JULY 11, 2011

A Work Session Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. on July 11, 2011 in Council Chambers of Borough Hall with Mayor Dempsey presiding.

Mayor Dempsey related that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 21, 2010.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas, and McCarthy

Absent: None

Also present was Borough Attorney Mark Kitrick and Borough Administrator/CFO Joseph DeIorio

ITEM #1 Use of Borough Property:

*Ladacin Network Polar Plunge – 1/14/2012

Council Member Donovan made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

*MHS Swim Team One Mile Swim – 7/23/2011

Council Member Lee made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

*Beach Wedding – Inlet – 9/24/2011

Council Member Connolly made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Grasso. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #2 Boy Scouts Paper Drive - Discussion

Mr. DeIorio stated for the record and for the public that he spoke to John Keynton the Recycling Coordinator and stated that the Borough is very happy that the Boy Scouts provide the service of collecting the newspapers and to use that tonnage that is collected throughout the year towards Manasquan's total recycling efforts. He stated that the reward is for the Boy Scouts to earn funding from the collection of the newspapers. He stated that the Mayor and council are all in favor of the Boy Scouts continuing this project and receiving the funds for the recycling of the newspaper.

ITEM #3 Resolution and Ordinance votes on Website

Mr. DeIorio stated that Council Member Connolly brought this item up at the last meeting of mayor and council as a suggestion to the Governing Body to place the votes of the resolutions and ordinances on the website. He stated that he believes that the Council Member wants to move ahead with this effort and that he needs a consensus from the council whether they want to proceed with it or not.

There was discussion on how this would be accomplished.

Council Member McCarthy recommended that the resolutions should be posted with the agenda on the website.

There was discussion on different ways resolutions and ordinances can be placed on the website.

Mr. DeIorio suggested allowing him to sit down with the Municipal Clerk and come up with a strategy and present that to the council. He stated that he will try and have a plan of action for the Council at the next meeting.

ITEM #4 Request by MHS National Honor Society Project – Supporting the Troops

Mayor Dempsey stated that this is a request for the placement of a drop box at Borough Hall for the collection of items for the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Council Member Connolly inquired as to how long the box would be at Borough Hall.

Council Member Connolly made a motion to approve this request, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #5 Acknowledge and Acceptance of Tax Collector Monthly Report

Council Member Connolly made a motion to acknowledge and accept the report, seconded by Council Member Grasso. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #6 Follow-up on Ordinance for 7/18/2011 meeting

Mr. DeIorio stated that there are four (4) items that the Municipal Clerk has in her Ordinance file which are minor changes to ordinances and that these 4 items can put together into one ordinance. He stated that the items he would like the Governing Body to consider are: Dogs on the Beach, Minor Code Change regarding numbers, Shade Tree Membership and Environmental Membership increase.

He stated that if there are no objections this ordinance will be ready for first reading at the next meeting.

ITEM #7 Review of Resolutions for Consideration at the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Dempsey asked if there were any questions on the resolutions listed on the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Connolly inquired about the Seasonal Recreation Staff Resolution. She asked if someone can explain which program this is.

Mr. DeIorio stated that these are seasonal staff paid by recreation for some of the summer recreation programs and tennis programs.

Council Member Lee explained how the recreation programs work and how they are paid for.

Council Member Grasso inquired about the Parking Limitation change from 15 to 60 minutes. He stated that this addresses one area and there is other areas that have 15 minute parking and should the council be looking at the other areas such as Ocean Avenue and First Avenue in front of Pharos.

Mayor Dempsey stated that each request for a time limit change will be addressed as they come in to the Council.

There was discussion on this issue if there should be an overall ordinance or should some areas stay with a 15 minutes parking.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. DeIorio stated that the Municipal Clerk and himself were looking at the agenda to try and expedite the process so that the Regular Meeting can start on time. He stated that there is no requirement that there needs to be 2 committee reports, the only requirement is to have a public portion at each public meeting. He recommended that the council think about dropping one of the committee reports to expedite the agenda.

Council Member Connolly and Grasso stated that they do not have a problem with that.

Council Member McCarthy stated that he would be in favor of removing the committee reports from the work session and having the committee reports during the regular meeting as he believes more people would be at the regular meeting.

