

THE REGULAR / WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd, 2019 AT THE BOROUGH HALL BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Morgan, Messrs. Smith, Pearson, Figueiredo, Delfing

ABSENT: Messrs. Dennison, Hoag

Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag and in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by advertising notice of meeting in the N.J. Herald and posting copy of notice in the Borough Hall.

Oath of Office for Mel Dennison was tabled as Mr. Dennison was absent.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

PREPARATION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

The Mayor and Council reviewed the budget worksheet. There was some discussion regarding the water utility surplus. It was determined that the departments will review the worksheet until the financial statement is finished. The CFO reported that new internet service is needed for her to work remotely.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo to enter into a new internet agreement with PenTeleData to increase internet speed from 12 Mbps to 50 Mbps costing \$137.95 per month for 3-year contract. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: **AYES:** Smith, Pearson, Figueiredo, Delfing. **NAYS:** None. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Proclamation: James R. Watson – Eagle Scout

The proclamation for James Watson was presented by Mayor Morgan

PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, on 17 December 2018, Boy Scout James Watson from Troop 81, was recognized by the Boy Scouts of America for successfully completing all requirements for Scouting's highest rank; and,*

***WHEREAS**, we are gathered here on this occasion, as friends, family and neighbors of James to support him on his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout and to recognize the faithful and steady path taken within the Scouting organization; and*

***WHEREAS**, scouting, for both boys and girls, has been an integral part of our community for many years, and we note that the Boy Scouts of America has been teaching patriotism, courage and self-reliance for more than 100 years within the United States of America; and*

***WHEREAS**, we commend James on his Eagle project, which built and installed four bat houses within Andover Borough to help sustain our beneficial bat population and which is just one example of the many contributions he has made to the community; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN MORGAN, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, AND REPRESENTING THE MEMBERS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE:

James Watson, Eagle Scout

for this outstanding accomplishment and extending to him our deepest appreciation for all of his dedicated work and wishing him the best in all of his future endeavors.

Joint Court Discussion:

The Mayor reported that he has the reports for the last 10 months of the Joint Court expenses. The Mayor reviewed the information and provided the fair share and actual 2018 expenses. He proposed that we approach Andover Township with this information to see if they are willing to relook at this distribution of these expenses. There will also be an inquiry in another Joint Court system so there is another option in the event that no agreement can be made.

Water Maintenance & Repair Agreement Discussion

The Council reviewed the estimate provided by Newmar Contracting, LLC. They will continue to research other possibilities to fulfill this contract by March. The Borough Clerk will contact Marksmen Enterprises, Inc. to see if they would like to submit an estimate as they showed interest prior to the last contract.

Public Building Natural Gas Conversation Progress – It was determined that the park building work is completed and the borough hall should be done this week. To facilitate payment once final approval is granted on inspections the following motion was made:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to approve final payment to TrapAire, Inc. once the final inspection approvals are granted. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Smith, Pearson, Figueiredo, Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

911 Dispatch Agreement: The current agreement will expire in December 2019. The Mayor will contact Mr. Hoag to facilitate a meeting with the County 911 Office of Emergency Management.

The Land Conservancy Grant Program: There was some discussion as to what kind of project could be useful at the Sunset Vista Park. There was an interest in putting a pavilion at that site. The Borough Clerk will seek estimates for a new pavilion.

Catch Basin Cleaning: The Borough Clerk will provide the estimate again for catch basin cleaning at the February meeting and after which a date will be scheduled for work.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Figueiredo, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to approve the bills list dated 1/23/19. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Smith, Pearson, Figueiredo, Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: All in favor. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Beth Brothman
Municipal Clerk