

EXECUTIVE MEETING called to order, Mayor Vaccaro in the chair, at the Municipal Building on Thursday June 10, 2021 at 7:02 P.M.

Mayor called for Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Bauer-not present, Cirillo-present, Kinsella-not present,
Martinez, Surak, Wende- present
Administrator- T. Ciannanea-present,
Attorney- F. Migliorino-present
Engineer- F. Dobiszewski

Borough Clerk stated that notice of the meeting was announced in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Record on June 4, 2021.

Motion by C/Martinez and second by C/Cirillo to approve Minutes of Executive Meeting of May 13, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Cirillo, Martinez, Surak, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection- notice of Hazardous Substance Discharge, for 100 Carol Place.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection- notice of Flood Hazard Area Permit Withdrawal for 31 Capitol Drive.

Bergen County Board of Commissioners-recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Gun Violence Awareness Month, Pride Month and Flag Day.

Bergen County Board of Commissioners- resolution of support for passage of NJ Legislature join bill to remove parakeets from dangerous species list.

Bergen County Board of Commissioners- notice of adoption of ordinance No Left Turn 296 Midland Avenue- Ardalin Foods Driveway- Township of Saddle Brook & City of Garfield.

Borough of Carlstadt Planning Board- notice of public hearing on proposed Round 3 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

REPORTS:

Mr. Dobiszewski- Spoke about the generator at Moonachie Avenue there was a preconstruction meeting, and mentioned that TSUJ requested to replace the rental generator with their own generator.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that he did not have a problem doing that.

Mr. Dobiszewski mentioned that they are also working on reducing the project completion date. Spoke about the pre-construction meeting on 240-250 Moonachie Avenue that was held today.

Mayor Vaccaro asked why the Borough Engineer and DPW Superintendent were at the meeting. Mentioned that once the approval was given by the Planning Board it would be reviewed by the Building Department. He asked about the ponding problem at West Park Street and Molinari Street.

Mr. Dobiszewski- mentioned that Boswell reviewed the problem, and there is a maintenance bond.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned about speaking to Kevin Boswell about heavy rains and flooding on the west end of town, to see if there was funding and to schedule a meeting.

FORMAL ACTION:

Motion by C/Surak and second by C/Cirillo to approve following Resolutions:

RESOLUTION#21-167

WHEREAS, Department of Public Works Superintendent MaryEllen Lyons has elected to retire effective June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section III of her Employment Separation Agreement with the Borough of Moonachie dated July 1st, 2021 provides that those accumulated sick days shall be paid at the Employee's best daily rate, which is \$495.23 per day by July 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, MaryEllen Lyons has 48.24 accumulated sick days at the cost of \$495.23 per day totaling \$23,889.90; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie that Department of Public Works Superintendent MaryEllen Lyons be compensated for 48.24 accumulated sick days for the period through December 31, 2020 in the total amount of \$23,889.90 by July 1, 2021.

RESOLUTION#21-168

WHEREAS, it is necessary to replace and install a new Chassis Body on the Ford F450, the Borough has solicited two quotes and based upon their review the lowest responsible quoter is DG & Sons LLC in the amount of \$6,800.00; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie approve the contract with DG & Sons LLC to replace and install a new Chassis Body on the Ford F450 in the amount of \$6,800.00.

RESOLUTION#21-169

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie that the following applicants for Part-time Seasonal Help for DPW are hereby employed up to 30 hours a week:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOURLY RATE</u>
Gage Bellino	\$15.92
Lukas Rozansky	\$15.92

ROLL CALL: Cirillo, Martinez, Surak, Wende.
All ayes. So ordered.

Motion by C/Wende and second by C/Cirillo to approve following Resolution:

RESOLUTION#21-170

WHEREAS, In Thyme Food Service, LLC trading as 55 Thyme LLC, 55 Moonachie Avenue, Moonachie, New Jersey, has applied for a renewal of their PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE for 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, no objections have been filed with the Borough Clerk to date and In Thyme Food Service, LLC has complied with all legal requirements; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie that the application for the renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License 0237-33-004-003, be and is hereby approved.

ROLL CALL: Cirillo-aye, Martinez- recused, Surak, Wende-ayes.
Three ayes, one recused. Motion carried.

The following will be acted upon at the Regular Meeting on June 24, 2021:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Authorizing a refund of overpayment of taxes to Garsan Realty Co., Block 61/Lot 7 in the amount of \$33,338.46 due to a Tax Court Judgement for the year 2020.
2. Authorize Mayor to sign an agreement with DeCotiis, FitzPatrick, Cole & Giblin, LLP for the service of Bond Counsel.

DISCUSSION:

1. New DPW Building Construction.

Attorney Migliorino spoke about the zoom meeting with the contractor and the bonding company.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that since the contractor was paid, only one person has been on the job site ripping out tiles and putting floor tiles and the contractor gave the Borough a project schedule and they are not following it. Spoke about the work that still needs to be finished.

2. Traffic Light between Moonachie Road and Moonachie Avenue.

Mr. Dobiszewski mentioned that there was nothing new on this project.

