

**BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 8, 2015**

Mayor Charles Daniel called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the reading of the following Sunshine Law announcement: *“I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this regular meeting of the Califon Borough Council has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the annual notice in the Hunterdon Review and the Hunterdon County Democrat.”*

FLAG SALUTE

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT: K. DEBLASIO, P. FARMER, M. MEDEA (arrived 8:09 pm)
M. RICCIO
ABSENT: T. FORRESTER, G. SMITH**

DISCUSSION – CALIFON SCHOOL

Mayor Daniel reported that he had sent to Council an email he received from Stephanie Beers, resident of Hoffman Dr., regarding “transparency” concerns she has with the recent budget presentation by Dr. Gamble, Califon School CSA, during a joint meeting of the school Board of Education and Council at the Council meeting on May 18th. Mayor Daniel asked Council for their comments on the e-mail. Council members praised Dr. Gamble’s efforts at the school over his 2 year tenure as the school’s CSA and highlighted many of the positive areas of improvement cited in Mr. Gamble’s presentation, both administrative and academic. A lengthy discussion ensued among Council members summarized as follows:

1. Due diligence important as the budgets, both municipal and school, impact tax dollars therefore both the municipality and the school have a responsibility to everyone in town
2. what is the real cost per pupil at Califon school to compare with Lebanon Twp., Tewksbury Twp. and Washington Twp.
3. small class size can be good but can be detrimental as well in terms of socialization skills. If merging districts becomes a reality, use Califon school as a K-3 with two to three classes per grade; so that children have more options for developing healthy socialization skills; lack of options can result in children being hurt and suffering
4. consolidation/merging of districts will not necessarily save money
5. school in good shape now; doing what is best now for short and long term
6. forum for discussion on school budget and other issues should be between Board of Education and Council; not Council separately

Mayor Daniel opened the meeting to the public. Stephanie Beers, resident of 16 Hoffman Dr., highlighted and explained her recent e-mail to Mayor Daniel, in which she expressed serious concerns regarding what she considers to be a lack of “transparency” in the presentation that Dr. Gamble gave at the meeting on May 18th. Ms. Beers highlighted and discussed some of the following points made in her e-mail to the Mayor:

1. cost per pupil is between \$25,000-\$28,000; not \$17,000 to \$22,000 as was stated by Dr. Gamble

2. recommends a feasibility study be done concerning consolidation; conversation needs to be had between the BOE and the Council to look at the enrollment numbers and dwindling class sizes and ultimately the effect of all this on the budget and tax rate; enrollment goes down; cost goes up
3. feels that the value of homes is going down due to the school's impact on the tax rate; sales of homes in Califon down significantly
3. not spending money on programs for children; educationally more needed; low test scores, underachieving academically
4. budget spending in questionable areas; Business Administrator – salary from \$29,000 to \$49,000; 5% raise for Principal Dan Patton; tuition reimbursement for Business Administrator

Jason Beard, resident at 20 Main St.; former Councilman and liaison to the Board of Education, addressed Council with his concerns about tonight's proceedings. Mr. Beard expressed that he is a big supporter of the school and he knows personally that the administration and the teachers and staff have all worked diligently over the last two years to re-establish it as one of the best schools in Hunterdon County. Mr. Beard disagreed with many of the assertions made by Ms. Beers and criticized that many of the issues discussed tonight were unsubstantiated by real facts. Mr. Beard expressed that the Board of Education, who are all elected, should be having this conversation, not Council. Mr. Beard passed out a handout showing that home values are not suffering in town relative to the school; in fact, the table indicates that home values are going up. Mr. Beard stated that the opinions expressed tonight are not the majority. There are many positive indicators as Mr. Beard and many others continue to work hard to make the school the best it can be. Mr. Beard stated that he is not adverse to conversations about consolidation and realizes that these conversations must continue going forward; however, he questioned that a feasibility study be done at this time, since the cost of doing one would be approximately \$50,000 and money for this does not exist.

Bob Beers, resident at 16 Hoffman Drive, and current member on the Califon Board of Education, stated that the Council needs to look at the budget and enrollment numbers to be sure that the school budget is cost effective to the community as a whole. Mr. Beers asked if Council felt that having a class size of 8 children is sustainable because as enrollment goes down, the cost will go up. He will bring this question to the BOE members at the next meeting.

Mayor Daniel asked Mr. Beers if the e-mail his wife sent to him was brought before the Board of Education. Mr. Beers said that it had not been brought before the BOE. Mayor Daniel thanked members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Daniel stated that it would be inappropriate for Council to take action on any aspect of this discussion tonight. Any further discussions on school issues should only take place between the Council and the Board of Education and the public together. Mayor Daniel will speak with the Council liaison to the Board of Education, Councilman Forrester, who will bring these issues discussed tonight to the attention of the Board of Education at their next regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by M. Riccio seconded by P. Farmer to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 18, 2015.

For: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

LIST OF BILLS

Motion was made by P. Farmer seconded by M. Riccio to approve the list of bills in the amount of \$85,329.09.

For: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

TAX COLLECTOR’S REPORT

The Tax Collector’s Report was reviewed and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE

__ letter to Mayor and Council from residents at 42 Main St. (Parikh) regarding concerns about properties at 101 & 103 Philhower Ave.

__ Fire Marshal Monthly report for month of May, 2015

OLD BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2015-59
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW
JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon is subject to certain requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq., and

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

Matters Relating to Litigation: Potential COAH litigation and related COAH matters. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his/her ethical duties as a lawyer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, assembled in public session on June 8, 2015 that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on June 8, 2015 at 9:10 P.M. in the Califon Municipal Building, 39 Academy St., Califon, N.J. 07830, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Borough council that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

Motion was made by P. Farmer seconded by M. Riccio to adopt Resolution 2015-59 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made by P. Farmer seconded by M. Medea to resume the regular meeting AT 9:56 p.m., following the Executive Session.

For: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

The following Resolutions were introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2015-60

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

APPLICATION AND A MOTION FOR TEMPORARY IMMUNITY DURING WHICH TO

REVISE THE BOROUGH'S THIRD ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN AND OBTAIN A THIRD ROUND JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND REPOSE

WHEREAS, the Califon Borough Planning Board did, on June 7, 2010, adopt a Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan consistent with the Highlands Regional Master Plan and the Rules of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) at N.J.A.C. 5:97-1, *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Califon Borough Council did, on June 7, 2010, endorse the adopted Third Round

Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and submit it to COAH along with a resolution petitioning COAH for substantive certification of the adopted Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, COAH never acted on the Borough's petition for substantive certification of its adopted Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, within a few months of the time that Califon petitioned COAH for substantive certification of its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, COAH's Rules (at N.J.A.C. 5:96-1, *et seq.* and 5:97-1, *et seq.*) were invalidated; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court did, on March 10, 2015, issue an order eliminating the COAH administrative processes authorized by the Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, *et seq.*, with an effective date of June 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court provided in said order that municipalities which had either received substantive certification of their Third Round Housing Elements and Fair Share Plans from COAH or which had petitioned COAH for substantive certification of their Third Round Housing Elements and Fair Share Plans in accordance with COAH's Rules but had not yet received substantive certification from COAH would be permitted a period of thirty (30) days beginning on June 8, 2015, within which to file declaratory judgment actions in Superior Court in order to obtain the judicial equivalent of the substantive certifications that they had either received or that they had applied for under N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313, but had not yet received; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon is located wholly within the Highlands Preservation Area and is not served by a public sewerage system and is therefore subject to the septic density limits established by the NJDEP within the Highlands Preservation Area, which septic density limits preclude any further development within the Borough except for development covered by the specific exemptions set forth in the NJDEP Rules; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon believes, based upon the NJDEP regulations for Highlands Preservation Area municipalities as affirmed by the Highlands Regional Master Plan, that it lacks sufficient vacant developable land to accommodate any new construction and will, therefore, be unable to satisfy its fair share of the regional affordable housing obligation established by the Court and will be assigned a Realistic Development Potential (RDP) of zero (0) units; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon acknowledges that when the Court determines regional affordable housing obligations, and allocates such obligations to the municipalities in the housing region, the Borough will be assigned an Unmet Need obligation that will have to be addressed to the extent it can be through measures designed to capture affordable housing opportunities if and when such opportunities present themselves, including provisions for the creation of accessory apartments in a manner that does not increase the demand on existing septic systems; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon needs time to revise its adopted Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to eliminate all references to the growth share methodology previously

