

May 1, 2007  
Keyport, New Jersey

Minutes of a Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council, held on the above date in the Council Chambers, Municipal Complex, 70 W. Front Street, Keyport, N.J. pursuant to the Annual Notice on file with the Borough Clerk, forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, Courier, Independent, the Newark Star Ledger and Two River Times and posted on the Bulletin Boards in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231.

Mayor Bergen called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. and the Borough Clerk read the Sunshine Law Notice.

**ROLL CALL**

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Sheridan, Hassmiller, Hill, Ortman, Walling, Bolte. Others present were Mr. Valesi, Borough Administrator, Mr. Fallon, CFO and Mr. Wisniewski, Borough Attorney(arrived 7:12 P.M.).

**RESOLUTION**

1. Resolution #52-07, Closed Meeting - Personnel, Litigation, and Contract Negotiations

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport are of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

**A. Litigation:**

- Municipal Building - A&K Litigation

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body that a meeting of the Mayor and Council shall be held forthwith from which the public shall be excluded in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, for the purpose of discussing the above-mentioned items.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that discussions on Personnel conducted at said Closed Session shall be disclosed when the matters discussed are resolved and this meeting shall continue in approximately 20 minutes.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Walling, second by Mr. Sheridan

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Sheridan, Hassmiller, Hill,  
Ortman, Walling, Bolte

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Council went into closed session at 7:10P.M. and this meeting was reconvened at 7:18P.M.

Due to the passing of Councilman Ortman's mother-in-law, Councilman Ortman left at the end of executive session.

Mayor Bergen called the meeting to order at 8:09 P.M. and the Borough Clerk read the Sunshine Law Notice.

**ROLL CALL**

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Sheridan, Hassmiller, Hill, Walling, Bolte. Absent: Councilman Ortman. Others present: Mr. Valesi, Borough Administrator, Mr. Fallon, CFO and Mr. Wisniewski. Borough Attorney.



**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 10, 2007 - Closed Session

April 24, 2007 - Closed Session

Offered for adoption by Mr. Sheridan, second by Mr. Walling

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Sheridan, Hassmiller, Hill,  
Walling, Bolte

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilman Ortman

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

1. Application for Social Affairs Permit submitted by Keyport Fire Department - to be held July 9 - July 14, 2007

Motion to approve, moved by Mr. Sheridan, second by Mr. Walling, with Ayes by all present.

2. Application for Raffle License - St. Joseph Girls Softball - Off-Premise Cash to be held June 23, 2007

Motion to approve, moved by Mr. Sheridan, second by Mr. Walling, with Ayes by all present.

3. KBA 2007 Proposed Calendar of Events

Ms. Bolte gave update and pointed out some problems with calendar. Mayor Bergen wants the cost of providing food after the Memorial Day Parade.

Motion to ask for finalized calendar, moved by Mr. Walling, second by Mr. Sheridan, with Ayes by all present.

4. Letter from Agnes Ferment, President, Raritan Post No. 23, American Legion, requesting permission to sell poppies from May 1<sup>st</sup> - May 31<sup>st</sup>

Motion to approve, moved by Mr. Sheridan, second by Mr. Hassmiller, with Ayes by all present.

5. Application & Permit for Street Opening - Coluco Place

Motion to approve, moved by Mr. Sheridan, second by Mr. Walling, with Ayes by all present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Sheridan is looking for a site for the Osprey nest. Mr. Sheridan has concerns on the Manchester meeting. Redevelopment committee had meeting at the First Aid Building and felt the meetings was "a sell" from the Developers. He didn't feel that was the intent for the process.

Ms. Bolte felt the meeting had turned by the end. Councilman Sheridan had already left. This was an informal process the meeting was not recorded. Ms. Bolte stated that it comes down to what the neighborhood wants without the developer losing money.

Mayor Bergen asked Mr. Sheridan "Without exercising eminent domain how can anyone force the builder to do what the town wants?"

Ms. Bolte states that there will be more meetings and more opportunity for residents to express their viewpoints.



Mr. Sheridan asked where the compromise is.

