

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019 AT THE BOROUGH HALL BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Councilman Figueiredo,

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.

OFFICIALS REPORTS:

No Treasurer's report.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison to accept the following reports and place on file: ACO report for May, ABFD report for June, Lakeland Emergency Squad report for June & YTD. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence were presented to the governing body:

A letter from the Twp. of Wantage OEM re: radio frequency concurrence was reviewed. A MOTION was made by Hoag, seconded by Delfing to approve the request. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

A letter from B. Hattersley re: resignation from Zoning and Code Enforcement duties was reviewed. A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pearson. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

A letter from the Offices of Gottheimer & Oroho re: letter to NJDOT Commissioner regarding 206 culver replacement project was reviewed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Mr. Landrith was absent. There was no report.

Grant Update Discussions:

Fire Department Equipment Report – The committee reported that they had a meeting with Gottheimer's office for direction and it was very helpful. They continued to report that they will be meeting with the fire chief on Thursday evenings.

Open Space Report – no report given

Borough Land Report – this committee has not yet met. The committee members Dennison, Delfing and Smith will set a meeting date.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Administrative & Executive: Mr. Pearson reported that the Clerk is feeling better and that the Administrative Committee will be looking for a new code enforcement and zoning officer.

Celebration of Public Events: Mr. Figueiredo was absent. The free Garage Sale weekend is the next upcoming event. Mr. Dennison and Mrs. Delfing will be arranging for maps to be made available for this event.

Finance: Mr. Dennison has no report. There was a discussion about street lights that are out and Mr. Dennison confirmed he would look into it.

Parks & Playgrounds: Mr. Figueiredo was absent. The Clerk reported that the carry in/ carry out signs were installed in the park. It was also reported that the Open Space sign for the block 8 lot 5 property owned by the Borough has arrived and needs to be installed.

Public Bldgs. & Grounds: Mr. Smith reported that a safety fuel storage cabinet needs to be purchased. An estimate for Grainger was submitted. A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoag, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve the estimate as submitted. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith mentioned to the Clerk that she is to let Clarence Stang know that he should be using the broom to sweep off the sidewalks at the park.

There was also a discussion regarding the replacement of tires on the trailer. The cost is expected to be about \$400. A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pearson to approve an amount not to exceed \$400 for this work. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith reported that a generator maintenance contract needs to be secured and that further on the agenda estimates are provided. He expects costs to be about \$600 per generator for a total of three generators.

Public Safety: Mrs. Delfing reported that she is working on the grant opportunity with the fire department and that the cost of replacing the STOP for pedestrian sign near the park is costly. It will be looked into to see if the sign can be retro-fitted somehow to just replace the wording.

Streets & Roads: Mr. Hoag reported that letters will be going out to Brandon Court and Lakeview Avenue residents to cut back their landscaping, hedges and trees if they are along the roadway to alleviate any sight distance issues.

He continued to report that Railroad Avenue and other potholes were reportedly being done by the County this summer.

Mr. Hoag reported that all road signs have been put up and he will be taking an inventory of the catch basins soon.

Prospect Avenue Phase II:
Prospect Avenue Phase II project is slated for Spring of 2020.

Water Utility: Mr. Smith reported that Brighton and Maple Avenue is the only location that needs to have a shut off repaired as all others have been completed, however, some cold patch is still needed for a few. He continued to report that the chlorinator parts are in.

OLD BUSINESS:

Shred Event:

Mr. Dennison reported that he is still interested in holding a shred event. There was a brief conversation which was concluded with Mr. Dennison reporting he would contact SK Shred for an estimate of the cost.

Fire Truck Tires: Mr. Hoag reported that the cost for these tires will be between \$3200-\$3900.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoag, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to approve an amount not to exceed of \$4000. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Generator Maintenance Agreement: estimates were reviewed and it was decided that the best option would be the Morris County Co-op.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoag, seconded by Mr. Pearson to secure this agreement for all three generators. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Joint Court: There was a discussion regarding the meeting with the Joint Court municipalities. It was undetermined if any changes will be considered to the cost per municipality. Mr. Dennison

911 Dispatch: The Borough Attorney is still reviewing the agreement. The Council did approve the Mayor to sign the agreement should all conditions be aligned with that which was presented for renewal. A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to approve the signing of the agreement by the Mayor after Attorney and Mayor review. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter from Planet Network regarding consent request for non-site specific permission to locate and operate in the right-of-way in the Borough of Andover by attaching to existing and new utility poles was made available for review. The Borough Attorney is reviewing and preparing a response so that the proper protocol is followed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There was a brief discussion regarding FEMA grant opportunities and outreach seminars available.

There was a report of a resident dumping in the park. A letter will be sent to this household to cease the activity.

A request to support of "Franklinite" Resolution Request by Franklin Borough was reviewed. After a brief consideration, the following motion was passed.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Delfing, seconded by Mr. Pearson to support this request. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATING "FRANKLINITE" AS THE OFFICIAL MINERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, Bill No. S-1959/A-3594 supplementing chapter 9A of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes, designates "Franklinite" as the official mineral of the State of New Jersey is

being considered for adoption by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long history of mineral mining, including two world-famous zinc mines in Sussex County, at Franklin and at Ogdensburg.

WHEREAS, in 1968, New Jersey passed a resolution declaring the Borough of Franklin the “Fluorescent Mineral Capital of the World.”

WHEREAS, in order to pay recognition to the scientific, economic, and historic importance of Franklinite, it is fitting and appropriate to designate Franklinite as the official mineral of the State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Andover, County of Sussex and State of New Jersey, hereby supports Bill No. S-1959/A-3594 designating “Franklinite” as the official mineral of the State of New Jersey and urges the Legislature to approve and pass the bill for the reason expressed herein.

ORDINANCE:

Food Truck:

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Delfing, seconded by Mr. Hoag to re-introduce and publish “**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING CHAPTER 103, ENTITLED “PEDDLING AND SOLICITING”, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER TO ADD AND INCLUDE NEW ARTICLE III, ENTITLED “FOOD TRUCK VENDORS.** Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Food Truck Fee:

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Delfing, seconded by Mr. Hoag to re-introduce and publish “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 66, ENTITLED “FEES”, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY”** Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Tax Lien Redemption Refund

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve a Resolution to refund lienholder for redemption of tax sale certificate # 000211 for block 26 lot 12. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoag, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to approve a Resolution to refund lienholder for redemption of tax sale certificate #2018-001 for block 14 lot 3. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Municipal Aid Grant – Old Creamery

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to approve a resolution to submit a grant application and execute a grant contract with the NJDOT for Old Creamery Road improvements project. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mr. Mooney asked if the Council would consider getting goats to remove the poison ivy and high grass at the pump house.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to pass the following Resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body to approve the payment of all vouchers on the bill listed July 8, 2019, submitted by the Chief Financial Officer for payment. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: **YES:** Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, and Delfing. **NAYS:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Beth Brothman
Municipal Clerk