

**BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
NOVEMBER 8, 2001**

A special workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes, New Jersey, was held on the above date in the Denby Annex of the Medford Lakes Colony, beginning at 6:07pm. Mayor Casey presided. Mayor Casey read the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This is to announce that adequate notice in the form of Notice of Meetings was (1) posted on the Administration Building bulletin board, (2) mailed to The Central Record, Medford, NJ, (3) mailed to the Burlington County Times, Willingboro, NJ, (4) mailed to the Courier Post, Cherry Hill, NJ, and (5) filed with the Municipal Clerk. Advance written notice of this meeting was mailed to all persons who requested such notice according to the Clerk of the Municipality.

Answering Roll Call for Borough Council were: Mayor Timothy S. Casey, Councilman Joseph A. Aromando, and Councilman Gary F. Woodend. Also present were Manager Julie Keizer and Solicitor Vogdes.

**SUMP PUMP ORDINANCE**

Solicitor Vogdes reviewed the draft sump-pump ordinance. The idea is to have a certificate of inspection, generated at the time of sale of a residence, to identify properties that have a sump pump. Moorestown has an ordinance which assumes a residence has a sump pump; and the owner must prove the property doesn't have one. Council discussed the issue at length.

Mayor Casey did not like the idea of a negative assumption, which asks the residents to prove they are not doing anything wrong. He stated he thinks there are probably only 25 homes in the Borough with a sump pump; he felt it would be an inconvenience to homeowners for the sake of 25 homes. He also does not want to tie the sump pump inspection into the broad nature permits.

Councilman Aromando would like to have inspections performed by the code official, and make it part of the code issues he oversees. He asked Solicitor Vogdes to strike Part 6 of the draft ordinance; he does not want Borough DWP employees to do the inspections. He also suggested having an inspection any time a resident applies for a construction permit. He feels the Borough already has a penalty phase; the fines are currently in Ordinance #74.

Councilman Woodend suggested coordinating the inspection with the Certificate of Occupancy (CO), residents could get it at the same time they obtain the smoke alarm certificate – one process and one fee. He also suggested the Building Inspector could cite for sump pumps when he informally observes one while doing an inspection. He suggested enforcing the ordinance only at the time of change of ownership or renters of a property.

*PUBLIC COMMENT: Ed Leggoe, 274 Chicagami Trail, stated he felt the problem involved more than the 25 homes discussed earlier or Mr. Hayden wouldn't have brought the matter to Council's attention. Also, he asked if the water could be pumped into the lake. He would like water that is pumped to remain onto the owner's property until it is perked. Mayor Casey stated it would ultimately go into the lakes, but that the water being pumped was ground water, not sewer water. Councilman Woodend added that the ordinance could be worded to stipulate that water could not be pumped onto anyone one else's private property or onto Colony property.*

Mayor Casey summarized Council's position on the ordinance as:

- This would be a Certificate of Occupancy ordinance for sump pump inspection
- The Borough would incorporate a \$25.00 fee
- The inspection would coincide with the fire inspection
- The inspection would be performed by the code official
- Language from the Moorestown ordinance would be incorporated
- Water cannot be pumped onto another's property or Colony property

### **NOISE ORDINANCE**

Solicitor Vogdes presented an overview of Noise Ordinance # 64. Southampton passed a noise ordinance in 2000, which mirrors Medford Lakes'. He advised Council that very few towns measure the decibel level of noise as a part of the ordinance, and he did not think Medford Lakes needed to do so. Discussion ensued as to noise and how to make the ordinance work.. Copies of cases will be given to Police Chief Scott for his input.

Mayor Casey suggested wording the ordinance so as to better establish the requirements for adherence.

### **ANIMAL ORDINANCE**

The Borough first passed Animal Ordinance #10 in 1942, which prohibited dogs barking between 10:00pm and 6:00am. Since that time, the following ordinances have been passed; numbers 11, 68, 79, 100, 124, 167, 234, 282, and 287. They are mainly used for licensing procedures and at-large issues. Ordinance 100, as amended, is now commonly used for enforcement.

Mayor Casey suggested having the Noise Ordinance deal with barking dogs, and the Animal Ordinance deal with other animal issues. He suggested changing the wording "seeing eye dog" to "personal assistant dog", and also suggested the intent of the ordinance was to license dogs and potentially cats.

Councilman Aromando presented a draft Animal Ordinance, which he created by melding ordinances from other towns. It includes a division of animals into classes.

Council further discussed cats and dogs in the Borough, and how to regulate their licensing and noise.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

