

CAUCUS MEETING
December 1, 2016

A REGULAR SCHEDULED CAUCUS 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, December 1, 2016 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Craig Lahullier asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Mayor Craig Lahullier, Councilmen Robert Zimmermann, David Stoltz, Richard Bartlett, James Lenoy, Joseph Emerson and William Shockley were present.

Mayor Lahullier led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Lahullier – 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 6, 2016 and the Herald News on January 6, 2016 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.

Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to approve the New Year's Day expenses. On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll.

Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to approve the amount of \$200.00 for the booster donation for the CPS 2017 yearbook. On motion by Shockley, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll.

Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to ratify a dish garden for the families of John Ondrof and Jack Stoltz. On motion by Bartlett, seconded Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll.

Gregory Polyniak of Neglia Engineering read his report for the month regarding projects that are being done in the Borough of Carlstadt which is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Robert Ceberio of RCM Ceberio, LLC read his Carlstadt Economic Development Report for November 2016 which is on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

Mayor Lahullier said we need to approve two plaques for Walter Siri and Michele Muller. On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll.

Matt Kronyak, President of the Carlstadt Volunteer Ambulance Corp., addressed the Council with some issues he had. Mr. Kronyak brought up about the Corps losing their clothing allowance. Mayor Lahullier said we are not taking away your clothing allowance. Mr. Kronyak read his monthly report.

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:
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: 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.

Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to go into closed session at 8:15 P.M. On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll.

On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Bartlett, the meeting went back into open session at 9:00 P.M. with the following members in attendance: Mayor Lahullier, Councilmen Zimmermann, Stoltz, Bartlett, Lenoy, Emerson and Shockley.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-381

WHEREAS, Philip Manfredonia was appointed as a Police Officer effective January 11, 2016, subject to two six-month probationary periods commencing the first day following successful completion of all training requirements pursuant to Borough Code Section 2-22.9 a.; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to his appointment, information concerning issues related to the application process came to light resulting in the initiation of a departmental investigation. Said investigation has been completed and reviewed by the Chief of Police who concurs with its conclusions and recommendation for dismissal; and

WHEREAS, Philip Manfredonia was afforded a Lauderhill hearing as required by law on November 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Philip Manfredonia is an at-will employee holding the designation as a probationary patrol officer and as such is subject to termination on the recommendation of the Appropriate Authority for failure to meet the requirements of his position at any time during either of the two probationary periods pursuant to Subsection 2-22.9c; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor as Appropriate Authority has reviewed this matter and concurs with the recommendation of the Chief of Police and does now recommend the Borough dismiss Philip Manfredonia and terminate his employment based on the facts and circumstances of this matter and failure to meet the requirements of his position during the initial probationary period; and

WHEREAS, a Rice Notice was served upon Philip Manfredonia on November 29, 2016 consistent with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b)(8).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey, does hereby dismiss Philip Manfredonia from his position as probationary patrol officer and does further hereby terminate his employment with the Borough of Carlstadt effective immediately.

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

COUNCILMAN RICHARD BARTLETT

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM SHOCKLEY

He brought up landscapers and he thinks we should consider having them register with the town. It would be good to know who is working in town and what properties they are servicing. This is for the leaves in the fall and snow removal in the winter. Councilman Shockley passed around resolutions from other towns that have this. The Zoning Official is in favor of this also.

The other thing is to put out a CO if someone is renting in town. This seems like a good idea as there are some illegal apartments. He obtained an ordinance from Paramus and passed this around for the Council. He doesn't see any harm in either one of these.

Mayor Lahullier said he knows any legal business has to be registered with the state. He doesn't see what the harm would be if we are not going to be asking them for money and that they register if they have a job in the Borough. We want their name on a list. Councilman Shockley said the address of where they are working is important because if someone is in violation of their work in the town, we don't want them here. He also said they would not need any number. We just need to know where they are working so if something arises, we can contact them and wouldn't have to chase every landscaper we see.

COUNCILMAN JAMES LENOY

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

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COUNCILMAN ROBERT ZIMMERMANN

He asked how we are going to handle the Planning Board. Mayor Lahullier said he thinks we should see if Michael Santangelo is interested in the position.

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH EMERSON

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

COUNCILMAN DAVID STOLTZ

Over the past year there have been six or seven accidents on Central Avenue and Monroe Street. He would like to see the Borough get a blinking light. Joseph Crifasi, DPW Director said the standard one which uses every day solar power is \$1,240.00. Mayor Lahullier said perhaps we can wait until January. Councilman Stoltz said he is going to ask the Police Chief if he has a safety trust fund.

Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to approve the HARP Contract for Public Health Services for 2017. On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll.

Mayor Lahullier read a letter from the DPW Benevolent Association from Kevin Salo. This is in regards to his receiving a disability check for his final two weeks of pay. He stated he ran out of the amount of money that he was eligible for due to his time working with the Borough. He is asking us to look into this matter. Joseph Crifasi, DPW Director explained his situation regarding this. What he is asking for is the balance of disability from his regular salary. What they are saying in the contract is it doesn't say a specific amount. It basically says you have to receive the balance of your disability to your full pay.

A motion was made by Zimmermann, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll to approve this for Kevin Salo.

Mayor Lahullier read correspondence from the DPW Benevolent Association with regards to Foreman John Lyons pending retirement. Also the members are requesting the Mayor and Council promote Paul Squeo to the position of foreman. This was discussed.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

FIRST READING

ORDINANCE NO. 16-23

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 10-3 ENTITLED
"PARKING" OF REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT, 2002**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt that **Chapter X** entitled "TRAFFIC", more particularly, Subsection 10-3 entitled "**PARKING**" of the Revised General Ordinance of the Borough of Carlstadt, 2002 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following:

X. TRAFFIC

10-3 Parking

10-3.13 Parking; Village Green Park; Snow

Vehicles parked in the municipally-owned angled spaces located on the south side of Broad Street at Village Green Park shall be removed within 24 hours following any snow event. All vehicles that remain parked in the designated area after that time shall be ticketed and towed at the expense of the owner.

All other provisions of Chapter X, "TRAFFIC" shall remain in full force and effect.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as required by law.

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-382

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 10-3 ENTITLED "PARKING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT, 2002

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 19th day of December, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Carlstadt Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk be, and she hereby is, authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

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

This was discussed further about the amount of time cars can park before the snow can be cleared. Joseph Crifasi, DPW Director said we will put additional signage up with regards to snowfall at Broad Street at Village Green Park.

There was also a discussion regarding the laundromat on Hackensack Street with regards to parking as well as Maggie's. The owners of the laundromat want to know why they can't have a fifteen minute spot. The southern end of Hackensack Street got the consideration of fifteen minute parking because every one of those stores does not have any parking lots at all. There is one spot on the end of each corner both north and south. This went into a lengthy discussion.

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The Mayor and Council felt the laundromat and Maggie's should work something out to ease the problem there with parking as both of these businesses have parking lots behind their business.

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Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to go into closed session at 9:45 P.M. On motion by Zimmermann, seconded by Emerson, the meeting unanimously went into closed session.

On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Emerson, the meeting went back into open session at 10:05 P.M. with the following members in attendance: Mayor Lahullier, Councilmen Zimmermann, Stoltz, Bartlett, Lenoy, Emerson and Shockley.

Mayor Lahullier entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 P.M. On motion by Emerson, seconded by Bartlett, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

APPROVED: _____
CRAIG LAHULLIER, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK