

April 1, 2003
Keyport, New Jersey

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council, Borough of Keyport, held on the above date in the Keyport First Aid Building, 1927 Atlantic Street, Keyport, N.J. pursuant to being called by Mayor John Merla. Notices were faxed to the Courier, Asbury Park Press, Independent and Two River Times and posted on the Bulletin Boards.

Mayor Merla called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. and read the Sunshine Law Notice.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Bergen, Atkins, Hyer, Stalter (arriving at 6:40 PM), Doyle, Green. Others present: Wesley Kain, Borough Attorney and Gerald Freda, Borough Engineer.

DISCUSSION

1. Submittal of Application to State Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program for Fishing Pier.

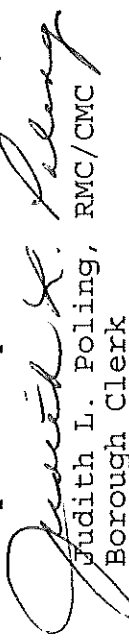
Mayor Merla advised the purpose of the meeting was to give the public the opportunity to discuss the Borough's submittal of the application to the State Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program. Supportive letters have been received from the Borough's legislators, the Monmouth County Freeholders, Keyport Unified Planning Board and the Keyport Business Alliance. The Borough is applying for funds for a fishing pier. The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 6:38 PM. There being none, the meeting was closed to the public at 6:38 PM. Mr. Bergen asked if the application was for complete replacement. Mr. Freda said yes, and would be built in kind as it exists now. At this time, 6:40 PM, Councilman Stalter arrived. Mr. Freda said he recommends replacement. The DEP will have a say and there is strength in the application that the pier already exists. Mr. Bergen asked if the same pilings could be used. Mr. Freda said what could be used would be but everything should be replaced. Mr. Bergen asked what the cost would be and Mr. Freda said approximately \$650,000. Mr. Freda said it is a combination of a grant/loan, mostly a 2% loan. Mr. Bergen asked when would the Borough be advised. Mr. Freda said the application was post marked today and that the minutes of this meeting and any subsequent supportive letters have to be forwarded to Green Acres. The Borough could be advised on the application by mid summer. Mayor Merla reported that he, Mrs. Atkins, Mr. Kain and Mr. Freda had a meeting with the DEP for another matter and the Mayor advised them the Borough would be submitting an application for a fishing pier. Mr. Bergen asked if the Green Acres main goal was acquisition. Mr. Freda said it may be, but Green Acres thought the application was a good one.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn moved by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Doyle with Ayes by all present.

Time of Adjournment: 6:43 PM

Respectfully submitted


Judith L. Poling, RMC/CMC
Borough Clerk