

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 10th, 2021 AT THE BOROUGH HALL BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Morgan, Council Members: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter, and Delfing.

ABSENT: None.

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.

OFFICIALS REPORTS:

A Motion was made by Mrs. Delfing, seconded by Mr. Hoag to approve the Treasurer's Report for April as presented and waive the reading. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Delfing and Walter. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoag, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to accept the following reports and place on file: Joint Court Report for March & April, Animal Control Officer Report Jan-March 2021, 2020 NJDEP Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program Annual Report, NJDOE Budget Tax Levy Certification Form A. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following was presented to the governing body and placed on file:

Memo from County Board of Taxation re: 2021 Final Equalization Table

Letter from Cramer Ecological Svc, LLC re: Freshwater Wetlands Letter of Interpretation submitted by Sunn Kis, LLC for Block 5 Lot 6

Letter from NJDOT re: FY2022 State Aid programs and required authorized personnel training

*****Mr. Dennison present 7:10 p.m. *****

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

SWAC & SC Water Quality Management: Mr. Landrith was absent.

Open Space Report: No report.

Borough Land Report: With all concerns addressed on this matter, the clerk was directed to contact the municipal attorney and begin the process of scheduling the land sale.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Administrative & Executive:

Mr. Pearson provided an estimate for a new drop box for the outside of the building. The placement was not agreed upon. The clerk will have the smoke and fire officials take a look to confirm location is okay.

Celebration of Public Events: Mrs. Walter reported that the Memorial Day wreath is ordered and she will change the sign. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Delfing, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve an amount not to exceed \$300 for items related to the ceremony. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Finance: Mr. Dennison had no report.

Parks & Playgrounds: Mr. Hoag reported that the park sign will need to be redone. The Council discussed the layout and it was determined that six signs will be needed with the cost being around \$750.00. There was also some discussion that Danny Kane will be repairing fence in parking lot. The fence will need to be painted and it should take no more than 2 gallons of redwood solid stain. The conversation continued to mention that a dirt pile in the park needs to be moved, confirmation that the trees have been trimmed and the lock on the park building door has been fixed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Pearson to approve an amount not to exceed \$750 for park signs. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve an amount not to exceed \$250.00 for fence repair. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pearson to approve an amount not to exceed \$200.00 for fence Paint and supplies. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Public Bldgs. & Grounds: Mr. Smith reported the fence in the park is done and there are estimates to review for roof repair/replacement from storm damage claim, repair the damage on the municipal building from wood bees, and repair the steps at both buildings. After review, the following estimates were approved.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoag, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve the amount of \$10,750.00 provided by Samurai Contracting to re-roof the park building. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pearson to approve the amount of \$800.00 provided by Up & Above to repair the municipal building. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoag, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve the amount of \$1200.00 provided by Blake Williams to repair the Borough Hall steps. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Public Safety: Mrs. Delfing reported that the flower sale and fish & chip fundraisers were successful. She also presented a quote for the repair of the Ford F550.

Streets & Roads: Mr. Hoag had no report. The ongoing work on Old Creamery was mentioned. Harold Pellow's office needs to be contacted to for status on closing the project. Mr. Dennison reported the Stop sign on Brandon Court and the sign for "old creamery road" is missing.

Water Utility: Mr. Smith reported that the water maintenance contract renewal is necessary and that continuing with Marksmen is preferred. He continued to discuss the need to go to bid for the Water Tower repair. A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison to authorize Mayor Morgan to accept changes from the engineer's office in order to expedite the process. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Mr. Mooney was in the audience and reported that a new hydrant needs to be ordered and he asked when we can get goats for the pump house weeds. He continued to report that pump #2 need to be switched on to test the pressure for the water tower repair.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve an amount not to exceed \$2900 for a new hydrant. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hoag to approve an amount not to exceed \$500 to purchase some goats. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Water Maintenance Contract:

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Delfing, seconded by Mr. Hoag to approve an agreement for Water System Maintenance and Repair Services with Marksmen Enterprises from 5/1/21 to 4/30/22. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS:

Cannabis Regulation - Planning Board Recommendation Review

The Mayor and Council reviewed the recommendations as provided by the planning board pertaining to the ordinance for Cannabis Regulation. The items of concern were that of the zoning setbacks. A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dennison to move to preparation and introduction of ordinance. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Dennison asked if a community shred event is something we would like to consider. He would be happy to set one up and provide information for September newsletter.

PROCLAMATION: The Mayor read the proclamation for Eagle Scout Travis LeMasson

RESOLUTIONS:

Chapter 159

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoag, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to approve a Chapter 159 Resolution in the amount of \$11,951.65 - insertion of special item of revenue - 2021 Recycling Tonnage Grant. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

MCCPC Agreement Renewal

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to approve a Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council to Renew Membership Therein for the Period of October 1, 2021 Through September 30, 2026. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Support of A-139/S-1416:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Hoag, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve a Resolution in Support of A-139 and S-1416 permitting municipalities with populations of 30,000 or less to permit governing bodies to serve as the local board of health. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Smith. Motion carried.

Recreation Improvement Grant:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to approve a resolution acknowledging and approving the submission of a grant application and proposed plan to the NJDCA for FY2021 Local Recreation Improvement Grant to improve the basketball court in Andover Borough Memorial Park. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

Certification for EMS Contribution:

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Delfing, seconded by Mr. Pearson to approve a resolution certifying for the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders that Lakeland Emergency Squad is the emergency response squad serving Andover Borough to enable the EMS to receive financial assistance by the County of Sussex for 2021 in the amount of \$3500.00. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Dennison. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to pass the following Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body to approve the payment of all vouchers on the bill listed May 10th, 2021, submitted by the Chief Financial Officer for payment. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. AYES: All in favor. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Beth Brothman
Municipal Clerk