espoused by COAH and to provide any additional documentation that may be required by the Court in support of its request for a vacant land adjustment and to propose measures to address the Unmet Need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough Council hereby authorizes Jonathan Drill, Esquire, Special Affordable Housing Counsel, to prepare and file a Declaratory Judgment action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hunterdon County, to be accompanied by such exhibits and certifications as deemed necessary and appropriate for the purposes of obtaining temporary immunity from all exclusionary zoning lawsuits so that the Borough can revise and adopt an amended Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and submit it to the Court for review and approval as part of a Judgment of Compliance and Repeal.

2. The Borough Council hereby authorizes Elizabeth C. McKenzie, AICP, PP, Borough Planner, to prepare the above-listed amendments to the adopted Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, which amendments shall be completed within the period of temporary immunity granted by the Court, with sufficient time for the revised Plan to be adopted and submitted to the Court.

3. The Borough Council hereby authorizes the execution of a Common Defense Agreement with other participating municipalities and the payment of the Borough's pro rata share of the costs of retaining Robert Burchell, PhD, to calculate the Borough's fair share of the regional need for low and moderate income housing units.

4. The Borough Council of the Borough of Califon does hereby authorize submission to the Court of a copy of this resolution, along with a copy of the previously adopted Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and any other materials required by the Court in connection with the Declaratory Judgment action and the Court's review of the Borough's Plan.

5. Notice of the filing of the Declaratory Judgment action and the motion for temporary immunity shall be simultaneously provided by personal service or certified mailing to: Edward Buzak, Esq., on behalf of the New Jersey League of Municipalities; Jeffrey Surenian, Esq., on behalf of Atlantic Highlands; Stephen Eisdorfer, Esq., on behalf of the New Jersey Builder's Association; Kevin Walsh, Esq., on behalf of Fair Share Housing Center; Jeffrey Kantowitz, Esq., on behalf of Martin and MTAE, Inc.; and Geraldine Callahan, Esq., DAG, on behalf of COAH.

6. Notice of the filing of the Declaratory Judgment action and the motion for temporary immunity shall also be simultaneously provided by personal service or certified mailing to: the Hunterdon, Somerset and Middlesex County Planning Boards; the New Jersey Highlands Council; the clerks of all municipalities within COAH's Housing Region 3; all affordable housing providers serving COAH's Housing Region 3; all landowners and/or contract purchasers included in the amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and/or offering to construct affordable housing within the Borough of Califon; and to any other parties specifically requesting notice.

7. Notice of the filing of the Declaratory Judgment action and the motion for temporary immunity shall also appear in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the County.

8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by P. Farmer seconded by M. Riccio to adopt Resolution 2015-60 as read.

For: None

Opposed: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medeaq, M. Riccio

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION NOT CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2015-61

BOROUGH OF CALIFON COUNTY OF HUNTERDON STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION 2015-61

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon has filed or anticipates filing a Declaratory Judgment Action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hunterdon County, in furtherance of the Supreme Court’s March 10, 2015 decision captioned In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (the “Supreme Court Decision”); and

WHEREAS, Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”), through the services of David Kinsey, has prepared what it considers to be the statewide fair share numbers (the “FSHC Numbers”) for use by the 15 vicinage Mt. Laurel Judges to calculate a municipality’s affordable housing obligation pursuant to the Supreme Court Decision; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Califon desires to participate in the preparation of a statewide fair share analysis to be undertaken by Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey (“Rutgers”), through Dr. Robert W. Burchell, Principal Investigator, and various other experts employed by Rutgers in order to establish a rational and reasonable methodology (the “Burchell Fair Share Analysis”) for determination of a municipality’s obligation to provide a realistic opportunity through its land use ordinances for its fair share of the region’s affordable housing needs in accordance with the Mount Laurel Doctrine as set forth in In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (“Decision”) and prior decisions of the Courts of New Jersey and the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et. Seq.; and

