

Regular Public Meeting
June 17, 2024
7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: 150 Brownsville Road

Officials Present: Frank Bernardini, Christina Reft, Brandon Taylor, Lisa Pietrusza, Francis Heckmann, JoAnna Taylor (Mayor), Rick Hopkinson (Manager), Matt Juzwick (Chief of Police), John Michener (Public Works Supervisor), Phil Quattrone (Code Enforcement Officer), Emily Mueller (Solicitor)

Officials Absent: Nick Viglione

A. Agenda

1. Public Hearings

- There were no public hearings

2. Reports

- There was no Fire Report.

3. General

- Motion to approve the Minutes from the May 20, 2024 Regular Meeting. Motion made by Heckmann. Seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve Payment Application #1 to Razor Lake Materials in the amount of \$18,263.75 for work completed on the 2024 Sanitary Sewer O&M CCTV Contract. Motion made by Reft. Seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve all bills. Motion made by Taylor. Seconded by Heckmann. Motion carried.
- Motion to adopt Resolution 917-24 – Appointing Peter Vicinski to Council Member to fill a Vacancy Created by the Passing of Paul Doyle. Motion made by Heckmann. Seconded by Taylor. Pietrusza voted No. Motion carried.

At this time, Vicinski presented his notarized Affidavit of Residency and the Mayor administered the Oath of Office. Vicinski then took his seat as Council Member.

4. Committee Reports

- School District Report
 - There were no updates.

5. New Business

- Review Handicap Parking Applications
 - 130 St. Joseph
 - Taylor made a motion to approve. Reft seconded. Motion carried.

- Process for approving Handicap Parking Applications
 - It was recommended by the Manager that Borough Administrations should approve requests for handicap parking when a valid handicap plate or placard is presented and the applicant clearly has no off-street parking options. Pietrusza and the Mayor also advised of recent cases where municipalities were sued for failing to provide a handicap parking spaces. While an applicant may have off-street parking, it may not be accessible and this should be taken into consideration. The Solicitor is going to look into policy and case law to inform additional discussion at the next meeting.

- Discuss whether or not to install “No Parking on Sidewalk” signs in the 800-block of Brownsville
 - Council is not going to authorize installation of signage at this location at this time, but instead would like to take a more holistic approach to addressing parking challenges throughout the Borough

- Discuss approaches to kids selling water on Brownsville
 - Council agreed that the Borough should contact partners such as Big Brothers Big Sisters, Tech 25, First Sip Studios, The Brashear Association, Abiding Missions, and Sisters Place to assist with providing guidance and supervision.

6. Upcoming Meetings & Events / Announcements

B. Questions & Answers

- Borough officials & staff answered questions from the public.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.