

**CITY OF ESTELL MANOR
CITY COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2010
MINUTES**

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Official Newspaper and was posted on the City Bulletin Board and website. Mayor Venezia called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Barbetto, Myers, Teasenfitz and Venezia
Absent: Giercyk
Solicitor Scerni was not present for this special meeting.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Caregnato was present to discuss the matter of recreational vehicles. Council was provided with a sample ordinance that is currently being used in both Weymouth Township and Corbin City. Sample ordinances that were previously given to Council had provisions related to decibel ratings, expensive equipment and certified personnel; this one did not and the Zoning Officer felt it was a good fit for Estell Manor. The Mayor had a brief discussion with Councilman Teasenfitz over street-legal vehicles. Council discussed the issue of noise and felt this ordinance adequately addressed it because it allows residents to sign complaints against each other. Teasenfitz commented on neighborly disputes over what is a reasonable level of noise and how the issue is subjective. He said the good thing is that the ordinance gives the Judge the ability to impose fines and hopefully curtail the problem. The Mayor questioned the ability to restrict out-of-town riders; Caregnato felt the ordinance would cover it. It was decided the Clerk would forward the ordinance to the Solicitor for review.

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilwoman Myers motioned and Barbetto seconded to open the Public Hearing on the budget amendment. In reply to a voice vote – all present were in favor.

Mr. Creed Pogue offered comment on the following topics: HDSRF grants, Mayor & Council OE, Tax Office S&W, reserve for uncollected taxes, and the amount to be raised by taxation.

The City's Auditor, Carol McAllister, was present and addressed Mr. Pogue's comments about the reserve for uncollected taxes. She explained that it is a formula and the overall amended budget is what drove the number to change.

Seeing no one else from the public wishing to speak, this public hearing was closed.

RESOLUTION 66-2010 To Amend the Budget

Motions: Venezia and Myers

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Discussion: Barbetto questioned the water damage claim and asked what the new tax rate will be. The Auditor replied – 28.2 overall.

Roll call: Barbetto – yes, Giercyk – absent, Myers – yes, Teasenfitz – yes, Venezia – yes.

RESOLUTION 64-2010 A Resolution to Read the 2010 Budget by Title Only

Motions: Venezia and Barbetto

Roll call: – Barbetto - yes, Giercyk – absent, Myers – yes, Teasenfitz – yes, Venezia – yes.

ADOPTION OF 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET / RESOLUTION NO. 41-2010

Adoption of the 2010 Municipal Budget was moved by Myers and Teasenfitz

Discussion: Councilman Barbetto “thanked” the State of New Jersey. Mayor Venezia felt that additional cuts could have been made and certain positions could have been reduced to part-time.

Roll call: Barbetto – yes, Giercyk – absent, Myers – yes, Teasenfitz – yes, Venezia – no.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Venezia announced the resignation of Nancy Scaricamazza from her position as Court Administrator. He has spoken to the Deputy, Toni Tummon about taking over the position. Toni’s hours would be every Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and every other Wednesday evening, in addition to court sessions. Her salary would be increased by \$1500 per year. Ms. Tummon has suggested someone to take the Deputy position and the Mayor suggested that person be paid \$20 per hour. Councilman Teasenfitz brought up the issue of professional memberships and suggested the City pay for Ms. Tummon to take part in the appropriate association, like we do for other employees.

Councilman Barbetto and the Mayor discussed the Landfill. The Mayor thanked Councilman Barbetto for researching the Corbin City matter; however, he feels that Corbin City should help pay closure costs

Councilwoman Myers reported on Clean Communities Day; it was decided the date would be November 6, 2010. It will be included in the next newsletter. The Mayor commented that DPW has seen an increase in the illegal dumping of tires around town. *The Mayor motioned for the City to post a reward of \$300 for anyone who reports illegal dumping, seconded by Barbetto.*
Roll call vote – all present in favor.

The Mayor reported on the sale of the old fire truck. The City has been unsuccessful at trying to sell it and he thought it might be worth around \$3500 if it was scrapped. He will look into it and report back.

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Councilman Barbetto reported the Pineland Municipal Council meeting was hosted by the City last month and was a success with over 20 members in attendance. The guest speaker, a Professor from Stockton College, gave a very informative presentation on Forestry Management. He also met a new contact at the DEP whom he feels will be very resourceful.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 12, 2010

The Mayor said he did not have the opportunity to review the minutes and he motioned to TABLE their approval. Teasenfitz seconded. Voice vote – all present in favor.

RESOLUTIONS:

63-2010 A Resolution to Appoint a Court Administrator

The Mayor nominated Antoinette Tummon to be appointed as Court Administrator. The nomination was moved by Myers and seconded by Barbetto. Roll call – all present in favor.

65-2010 2010 Salary Resolution

*Motions: Myers and Teasenfitz
Roll call – all present in favor*

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Mayor and resident, Frank Kruetzer, engaged in conversation about illegal dumping and recreational vehicles. Mr. Kruetzer also asked that the City ordinance prohibiting deer driving be extended to his area of town.

Mr. Creed Pogue commented on court, a fact sheet that was published on the landfill. Seeing no one else from the public wishing to speak, the public portion was closed. Councilman Barbetto reported the City received its first reimbursement check from FEMA for the December, 2009 storm; he thanked the City Clerk for doing the work on the grant.

Respectfully submitted,

accepted:

Kimberley Hodsdon, RMC

Mayor, Joseph Venezia