WHEREAS, Rutgers, utilizing Dr. Burchell as the principal Investigator and author has agreed to prepare the Burchell Fair Share Analysis within 90 days of being retained to establish his view of the proper way to determine each municipality’s fair share obligation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Burchell estimates the cost to prepare the initial Burchell Fair Share Analysis will be \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that there will be a need for Dr. Burchell to analyze any challenges to his conclusions and prepare a rebuttal report to said challenges which is not included in the \$70,000; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that if each municipality contributes \$2,000, there will be sufficient monies to pay the cost to prepare the initial Burchell Fair Share Analysis, to analyze any challenges to the Initial Fair Share Analysis and to prepare a Rebuttal Report given the number of municipalities that have expressed an interest in retaining Burchell; and

WHEREAS, a Municipal Shared Services Defense Agreement (hereinafter “MSSDA”) has been prepared (a) so that monies can be collected to enter into an agreement with Rutgers (hereinafter “the Rutgers Agreement”) and so that Burchell, along with various other experts from Rutgers, can perform the tasks described above and (b) so that the rights and responsibilities of each municipality that wishes to sign the agreement to retain Rutgers are defined; and

WHEREAS, the MSSDA provides that the Law Offices of Jeffrey R. Surenian and Associates, LLC (“Surenian”) will serve as the administrative entity to sign the Rutgers Agreement on behalf of the municipalities that signed the MSSDA and paid the \$2,000 fee; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative given the time constraints for municipalities that wish to retain Burchell to sign the MSSDA and pay the \$2,000 fee so that Burchell can conduct the necessary analysis; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing, it is possible that the MSSDA may need to be changed as a result of ongoing negotiations with the Rutgers Agreement following execution of the MSSDA and the payment of the \$2,000 fee; and

WHEREAS, in such an event, any member that objects to the changes that Rutgers may require shall have the opportunity to relinquish membership in the Municipal Group and to receive back the \$2,000 payment as more specifically set forth in the MSSDA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Califon as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of the MSSDA attached hereto are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.
2. The amount of \$2,000 is hereby authorized to be expended by the Borough of Califon for Rutgers through Dr. Robert Burchell, Principal Investigator to prepare the Burchell Fair Share Analysis.
3. A certification of funds authorizing the aforesaid expenditure has been signed by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Califon and is appended hereto.

4. The Mayor be and is hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid MSSDA to memorialize the participation of the Borough of Califon in the preparation of the Burchell Fair Share Analysis and to take any and all actions reasonably required to effectuate said Agreement.
5. The Borough of Califon hereby authorizes Jeffrey R. Surenian, Esq. to execute on behalf of the Borough of Califon the Research Agreement with Rutgers to initiate and complete Burchell Fair Share Analysis and to do such other actions to effectuate the purposes of said Research Agreement.
6. If further changes to the MSSDA are needed as a result of finalizing the Rutgers Agreement, within ten (10) days of notification by Surenian of the changes, the Borough of Califon will inform Surenian if it objects to the changes and wishes to withdraw from the Municipal Group and obtain a refund of the \$2,000 it paid.
7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion was made by P. Farmer seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2015-61 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2015-62

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Elizabeth McKenzie, Borough Planner, is hereby authorized to commence work on an amendment to Califon's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to conform to newly amended regulations concerning municipal Fair Share obligations.

Motion was made by P. Farmer, seconded by M. Riccio to adopt Resolution 2015-62 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF 3 RAFFLES FOR FIRE CO. SPONSORED CARNIVAL

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2015-63

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that applications for Raffle Licenses #2015-03RL (wheels & games), #2015-04RL (on-premise 50/50), #2015-05RL (off-premise merchandise (Bike & Grill) as submitted by the Califon Fire Co., for these raffles to be held during the annual Califon Fire Co. sponsored Carnival, are here approved for license issuance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is duly authorized to sign and issue Raffle Licenses #2015-03RL, 2015-04RL, #2015-05RL to the Califon Fire Co. to conduct these raffles during the Califon Fire Co. sponsored Carnival to be held June 29, 2015 through July 4, 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of these Raffle Licenses, along with the original applications and applicable documentation and fees will be forwarded to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission as required by law.

