

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

Town Hall

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

3:30pm

Mayor Paulin and Vice Mayor Sitoula met in work session on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at the Town Hall. Also, in attendance were Town Manager Ryan Hicks and Town Clerk Andrea Brady.

Mayor Paulin made a motion to allow Councilman Smith to join the meeting via phone. Vice Mayor Sitoula seconds the motion. Motion carried. Councilman Smith joined the meeting via phone due to geographic distance.

August 28, 2019 Closed Session – Wednesday, August 28, 2019, the Mayor and Council held a closed session at 3:00pm per Statutory Authority for Closed Session §3-305(b)(3) to the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly thereto. The Council discussed acquisition of property; no action was taken at this time. The closed session adjourned at 3:30pm.

September Town Meeting Agenda – No changes or additions.

Roundtable:

Mayor – Mayor Paulin thanked everyone for covering things while he was away on vacation.

Vice Mayor – Vice Mayor Sitoula reported that the first Planning Commission meeting with the new members went well. Vice Mayor Sitoula also spoke about the importance of getting started on the centennial celebration plans, and his desire to meet with NSWC representatives to discuss the event and potential opportunities for a potential library. Mayor Paulin has had discussion with NSWC representatives, and they are on board with providing support for the event. Mayor Paulin also had a friend design a seal for the celebration and he will send the draft to the Council. Councilman Smith suggested the Town reach out the Piscataway Indian Tribe to see if they would like to participate in the celebration. The Council agreed and suggested having them kick off the celebration. Vice Mayor Sitoula would like the Council to meet with NSWC representatives as a full council to discuss the centennial as well as other topics. The Council agreed.

Councilman – Councilman Smith asked if there has been any impact on the Town's recycling service due to the countries not accepting recycling from the US and Canada. Town Manager Hicks reported that there has been no impact this far, and no change in the recycling fee. Councilman Smith spoke about the speed humps on Strauss Avenue having had the desired effect since there have been no accidents since their installation and thanked Council for having the fortitude to make that decision in the face of opposition in the interest of public safety. Councilman Smith asked if the resident's trash complaint had been addressed. Town Manager Hicks has been in contact with the resident, but the issue remains finding a place to put a trashcan within a right of way when residents don't want it too close to their property. Later this

month Councilman Smith will have a cleanup along the Mattawoman creek, the weekend of September 28th and asked to have Community Activities provide hotdogs and chips. Town Manager Hicks asked for an estimated amount on what is needed, and it will be handled.

Town Manager – Town Manager Hicks reported that De’ja is no longer employed via the internship program, she is now employed with the Town part time. During six-week internship Town Manager Hicks saw enough to employ her temporarily through December. Town Manager Hicks discussed Elm Street Development’s previous request to reduce a fee to \$750 per unit. The Town countered with \$1250 per unit, and Elm Street has come back with \$1000 per unit for Council’s consideration. The Council unanimously agreed with the proposed fee of \$1000 per unit.

Town Clerk – None

Mayor Paulin made a motion to move into Closed Session per Statutory Authority for Closed Session §3-305(b)(5) to consider investment of public funds. Vice Mayor Sitoula seconds the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Paulin adjourned the open session at 3:46pm.


Andrea Brady, Town Clerk