

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX
HELD AT THE SUSSEX MUNICIPAL BUILDING
2 MAIN STREET, SUSSEX, NJ
JUNE 29, 2010**

Mayor Parrott called the meeting to order and requested the clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the Governing Body were present: Mr. Dykstra (arrived at 7:35), Mrs. Little, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Rose, Mayor Parrott.

Absent: Mr. Fransen, Mr. LaBar

Mayor Parrott led the assembly in the flag salute and requested a moment of silence.

Mayor Parrott stated "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231. It has been properly advertised and certified by the Clerk."

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1

Mrs. Little made a motion to open the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to address the Governing Body. Seconded by Mr. Rose. All were in favor.

There being no one present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mrs. Little made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Rose. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2010-54R – Liquor License Renewal

Mr. Rose made a motion to adopt a resolution granting permission to Director of Division of ABC for renewal of License 1921-33-004-004, Sussex Inn Inc. Seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: Fransen, LaBar Abstentions: None

Award of Contract – M. Sky Construction Corporation – Maple Avenue Drainage

Mr. Meyer made a motion to award a contract in the amount of \$35,415.00 to M. Sky Construction to do the proposed drainage improvements to Maple Avenue. (upon recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Harold Pellow). Seconded by Mr. Rose.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: Fransen, LaBar Abstentions: None

Acceptance of Brookside Park Recreation Field Rehabilitation

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the Brookside Park Recreation Field Rehabilitation Project and to pay Robert W. Wogisch Landscape Contractor \$24,496.08. (\$499.92 retainage) as recommended by the Borough Engineer Harold Pellow. Seconded by Mr. Dykstra.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: Fransen, LaBar Abstentions: None

Discussion – Interlocal Construction Services Agreement

At this time a discussion took place regarding the proposals submitted by Vernon Township and Hardyston Township for construction services. Mayor Parrott stated that the Vernon proposal is for everything, construction, housing inspections and zoning, at a price of \$75,000. Hardyston's proposal doesn't include zoning or the housing inspections. We would have to hire someone, perhaps Steve Danner to do the inspections. Every fifth year, however, the multiple unit properties would have to be inspected by the State. Steve has been working with Kevin to get a feel for what the inspections would entail. Another consideration would be to hire Kevin to

continue doing them but Kevin is not sure right now what Wantage is going to propose to him. If Wantage goes with Hardyston for their construction services they told Kevin that they would keep him on full time to do their zoning and their housing inspections. Maria has stated that she would be interested in extra hours to do the clerical work if we choose to go that route. Steve has also indicated that he would be interested in doing it.

Mrs. Little stated that she would like Vernon to agree to a three percent increase like Hardyston has proposed and Mrs. Gleason stated that we asked them to change that and they did.

Mayor Parrott stated that originally we asked for a 2.5% increase but we compromised on 3%. Vernon has contracts in place that give more than a 3% increase so we found that compromise reasonable.

Mrs. Little stated that there would be an initial charge from Hardyston to purchase the software necessary to run the program and then a fee of \$1600 a year. Vernon would not require us to do that. She also stated that Hardyston would like us to use their fee schedule and Vernon says that we can continue to use ours. She would like to continue to use ours if they are more reasonable.

Mr. Meyer stated that if Hardyston's are more than we should go with theirs – it would generate more revenue

Mr. Dykstra stated that he is happy with the way Vernon is doing our animal control services and that their construction proposal was for the entire thing. He asked if the clerk would get a copy of all of the town's fees so that we could compare them.

Mrs. Gleason stated that we really need to make a decision by the next Council meeting.

Mr. Dykstra asked if they could have all of the figures so that they can make a decision – what it would cost for us to do the zoning and housing in house if we were to go with Hardyston for the construction services.

Mayor Parrott reported that he spoke with Judge Dana about the Interlocal court agreement and that Judge Dana wants to continue providing the service to Sussex. The judge informed him that he will keep a closer eye on the finances and make sure that the court runs as efficiently as possible. The judge has spoken to the AOC and has been given permission to dismiss some of the older cases, which will decrease the workload of the court staff. The court audit found \$13,000 that was still owed to the Borough from last year.

Mayor Parrott asked the Councilmembers if they still would like him to get proposals from other towns and after discussion they stated that he should. It would be doing a disservice to the taxpayers if we did not go out to see if we can get a better deal.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2

Mrs. Little made a motion to open the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to address the Governing Body. Seconded by Mr. Rose. All were in favor.

TerryAnn Zander, Advertiser News, asked if we have gotten any calls from residents regarding the estimated tax bills and Mrs. Gleason responded that they only went out in the mail today.

Ms. Zander asked what would be the best way to get a hold of Alison Luke, the Recreation Chairperson and Mr. Rose gave Ms. Zander her phone number.

Ms. Zander asked why the Borough kept a retainer for the Brookside project and Mrs. Gleason stated that it is standard procedure. We kept some money in case the sod does not take hold and it needs to be replaced.

Ms. Zander also asked if the Borough gave notice to Wantage by June 23rd that we would no longer be using them for construction services beginning in September. Mrs. Gleason responded that we did give them notice because we have two offers from other towns, both of which can start the service in September. Wantage may be going with Hardyston as well in September.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Meyer made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Little. All were in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

Mrs. Gleason stated that she has contacted the Reverend who wants to run the youth group to inform him that before he starts he has to have a background check done. He stated that he would have it done. Mrs. Gleason stated that she has not heard back from him yet.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mrs. Little made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Rose. All were in favor.

Christian Parrott, Mayor

Catherine Gleason, RMC