Motion was made by P. Farmer seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2015-63 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

**B. RESOLUTION – APPROVAL OF SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE – HIGH BRIDGE
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION – HUNTERDON HUSKIES**

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2015-64

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that the application for a Super 50/50 Raffle, as submitted by the Hunterdon Huskies, be approved for issuance of Raffle License #2015-06RL; whose drawing will be held at the Califon Fire house on October 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to sign, seal and fully execute Raffle License 2015-06RL for a Super 50/50, to be forwarded to the High Bridge Athletic Association for posting in a conspicuous place on October 2, 2015 during their fundraiser for the Hunterdon Huskies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of Raffle License #2015-06RL, along with the original application and applicable documentation and fees will be forwarded to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission as required by law.

Motion was made by K. DeBlasio, seconded by P. Farmer to adopt Resolution 2015-64 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

C. RESOLUTION – FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON JULY 1 AND JULY 3 DURING CARNIVAL

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2015-65

BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Califon, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Califon Council approves two (2) firework displays to be conducted by the Califon Fire Co. on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 and Friday, July 3, 2015 during the Califon Fire Co. Annual Carnival, which will run from Monday, June 29, 2015 through and including Saturday, July 4, 2015; subject to submission by the Califon Fire Co. to Califon Borough of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough of Califon as additional insured.

Motion was made by M. Riccio seconded by M. Medea to adopt Resolution 2015-65 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

D. RESOLUTION – APPROVING A 4 DAY WORK WEEK DURING SUMMER MONTHS

The following Resolution was introduced for adoption:

RESOLUTION 2015-66

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Califon that Mayor and Council hereby approve a 4 day work week for Municipal employees during the summer months of June, July and August; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Offices will be closed on Fridays during June, July and August; office hours Monday through Thursday will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made by P. Farmer seconded by M. Riccio to adopt Resolution 2015-66 as read.

For: K. DeBlasio, P. Farmer, M. Medea, M. Riccio

Opposed: None

Absent: T. Forrester, G. Smith

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Medea reported that he will check on why the delivery of mulch never was delivered. It was scheduled to be delivered on the Friday before Memorial Day.

The Park Committee Chairperson, Chris Keiser, has locked up the soccer goals and a key has been given to the municipal offices and one to the school.

Councilwoman Riccio reported she sent an e-mail to Recreation Committee Chairperson, Jason Beard giving him an update on the recent Memorial Day Parade and reporting that she will not be able to attend the Recreation Committee meeting tomorrow night. As organizer, Councilwoman Riccio has outlined some improvements and a wish list for the parade for next year with the hope that the Council will appropriate more money for the 2016 parade.

Councilwoman Riccio read the Police report for the month of May.

Councilwoman Riccio reported that the bridge in town will be undergoing a deck replacement and will be closed in July.

The Public Information Center for our stormwater project will be held on June 18th.

Councilman Farmer reported that he has spoken to resident Bill Gibby at the top of S. Main St., regarding his request to Elizabethtown Gas to hook up to gas in the street. Mr. Gibby can only get 4 people to sign on for the hookup to gas and Elizabethtown Gas needs at least 6 people. Mayor Daniel recommended that Mr. Gibby speak to Harold Kunze, Stan Zajac and John Palmer, all residents of Railroad Ave., who finally got approval to hook up to the gas line after a few years of contentious dealings with Elizabethtown Gas.

Councilwoman DeBlasio had no report for tonight's meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Daniel reported that there will be a pre-construction meeting tomorrow, June 9th at 2:00 pm.

Mayor Daniel reported that he has had continuing conversations with a resident on Pershing Ave. who has reported numerous times that there is water runoff onto her property during heavy rains. She feels that the Borough should remediate the problem. The DPW Director, Hayden Hull, has been out to look at the situation several times. Mr. Hull has determined that in order to fix the problem correctly, the cost will be \$20,000. Mayor Daniel also reported that the boundary lines are unclear and a new survey is required; the resident refuses to pay for a new survey and feels the town should absorb the cost. Mayor Daniel asked Council to take a look at the situation when they get the chance. Mayor Daniel does not feel that the town is going to be able to help her with this problem on her property.

Council decided on the Council meeting schedule for the summer months:

- Monday, July 6th – cancel meeting
- Monday, July 20th – hold meeting as scheduled
- Monday, August 3rd – cancel meeting
- Monday, August 17th – hold meeting as scheduled

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, motion was made by P. Farmer seconded by M. Riccio and unanimously accepted to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Laura G. Eidsvaag, RMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator