

FINANCE MEETING
May 16, 2019

A REGULAR SCHEDULED FINANCE MEETING of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt was held in the Caucus Room of the Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:05 P.M.

Council President Richard Bartlett asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Councilmen Robert Zimmermann, David Stoltz, Richard Bartlett, James Lenoy and William Roseman were present. Councilman Joseph Emerson arrived at 7:15 P.M. Mayor Craig Lahullier was absent.

Council President Bartlett led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Council President Bartlett – This meeting has been called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law and in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting having been provided in the annual notice schedule which contained the time, date and location of the meeting, copies of which were sent and advertised in the following official newspapers of Carlstadt: The Record on January 5, 2019 and the Herald News on January 5, 2019 a copy of which is on the Bulletin Board in the Borough Hall and a copy on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Council President Bartlett entertained a motion to approve the minutes of 5/2/19 both open and closed sessions. Councilman Roseman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Zimmermann, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Council President Bartlett said we have correspondence from Kenneth Foy, Principal of Carlstadt Public School. The Eighth Grade Graduation Awards will be June 13, 2019 at the school. Last year we donated \$25.00 towards the Awards Fund. The cost of the dinner is \$20.00 and he would like to know who will be attending to present the award.

Council President Bartlett entertained a motion to approve \$25.00 for the award and \$20.00 for the buffet dinner. On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Correspondence was received from the Carlstadt Recycling Committee requesting to hold this years' awards ceremony on Monday, June 17, 2019. The committee will be awarding prizes to the winners of the poster contest at 6:00 P.M. prior to the Council Meeting.

A letter was received from Chris Assenheimer, Secretary of the Board of Officers of the Carlstadt Fire Department. They have received a letter from Jason Dechert requesting to be a Fire Inspector.

Also the Fire Department will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2022 and have started to plan fundraising activities for this celebration. They are planning to have a pig roast on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. or 6:00 P.M. at the Jefferson Street Firehouse. They are also planning a breakfast in November/December of 2019 at the First Presbyterian Church and holding a 50/50 style Raffle starting in January 2020.

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Also Larry Lang of Bergen Engine One has reached twenty-five years of service with the Carlstadt Fire Department. In the past we have given a plaque for twenty-five years of service.

Correspondence was received from the Carlstadt Board of Health Secretary, Hernan, Lopez. The Board back on January 9, 2019 had drafted an Ordinance prohibiting the sale of puppies in the Borough of Carlstadt. He would like to have approval from the Mayor and Council so the ordinance can be introduced on first reading on June 11, 2019 and be adopted on September 10, 2019.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM ROSEMAN

He had things to discuss in closed session.

COUNCILMAN JAMES LENOY

He had things to discuss in closed session.

COUNCILMAN ROBERT ZIMMERMANN

He received an email from a resident who said he is reaching out to the church and wants to get more involved in the community. Council President Bartlett said he can reach out to Joseph Crifasi, DPW Operations Manager.

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH EMERSON

He wanted to know if we were going to go over the summer help. Council President Bartlett said we will do this in closed session.

COUNCILLMAN DAVID STOLTZ

He had things to discuss in closed session.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD BARTLETT

He mentioned they are having a problem with Engine Three's paint. It is peeling for unknown reasons and it was taken for an estimate. It is anywhere from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000.00. It has nothing to do with the operation of the apparatus. If it can't be done and it has to be held over until next year, then so be it. It's not covered under warranty anymore. The engine is about ten years old. If it can't be done this year, the Fire Department will have to include it in next year's budget.

Council President Bartlett said Reverend Pitches is retiring at the end of the year completely. The end of August he will end as full time and he will be part time.

COUNCILMAN DAVID STOLTZ

He mentioned he received a letter from Herb Scheidewig about the Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2019 and church services on May 26, 2019.

Council President Bartlett said the Fire Department is having their Memorial Service at Memorial Park at 5:00 P.M. on May 18, 2019 and inspection to follow at the firehouse at 6:00 P.M. with refreshments to follow.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING ACT
RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Governing Body of the Borough of Carlstadt to conduct an executive session closed to the public in order to discuss one or more of the following subjects: property and personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt hereby moves to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. Seq. for the purpose of discussing one or more of the following subjects: property and personnel.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public will be informed either later this evening after reconvening the public meeting or at a future public meeting said date is not predictable at the present time.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in and minutes of the closed session shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Council President Bartlett entertained a motion to go into closed session at 7:33 P.M. On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Roseman, unanimous on call of roll.

The meeting went back into open session at 8:33 P.M. with the following members in attendance: Councilmen Zimmermann, Stoltz, Bartlett, Lenoy, Emerson and Roseman.

Jane Fontana, Legislative Research Officer, said the one thing on her list was to hire Assistant Recreation Directors. She is offering the names of Juliana Squeo and Danielle Bartlett. On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, Councilmen Zimmermann, Stoltz, Lenoy, Emerson and Roseman voted yes. Councilman Bartlett abstained.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-121

WHEREAS, the Tax Appeal Counsel for the Borough of Carlstadt has with the agreement of the Borough Tax Assessor and Borough Appraiser reached a settlement agreement with respect to the tax appeals filed for the 2015,2016,2017 and 2018 tax year for Block 123.01 Lots 4 and 5 (333 and 385 Starke Road); and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor of the Borough of Carlstadt in consultation with the Borough's Appraiser, recommend this settlement.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Carlstadt:

1. That tax counsel for the Borough of Carlstadt is authorized to enter into and execute a stipulation of settlement on behalf of the Borough of Carlstadt consistent with terms provided on the attached Scheduled A for: Block 123.01 Lot 4 and 5 (Grand BK Corp. /H Mart Co.).
2. The terms of such stipulation to provide for the resulting refund to be paid within ninety (90) days of the entry of judgment, with no interest to apply.
3. The Borough's Tax Counsel, CFO, Treasurer and Tax Collector are authorized to take any action necessary to effectuate this resolution and the resulting judgment(s).
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Schedule A

Block 123.01 Lot 4

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement	Tax Rate	Reduction	Refund
2015	\$8,762,000.00	\$8,762,000.00	0.02070	\$0.00	\$0.00
2016	\$8,762,000.00	\$8,762,000.00	0.02126	\$0.00	\$0.00
2017	\$9,000,000.00	\$9,000,000.00	0.01906	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018	\$17,196,000.00	\$11,146,200.00	0.01922	\$6,049,800	\$116,277.16
2019	\$11,146,200.00	\$11,146,200.00	0.01922	\$0.00	\$0.00

Total Refund \$116,277.16

Block 123.01 Lot 5

Tax Year	Assessment	Settlement	Tax Rate	Reduction	Refund
2015	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	0.02070	\$0.00	\$0.00
2016	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	0.02126	\$0.00	\$0.00
2017	\$745,900.00	\$745,900.00	0.01906	\$0.00	\$0.00
2018	\$745,900.00	\$745,900.00	0.01922	\$0.00	\$0.00
2019	\$745,900.00	\$745,900.00	0.01922	\$0.00	\$0.00

Total Refund \$0.00

On motion by Lenoy, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll.

Council President Bartlett said he forgot to mention one thing. He was on a fire call recently and on the road that is behind the DPW garage he noticed the gate is bent to pieces and needs to be fixed. All of the borough equipment is there. He would like to authorize Joseph Crifasi, DPW Operations Manager, to get prices to get the gate fixed. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll.

Council President Bartlett entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 P.M. On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

APPROVED: _____
RICHARD BARTLETT, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK