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**SEPTEMBER 16, 2010
REGULAR & WORK MEETING
MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

PRAYER – Pastor Phil Erickson, Jersey Shore Baptist Church, Galloway

ROLL CALL

Present: Seher, Fishman, Vizthum, Gorman, Caterson

Absent: Green, Falivene

Also Present: Terry Dolan, Jessica Thompson, Leticia Loeser (Deputy Clerk), Mike Blee and Eddie Dennis

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

PRESENTATION - Comcast

Mayor introduced the representative from Comcast, Mr. Barry Taylor and he recognized Comcast’s community contributions. Mr. Taylor explained changes that have occurred recently. There is no way to predict anything with the rapid changes in technology these days.

Drew – Nobody expects the prices to go down but they go up. We just wanted some answers.

Chris – do you have to go through an approval process for rate increases or can you change them unilaterally?

Mr. Taylor – he explained how they are regulated.

Lynn- thanked Mr. Taylor for coming tonight and the Mayor for getting him to come tonight. Thanked Comcast too for all that they do for the community.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

All were in favor.

No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Seher – second – Councilman Fishman

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

146 Appointing a part-time Deputy Court Administrator, namely Teresa Caicedo. **MOVED**

147 Resolution regarding the Local Government Best Practices Questionnaire.

Lynn – explained the amount of money collected on our behalf from different utilities and fees and she explained how we answered the questions and also added a written explanation as to why we had to answer to no to a number of questions.

Bobbie – could we get a copy of the response that we send to them? **MOVED**

148 Awarding a contract to Cape Bank for banking services

Chris – we discussed this at our finance meeting and we are awarding the contract to Cape Bank because our existing bank was changing terms and conditions for our accounts. Jessica and Terry went out and received proposals and Cape Bank came out on top with an increased interest rate. We will save about \$10,000 annually on our finance fees if we didn't change banks. He thanked Jess and Terry for their work on this. **MOVED**

149 Amending Resolution 17-2010, adopting the cash management plan, to add Cape Bank. **MOVED**

Chris – this is to add Cape Bank to our cash management plan and it's just a housekeeping item.

150 Submission of an application for grant funding and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the Local Aid Infrastructure Fund for the intersection improvements to New Jersey Avenue, Mill Road, Highland Blvd. and Ambassador Drive. **MOVED**

151 Canceling unexpended balances of Bond Ordinances. **MOVED**

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to move consent agenda consisting of Res. #146 to 151 made by Councilwoman Gorman - second – Councilman Seher

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$1,227,983.80

Motion to approve – Councilman Seher – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

MONTHLY REPORTS – August

Clerk's Office – \$5,897.65 Court – \$9,754.99

Construction – \$8,060.00 Tax Office – \$3,251,958.61

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 8/5/10

Motion to approve – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Vizthum

ROLL CALL: Seher, yes; Fishman, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

REPORTS

Mayor – thanked all those involved in the mural dedication at the firehouse as well as the Legion Beef n Beer. Reminded the residents that there is a take back program where you can turn in old medicines on 9/25 at the VFW Ambulance Squad. We have been trying to sell online some old vehicles as well as bikes and we have reigned in approximately \$5,400 from those sales. Congratulated Officer Richard Heunke and Jeff Mazer who have finished their time with the academy and training. He welcomed them to the force.

Bobbie – she was very moved by the firehouse dedication and it was done so beautifully. The artist did a wonderful job as well as Jim Smith and Terry Iaconelli to spear the fundraising to pay for it and Chief Stewart for coming up with the whole idea. It was just a wonderful event. She then announced all the upcoming events around town.

Jim – even if not doing the pedal, paddle, run you should come watch. Also HSHS plays Absegami in football tomorrow night at Absegami.

Drew – the mural dedication was a great event and thanked all the volunteers involved. The historic walk is a great idea and good for the city. Thanked Lynn for the letter we received regarding municipal aid. We need to get something to the state because we are going to have a tough time with the budget next year. Thanked Mr. Taylor for coming tonight.

Chris – thanked everyone for the 9/11 event and all those that attended and spoke. The fire dept. ladies auxiliary has requested their donation from us for the Halloween parade, which has been put in the budget. We have come up with an idea to buy/replace a police car and replace with a new one. We have approximately \$15,000 of insurance money coming in from a car that was totaled in an accident and the additional money from our auction could go towards that. Thanked Jess and Terry for going the auction route this year and asked them to work with the Chief to possibly find some funds for the new vehicle if we can do that.

Lynn – showed a picture to everyone given by Mr. Swartz taken on 9/11. We received a letter from the League of Municipalities asking us if we had any resolutions to submit and she plans on sending one that deals with the OPRA Act. She then explained what happened in Absecon and is asking the policy to be changed. She is going to do all the work and asked if anyone wanted to join her they can. We don't need a full vote from council for this.

Terry – thanked Jessica for her work on the RFP's for the banking services. We received three back. Also acknowledged her work on the questionnaire from the Governor's office. The answers should be in your mailbox now.

NO PUBLIC PORTION

CLOSED SESSION – # 152-2010

Attorney Mike Blee – stated the reason as:

Contract negotiations and/or litigation with respect to the Teamsters Local 107 Negotiations

Motion to enter closed session – Councilwoman Gorman – second – Councilman Fishman
All were in favor.

Mike – we are back in open session and it's 9:08 and the issue discussed was that announced before going into closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilwoman Gorman - second – Councilman Vizthum
All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____