

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX
HELD AT THE SUSSEX MUNICIPAL BUILDING
2 MAIN STREET, SUSSEX, NJ
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

Councilwoman Stendor 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. Robert Holowach, Mrs. Katherine Little, Mr. Mario Poggi, Mrs. Annette Stendor, and Mayor Jonathan Rose (Via Skype)

Absent: Mrs. Linda Masson, Mrs. Georgeanna Stoll

Mrs. Stoll arrived at 6:50 pm

Also present: Mr. Mark Zschack, Municipal Administrator/Clerk

Councilwoman Stendor led the assembly in the flag salute and requested a moment of silence.

Councilwoman Stendor stated "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. It has been properly advertised and certified by the Clerk."

DISCUSSION

Mr. Mark Zschack, Municipal Administrator/Clerk presented an overview of information that was included with the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Mark Zschack stated that the approximate amount of the assessment for each property owner affected is \$150.00 per linear foot of frontage per year for a total of ten years. The purpose of this meeting is to get input from the property owners, merchants, and residents as to their preference of brick pavers or poured concrete walkways.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Holowach made a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. All comments should be directed to Councilwoman Stendor and are limited to 5 minutes with a total of 10 minutes for the Council to discuss. Motion seconded by Mr. Poggi

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Holowach, Little, Poggi, Stendor

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Masson, Stoll

Mr. Al Decker, 7 Harrison Street, Sussex, asked why the property owner is responsible for the sidewalk if it is located on Borough property. Mrs. Stendor stated that this is regulated by Borough Ordinance. A brief discussion ensued concerning the responsibility of maintaining the sidewalks in the Borough. Mr. Decker stated that he is in favor of concrete sidewalks.

Mrs. Vicky Gonzales, owner of the Taco of the Town, stated that the Borough in the past has discussed applying for a grant for new sidewalks. Mayor Rose stated that because of a split ownership of the sidewalks between the Borough and private owners grant money is very difficult if not impossible to get.

Mrs. Lisa Srholez owner 15-17 Main Street, Sussex stated that she is in favor of the concrete sidewalks because it is very difficult to repair and maintain the brick pavers. A brief discussion ensued about the new concrete sidewalks along Route 23.

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Mrs. Little stated that she lives on Route 23, Clove Avenue, and the State owns from the middle of the road to her property and she is required to maintain the sidewalks although it is owned by the State.

Mr. Holowach asked for a show of hands from the public if in favor of the poured concrete and then in favor of the brick pavers.

Mr. Zschack stated that five hands were raised in favor of concrete and zero hands raised for brick pavers.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mrs. Little made a motion to close the meeting to the public. Motion seconded by Mr. Holowach

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Holowach, Little, Poggi, Stendor, Stoll

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Masson

Discussion continued among the Mayor and Council concerning the grade (psi), color, and/or stamped concrete. Mayor Rose stated that no decision has been made by the Governing Body concerning a special assessment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mrs. Stoll made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Holowach

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Holowach, Little, Poggi, Stendor, Stoll

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Masson

Jonathan Rose, Mayor

Mark Zschack, Municipal Clerk