

BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 5, 2007

The regular 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 6:30pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, 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.

In attendance were Mayor Casey, Councilman Weiss, and Councilman Woodend. Manager Knight was also present.

Council and the public observed a moment of silence to honor those service men and women currently in harm's way overseas.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Powers, 19 Onondago Trail, asked about the ownership of a strip of land between Wilson Field and the Medford Lakes sewer plant. A Colony employee cut down trees there, some during of the time the Colony campers were at the field.

Council directed Manager Knight to determine ownership of the land.

Council also directed Mr. Knight to make sure the brush and tree debris is cleared from the area by DPW employees.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances for consideration.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

DAM RECONSTRUCTION – All roller compacted concrete was complete on Tuesday, July 3, 2007. The paving on Lower Aetna is expected to be complete by July 15th; the Upper Aetna paving by August 15th. There is still work to be done at Beach 1.

It is anticipated that Lower Aetna Lake can begin filling on Thursday, July 12, 2007. This is the third anniversary of the flood and destruction to the dams. If water impounding can begin on that date, Council will hold a press conference at 4:00pm, to announce the event.

The water comes from three sources: base flow from Camp Ockinickon, natural ground water, and rain water.

SPILLWAY – a small lagoon sits on Lower Aetna Lake by Aetna Way. It has a water flow design that was labeled a “third spillway” by the DEP. Restoration of this spillway was not included on the original plans for dam restoration. Two residents of the area want the Borough to restore the spillway and lagoon, at a cost estimated by Dewberry of approximately \$20,000. The Colony owns the lagoon and is not inclined to pay for the restoration or maintenance of the area. If the small spillway is not restored, it can be capped.

Council assumes that one of the residents would not allow access to her property to cap the 16” pipe.

Council directed Manager Knight to find out from the Colony office if the owner paid the special lakefront owner’s assessment for the strip of land in question for dam restoration.

Council is in favor of capping the pipe, unless the cost would exceed \$10,000.

Council directed Manager Knight to advise the two property owners adjacent to the lagoon of Council’s decision to cap the pipe and not restore the spillway.

Council directed Manager Knight to determine from Borough tax records who owns the land.

Council directed Mr. Knight to obtain a quote for capping the pipe, and if capping means filling the pipe with concrete.

FEMA REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DAM RECONSTRUCTION – Council directed Manager Knight to put in writing the Borough’s response to a FEMA decision concerning the cost of Lower Aetna dam, disputing the decision. The ruling does not reflect the true cost of the dams.

Alaimo will be assisting the Borough in trying to obtain the reimbursement funds.

TRADING POST WAY – Alaimo will do the bid specs for the Ballinger Lake walkway. Work on the two projects is scheduled to begin in August.

OAKS HALL – Manager Knight showed Council samples of logs with the different stains being considered for Oaks Hall. The teak stain was a unanimous choice.

Council wants the outside of the building to be stained prior to the installation of the windows. It will require at least two coats; the first coat must be brushed on.

Council also wants the inside to be stained at the same time as the outside.

Manager Knight will find out from Heartbilt which stain they prefer for the logs. The tongue-in-groove ceiling won’t be stained, but the inside walls will be.

Council directed Manager Knight to prepare a Purchase Order if the total cost of the stain comes in under the bid threshold.

Council discussed the possibility of reviewing the bond ordinance for the building.

Council directed Manager Knight to have Ragan prepare bid specs for a second floor storage area. The specs should include pull-down stairs, non-weight bearing beams, installation of the beams, and corrections to the roof trusses.

Council directed Manager Knight to locate the original bid specs for the engineering work, have Solicitor Lange review them, and ask Architect Rick Ragan if these original specs can be used to bid out for the site plan.

DPW BUILDING – Council directed Mr. Knight to send a letter to Lion’s Club member Ron Etter, asking the club to “vacate the Lion’s Club building” as soon as possible.

WASTEWATER – Council discussed at length personnel issues and costs for the operation of the sewer plant. Several options are available to help alleviate the problems.

Council directed Manager Knight to have Alaimo prepare specs for privatizing the operation of the sewer authority.

Council also directed Manager Knight to ask Wayne Simpson, of Alaimo, to attend the meeting on July 19, 2007.

Council directed Mr. Knight to discern from Medford Township and Evesham Township if either one has any interest in taking over operation of the plant.

2007 BUDGET – due to not receiving State extraordinary aid this year, Council will have to re-visit the budget.

Council directed Manager Knight to ask CFO Donna Condo and Auditor Bob Stewart to attend the meeting on July 19, 2007, to discuss the budget.

COLONY MOVIES – the Medford Lakes Colony wants organizations to underwrite the \$400 cost for each movie scheduled for the summer. Council was under the impression the Colony would fund the entire cost. Suggestions for sponsors included the Municipal Alliance and the MLAA.

REPORTS

There were no additional items from either department liaisons or department heads.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A bill list was not presented for payment.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Weiss moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Casey.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm