

**CITY OF ESTELL MANOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 16, 2014**

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Official Newspaper and was posted on the City Bulletin Board in accordance with Public Law 75, Chapter 231.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Teasenfitz at approximately 7:00 pm. The flag salute and a moment of silence were observed.

Roll call: Present: Barbetto-yes; Haeser-yes; Cunningham-yes; Givens-yes; Teasenfitz-yes
Labor Relations Attorney, Elizabeth Garcia was present tonight representing the Law Firm of Parker McCay on Counsel Alfred Scerni's behalf.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motions: Haeser / Givens to open meeting to public comment, voice vote with all in favor.

No comments made.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mayor Teasenfitz announced a resident, Ted Moseley had contacted him to ask permission to speak publicly at a meeting on matters relating to internet access within the City of Estell Manor.

Moseley asked if any action had been taken to bring other communications companies into the community to provide better internet service.

Haeser replied that as an employee of Verizon he has access to information which may not be made available to the general public. He stated that last year Council passed a resolution urging Verizon to continue installing lines into Estell Manor. Specific areas of concern were those that were still only able to access dial up internet service. Senator Jeff VanDrew addressed these issues and tried to speed up the process by bringing it to the attention of those at the State level.

Moseley commented on deregulation of companies in other states such as Kansas City, Kansas and right of way allowances. He also stated Google has advertised expanding services into the area which are currently not available through the present companies.

Teasenfitz encouraged Moseley to continue writing letters and pursuing public support. Haeser advised Moseley to use some key words when continuing his letter writing which may help get the attention of certain individuals.

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Teasenfitz commended Moseley and his friends for their continued efforts in pursuing something they feel very strongly about accomplish for the betterment of the community's needs.

ORDINANCES/INTRODUCTION

**09-2014 An Ordinance Granting Consent and Permission to SJ Gas Co. to
Use the Public Streets to Furnish Gas for Light, Heat and Power
In the City of Estell Manor**

*Motions: Givens / Haeser to approve Ordinance #09-2014 for introduction
Roll Call: Barbetto-yes; Cunningham-yes; Givens-yes; Haeser-yes; Teasenfitz-yes*

**10-2014 An Ordinance Establishing Rules and Regulations for Parks,
Playgrounds and Recreational Areas in the City of Estell Manor**

*Motions: Haeser / Givens to approve Ordinance #10-2014 for introduction
Roll Call: Barbetto-yes; Cunningham-yes; Givens-yes; Haeser-yes; Teasenfitz-yes*

**11-2014 An Ordinance of the City of Estell Manor Adopting a Standard
Operating Policy and Procedures Manual for Safety Standards
And Reporting and Related Matters for the City of Estell Manor**

*Motions: Haeser / Barbetto to approve Ordinance #11-2014 for introduction
Roll Call: Barbetto-yes; Cunningham-yes; Givens-yes; Haeser-yes; Teasenfitz-yes*

Ordinance 05-2010

This ordinance needed to be repealed due to the complete change of contents to the original SOP manual.

The public hearing date for ordinances #09-2014, 10-2014 and 11-2014 is scheduled for August 13, 2014.

RESOLUTIONS

**66-2014 A Resolution Supporting Resolution#15-14 of the Township of
Galloway Calling Upon the State of NJ Turnpike Authority to
Establish a Full Interchange 40 on the Garden State Parkway
In Galloway Township, NJ in Order to Service the Route 30**

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**Corridor and Surrounding Areas Vital to the Growth and Well
Being of the Community Served Therein**

Motions: Haeser / Cunningham to approve Resolution#66-2014.

Roll Call: Barbetto-yes; Cunningham-yes; Givens-yes; Haeser-yes; Teasenfitz-yes

Mayor Teasenfitz stated he has had several conversations with the Mayor of Galloway Township Regarding this resolution and how it affects Estell Manor and the benefit of passing this resolution.

**67-2014 A Resolution Approving the 2013 Audit Conducted by the City
Auditing Firm of Bowman and Company.**

Motions: Haeser / Givens to approve Resolution#67-2014.

Roll Call: Barbetto-yes; Cunningham-yes; Givens-yes; Haeser-yes; Teasenfitz-yes

**68-2014 A Resolution Accepting the Corrective Action Plan from
The City of Estell Manor's CFO**

Motions: Haeser / Cunningham to approve Resolution#68-2014.

Roll Call: Barbetto-yes; Cunningham-yes; Givens-yes; Haeser-yes; Teasenfitz-yes

JIF PRESENTATION

Mr. Paul Miola, Executive Director of the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund was present to provide a presentation on the ACMJIF. Mr. Miola distributed handouts to Mayor and Council which he reviewed with them. He stated the City's membership renewal expires January 2015 and encourages the City to consider renewal. He stated the ACMJIF provides affordable insurance coverage in addition to an excellent safety program for both municipalities and private customers.

Questions were asked by Council regarding the dividend amounts on the page titled, "tale of the tape", renewal period and additional insurance riders to cover volunteers.

Miola stated a resolution would need to be passed by the City with the names of the volunteers listed to allow coverage. He added that there is no additional cost to the City for this service.

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mike Fralinger was present to review the monthly engineer's report with Mayor and Council. The finished ADA Upgrade Project to City Hall has been completed as well as any punch list items found after inspection. The City is awaiting the final closeout documents from Lori Riggs of the ACIA in order for the City to be reimbursed funds through the grant fund. The complete report is on file in the City Clerk's office.

