

Borough Council Minutes
New Providence, New Jersey
August 27, 2012

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of New Providence, County of Union and State of New Jersey was held on Monday, August 27 at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Center. Mayor J. Brooke Hern called the meeting to order.

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Hern, Councilman Lesnewich, Councilman Galluccio, Councilman Cucco, Councilman Muñoz, Councilman Robinson

Absent: Council President Gennaro

Also Present: Borough Clerk Barry, Deputy Borough Clerk Gelormini, Attorney Woodward

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Hern led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Mayor Hern stated this is a public meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of New Providence, County of Union and State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, in that an annual notice or revision was made in conformance with Section 13 of the Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Cucco moved the minutes of the August 13, 2012 Council Meeting be approved as submitted, seconded by Councilman Muñoz and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION:

1. JCP & L Stan Prater, Municipal Representative

Stan Prater, Municipal representative from JCP&L, updated Council regarding the upgrades JCP&L has been making since last year's storms (Hurricane Irene and October snowstorm). He stated the old form of fax communication has been changed to email communication, and the company has also made new smartphone enhancements. He also stated the website has an outage map with estimated restoration times per area and stated customers can report outages online. He also updated Council on JCP&L's tree trimming program and stated tree trimming inquiries would be handled on a case by case basis. He added they are installing laptops in all vehicles so workers will have live data and can more efficiently respond to outages. He stated the full implementation of the laptop installation should be completed by the end of 2013.

Councilman Cucco asked Mr. Prater about streets that lose power consistently. Mr. Prater stated it could be due to the amount of trees in the area and limbs that occasionally fall on the wires, but he would look into the streets in question and let him know the outcome of his findings.

Councilman Muñoz asked if a representative from JCP&L could be available in person if another major outage situation occurs. Mr. Prater answered they do not have enough staff to be available in person in all the municipalities they service, however they do send a representative to every County Office of Emergency Management when an emergency situation occurs.

Councilman Robinson asked if the company has hired any new employees since the last storm. Mr. Prater responded that even with the tough economic climate they have still managed to hire new employees to work in the field.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, July 30, 2012. Re: Green Acres Loan. No action required.
2. Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, August 3, 2012. Re: Borough Resolution 2012-201. No action required.
3. New Providence Fire Department. August 8, 2012. Re: Membership Application. No action required.
4. State of New Jersey, Department of Transportation, August 8, 2012. Re: NJDOT FY 2012 State Aid Program. No action required.
5. Public Service Electric and Gas, August 16, 2012. Re: Public Notice of Hearing Dates. No action required.
6. Union County Prosecutor's Office, August 16, 2012. RE: Clothing Bin Ordinance.

Attorney Woodward stated he would compose an Ordinance for introduction at the next council meeting.

Councilman Galluccio added there are clothing bins located near the Rescue Squad building and proceeds are donated to the NP Alliance.

7. Jersey Central Power and Light, August 21, 2012. Re: Notice of Filing and Public Hearing. No action required.
8. NJ Transit, August 22, 2012. Public Hearing Notice. No action required.
9. Frank and Annette Mellusi, August 22, 2102. Re: Board of Adjustment Hearing. No action required.

10. State of New Jersey, Municipal Finance and Construction Element, Division of Water Quality, August 22, 2102. Re: Public Notice Proposed FFY2013 Priority System. No action required.
11. New Providence Fire Department, August 23, 2012. Re: Membership Application. No action required.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Affordable Housing:

1. Resolution 2012-241 “Resolution Of The Borough Of New Providence, County Of Union, State Of New Jersey Approving Agreement With The Murray Hill Farm Condominium Association, Inc., And Unit Owners For The Provision Of Affordability Assistance”

Councilman Galluccio presented Resolution 2012-241 approving agreement with the Murray Hill Farm Condominium Association, Inc., and unit owners for the provision of Affordability Assistance.

Attorney Woodward stated the Borough has \$50,000 in the affordable housing trust fund. He stated part is to be used for a new generator at the Barabash Manor and the other is to be used to help pay for the roof replacement of the Affordable housing units in Murray Hill Farms. He explained \$1,900 would be granted to each of the 13 unit owners to aid in the cost of roof replacement.

Vito Gallo, Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for the Borough, addressed Council and discussed the Borough's obligations related to COAH. Councilman Robinson thanked Mr. Gallo for his knowledge and service to the Borough over the years.

Engineering:

1. Resolution 2012-242 “Resolution Approving Oakwood Park Recreation Trail Improvements In An Amount Not To Exceed \$10,800.00 And Appointing Jim Johnston, Public Works Manager, As Project Manager”

Councilman Muñoz presented Resolution 2012-242 approving Oakwood Park recreation trail improvements in an amount not to exceed \$10,800.00 and appointing Jim Johnston, Public Works Manager, as Project Manager.

Finance:

1. Resolution 2012-243 “Resolution Authorizing Payment Of The Attached Bills Payable List, In The Amount Of \$178,252.87”

Councilman Cucco presented Resolution 2012-243 authorizing payment of the attached bills payable list in the amount of \$178,252.87.

2. Resolution 2012-244 “Resolution Authorizing Tax Assessment Services Of Mike Ross, C.T.A.”

Councilman Cucco presented Resolution 2012-244 authorizing Tax Assessment Services of Mike Ross, C.T.A.

Communities Activities:

1. Resolution 2012-245 “Resolution Approving Purchase Order # 44470 For Tab Control, Inc., In The Amount Of \$3,319.00, Printing Services”

Councilman Lesnewich presented Resolution 2012-245 approving purchase order #44470 for Tab Control, Inc.

2. Resolution 2012-246 “Resolution Approving Contracts With The County Of Union For Union County Heart Grant For The Year 2012”

Councilman Lesnewich presented Resolution 2012-246 approving contracts with the County of Union for Union County Heart Grant for the year 2012.

Personnel:

1. Resolution 2012-247 “Resolution Appointing School Crossing Guards For The 2012-2013 School Year For The Borough Of New Providence”

Councilman Lesnewich presented Resolution 2012-247 appointing School Crossing Guards for the 2012-2013 School Year for The Borough of New Providence. He stated the pay rate increased 50 cents per hour.

2. Resolution 2012-248 “Salary Resolution”

Councilman Lesnewich presented Resolution 2012-248 approving salary for a Theater Choreographer in the recreation department.

Public Safety:

1. Raffle Licenses – Amendments: RA943 New Providence Bandwagon
RA945 Our Lady of Peace

Mayor Hern presented amended raffle application RA943 for New Providence Bandwagon and RA945 for Our Lady of Peace.

Public Works:

1. Authorization to Bid 2012 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

Councilman Cucco requested authorization to bid the 2012 Sanitary Sewer

Lining Project. He stated the purpose of the lining is to prevent extraneous flow from getting into the sewer pipes.

2. Resolution 2012-249 “Resolution Approving Purchase Order No. 44501 For Tony Sanchez Ltd., In The Amount Not To Exceed \$87,579.00, Morris County Co-Op #15D-6C”

Councilman Cucco presented Resolution 2012-249 approving purchase order No. 44501 for Tony Sanchez Ltd., in the amount not to exceed \$87,579.00, Morris County Co-Op #15D-6C. He stated of this total, \$32,000 is from a recycling grant.

3. Resolution 2012-250 “Resolution Approving Purchase Order No. 44500 For Devo & Associates, LLC, In The Amount Not To Exceed \$11,925.00”

Councilman Cucco presented Resolution 2012-250 approving purchase order no. 44500 for Devo & Associates, LLC, in the amount not to exceed \$11,925.00.

4. Resolution 2012-251 “Resolution Approving Purchase Order #44193 For The City Of Summit, In The Amount Of \$603,562.50”

Councilman Cucco presented Resolution 2012-251 approving purchase order #44193 for the City of Summit in the amount of \$603,562.50. Council questioned the amount billed by Summit. Attorney Woodward stated he needed to look further into the agreement between the Borough and the City of Summit. Cucco suggested only paying \$358,998.00 for now. Council concurred amending the Resolution and purchase order to read \$358,998.00.

Recreation Capital Improvement Committee:

1. Resolution 2012-252 “Resolution Authorizing The Application For “Kids Recreation Trust Fund” Grant For The Borough Of New Providence”

Councilman Lesnewich presented Resolution 2012-252 authorizing the application for “Kids Recreation Trust Fund” Grant for the Borough of New Providence. He stated the Recreation Department is working with the owners of the Community Pool to renovate the basketball area at the pool.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Robinson – reported on the following:

- 1) Congratulated Board of Education on NPHS being ranked #1 high school in NJ.
- 2) August 17th Flash Concert – “Random Acts of Kindness” sponsored by the Municipal Alliance.
- 3) Micropaving – stated he received some complaints about the recent micropaving and explained micropaving only seals cracks and lasts approximately 5 years as opposed to milling and paving which is a complete resurfacing and is much more costly.

- 4) Central Avenue – stated NJ American Water has agreed to pave some of Central Avenue after much persistence from Administrator Marvin and complaints from residents.
- 5) Board of Health – stated he received complaints from residents near Foley Place regarding recent rat sightings. He discussed with members of Council the upcoming demolition of houses near Foley Place and the new construction in that area. They discussed having Keith Lynch speak with the contractor of the new development to make sure they would perform an extermination before the demolition.

Muñoz – reported on the following:

- 1) Maple Street sidewalk project
- 2) Treza Family “Drive for Autism” – golf outing on September 15th.

Cucco – reported on the following:

- 1) Micropaving completed.

Galluccio – reported on the following:

- 1) Congratulated New Providence High School for being ranked #1 in NJ Monthly.
- 2) NP Police Department Honor Guard – congratulated the Honor Guard for marching at the Giants game on Friday, August 24th.
- 3) Applauded the Police Department for their bicycle helmet safety program.

Lesnewich – reported on the following:

- 1) Congratulated the Board of Education on being ranked the #1 high school in NJ as well as being awarded the best group 1 school for athletic programs.
- 2) Hillview Field renovations – will probably have plans together for the next council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This is an opportunity for any member of the public to be heard about issues that are not separate topics, scheduled for public hearings tonight. To help facilitate an orderly meeting, and to permit all to be heard, speakers are asked to limit their comments to three (3) minutes, and may only speak once on any one topic.

Joe (last name not given) – asked Councilman Cucco why there is 1 garbage truck in the Borough, but 2 trucks for recycling. Cucco stated there is one truck per day and each section of the Borough has different garbage days. He stated if the truck has a mechanical problem the company may send out a second truck. He said there are 2 trucks for recycling since one is for metal and one is for paper. He added however recently there is only 1 truck for recycling since they are commingling on a temporary experimental basis.

There being no one else wishing to speak this portion of the meeting was closed.

FORMAL ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA (routine items that may be passed by a single roll call vote; any Council member may call for a separate discussion or vote on any item)

Councilman Galluccio moved passage of items 1-14 on the consent agenda, seconded by Councilman Cucco and on Roll Call: Councilman Lesnewich, Councilman Galluccio, Councilman Cucco, Councilman Muñoz, and Councilman Robinson voted “aye”. Carried on Roll Call.

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| 13. | Resolution 2012-251 | “Resolution Approving Purchase Order #44193 For The City Of Summit, In The Amount Of \$\$358,998.00” As Amended |
| 14. | Resolution 2012-252 | “Resolution Authorizing The Application For “Kids Recreation Trust Fund” Grant For The Borough Of New Providence” |

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on motion by Councilman Cucco, seconded by Councilman Muñoz the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendi B. Barry, Borough Clerk

These minutes have not yet been officially approved.

Minutes approved at the Borough Council meeting of 09/10/2012 as submitted.