3. Energy efficiency for Municipal Building.

Mayor Vaccaro- asked Committee to discuss with financial consultant

4. Payment in the total amount of \$191,628.75 (due to defective work of the Contractor) to L+C Design Consultants PA for New Municipal Building.
 - discussion took place at Closed session.

5. DPW personnel. – discussion took place at Closed session.
Will be acted upon at Regular Meeting on June 24th 2021.

6. Moving Court to Municipal building.

Mayor mentioned that phone lines need to be put in and there may be a quote for the work and equipment that is needed. Mentioned that court is likely not ready for in person yet, he did speak to Teterboro about moving into the Municipal Building.

7. 2020 equalized valuation of Moonachie.
Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that this item can be removed from discussion.

8. Request from Mathew Jones, Kennedy Jenks for Capitol Dr. cul-de-sac Deed Notice Inclusion.

Borough Clerk mentioned that Boswell is reviewing their plans.

9. Police Department Personnel. -discussion took place at Closed session.
Will be acted upon at Regular Meeting on June 24th 2021.

10. Cannabis Legislation.

Mayor Vaccaro asked the Governing Body to review and the ordinance that needs to be introduced. Spoke about other towns nearby plans, and Teterboro and Hasbrouck Heights completely is against it. He mentioned that there are a few of the license classes that the Borough will allow, not including sale.

C/Martinez spoke about the problem with the echo in the courtroom, he knows a company that can give a proposal to help fix it.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that they can submit a proposal.

C/Cirillo asked about the Scholarship Fund.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that C/Kinsella wanted to increase the total amounts from \$2,500 to \$2,700.

C/Cirillo asked about the when the Senior Meetings at the Civic Center can restart. Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that he spoke to Mr. Facendola, and that there is a flyer for the last day of summer rec and senior picnic. Asked C/Cirillo to reach out to Mr. Pallas about the meeting. Mentioned about the COVID-19 Clinic and the Flu Clinic in the fall. There was a request for bus trips, but that would have to go through the Senior Club. Spoke about the bid specifications for the HVAC at the Senior Center.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that he spoke to the Board of Health Attorney about the stray cats.

Administrator Ciannamea asked about the sewer rate.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that based on the sewer study an increase of 25% for commercial properties, and \$400 for the year for residential. Mentioned that the 25% increase was high, and wants 5% increase for commercial properties and \$10 increase per quarter for residential.

Mayor and Council discussed 5% increase for commercial properties and the increase per quarter for residential sewer taxes.

Administrator Ciannamea mentioned that the residential sewer bills already went out for this year, suggested to increase residential on January 1, 2022.

Mayor Vaccaro confirmed commercial and residential increase dates with the Council.

Administrator Ciannamea mentioned that the Fire Department members get a 1099 form for clothing allowance, the auditors brought up that the members that are also Borough employees should receive clothing allowance through payroll. Spoke about the 8th Grade Graduation is next Wednesday the 16th at 6PM. Spoke about invitation for the dedication of the Garden at the school for First Responders.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned tomorrow is the preconstruction meeting for the paving on Moonachie Road which will be done in the next 2-3 weeks. Spoke about the Rebuild by Design agreement for the pump station that will be located in Carlstadt, it is between Moonachie and Carlstadt for maintenance, it will help alleviate flooding. He mentioned that he will send the agreement to the Council to review. Mentioned that the agreement should have been regional and included other surrounding towns, there is a separate agreement for the pump station Rebuild by Design is putting in Little Ferry, and they are signing it alone, but the pump station will be pumping into the back of East Joseph Street into the Losen Slote, and if it is not maintained will cause flooding in Moonachie. Spoke about the need for a maintenance agreement for the pump stations in Carlstadt and Little Ferry.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that on Sunday June 27 and July 18 there will be a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the Civic Center from 12-3pm.

Mayor and Council discussed how to let residents know about the clinic.

PUBLIC HEARING: No one wished to be heard.

Motion by C/Cirillo and second by C/Martinez to close Public Hearing.

ROLL CALL: Cirillo, Martinez, Surak, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

Administrator Ciannamea mentioned that the online tax and sewer payment is working and the link is up on the website.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that by the fall, other types of licenses and building department fees will be available to pay online. Spoke about receiving phone calls about compliment for the new website.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by C/Surak and second by C/Cirillo to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION#21-171

WHEREAS, N.J. S.A. 10:4-12 allow for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempt from the public, and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this governing body will reconvene,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie will go into closed session for the following reason as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- ☐ Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation.
- ☐ Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual requests a public meeting.

ROLL CALL: Cirillo, Martinez, Surak, Wende.
All ayes. So ordered.

Motion by C/Cirillo and second by C/Wende to close closed session at 8:57 P.M.
ROLL CALL: Cirillo, Martinez, Surak, Wende.
All ayes. So ordered.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that in closed session DPW and Police personnel and possible litigation with L+C Design were discussed; action will be taken for the DPW and Police at the next meeting.

Motion by C/Cirillo and second by C/Wende to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 P.M.
ROLL CALL: Cirillo, Martinez, Surak, Wende.
All ayes. So ordered.

ATTEST:

Supriya Sanyal
Borough Clerk