BILL LIST

A bill list was submitted by the City's CFO for consideration for payment of bills. Barbetto stated the line item for Palos Sports, Inc. needed to be subtracted and held until he checks on the status of funding and payment from Hamilton Township as the lead agency in the Municipal Drug Alliance program with Estell Manor. The new bill list amount is \$282,886.51 this reflects the amount of \$2,807.67 which represents the check amount to Palos Sports, Inc.

Motions: Haeser / Barbetto to approve the bill list in the new amount of \$282,886.51

Roll Call: Barbetto-yes; Cunningham-yes; Givens-yes; Haeser-yes; Teasenfitz-yes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Monthly reports were submitted by the following departments for the month of June 2014; Clerk's Office, Public Works, Tax Collector and Zoning Officer. The Municipal Court report was submitted for the month of May.

Motions: Haeser / Barbetto to accept the department reports as listed, voice vote taken with all in favor.

MEETING MINUTES

The Deputy Clerk submitted meeting minutes for the following dates; February 26, 2014, March 12, 2014, March 26, 2014 and April 9, 2014.

Corrections were acknowledged for the March 12, 2014 meeting minutes and the Deputy Clerk stated she would make the necessary corrections.

Motions: Barbetto / Haeser to accept the minute's conditional of the changes made as noted, voice vote with all in favor.

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NEW BUSINESS

Senior Citizens Social:

A date was set for the next senior social for Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 2:00 pm in council chambers.

Givens discussed the senior citizens advisory committee as listed in the City's code book and suggested the number of members be reduced to three from seven. She stated this change would need to be done by ordinance.

Teasenfitz asked Givens how soon she would like to introduce the changes to Council.

A discussion ensued regarding any other suggested changes to be made to the current legislature regarding the senior citizens advisory committee.

Official Field Opening Date:

A tentative date of Saturday, August 23, 2014 was set for the official public opening of the City's athletic fields.

A discussion ensued regarding the necessary supplies which will need to be ordered prior to the official opening. Items to be purchased include trash receptacles, recycling containers and signs.

Quotes will need to be received as well as a certification of funds by the CFO before authorization of purchases.

Motions: Haeser / Barbetto to approve the purchase of the signs and trash receptacles not to exceed \$750.00.

Roll Call: Barbetto-yes; Cunningham-yes; Givens-yes; Haeser-yes; Teasenfitz-yes

Future Holiday Event:

What type of holiday event should the City host this year was discussed. Haeser stated he has been considering several possible dates and will be setting up a meeting in the near future with any volunteers from last year's Christmas event, as well as any new people who are interested in helping plan an event for this year. He stated he would compile a list of volunteers to include on the resolution for the JIF insurance coverage.

TTI Environmental Asbestos Survey:

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The asbestos survey completed by TTI Environmental had been sent to the State Department of Workplace Safety for their review and approval of compliance. A letter was received by the State stating the City is in compliance with the actions taken to abate any previous PEOSHA violations. The case is now closed and no additional fines had been issued to the City of Estell Manor. Teasenfitz reviewed the series of events which has brought the City to its current status.

Estell Manor School Correspondence:

Correspondence received from the Estell Manor School regarding a footpath and fencing installation between certain areas of the Estell Manor School and the City was discussed. Elizabeth Garcia stated Fred Scerni advised her that he would like to take the liberty of “Attorney Review” into the supplied documents regarding parking and other matters relating to the Estell Manor School before any action be taken by Council.

Pinelands Municipal Council:

Councilman Barbetto announced there would be a Pinelands Municipal Council meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 7:30 pm at the Weymouth Township Municipal Building. He stated the general public is invited.

OLD BUSINESS

Field Update:

Teasenfitz stated the condition of the fields are improving steadily. He stated he and Councilman Haeser walked the fields the previous day to inspect the current condition. Additional irrigation installation and fence repairs will be taking place very soon. The new mower is working well and is an improvement on the amount of time it takes to cut the fields.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motions: Haeser / Cunningham to open meeting to public comment, voice vote with all in favor.

Diane Pogue stated the post office clerk has been asked several times by residents when Tuckahoe Road will be resurfaced.

Judy Cassagrande stated the Community Partnership Group would be meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2014 to review the status and future needs of this group and if they will be continuing. She

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asked if there could be some improvements in regards to the notification of scheduled meeting changes.

Motions: Haeser / Barbetto to close meeting to public comment, voice vote with all in favor.

Motions: Haeser / Cunningham to authorize Resolution#69-2014, executive session to discuss matters relating to real estate. Voice vote taken, with all in favor.

Barbetto stated no action will be taken in executive session.

Motions: Haeser / Givens to close executive session and enter into public portion. Voice vote taken, with all in favor.

Labor Attorney, Elizabeth Garcia stated that in executive session a brief discussion occurred regarding the status of the possibility of a potential land sale and the due diligence that needs to be done in order to effectuate that. No action was taken.

Emergency Management Officer, Jeff Cornew had given the Deputy Clerk some correspondence to distribute to Mayor and Council regarding some pending funds through FEMA which may be available to the City of Estell Manor for reimbursement of expenses to purchase a generator. Teasenfitz stated he would discuss further with Cornew for better clarification and report back to Council at a later date.

Motions: Barbetto / Haeser to adjourn meeting at approximately 9:00 pm. Voice vote taken with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted:

Fern A. Brown, Deputy Clerk

Mayor, Stephen Teasenfitz