

Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and read the Presiding Officer's Statement.

Presiding Officer's Statement

In accordance with the requirements of Section 4(a) of C.231, P.L. 1975, the required 48 hour advance notice of this meeting was given by mailing/faxing a copy of the agenda to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times, in addition to posting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 4, 2019 by the Municipal Clerk.

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Deidre DerAsadourian
Councilman Jeff DeSalvo (*arrived 7:20pm*)
Councilman Donald Eddy
Councilwoman Kim Doran Eulner

Also Present: Mayor Erik Anderson
Mitchell Jacob, Esq. for Bruce Padula, Borough Attorney
Maureen L. Muttie, Clerk/Interim Administrator

Absent: None

Salute to Flag

Led by Mayor Erik Anderson

Council Vacancy

As a result of Erik Anderson being elected to Mayor, his council seat is vacant. The Republican Party, being the majority of the Council, presented three names of individuals for Council to consider for filling the vacancy: Christopher Allora, Michael Keller and Brendan Gilmartin.

Councilman Eddy motioned to appoint Brendan Gilmartin to the fill the vacancy, seconded by Councilwoman DerAsadourian and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, Eddy, Eulner
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Mayor Anderson administered the oath of office to Brendan Gilmartin.

It was also noted on record by the Municipal Clerk, Councilman Peter Meyer tendered his resignation as of 1/3/2019. That letter has been filed in the Clerk's Office.

Safe Routes to School/Obre Place – Dave Cranmer, Borough Engineer

Mayor Anderson explained to the public since the posting of the notice of this presentation, there have been some development that the Borough Engineer noticed, and the plans will need to be refined. Mayor Anderson is hoping this presentation will be on for the next meeting.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian commented that a notice will be placed on the website and Facebook of the date and time this presentation will be given.

North Monroe/Monroe Traffic Control Presentation – Dave Cranmer, Borough Engineer

Mr. Cranmer explained the goal is to find a solution to the cut-through traffic with the public's input as well as the Council. He also explained the NJDOT would ultimately have jurisdiction over whatever the Borough decides to do.

Mr. Cranmer explained he submitted three options to NJDOT well over a year ago. The NJDOT had to analyze the proposals to see if any of them had any negative impact on the highway on the traffic signal. The NJDOT wrote back and informed the Borough that no matter what option the Borough choose, it would have a negligible impact and therefore has given the Borough the freedom to select which option to go with.

Mr. Cranmer presented the options to the public and commented that copies of the plans are on file in the Clerk's Office.

Option A:

Complete closure of the roadway at Highway 35 just behind the commercial properties so there is still access to 494 Broad Street. People will still have access to the commercial properties off Highway 35. There would probably be a grass paver but would be designed so fire trucks can gain access to the roadway from the highway. The positive of this option is it will cut the flow of traffic from Highway 35 cutting through Monroe. The negative – residents will no longer be able to get to Highway 35 from Monroe.

Option B:

Installing signage and attempting to cut the traffic off by using turn restrictions. In order to enforce effectively, you would need a police officer there all the time writing tickets. The positive - you can still access Highway 35 from Monroe. The negative – it is unreasonable to think the Police Department has enough officers to enforce this restriction on a consistent basis.

Option C:

Disconnect the two roadways between Monroe and North Monroe and essentially create two dead end streets. The positive - you are stopping the cut through traffic. The negative - there will be a lot of turnarounds.

The Borough Engineer believes Option A is the best choice. He commented on the need to keep access to the commercial properties, preserve the quality of life in the neighborhood, keep highway traffic out of the neighborhood and most importantly – the safety of the residents.

Residents of North Monroe/Monroe were in attendance to voice their concerns and opinions on the plans proposed by Mr. Cranmer. The consensus was that speed as well as the cut-through traffic were the main

concerns. Mayor Anderson asked for a consensus from the audience as to which Plan they would prefer - Plan A appeared to be the most desirable.

