

EXECUTIVE MEETING called to order, Mayor Vaccaro in the chair, at the Municipal Building on Thursday, October 8th, 2020 at 7:01 P.M.

Mayor called for Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Bauer, Cirillo, Kinsella, Martinez, Surak, Wende - present

Administrator- T. Ciannamea-present,

Attorney- F. Migliorino- not present

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

Motion by C/Kinsella and second by C/Cirillo to approve Minutes of Executive Meeting of September 10th, 2020.

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

All ayes. So ordered.

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Martinez to waive Regular order of Business.

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

All ayes. So ordered.

PRESENTATION: George A. Koteen Associates for Energy Efficiency:

Mr. Christopher Faustino, VP – spoke about their company and bill auditing to review utilities bills. Spoke about how the company checks for redundancies on bills, and other activities such as finding all locations of meters that are on bills.

Mayor Vaccaro- asked if the company sends someone to review each building's bills.

Mr. Faustino- mentioned that they can review whatever buildings the Borough would want.

Spoke about rate classifications with the utility company.

Mayor Vaccaro- asked Mr. Faustino if his company can only review PSE&G bills.

Mr. Faustino- mentioned that they can review PSE&G and Suez bills.

C/Kinsella- asked if they work with any municipalities in the area.

Mr. Faustino- mentioned that they work with the City of Hackensack, North Arlington, Irvington Housing Authority, and Irvington. Spoke about the scope of the work, they can look at up to 6 years' worth of bills and initially they will look at 3 years.

C/Bauer asked about the costs.

Mr. Faustino- mentioned that if they look at the bills and do not find any issues there is no charge to the Borough, if they find anything, any savings to the Borough, half of that amount would go to the company. The utility may issue a check or a credit on a bill.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that the Committee needs to meet to discuss if they want to move forward and getting the bills may be difficult to get from vendors.

Mr. Faustino- spoke about third party supply companies and how a charge for delivery will still be sent to PSE&G if there are changes.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Public Service Electric and Gas Company- notice of filling of a petition to BPU and notice of public hearing in the matter of petition of PSE&G for approval of its Clean Energy Future- Electric Vehicle and Energy Storage program and Recovery of associated costs.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company- notice of filling of a petition to BPU and notice of public hearing in the matter of the petition of PSE&G for approval of its Clean Energy Future program on a Regulated Basis.

Borough of Beach Haven- supporting High Speed Internet Accessibility.

SALE OF \$2,927,000.00 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, CONSISTING OF \$2,458,000.00 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES AND \$469,000.00 SEWER UTILITY BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES:

Five proposals were received for sale of \$2,927,000.00 Bond Anticipation notes:

	NIC (Net Interest Cost)
Piper Sandler & Co	0.33600%
Oppenheimer	0.40300%
TD Bank	0.54000%
Amboy Bank	0.56000%
MEL JIF	0.60000%

Administrator Ciannamea- mentioned that the notes were sold to Piper Sandler & Co. with net interest cost of 0.33600% and mentioned that now is the time to do this because the cost of borrowing is low, the Bond Sale came out to about 1% interest.

Mayor Vaccaro- spoke about the process, and that they turn the notes into an 8-year bond to pay off the debt.

Administrator Ciannamea- mentioned that the 0.336000% is for one year, and next year interest could be higher, the bond is at 1% for eight years.

FORMAL ACTION:

Motion by C/Wende and second by C/Surak to approve Resolutions:

RESOLUTION #20-246

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie that the proposal of Schindler Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$5, 640.00 for two years maintenance services for the elevator at the Municipal Building be and is hereby accepted.

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

All ayes. So ordered.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that there was a one- year agreement with Schindler after the building was done, and that there was a problem the other day with the elevator and the Borough needs a maintenance contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of payment in the amount of \$5,400.00 to Millennium Strategies for month of September, 2020 for FEMA Grant Administration.-will be acted upon at Regular Meeting on October 22, 2020.