Council Member Grasso disagreed with Council Member McCarthy as to which meeting has more people at it.

Mr. DeIorio stated that he is looking for the Council to give him direction as to the Committee reports only.

Mayor Dempsey stated that since all the Council Members except Council Member Grasso were in favor of removing the committee reports from the work session as of this meeting the committee reports will only be on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Council Member McCarthy stated that this should be reviewed again at the end of the year.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council Member Connolly made a motion to open the meeting up to the public, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront stated that she understands the concerns of the extra work load with publishing the ordinances before hand with the agenda or even before that, she would support publishing the entire ordinance prior to the council meeting so that people would have a clear understanding of what they were coming to address. She stated that it is difficult at times coming to the meeting thinking you are going to talk about a particular ordinance but not knowing what the wording is or what it is addressing.

Rich Bartholomew, 121 Lake Avenue stated that he would like to see the committee reports at the 7 p.m. meeting as that is where everything happens with discussion and interesting back and forth with council. He stated that it is better with one committee report session as sometimes there would be only 1 or 2 council members reporting at the 7 p.m. meeting and the rest at the 8 p.m. meeting.

Mayor Dempsey stated that he spoke to Mr. DeIorio with regard to the public portion in the work session and maybe it should be opened to anything that is on both agendas so that a question can be raised about a resolution or ordinance before the regular meeting is opened.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the agendas would be combined into one meeting so there would only be a 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. meeting. He stated that to be in compliance with the law you need a public portion for each meeting. He stated that in essence there would be one meeting. He stated that at 7 p.m. there would be the beginning part for work session items, do public portion and then go into the business meeting where items will be voted on and the committee reports.

Council Member Donovan inquired that right now everything that is on the agenda for the work session is open for discussion.

Mr. DeIorio stated that technically you can speak about anything on work session agenda, regular session agenda or anything else.

There were some questions on the form of the agenda and the order in which the meeting will go.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the meeting will be opened at 7 p.m., go through the items that need to be discussed, audience participation, (the audience can speak about anything on the agenda or up for a resolution) then go into the voting portion and then end with the committee reports.

Council Member McCarthy asked what if someone wants to comment on something that is not on the agenda.

Mr. DeIorio stated that would happen with any meeting unless the audience participation at the very end.

Council Member McCarthy believes that there should be audience participation at the end of the meeting to give the audience a chance to comment on anything that they wish to.

Mr. DeIorio stated that if that is the way the council decides then there should be 2 meetings as it is now because it does not make sense to have two public portions in one meeting.

Mayor Dempsey stated that the only thing that he can see is that it might delay the 8 p.m. meeting as the public portion is open to anything to comment on due to the closed portion of the meeting and any action that might take place at the 8 p.m. meeting.

Council Member McCarthy stated that it is important to have an open public comment.

Mayor Dempsey stated that the public needs to be aware that the regular meeting at 8 p.m. might not start right away due to the fact that the public is commenting on anything at the 7 p.m. work session meeting.

Council Member Donovan asked if that would affect the advertising of the 8 p.m. meeting.

Mr. Kitrick stated that there has to be a reasonable attempt to start the meeting at the advertised time.

Council Member Donovan asked if there could be wording such as the regular session will start immediately following the work session rather then stating 8 p.m.

Mr. Kitrick stated that he believes that there needs to be a date and time. He stated that this is something that would have to be monitored because you have to make a reasonable effort to start the meeting at the time that is posted.

Council Member Connolly stated that she believes the audience participation should left the way it is for the two meetings because the audience sometimes thinks of things at the end of the meetings.

Rich Bartholomew 121 Lake Avenue stated that he believes that it is important that the 8 p.m. meetings start on time because there are people here that are different from the 7 p.m. meeting. He stated that he is in favor of leaving things kind of the way they are but the council has the ability to control the time that is allocated to each speaker.

Council Member Donovan made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Lucas. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Donovan made a motion to close the work session meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Lucas. Motion carried unanimously.

The closed session portion of the minutes begins on the next page. The signature and approval date are located on the last page following the closed session meeting minutes.