

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 AT THE BOROUGH HALL BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Councilman 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, posting copy of notice in the Borough Hall and on the Borough website.

OFFICIALS REPORTS:

Reports:

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Delfing, seconded by Mr. Dennison to accept the following reports and place on file: ABFD report for June, ACO report for 2nd Quarter. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Smith, Mallon, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Colleen Figueiredo of 26 West High Street appeared before the Council regarding feral cats as she could not attend the workshop held in June when some members of the public reported their concerns. Mrs. Figueiredo reported that the cats in the neighborhood are an issue that she has been trying to handle on her own as she was told by the ACO that he does not “do cats”. She has felt that he does not do his job in taking care of issues like this. She stated that the urine smell under her porch is horrible and that they reside on her property at times. She continue to discuss her involvement and stated that she has spent “her own money” to trap, neuter and release these animals with the help of Amanda and she “is done”. She stated that she has taken care of 13 kittens and wanted to know what the governing body was going to do. She said she personally removed and rehomed 5 kittens which she just received rabies certificate for from the vet.

Joyce Bollard of 31 West High Street thanked the governing body for being proactive. She also inquired if any organized teams use the ball field.

The Mayor advised that a letter is under review with the borough attorney,

Jason Lane of 5 Smith Street stated, in response to the question, that some pounds will euthanize and some will not.

Erica Mallon of 11 Smith Street asked the governing body if the electric fence that was installed by the farmer leasing the State land is permissible. Not all of the elected officials were aware that one had been installed. Mrs. Mallon expressed her concern for the safety and welfare of her children and other since a sign was not posted stating that it is “electrified”.

Heidi Daschko and Chris Daschko of 13 Smith Street also expressed concern of the electrified fence. Mrs. Daschko was concerned that someone can get hurt and wondered if the town knew this was being installed.

The Clerk will contact Kittatinny State Park ranger station.

**** the meeting was adjourned briefly to allow for town officials to investigate the status/progress of the animal by-product spill on High Street, County 606 earlier in the day.

7:38 pm

A MOTION was made by Mr. Mallon, seconded by Mr. Mallon to approve a brief adjournment while town official investigate the concerns of Fire Chief Jessica Casella who is at the incident. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: All in favor. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Brothman, the Municipal Clerk and Councilperson Kim Walter were tasked by the Mayor to drive to the scene to evaluate the condition and progress of the clean up

7:57 p.m.

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

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

SWAC & SC Water Quality Management: No report.

Open Space: No Report

Borough Land Report: The Borough Attorney is still preparing the follow up memo.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Administrative & Executive: Mrs. Delfing reported that Mr. Johnson quit his position as code enforcement and zoning officer the prior week. Someone will need to be hired as soon as possible to replace him.

Celebration of Public Events: Mrs. Walter reported that Halloween and Christmas are the next holidays. Mr. Smith stated that he may be interested in holding a block party at Sunset Vista Park.

Finance: Mr. Dennison reported that the new tax bills will be going out. The school and property tax have increased and will affect our property owners.

Parks & Playgrounds: Mr. Hoag reported that 50 yards of mulch need to be ordered as soon as possible.

Public Bldgs. & Grounds: Mr. Smith reported that the roof on the borough hall will need new flashing and the issues with the dehumidifier at the park building will need to be addressed as its causing mold. Mrs. Walter reported the chairs were recently ordered.

Public Safety: Mrs. Delfing reported that Andover Township has made Atlantic Ambulance their #1 services in place of LES permanently. She also reported that the new truck is almost ready.

Streets & Roads: Mr. Hoag discussed the reported issues with oversized trucks traveling down Morris Sussex Turnpike.

Water Utility: Mr. Smith reviewed the estimates to remove the tree the pump house. He requested new estimates to include more trees. He continued to report that he will need to bring George of NE Water back to find the water leak. \$200 encumbered by CFO for this purpose.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The CFO reported the second installment of the ARPA money has been received.

The Mayor reported that the County Engineer will organize another meeting with the State to review the tunnel project.

RESOLUTIONS:

Chapter 159

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mallon to approve a Chapter 159 resolution for insertion of special item of revenue for Clean Communities grant funds. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Smith, Mallon, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mr. Mooney stated that he will talk to the ABFD about hosting a Halloween party.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, 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 July 11, 2022, submitted by the Chief Financial Officer for payment. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: YES: Dennison, Smith, Mallon, Walter and Delfing. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to adjourn the meeting. AYES: Dennison, Mallon, Walter, Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Beth Brothman
Municipal Clerk