

Council Meeting

June 11, 2018

7:00 p.m.

The council meeting of Mayor and Council was held on the above date and time with Council members Carrow, Smith, Dias and DeBenedictis present with Mayor Letterman presiding. Recording Secretary Sue Muncey, Town Foreman Jeff Hurlock, Captain Carl Hutson, Town Solicitor Scott Chambers, Payton Dixon, Lexi Moore, Nicki Shirey, Madison Drummond, Missy Wilson, Kayla Wilson, Jessica Anderson, Nicole Dixon, Shawn Merson, Bob Sander, Laiken Zay, Deb Morrison, Syd Einiger, and David Morrison were also in attendance.

1. **Call to Order** - Mr. Letterman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge to the Flag** – Mrs. Muncey led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Resolution** – First State Military Academy – This will be presented at the July Council Meeting. Mr. Letterman read and presented to Nicki Shirey a resolution congratulating the Smyrna High School Girls Softball Team for winning the State Championship. Mr. Letterman stated Mr. Carrow asked to prepare the resolution. Mr. Carrow congratulated the team on a job well done.
4. **Approval of Minutes** –

Mr. Carrow made a motion to accept the Planning & Zoning Meeting minutes from 04/25/18, Council Meeting minutes from 05/14/18, and Board of Adjustment Meeting minutes from 5/30/18 in written form. Mr. Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Approval of Income and Expense Report** –

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Income and Expense Report. Mr. Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Communications** – No communications
7. **Report of the Chief of Police** – Mr. Hutson stated the two (2) Tahoe's are now on the street. The manpower with medical issues are all now back. The two (2) SRO's are back on the street for the summer months. Mr. Letterman stated to pass along to the officers to take the duty phone. He had to call 911 to get ahold of the officer on duty.
8. **Report of the Town Foreman** – Mr. Hurlock had no report.
9. **Report of the Town Solicitor** – Mr. Chambers had no report. Mr. Letterman appointed Mr. Chambers as the Town Solicitor.

10. Report from Inspections/Enforcement – Mr. Hurlock stated enforcement has been going on to buildings in town, developments, and homes in town. A lot is going on. The enforcement report was sent. The Mayor spoke with Mr. Ford on places to target. They are going after grass. Mr. Letterman stated they are working on the worst to first building scenario on Main Street. The worst is the old Clements Supply building. Mr. Ford is working on this. Mr. Letterman stated there was a place in Dover looking for a meeting room and a beauty shop looking for a place.

11. Reports from Members of Council

- a. Report from Electric Committee** – Mr. Hurlock stated a branch blew out a transformer. Five (5) people were out. An engineer was brought in to investigate. They believe trees are affecting the system. Mr. Hurlock stated they brought in a new contractor who is aggressively trimming the trees. The prior contractor fell on the job. Mr. Hurlock believes they found the issue. Ms. DeBenedictis mentioned the issue in the area of Southern States.
- b. Report from Street Committee** – Mr. Smith had no report. Mr. Hurlock stated for Rodney Street – Senator Lawson discussed money for repaving. This is north of Reed Street and Rodney Street. Mrs. Muncey has already sent information to Senator Lawson’s office. The issue with flooding by the Doctor’s office – this area was previously low. When it was resurfaced, it was raised. Mr. Hurlock stated they found a couple of boxes. The last pipe was dead ended. This should be fixed within a few weeks.
- c. Report from Water & Sewer Committee** – Mr. Dias had no report. Mr. Hurlock stated they will be flushing hydrants. This will cause complaints of dirty water. Notification will be sent out to residents. Ms. DeBenedictis asked if he had any information on the water theft. Mr. Hurlock stated no.
- d. Report from Equipment Committee** – Mr. Smith had no report. Mr. Letterman asked Mr. Hurlock if they used the backhoe. Mr. Hurlock stated yes.
- e. Report from Personnel Committee** – Mr. Carrow had no report.
- f. Report from Public Safety Committee** – Mr. Dias had no report.
- g. Report from Budget Committee** – Mr. Smith stated a meeting has been scheduled for June 14 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss long-range planning with IT equipment and to look at a three (3) year projection for the budget.
- h. Report from Economic Development Committee** – Mr. Carrow wanted to thank Jeff and the guys for placing the benches and planters. They are placed at Town Hall, Main and Bassett Street, and by the Post Office.
- i. Report from DEMEC** – Ms. DeBenedictis stated there is no meeting this month. She stated the New Jersey legislature passed and the Governor signed laws for Nuclear Power subsidies estimated to cost New Jersey ratepayers \$300 million a year, a 50% RPS by 2030, setting

goals for 3,500 MW of off-shore wind projects, community solar program, and 2,000 MW of energy storage by 2030. Ms. DeBenedictis stated this is pretty aggressive.

- j. Report from Board of Adjustments** – Mr. Hurlock stated a 7' variance has been granted to an addition to a single-family dwelling located at 202 Clayton Avenue.
- k. Report from Planning & Zoning Committee** – Mr. Hurlock stated the comp plan is in progress. Plans are out for Grain Mill Station and Ovations.
- l. Appeals Board** – Mr. Hurlock had no report.

12. Unfinished Business

- a.** No unfinished business.

13. New Business –

- a. Discuss and Vote – Motion to approve current form of Comp Plan and send to PLUS review**

Ms. DeBenedictis made a motion to send the draft form of the Comp Plan to PLUS review. Mr. Dias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

14. Public Forum – No comment from the public.

15. Adjournment

Mr. Dias made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carrow seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Recording Secretary,

Sue Muncey