2. Authorizing Mayor to sign an agreement with Verizon for use of their poles for holiday decorations.-will be acted upon at Regular Meeting on October 22, 2020.

3. Authorizing Mayor to sign an agreement with Public Service Electric & Gas Co. for use of their poles for holiday decorations.-will be acted upon at Regular Meeting on October 22, 2020.

4. Authorize Mayor to sign an agreement with Kevin Boswell, Boswell Engineering for the service of Borough Engineer.-will be acted upon at Regular Meeting on October 22, 2020.

ORDINANCES: None

DISCUSSION:

1. New DPW Building Construction.

Mayor Vaccaro -mentioned that they had a meeting with the contractor yesterday. There are some issues that need to be addressed, and that there are now weekly meetings with project schedules, he would like the project to be done by the end of the year.

2. Sampling Testing at Hain Celestial Group, Inc.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned that there were some issues with the sewer line on Knickerbocker, the DPW was checking the problems with the line, and they are not sure if it is coming from Hain Celestial.

3. Traffic Light between Moonachie Road and Moonachie Avenue.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned that he has a meeting with the County on the ditches, Losen Slote and back flow preventors, he will ask them about the traffic study. Explained that there was a request for a left turn signal from Moonachie Avenue to Moonachie Road, the County does not have a problem with widening the road or a traffic light, but the Borough would have to pay for the engineering fee. He mentioned that the problem is that they would have to take portions of properties to widen the road, the County was going to conduct a traffic study to see if they are able to proceed without widening the road.

Mr. Sachs- mentioned that he received an email and forwarded it regarding the traffic count, and the County has to analyze the data, in the email, it mentioned that it would hopefully be done in the future. Mentioned that the County received bids for the traffic consultant, and turning movements.

Mayor Vaccaro- spoke about the traffic light on Moonachie Road and East Joseph Street and asked Mr. Sachs if it is a part of the NJSEA lights with timing, and who is responsible for adjusting them. Mentioned that the light is very long, and was told that it could be adjusted at night.

Mr. Sachs- mentioned that he can have Boswell's traffic engineer contact the NJSEA.

Administrator Ciannamea- asked about the traffic study.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that there is a number the County uses with heavy truck traffic. Also spoke about the 'No Truck' signs; that there is no ordinance to enforce them on Moonachie Road.

Mr. Sachs- mentioned that the County initially wanted to get a Local Freight Grant but the road has to have 10% heavy truck traffic.

Mayor Vaccaro -spoke about meeting with the County, the main questions are to discuss about the Rebuild by Design projects. Mentioned that Rebuild by Design is planning on putting a pump station in Little Ferry, and it will alleviate flooding in Moonachie if maintenance is kept up. Also, he mentioned if the ditch where the pipe lets out is not maintained and cleaned, silt will build up and water will go onto East Joseph Street, he would like to have an agreement with the County and the towns in the region to pay for maintenance. Mentioned that there is a possible utility tax can be applied to people that are benefiting from the pump station. Spoke about the west end of town off of Moonachie Avenue flooding consistently, and the County tide gates, there needs to be a regional plan to maintain the ditches and flooding.

4. Personnel Police Lieutenant and Salary Ordinance.- discussion took place in Closed Session.

5. Application of Spectrum New York City LLC for renewal of Municipal Consent.

Borough Clerk explained the process from the Board of Public Utilities. Mentioned that the Borough can have a hearing on the application, but cannot act on the ordinance until the BPU reviews and comments on it.

6. Energy efficiency for Municipal Building. See presentation.

7. Payment in the total amount of \$188,603.75 (due to defective work of the Contractor) to L+C Design Consultants PA for New Municipal Building.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned that he is going to meet with L+C Design to close out the Municipal Building.

8. New hire for DPW.

C/Bauer- mentioned that there is a part time worker that is going to get their CDL License.

