Smith, Hoag, Figueiredo. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Dennison. Motion carried.

OFFICIALS REPORTS:

No Treasurer's report.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison accept the following reports and place on file: Joint Court Report for May, Lakeland Emergency Squad Report for June and YTD, ABFD Report for June. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Hoag, Dennison, Figueiredo, and Smith. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Ferraioli, Wielkotz, Cerullo & Cuva re: Audit report for 2016 was presented and placed on file.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Erica Mallon of 11 Smith Street expressed her concerns over the safety at the park. She suggested a guardrail along the playground to protect it from any vehicles that may, in the case of an accident, come through the fence. She felt it is a dangerous intersection and that this was something that should be done immediately. There was some discussion regarding cost and challenges as that intersection is a County Road. Mr. Hoag stated that he would go to the County to ask about this. Mrs. Mallon felt that perhaps there were charity organizations, like Hudson Farm, that would donate the money. She also reported her concerns over the state of the basketball court; to which Mr. Figueiredo put forth his plan which is explained in "reports of standing committees". Mrs. Mallon thanked Mr. Figueiredo for all of his efforts.

Andy Gruswitz, of 7 Prospect, reiterated that the basketball court needed repair.

Jamie Stowe of 25 Brighton also addressed the safety at the park. She said that living near the park she can attest to that intersection being dangerous and that "no one follows the speed limit signs". She said that the crossing guard is helpful with speeding vehicles when she is there. As for the basketball court she expressed her concerns over the state of the play area and felt that it could be hazardous if repairs are not made. In the course of her discussion she also mentioned celebrations at the park to which she volunteered to help with events.

Colleen Figueiredo of 26 West High Street also expressed her concern over the safety of the park and that a guardrail was needed. She also was concerned about the state of the basketball court. As she talked she mentioned that more seating for the adults would be good and a play structure for young children 1-2 years old. She continued to state that the park is in need of improvements. She wondered if there was a better way of communicating issues that residents have other than contacting the borough hall because not everyone can make meetings.

Jerry Covell of 9 Lakeview reported that his boys use the court at night and it could be improved for safety and that seating for his in-laws is needed. As the conversation about the park progressed he stated that he would be willing to put together a 5k run to help raise funds for improvements. The details of how that those funds can be used and the actions needed to be taken by the governing body, like a trust fund or dedication by rider, were discussed.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE: The Sussex County draft septic management plan was reviewed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Administrative & Executive:

It was reported that the Municipal Clerk will be putting in for vacation time which will include days at the end of the year. Coverage will need to be sought.

Celebration of Public Events: Mr. Figueiredo reported that the Memorial Day wreath ceremony was a success. There was a brief discussion regarding obtaining a plaque for Mr. Danielson's memorial tree. A discussion was had about Halloween, at which time an audience member volunteered to be the chairperson for a borough party. A MOTION was made by Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve an amount up to \$400 for a Halloween party on 10/28 at the park building. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Hoag, Dennison, Smith and Figueiredo.. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Finance: No report.

Parks & Playgrounds: There extensive discussion regarding the condition of the basketball Court. Mr. Figueiredo reported that after his investigation he felt there were safety issues that needed to be addressed and that the backboards and posts needed to be replaced with new ones. He also was concerned about the condition of the asphalt and had calculated the total cost he had allocated for this repair is \$11,000. The cost to do asphalt by Petit Corp alone was \$7600 to redo court with striping complete. Mr. Smith was concerned about emergency projects. It was determined after some discussion that should that amount come to a vote it would not pass as some felt that there may be a possibility of refurbishing most of the issues. Mr. Smith will also look at the condition and see if there is another way to address this matter without complete replacement. In an effort to expedite any findings the following motion was passed. A MOTION was made by Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve an amount up to \$5500 to demo basketball court to prepare for repair. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Figueiredo, Hoag, Smith. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Public Bldgs. & Grounds: Mr. Smith reported that the repairs are done on the masonry at borough hall and the park building. Mr. Dennison reported he had been investigating the cost of blinds and he would look for a better price.

Public Safety: No report.

Streets & Roads: Mr. Hoag reported that work on West High Street is scheduled to begin soon.

Water Utility: Mr. Smith reported that H&R drilling will go in through the top to install the m-scope line. He also reported that the lead and copper tests will need to be done this year as well as the ABFD will be doing the hydrant flushing.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 State Budget – Possible School Aid Tax Rate Changes was reviewed.

The Count Certification for Rescue Squad Contribution was reviewed by the governing body. A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hoag to approve the contribution. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Hoag, Smith, Figueiredo. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Dennison. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE:

Master Plan:

A Motion was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo to approve the second reading and publication of “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 134 ENTITLED “ZONING” OF THE CODE OF ANDOVER BOROUGH”. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Figueiredo. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Vacant & Abandoned Properties:

A Motion was made by Mr. Hoag, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve the second reading and publication of “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 66, ENTITLED “FEES”, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING FEES FOR REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWAL REGISTRATIONS OF VACANT PROPERTIES.” Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Figueiredo. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the second reading and publication of “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 104, ENTITLED “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER TO ADD AND INCLUDE NEW SECTION 104-14, ENTITLED “VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTIES”. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Figueiredo. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hoag to approve the second reading and publication of “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1-15, ENTITLED “STANDARDIZATION OF PENALTIES”, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Figueiredo. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Tax Reimbursement:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve a resolution to reimburse rental escrow to Troop 85 for park building use on 6/10/17. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Figueiredo. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo to approve a resolution to reimburse rental escrow to Amelia Sarno for park building use on 6/24/17. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Figueiredo. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo to pay the bills on the list of the meeting held on 7/10/17. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Figueiredo. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo to adjourn the meeting. AYES: All in Favor. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Beth Brothman, RMC
Borough Clerk