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**SEPTEMBER 2, 2010
REGULAR & WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

PRAYER – Pastor Richard Younger, Living Water Wesleyan Church, Pleasantville

ROLL CALL

Present: Seher, Fishman, Green, Falivene, Vizthum, Caterson

Absent: Gorman

Also Present: Mayor Elco, Terry Dolan, Jessica Thompson, Carie Crone, Mike Blee and Eddie Dennis

**PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW
NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED** – Lynn

PRESENTATION - Sgt. John DeRitis from the D.A.R.E. Program
He acknowledged Marissa Giordano and Samantha Stohl who both attended the 2010 D.A.R.E. summer camp. He explained how the camp worked and what the girls had to go through. He then presented awards for their work and leadership in the program.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

140 Thanking the Absecon Public Library Board and Staff for their budgetary support in 2009 and 2010.

Lynn – read the resolution and why the city wanted to pass it.

Motion to approve – Councilman Fishman – second – Councilman Falivene

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes, as chairman of the finance committee, he doesn't know what we would have done without their support; Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Falivene, yes and thanked the board and for giving back to the community; Vizthum, yes, thank you and thanked them for their courtesy and professionalism; Caterson, yes, thank you and we truly could not have done the budget without your help.

Mayor – explained his responsibility in choosing Board member and he thanked them for all they do.

PRESENTATION – Absecon Library Board was given the signed resolution

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Seher – second – Councilman Fishman

All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Falivene – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor.

WORK MEETING AGENDA

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED BELOW ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND MAY BE ACTED UPON AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.

2010 RESOLUTIONS

137 Concerning Comcast, a cable company serving the City of Absecon. **MOVED**

Chris – this was tabled in order for the Mayor to read the language and assuming he is okay with it, he had a concern with the last paragraph where it reads that we request an audit of Comcast. What are we looking for there?

Drew – that came out as a concern about their information and them being accountable to the public. There have been new charges added to people's bills and they said it was taxes, for a change of service (the new digital boxes that were forced on everybody) and since that we wanted them to be accountable and they need to be audited.

Lynn – I think he means how do we define "audit". Maybe we can narrow it down and say "audit of finances" regarding internet and cable services to the residents of our community.

Chris – I think if you focus it that way it makes a little more sense. I think everyone who has Comcast Feels the same way.

Mayor – he did speak to someone there about Council's concerns and he left him with some options of future dates to meet with Council. Does not want the resolution held up; there's been ample time for they to come forward.

141 Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 304 Boulder Court. **MOVED**

142 Granting a Raffle License to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. **MOVED**

143 Approving the insertion of a special item of revenue into the 2010 Municipal Budget to allow for the receipt of \$4,400.00 from the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety. **MOVED**

144 Authorizing an award of contract for electric generation supply services (bid A-28) for the South Jersey Power Cooperative. **MOVED**

Terry – explained it's a shared service and we have done it in the past with natural gas and rock salt and it saves us money.

145 Requesting an extension from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to award the Central Business District Streetscape – phase I under the fiscal year 2009 Safe Streets to Transit Program. **MOVED**

Eddie – explained the extension is needed because the money was not used within the 18-month period to use it. The extension is for 6 months.

Jim – the reason for the extension is that we got more money so we re-drew the plans. We are waiting for AC Electric to review and mark up the plans and then we will get them back up to the state for one final review and then they come back for us to go out to bid.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ONSENT AGENDA

Motion to move consent agenda consisting of Res. #137, 141 TO 145 made by Councilman Fishman - second – Councilman Green

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Caterson, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$198,636.73

Motion to approve – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Falivene

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Green, yes; Falivene, yes; Vizthum, yes; Caterson, yes

REPORTS

Mayor – he contacted the county for the proposal of improvements to Pitney Road from Spruce down to the Church and they are looking into it. The other one is at the old pool site and we have no County support so he urged Terry to work even hard to get monies and not give up.

Jim – thanked John DeRitis for the presentation and congratulated the girls. Wished all a happy holiday.

Jerry – reminded all about the 9/11 fire mural dedication and Lynn gave the details for that day. Next Public Safety meeting is 9/7. There might be some potential Ordinance changes for the police dept. regarding promotions due to the amount of retirements. Wished all a happy and safe holiday.

Chris – there was no finance meeting yet this month. There was a DCA questionnaire submitted which reads like a financial audit and if we “pass” there is a 5% of final State Aid payout, so we could possibly get \$2000. Hopes we have a process in place for someone to answer the questions.

Discussion was held about what had to been to fill this questionnaire out and who was to do it.

Drew - agrees we need to get the money back to us that were meant for us. Congratulation John DeRitis, he does a wonderful job. D.A.R.E. is a great program. Updated the city’s upcoming events in Sept. Told residents to check their Comcast bills and watch the charges. Wished all a safe holiday.

Fred – wished everyone a happy and safe holiday weekend.

Lynn – announced 9/18 the Historical Society’s walk around Absecon event. Agrees we need to fill out the questionnaire and went through a couple of the questions.

Terry – no report

NO PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Fishman

All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Fishman

All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Green - second – Councilman Fishman

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____