

EXECUTIVE MEETING called to order, Mayor Vaccaro in the chair, at the Municipal Building on Thursday April 13, 2023 7:00 P.M.

Mayor called for Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Bauer, Cirillo-present, Kinsella-not present, Martinez, Surak,  
Wende- present  
Administrator- T. Ciannanea-present,  
Attorney- F. Migliorino- present  
Engineer- none

Deputy Borough Clerk stated that notice of the meeting was announced in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Cirillo to approve Minutes of Executive Meeting of March 9, 2023.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

NJ Department of Environmental Protection- Notice of Termination of Deed Notice for Terminal Construction Corp., 100 Anderson Avenue.

Veolia Water- Public Notice for Approval to defer costs related to replacement of customer/property owner side lead service lines and other related approvals.

Bergen County Board of Commissioners – recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month, Parkinson’s Awareness Month, Public Health Week, National Donate Life Month, National Volunteer Month, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Bergen County Board of Commissioners- Notice of introduction of Bond Ordinance providing for various capital improvements of the Bergen County Community College in and by the County of Bergen, appropriating the aggregate amount of \$4,100,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$4,100,000 bonds or notes of the county entitled to the benefits of chapter 12 of the county college bond act to finance the cost thereof.

Bergen County Board of Commissioners – Notice of adoption of Ordinance establishing the speed limit along Franklin Turnpike in the Borough of Ramsey.

Bergen County Bd. of Commissioners- Notice of adoption of a bond ordinance to authorize the acquisition of voting machines and related equipment, to appropriate the sum of \$15,000,000 to pay the cost, to make a down payment, to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance and to provide for the issuance of Bond Anticipation notes.

Langan Engineering- Notice of Application for Flood Hazard Area Verification and Individual Flood Hazard Area Permit for Centerpoint Properties, 130 Moonachie Avenue, Carlstadt.

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL-UTILITY BILL AUDIT SERVICES- MARCH 7, 2023:

Two proposals were received on March 7, 2023:

Troy & Banks, Inc.  
2216 Kensington Ave.

Buffalo, NY 14226 -Payment of 22% of the amount saved each month for 112 months

George A. Koteen Associates, Inc.  
290 Queen Anne Rd.

Teaneck, NJ 07666 - Payment of 40% of each refund, credit or adjustment.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that C/Martinez and C/Wende were working with the financial consultant.

C/Wende mentioned that the financial consultant was waiting to hear back from the Federal Reserve Bank to get another reference.

Mayor Vaccaro asked to get the recommendation from the financial consultant.

#### REPORTS:

## FORMAL ACTION:

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

## RESOLUTION #23-112

WHEREAS, it is necessary to install Electrical Outlets for the new Lifts at the new DPW Building; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has solicited two quotes and based upon their review the lowest responsible quoter is Cirillo Electric in the amount of \$4,780.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie be and is hereby approved the contract with Cirillo Electric to install the Electrical Outlets at the new DPW Building for the new vehicle lifts in the amount of \$4,780.00.

Bauer-aye, Cirillo-abstain, Martinez, Surak, Wende-ayes.  
Four ayes, one abstain. Motion carried.

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Martinez to approve the following Resolutions:

## RESOLUTION #23-113

WHEREAS, it is necessary to purchase a Rifle and Related Accessories for the new police car from Atlantic Tactical in the amount of \$3,049.70; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has not solicited multiple quotes due to the fact that the Rifle and Related Accessories is considered specialized tactical equipment and Atlantic Tactical is the sole contracted and authorized SIG Law Enforcement Distributor in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Atlantic Tactical is authorized to conduct the sale of SIG products and accessories to law enforcement agencies inside the State of New Jersey.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie the purchase of a Rifle and Related Accessories for the new police car from Atlantic Tactical in the amount of \$3,049.70 be and is hereby approved.

## RESOLUTION #23-114

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the Summer Recreation Program Registration fees for 2023 are hereby set as the followings:

Moonachie resident:

\$75.00 – 1<sup>st</sup> child  
\$25.00- each additional child

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned the fees went back up to where they were before COVID, and the program is one week longer this year.

C/Bauer asked about the prices for out-of-town residents.

Administrator Ciannamea mentioned that he would email the Recreation Director.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned advertising for Summer Recreation counselors and there are two counselors coming back from last year.

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

## NEW BUSINESS:

The following will be acted upon at the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2023.

1. Approval of payment to Arcari +Iovino Architects P.C. in the amount of \$270.00 for installation of Senior Center HVAC.

ORDINANCE: None

## DISCUSSION:

## 1. New DPW Building Construction.

Mayor Vaccaro spoke about working with the bond company on getting the closeout documents. Mentioned that it has been over a year and it would not be possible to get a maintenance bond. It was discussed with the bond company and the Borough offered to hold back the final payment and put the money in escrow and use the funds in lieu of a maintenance bond for the one year. The amount owed is a little over \$26,000.00. Spoke about going back and forth on the dollar amount to be put in escrow.

