"The Crossroads to the Future"

Town Council Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2015
7:00 P.M.

Present at Meeting: Mayor Rau, Mr. Bass, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Kirk, Mr. Mellecker, Mr. Branham, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Knagge, Mr. Fontes, Mr. Williams, Laura from NCEDB, Cathy Carter from ACS, and two (2) members of the Media.
Absent: None

I. ***Call to Order*** – Mr. Bass at 7:02 PM.

II. ***Pledge of Allegiance to Flag & Invocation*** – Mr. Bass

III. ***Visitors Welcomed & Reminded Meeting Minutes are Being Recorded*** – Mr. Bass

IV. ***Persons Wishing to Address Council – 3 Minute Limit*** – None

V. ***Minutes***

- Motion to Approve the Minutes by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
  - Motion Carried.

VI. ***New Business***

- 1st Reading
  - Ordinance 2015-O02 – Revision of Chapter 195 -- Zoning – Postponed
    - Discussion on Possible Amendments

VII. *Unfinished Business*

- Resolution 2015-R24 – American Cancer Society – Relay 4 Life
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Cathy Carter director of Relay 4 Life West spoke to Council and told them the event will be back at West Nassau this year on March 11th at 6:00PM through March 12th at 6:00 AM.
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R24 for $500 by Mr. Mellecker and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
  - Motion Carried.

- Resolution 2015-R27 – Girl Scouts
  - Read by Title by Mr. Branham.
  - Discussion: Mr. Fontes stated in an effort to cut back spending he felt the girl scouts should get $250 unless we stop the Wounded Warriors donation. Mrs. Smith stated she would rather keep it local with the Girl Scouts.
  - Motion to approve Resolution 2015-R24 for $500 by Mrs. Smith and 2nd by Mrs. Shaw.
  - Motion Carried.

- Mr. Fontes asked Laura Diabella from the Nassau County Economic Development Board to speak.
  - Ms. Diabella stated the Town's Support was greatly needed and appreciated. She asked the Town to continue you their support in this new Fiscal year.
  - Council Consensus was to add a NCEDB Resolution to the next Agenda for discussion on donation amount.

VIII. *Recurring Business*

- Water & Sewer Adjustments – None

IX. *Review & Approval of Town Expenditures*

- General Fund **$5,454.09**
  - Motion to Pay the General Fund Expenses by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mrs. Smith. Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Fund **$11,070.48**
  - Motion to Pay Water & Sewer Fund Expenses by Mrs. Shaw and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker.
    Motion Carried.

- Water & Sewer Disbursements – **None**

X. *Around the Council Table*

- **Mayor**
  - Received thank you note from the NCEDB for the Town's Donation.
  - Showed the Council a PIN of the Town Seal to have as handouts. Council Consensus was they were nice & it would be a good idea to have something like that.

- **Mrs. Smith – Parks**
  - Thanked Mrs. Shaw for her hard work of sprucing up the Welcome sign area with Mums.

- **Mr. Fontes – Water & Sewer**
  - Asked the Council to consider using excess Water & Sewer funds to pay down the Loan on the Waste Water Treatment Plant to lower Interests rates & look better for more Grants.
    - Lengthy Discussion
    - Council Consensus was to add it to the next Agenda for further discussion.
  - Asked the Council to consider using excess General Fund monies to purchase land for a new Town Hall/Government Complex by Ewing Park.
    - Lengthy Discussion
    - Council Consensus was to have Mr. Branham call to see if a better price than $350,000 was possible.

- **Mrs. Kirk – Treasurer** – Nothing

- **Mrs. Shaw – Streets**
  - Mr. Bass asked about all the cutting through of Semi Trucks on Dixie Avenue. Mrs. Smith said she would look into a "No Truck Route" sign.

- **Mr. Mellecker – Zoning** – Nothing

- **Mr. Branham – Attorney** – Nothing

- **Mrs. Knagge – Clerk**
  - Thanked the Council for allowing her to attend the Clerk's Conference.
    Stated she was able to represent the Town by offering the Invocation, and helping the other Graduating Clerk's with a collection of about 400 pairs of shoes to donate to a local charity. She also stated she will let the Council know as soon as her official graduation of "Certified Municipal Clerk" is approved.
  - Stated the Employee Christmas Party is coming up.
  - Date of December 18th was recommended.
  - Council Consensus was to add it to next meeting's Agenda.

- **Mr. Williams – Town Manager**
  - Spoke with Mr. Estep & his office staff. They are looking for answer to more of our questions on if the EOC was activated.
  - Found out that if the area was declared a State of Emergency the Town would get 75% of monies spent back. If there isn't a declaration the Town is responsible for 100%.

- **Mr. Bass – Council President & Fire**
  - Stated that if the Town doesn't get serious about Annexation we will be left behind from the growth and will not have the funds to support the new Government Complex that Mr. Fontes recommended.
  - Inquired about timeframes for Annexation from Mr. Branham.
    - Mr. Branham said Voluntary Annexation would take 3-4 weeks and Involuntary would take 3-4 months or more.

XI. *Adjourn*

- Motion to adjourn by Mr. Fontes and 2nd by Mr. Mellecker. Motion Carried.
- Time: **8:50 PM**

John Kenneth Bass, Council President

Stephanie Knagge

Stephanie Knagge, Town Clerk

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.