9. Moving Court to Municipal building.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned that he is going to be meeting with the Mayor of Teterboro next week, the Court Administrator in Teterboro is retiring at the end of the year and they are in the early stages of talking about a shared service agreement for Court Administrator with Teterboro with Moonachie's Court Administrator. Mentioned that Municipal Court would be moved back to Moonachie, and both Courts for Moonachie and Teterboro will be separate, with two judges. It would be the same agreement they currently have with Teterboro but the location would change to Moonachie for Court.

10. On-line payment of Licenses, Dog Licenses and Building Permits.

Mayor Vaccaro- asked the Borough Clerk to give the quotes to the Committee and Governing Body.

11. Request from Mr. Figueroa for Residential Handicapped Parking at 38 Henry Street.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned the catch basin is not a problem, and the individual is looking to have the town to put in a sidewalk. Asked Administrator Ciannamea to find out if they are asking the Borough to do concrete work from the curb to their walkway.

12. Proposal of L+C Design Consultants for Architecture and related ongoing Professional Services at the range of hourly rate from \$170.00- \$165.00. -no Discussion

13. Boswell Engineering's invoice for Moonachie Ave. and Moonachie Rd. pump Stations.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned that Boswell did the work, and there is money left over from the Moonachie Avenue project and leftover money can be used to pay some of the outstanding invoices for the Moonachie Road project, which went over budget.

Administrator Ciannamea- asked Mr. Sachs to speak to the Borough Clerk about what Resolution needs to be amended for authorizing payment.

REPORTS:

C/Cirillo- spoke about the Senior Bus going to Shop-Rite, it is going well, and the seniors are happy. Mentioned that the Seniors want to know when they will be able to meet at the Civic Center.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned that the request would have to come from the President of the Senior Club regarding having a meeting.

C/Kinsella- mentioned that there was a positive COVID case at the school, and the school was closed for 14 days, the school will be reopening on Wednesday.

Mayor Vaccaro- spoke about in person attendance at the school.

C/Kinsella -spoke about full day school, and that there is a committee that acts as a response team to re-evaluate what can be done to make things better and safer at the school.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned the number of positive cases today in the County and that the numbers are going back to where they were in the spring. Mentioned that everyone has to do a good job with wearing masks and washing hands.

C/Surak -spoke about Board of Health meeting on Monday, and they discussed the Rabies Clinic, about 100 dogs need new rabies vaccinations. Mentioned that she had looked into going to Petco for vaccinations, and there are not many appointments available, and a vet's office can be expensive. Mentioned that the Secretary scheduled a rabies clinic for November 18, from 7-8P.M. Spoke about how they can use the doors at the Civic Center and call people to make sure masks are worn.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned to put the information on the website, outside electronic board, and Facebook for Rabies Clinic.

C/Martinez asked if the DPW picks up mattresses.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned that the garbage company takes them, and it can be put out on Bulky Waste days, the first and last Thursdays of the month.

Administrator Ciannamea -mentioned that a Capital Ordinance needs to be done.

Mayor Vaccaro suggested for Committee to discuss about DPW equipment and residential roads.

Mayor and Council discussed roads, and for Committees to get items together for next meeting for Capital Ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING:

No one wished to be heard.

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

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

All ayes. So ordered.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Martinez to go into closed session.

RESOLUTION #20-247

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 matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual requests a public meeting.

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

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Wende to close closed session at 8:50 P.M.
ROLL CALL: Bauer, Cirillo, Kinsella, Martinez, Surak, Wende.
All ayes. So ordered.

Mayor Vaccaro- mentioned that in closed session there were discussion about the Salary Ordinance and a few new positions that will be discussed at the Regular Meeting. Also, he mentioned that there was discussion about the Lieutenant position in the Police Department and will be making an appointment at the Regular Meeting for that position.

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Wende to adjourn meeting at 8:52 P.M.
ROLL CALL: Bauer, Cirillo, Kinsella, Martinez, Surak, Wende.
All ayes. So ordered.

ATTEST:

Supriya Sanyal
Borough Clerk