Mayor felt that the meeting was positive and informative. Residents felt they did not want an industrial facility there. Mayor feels that 16 single family homes would be a poor proposal due to increase in student enrollment.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Valesi reported that the bulkhead/pier project work continues on promenade. The project is taking shape the weather has been favorable; we are picking up on the schedule.

Mayor asked about contacting the County regarding Osprey Nest off Maple. Administration will look into whether it is a viable option.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sheridan would like to remind everyone that the Fire Museum will be open on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. George Strang is requesting to get an electronic sign mounted in front of the Gazebo or on a building. This was referred to Mr. Valesi.

Mr. Sheridan made a request on behalf of the Fire Department to use the upstairs of the Old Borough Hall for training purposes. Mayor is concerned it is not water tight.

Ms. Bolte is concerned about the cars speeding on Division Street behind the Central School while the kids are there. Would like to take a look at the situation with Administrator Valesi and Chief Mitchell.

Ms. Bolte is receiving emails from upset residents about receiving free Star Ledger.

Mr. Walling mentioned that the Fire Inspection is Saturday, 6 P.M.

#### PUBLIC HEARING OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The meeting is opened to the public at 8:30 P.M for comments or questions. Mr. Valesi mentioned handout charting five major items affecting budget and the increase generated in the budget due to:

1. Lack of extraordinary aid
2. State pension payments
3. Comp time payouts to retiree's \$70,000 budget item
4. Revaluation first of five-50,000 appropriations will reoccur every year
5. Employee health insurance \$40,000 increase over twelve (12) month period

Mr. Valesi feels the budget speaks for itself. Mayor states that this cannot be adopted until discretionary extraordinary aid figures are in.

Mr. Ludwig is glad that the accounting is less adventurous than last year.

Ken Krohe, Keyport First Aid, thanked council for communicating on the First Aid Budget. Looking to purchase new rig; the current vehicle is thirteen (13) years old and they normally last about ten (10) years. Mr. Krohe reported that they answered approximately 390 calls this year as of this date, and would like support from Council.

Michele, Keyport First Aid, last year answered 1,106 calls, would like Council to consider replacing one vehicle.

Chief Bill Larkin, 31 Washington Street, came across 1971 newspaper article from the Red Bank Register. Budget was \$30,000, converted to current

There being no further comments or questions the meeting was closed to the public at 8:39.

No action until after discretionary aid.

#### RESOLUTIONS

2. Resolution # 148-07 Payment of Bills
3. Resolution #149-07 Authorizing Award of Contract for Grass/Lawn Cutting Services
4. Resolution #150-07 Appointment of Temporary Plumbing Inspector and Plumbing Sub-Code Official
5. Resolution #151-07 Accepting Funds for the 2007 Grant Agreement from the Monmouth County Office on Aging

Offered for adoption by Ms. Bolte, seconded by Mr. Sheridan

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Sheridan, Bolte, Hill, Walling, Kovacs

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent: Councilman Ortman

The meeting was opened to the public at 8:40P.M. for comments or questions.

Bob Ludwig, Beer Street, spoke regarding 75 Manchester, Environmental Commission Alternates, appointment MAC Commissioner - Bayshore Redevelopment process Mr. Lane also spoke about problems with Keyport website.

Alexander Petrovich, 1 Elizabeth Street, spoke regarding fire house sirens. Upset about the noise. Mayor referred this to the Fire Commission. Chief Larkin explains why sirens go off. Chief Larkin stated that Union Beach tried not to use siren, and now is back using the siren.

Bob Ludwig and a resident that lives on Washington Street spoke positively regarding the fire siren.

Isaiah Cooper, asked if this be done without a study? Mr. Strang states that if the siren is in place, it must be tested.

Mike Lane spoke about the free Star Ledger supplement. Feels it is useless.

Mr. Litwin said rehabilitation is a resident-driven process. Mayor disagrees and states that he feels if it was a developer-driven process would have different applications. By the end of the Manchester meeting most residents felt proposal was better than what was there. Not far enough along on Manchester application.

There being no further comments or questions the meeting was closed to the public at 9:02.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:03P.M. Motion to adjourn was made and carried with Ayes by all present.