

**CITY OF ESTELL MANOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 2, 2010**

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act adequate notice of this meeting was sent to the Official Newspaper and was posted on the City Bulletin Board. Mayor Venezia called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 pm.

ROLL CALL: Present: Barbetto, Giercyk, Myers, Teasenfitz and Venezia
Solicitor Scerni was in attendance.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Council reviewed the bill list. Mayor Venezia announced that he will remove line number 552 (reimbursement for his hotel stay at a recent conference). A brief discussion ensued over the timing of the settlement payment in the Bradford case as well as solid waste tipping fees and the effective date of the new County Flow Control Ordinance.

Motions were properly made and approved for the payment of bills as submitted by the CFO. The final bill list is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk. Roll call: Barbetto – yes, Giercyk – yes, Myers- yes, Teasenfitz – yes, Venezia – yes.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Motion made by the Mayor, seconded by Giercyk to accept the monthly department reports. Voice vote taken and all were in favor

NEW BUSINESS

(Authorization to advertise for DPW Laborer position) Mayor Venezia suggested that we look through old applications on file for the DPW position. The Clerk explained that the Foreman had already looked at them and did not anyone available or responsive to his calls. Discussion ensued over advertising costs and starting rate of pay. *Councilman Barbetto motioned and the Mayor seconded to authorize the Clerk to advertise the Laborer position for one day in the Press; a roll call vote was taken and all were in favor.*

ENGINEER’S REPORT

The Engineer’s report is on file in the office of the City Clerk. Council briefly discussed NJDOT grant applications for the next year. It was decided the City would submit two applications – for Maple and Second Avenues – with priority given to Maple first.

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RESOLUTIONS:

47-2010 2009 Recycling Tonnage Grant

*Motions: Mayor Venezia / Myers
Voice vote – all in favor*

48-2010 A Resolution of the City of Estell Manor Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority for the Administration of the Program Income from Small Cities Grants for Housing Rehabilitation

*Motions: Mayor Venezia / Giercyk
Voice vote – all in favor*

49-2010 A Resolution of the City of Estell Manor Requesting Approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust Rider for Sanitary Landfill Facilities Closure and Contingency Fund Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:1E-100 et seq.

*Motions: Mayor Venezia / Teasenfitz
Voice vote – all in favor*

50-2010 To Establish Guidelines for the City Newsletter

Resolution 50-2010 was not moved. Discussion and debate ensued over editorial rights of the City newsletter. The Mayor was disappointed over how the newsletter has been handled by the Historical Society. Other members of Council expressed concern that they are not afforded the opportunity to review it before it is published. Therefore, this resolution was tabled.

51-2010 A Resolution Requesting and Extension from the County Freeholders for the City's Open Space Grant

*Motions: Mayor Venezia / Barbetto
Voice vote – all in favor*

52-2010 A Resolution Authorizing Approval of Liquor License Renewal for the Atlantic County Game Preserve / License Year 2010-2011

*Motions: Mayor Venezia / Giercyk
Voice vote – all in favor*

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Discussion ensued over liquor licenses and the possibility of the City putting one up for auction. The Mayor seemed to believe that the City was entitled to an additional license. Solicitor Scerni commented on that matter and said that he would have to do research how many the City had in the past, what types of licenses they were and what happened to them.

Discussion turned to the sale of the old fire truck. The City Clerk explained the CFO had looked into the use of trade magazines such as FireTech. The DCA advised they were not an acceptable method of sale because they do not offer a public auction period. The Clerk further explained the history of previous attempts to sell the apparatus on GovDeals and the highest bids that were received. She asked Council to consider lowering the asking price based on those numbers. *A motion was made to introduce Resolution 53-2010 to authorize the sale of the fire truck on GovDeals with a reserve of \$5000.00. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor but for the Mayor – who voted no.*

The Clerk advised Council that they failed to approve the trust fund bill list earlier in the evening. *A motion was made by the Mayor, seconded by Myers for payment of the trust fund bill list. A roll call votes was taken and all were in favor but for Councilman Barbetto – who abstained.*

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Tom Pogue, President of the Estell Manor Historical Society, commented on editing of the newsletter. He also advised Council that the Society was in receipt of a letter from the Zoning Officer and that the Society is being represented by Counsel on the matter.

Resident, Chris Haeser commented on the vacant DPW position and suggested that unemployed locals should be considered. He suggested the vacancy be advertised on the City website. He also made other comments about the website.

Creed Pogue commented on the newsletter and issues regarding editing.

Seeing no one else from the public wishing to speak, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

accepted:

Kimberley Hodsdon, RMC

Mayor, Joseph Venezia