## 2. Traffic Light between Moonachie Road and Moonachie Avenue.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned about new director at the NJSEA beginning in June, and he may be able to speak to them about the project. They had asked to be reimbursed by the NJSEA for the engineering fees. Spoke about the 7-Eleven project at the corner in Carlstadt.

## 3. Moving Court to Municipal Building.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that the Court Administrator is back from maternity leave and he will reach out to her about the information that is needed.

## 4. Ordinance for “Access Restrictions to Designated Municipal Facilities and Offices to protect and safeguard Public Records containing Personally Identifiable information”.

Attorney Migliorino spoke about using signs and needing an Ordinance to designate areas.

## 5. Labor Counsel Contract.

Mayor Vaccaro spoke about ongoing contract negotiations and needing labor counsel. Administrator Ciannamea spoke about receiving proposal for PBA negotiations not to exceed \$7,500.00.

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

## RESOLUTION #23-115

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie that the proposal of Raymond R. Wiss, Esq., Labor Counsel at a rate of \$150.00 per hour for an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the matter of PBA Contract negotiations is hereby accepted.

ROLL CALL: Bauer, Cirillo, Martinez, Surak, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

## 6. NJ League of Municipalities Convention.

C/Wende mentioned that the Borough should pay for the hotel room. Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that there should be a limit. Employees currently receive \$175 for the whole convention. C/Bauer spoke about tolls and the hotel room, and \$175 might not cover that. Administrator Ciannamea mentioned that he can bring in his information on how much rooms cost when he went to the convention last year. Mayor Vaccaro spoke about prices for rooms.

## 7. Resident Leaf Bags.

Administrator Ciannamea mentioned that fall bags are free and given out by the DPW. Asked about the leaf bags in the spring if they are free to residents are not. Mentioned that cash is no longer accepted in Borough Hall.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that residents pay for leaf bags in the spring, by check only.

## 8. DPW Summer Help.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that the Assistant Superintendent has people interested in Summer Help, but they are under 18, and the Assistant Superintendent had concerns about

them needing to be driven to locations and what equipment they are able to use. C/Bauer mentioned that the lowest would be 16, and mentioned needing working papers, asked Attorney Migliorino to look into the laws. Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that they are going to accept under 18 years old and the lowest is 16 years old.

9. Property Maintenance/Administration Vehicle.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that there is no vehicle for the Property Maintenance Official or for Administration staff. Mentioned getting an electric vehicle, and needing a charger. He would come back with research on any available grants.

C/Bauer asked who would use the vehicle.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned the Property Maintenance Official and administration staff for meetings and classes. It would be signed out for and the person would be responsible for making sure it is charged.

10. Painting of Police Department (\$1,000.00).

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned Police Chief's request regarding quote for painting the hallways at the Police Department. The painting was done already, and this is for another portion of the walls.

C/Bauer spoke about receiving prices items needed by the DPW, the fence at the DPW Garage is \$17,000 and the price for a sweeper is \$300,000, utility truck is also needed, and the soundproofing of the courtroom is \$17,000. Asked if there should be a committee meeting and a recommendation for the next meeting.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that the items would be capital.

Administrator Ciannanea mentioned that there was a proposal sent late today from Boswell regarding engineering fees for the NJDOT and Roads Program, and if action should be taken.

Mayor and Council discussed the proposal and estimated construction fees for the project.

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Martinez to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION #23-116

WHEREAS, Borough Engineer Kevin Boswell was requested to and has submitted to the Borough a proposal for the preparation of construction plans and specifications and providing construction inspection services for New Jersey Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2023 Municipal Aid Program for Empire Boulevard Project and Borough Funded Road Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Moonachie has the funding available in the Capital Improvement fund; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie has accepted the "Proposal" and authorizes Boswell Engineering to perform the work outlined in the "Proposal" at a cost not to exceed \$105,000.00 (\$40,000.00 for the design phase and \$65,000.00 for the construction phase); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an executed copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Boswell Engineering.

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

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that capital items are needed from the Police Department, First Aid and Fire Department. Saturday is opening day for Wood-Ridge/Moonachie Little League at 10:30 A.M., there is a walk starting at the CVS in Wood-Ridge to the ballfields.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Frank Tamargo, 45 East Joseph Street- thanked the Mayor and Council for assisting the school with the special class police officer to protect his and the other children in the community.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that there were concerns discussed from parents at the School Board meeting last month. Mentioned meeting with the School Board and the Police Chief, and that next school year there will be a Special Class III Officer at the school. The Borough would have to have an ordinance, and the officer would be hired by the Borough and trained, and would share the cost with the school. Mentioned that more than one person would have to be hired.

Attorney Migliorino asked what other towns has a special officer.

Mr. Tamargo mentioned that Hasbrouck Heights has a special officer, and the officers are from out of town, and retired.

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

ROLL CALL: Bauer, Cirillo, Martinez, Surak, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

C/Bauer asked about sick time for administrative staff.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that they need direction from the labor counsel before discussing.

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Wende to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Bauer, Cirillo, Martinez, Surak, Wende.

All ayes. So ordered.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Cooney  
Deputy Borough Clerk