

**CITY OF ESTELL MANOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 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-absent; Givens-yes; Teasenfitz-yes
For the record, Attorney Van McPherson was present on behalf of the absence of City Solicitor, Alfred Scerni.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Frank Kreutzer stated the City has a deer driving Ordinance in place and wanted to know if the Governing Body would consider adding the special district zoned areas in the ordinance.

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

ENGINEERS REPORT

The City Engineer could not be present tonight due to a scheduling conflict. The Engineer's report is on file in the City Clerk's office.

RESOLUTIONS

79-2014 A Resolution Authorizing a Grant Application and Execution of a Grant Contract with the NJDOT for the Reconstruction of Steelman Landing Rd.

Motions: Haeser / Barbetto to accept Resolution # 79-2014

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

80-2014 A Resolution Supporting Sustainable State Funding for Preservation and Stewardship of Ocean Space, Parks, Farmland and Historic Sites in New Jersey

Motions: Givens / Barbetto to accept Resolution # 80-2014

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

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81-2014 A Resolution for the Purchase of Equipment for the Public Works Department through the “Pay to Pay” Law

*Motions: Givens / Barbetto to accept Resolution # 81-2014, which is the purchase of a 5 ton cargo truck for multi-purpose use within the City’s Public Works Department
Roll Call: Barbetto-yes; Cunningham-absent; Givens-yes; Haeser-yes; Teasenfitz-yes*

82-2014 A Resolution in Support of Resolution#555, of the Atlantic County Board of Chosen Freeholders Urging Governor Christie to Hold a Town Meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey

*Motions: Givens / Barbetto to accept Resolution # 82-2014
Roll Call: Barbetto-yes; Cunningham-absent; Givens-yes; Haeser-yes; Teasenfitz-yes*

83-2014 A Resolution to Cancel Outstanding Checks

Councilman Barbetto stated he had some concerns with this resolution and suggested tabling it until he had an opportunity to speak with the City’s CFO regarding this.

84-2014 **A Resolution Authorizing Executive/Closed Session Meeting of City Council of the City of Estell Manor, Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to Discuss Matters Relating to Contract Negotiations/ Real Estate & Attorney Client Privilege**

This resolution will be held until a later time during the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Department reports were submitted from the following departments for the month of September 2014; City Clerk, Public Works, Tax Collector and Zoning Officer and a report for August 2014 was submitted by the Municipal Court Clerk's Office.

Motions: Haeser / Givens to approve the department reports as listed; voice vote taken with all in favor.

BILL LIST

Councilman Barbetto had some questions on the following bill list items; Caprioni's Portable Toilets and membership renewal for the Atlantic County Judges Association.

Barbetto confirmed the amount for the Caprioni's bill covered two and a half months rental. He suggested holding the check for the Atlantic County Judges Association until he has had an opportunity to speak with Judge Switzer for clarification on the bill.

Motions: Barbetto / Givens to accept the bill list in the amount of \$215,093.12 but hold the check payable to the Atlantic County Judge's Association until further clarity is made.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Public Works Equipment: Mayor Teasenfitz stated the paperwork for ordering the military truck for public works has been completed.

Soccer Fields: Council President Haeser stated he had spoken to Tom Egan of WACYL, who confirmed they would be practicing soccer into mid-November. Haeser suggested WACYL not use the soccer fields after October due to any chemical applications that may be scheduled on the fields.

Holiday Event: Haeser stated he needed to submit a use of facilities application to the Estell Manor School to allow the school board to vote on. He stated he had received some inquiries from possible vendors for the holiday craft event slated to be held at the Estell Manor School. Any further plans or actions are on hold until after approval has been received from the school.

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Volleyball Program: Councilman Barbetto gave a brief summary of the program and how it is going.

Haeser stated the program is going very well with a lot of assistance from his wife, Liz.

A discussion ensued regarding future sports programs and the deadlines to set them in motion.

Councilman Barbetto asked Council to consider hiring Elizabeth Haeser as the volleyball coordinator for the fall volleyball program at a stipend fee of \$500.00.

Motions: Barbetto / Givens to approve the motion on the floor. Council President Haeser recused himself from the conversation and voting.

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

Upcoming Events: The Mayor stated there are several events coming up in the next couple of months which Council may want to have input on. He suggested Council consider ideas for observing Veteran's Day and bring them to Council at the next scheduled workshop meeting.

Barbetto suggested Council approve sending out a post card listing the dates and times for the following events; trick or treat, dumpster day and any other information deemed necessary.

Motions: Barbetto / Haeser to approve the mailing of a post card with City related information with a cost not to exceed \$200.00

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

Landfill Closure: Mayor Teasenfitz and Councilman Barbetto recently met with LRS project manager, Trevan Houser to discuss the current status of the City's landfill closure project. Mr. Houser will be attending a meeting in the spring of 2015 to present information regarding the landfill and the closure status as the project comes closer to completion.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Teasenfitz stated the recent road construction on Cape May Ave. appeared to have caused some confusion to both residents and motorists. He summarized there were two road improvement projects occurring at the same time which Estell Manor was unaware that apparently caused the confusion. He also stated there was little or no notice made to Estell Manor prior to the start of the projects. However both were completed without any problems and within a very short period of time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Motions: Givens / Haeser to approve public comment. Voice vote taken, with all in favor.

Mr. Merrill asked if any gravel or road material was available through the City to fill in the areas between the City roadways and private driveways to fill in any unfinished areas. He also informed Council of petty theft occurrences taking place within the City by riders on All Terrain Vehicles.

Mr. Kreutzer commented on Resolution#81-2014 and the current public works vehicles being used on City roads. He expressed concerns with the newer heavier equipment causing damage to the thinner oil and stoned roads.

Judy Cassagrande commented on the volleyball program offered at the Estell Manor School and the individuals involved. She stated they were doing a great job and were very helpful and pleasant to work with. She asked Council if the upcoming holiday event could be included on the post card mailing listing events as a “save the date” notice.

Additional comments were made by Ms. Cassagrande and Mr. Merrill regarding acceptable dumpster day items and the need for a special post card mailing of upcoming events.

Motions: Barbetto / Haeser to close public comment. Voice vote taken with all in favor.

Motions: Barbetto / Givens to approve Resolution#84-2014 for executive session to discuss matters relating to real estate. Voice vote taken, with all in favor.

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

Attorney, Van McPherson summarized executive session discussion for the public. In executive session Council discussed the potential sale of City owned land to the State of New Jersey Green Acres Acquisition Program and to pursue the purchase of certificates of regularity for certain parcels.

Motions: Haeser / Givens to approve the request of certificates of regularities for a fee not to exceed \$1,000.00

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

Motions: Haeser / Givens to adjourn meeting at approximately 8:36 pm. A voice vote was taken, with all in favor.

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Respectfully submitted:

Fern A. Brown, Deputy Clerk

Mayor, Stephen Teasenfitz