Councilwoman DerAsadourian motioned to proceed with Option A, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy, Eulner and Gilmartin
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Consent Agenda

Resolution 2019-017 Resolution Awarding Contract for Real Property Data Collection and Verification Services in Accordance with the Assessment Demonstration Program
Resolution 2019-018 Resolution with Regard to Appropriation Reserve Transfer of Funds No. 1

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eddy, Eulner and Gilmartin
Nays: None
Abstain: None

Administrator's Report

Ms. Muttie reported Dog & Cat Licenses renewals went out and commented that vaccines must be good through November 1st or license may not be renewed. Food License Renewals went out as well.

Reports of Council

Councilwoman DerAsadourian

- Regarding Safe Routes to School, we discussed the traffic calming of North Monroe and Monroe this evening.
- Obre Place was set aside but will be discussed hopefully at the January 27th Council Meeting.

Councilman DeSalvo

- Christmas Tree pickup is ongoing – Councilman DeSalvo added a few helpful reminders such as removing all ornaments and lights from the trees. Wreaths and garland should be placed in with garbage as they do not have the same disposal method as trees.
- Potholes are being addressed throughout the week, specifically Obre Place.
- Solar Lights were placed at Beechwood on the pillars.
- Foundation was poured for the generator at DPW.
- Vehicles are being maintained and serviced.
- Street sweeping is ongoing.
- Park cleanup has been concluded.

Councilman Eddy

- Budget closeout for 2018 is in the process and will be ideally completed by the end of the month so the 2019 Budget prep can begin. If any committees have additional invoices that need payment, please make sure they are submitted soon.
- IT - Emails are being converted, so there will no longer be aliases.
- Shared Services - Sea Bright and Oceanport would like to continue to use the Court Room and that agreement will be on for the January 27th Council Meeting.
- County Storage (RIM System) Agreement to go on for the January 27th Meeting.

Councilwoman Eulner

- There was a total of 221 Fire Calls for all of 2018; 16 of those being in December. Councilwoman Eulner will be taking a tour of the building later in the week.
- First Aid had a total of 601 Calls for all of 2018; 59 of those being in December. Councilwoman Eulner will be attending the January First Aid meeting to introduce herself as well as receive a tour of the facility.
- Shade Tree - Planting has taken place at the Municipal Complex. Mr. Gerth from the Shade Tree Commission was present at the meeting and confirmed that there is still more planting to take place as the weather gets warmer.

Councilwoman Eulner made a motion to authorize the Interim Administrator to advertise for a Part-Time QPA/Purchasing Agent/Administrative Assistant, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo with ayes by all Councilmembers present.

Mayor's Report

On January 22nd Mayor Erik Anderson will be meeting with the SBS Board of Education along with Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling and Assemblywoman Joann Downey regarding school funding.

Open the Meeting to the Public

Councilman DeSalvo motioned to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman Eddy with ayes by all Councilmembers present.

Marjorie Clark, 213 Garden Road – Ms. Clark reported a sink hole on Garden Road was repaired, however a spot was missed on the side which is a major dip and is significant. Also, Ms. Clark wanted to know if the minutes would be made available in hard copy. The Clerk confirmed that once the minutes have been approved by the Council, they would be available at the next meeting.

Stuart Minis, 35 Thomas Ave - Mr. Minis asked about the Interim Administrator's position. The Attorney explained that it was a personnel matter and that it was not going to be discussed.

Close the Meeting to the Public

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Councilman Eddy motioned to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, with ayes by all Councilmembers present.

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January 7, 2019

Payment of the Bills

Councilman Eddy motioned to approve the bills list in the amount of \$1,572,765.11, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo, and approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: DerAsadourian, DeSalvo, Eulner and Gilmartin
Nays: None
Abstain: Eddy

Adjourn

Councilman Eddy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm, seconded by Councilwoman Eulner, with ayes by all Councilmembers present.

Attest:



Maureen L. Muttie, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

Approve:



Erik Anderson
Mayor