

MINUTES
WEST YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL - MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008

CODE INSPECTION HEARINGS

CODE INSPECTION HEARINGS FOR DALE WILT'S AUTO BODY AND FIRST CAPITAL POWDER COATING & FABRICATION WERE HELD FROM 6PM TO 7PM.

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY PRESIDENT MAUCK FOLLOWED BY PRAYER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. MR. MAUCK REQUESTED A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MAYOR FIRESTONE ON THE LOSS OF HIS MOTHER. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE MR. MAUCK, MR. WILSON, MR. LARKIN, MRS. LAIRD, MR. MUMMERT AND MS. METZLER. MR. HUNTER WAS ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WAS SOLICITOR MacNEAL AND ENGINEER TREGLIA.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NO ONE PRESENT FOR COMMENT.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:02 P.M. FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON A PERSONNEL MATTER AND RECONVENED AT 7:06 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED, THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (4/7/08) WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

THE ENGINEER'S REPORT IS ATTACHED AND BECOMES A PART OF THESE MINUTES.

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED, AUTHORIZATION WAS GIVEN FOR THE CONTRACTOR TO PROCEED WITH THE MARKET AND SUMNER STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT. THE ENGINEER STATED THAT THE GENERATOR PLUG WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HE NOTED THAT MAYOR FIRESTONE HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE BOROUGH INSTALLING THE GENERATOR PLUG. ON MOTION BY MR.

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MAUCK SECONDED BY MR. WILSON AND AGREED, THE BOROUGH WILL NOT PURSUE INSTALLING A GENERATOR PLUG DUE TO THE COST SAVINGS AND TO EXPEDITE THE SIGNAL PROJECT, LOOKING IN TO PORTABLE FOUR-WAY STOP SIGNS.

ON MOTION BY MS. METZLER SECONDED BY MR. MUMMERT AND AGREED, THE LOW BID ON THE SEWER SERVICE MAINTENANCE PROJECT (2008-2011) WAS ACCEPTED AS BID BY UTILITY SERVICES GROUP, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,755.22.

ON MOTION BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED, THE ENGINEER WAS AUTHORIZED TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT, ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH, CDBG APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2009-2011 PROJECT PERIOD.

MR. MAUCK STATED THAT HE HAS A COUPLE PROJECTS IN MIND, ONE BEING IN THE VICINITY OF GRACE LOUCKS SCHOOL, AN AREA FOR DROPPING OFF THE CHILDREN AS THE CURRENT PROCESS CAUSES CONGESTION. MR. MAUCK EXPLAINED THE PROBLEM IN-DEPTH FOR EVERYONE AT THE TABLE. ON MOTION BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED, AN APPLICATION WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THE TRAFFIC STUDY AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE FUNDING OF THE PROJECT (LOUCKS TRAFFIC) IF THE STUDY FUNDING IS APPROVED.

MR. WILSON STATED THAT A POTENTIAL PROJECT COULD BE THE SIDEWALKS IN THE 1300 BLOCK OF W. MARKET STREET, AS THEY APPEAR TO BE SINKING RESULTING IN THE UTILITY PIPES/HOOKUPS BEING ABOVE THE CONCRETE UP TO 6". THIS WAS APPROVED AS A PROJECT TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE ENGINEER FOR A CDBG FUNDING REQUEST ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED. MRS. LAIRD VOTED NO.

MR. MAUCK WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE CONSIDERED, A PROJECT TO REPLACE VARIOUS CROSSWALKS IN THE BOROUGH (IN PHASES AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ELM STREET GRANT) WITH THE COBBLESTONE-EFFECT COVERING AS THE CITY OF YORK HAS DONE IN THE PRINCESS STREET AREA. THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION (CDBG) ON MOTION BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MR. WILSON AND AGREED.

MR. WILSON REQUESTED THAT THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FIREHALL BE REVISITED. MR. MAUCK WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN STREET LIGHTING FOR AREAS THAT ARE NOT LIGHTED SUFFICIENTLY. THE ENGINEER WILL OBTAIN SOME INFORMATION ON THE STREET LIGHTING AS HE HAS NEVER WORKED WITH THIS TYPE OF PROJECT BEFORE.

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MR. MAUCK STATED THAT THE FIREHALL IMPROVEMENTS, IF THIS PROJECT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR ANOTHER TYPE OF GRANT, WE WILL PURSUE OTHER AVENUES.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

MR. MAUCK HAS COMMUNICATED WITH THE WEST YORK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THE LOGO PROJECT FOR THE POLICE CRUISERS AND THE SCHOOL IS VERY EXCITED ABOUT IT.

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE NOTING ALSO THAT ANY MEMBERS AT THE TABLE WHO DID NOT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES SHOULD DO SO EXPEDITIOUSLY.

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT HE AND CHIEF ALBRIGHT MET WITH REPS FROM GRACE LOUCKS SCHOOL AND IT WENT VERY WELL. THEY ARE VERY WILLING TO WORK WITH US.

MR. MAUCK STATED THAT A SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARD SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO TO FILL IN SHOULD OUR REGULAR GUARD CALL IN SICK. ON MOTION BY MS. METZLER SECONDED BY MR. WILSON AND AGREED, THE SUBSTITUTE POSITION WILL BE ADVERTISED.

MR. MAUCK FORWARDED TO COUNCIL COPIES OF A LETTER WRITTEN BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY ARRESTED BY OFFICER KAHLEY. THE LETTER STATES THAT OFFICER KAHLEY'S ACTIONS MADE A DIFFERENCE AND HE THANKED HIM FOR HIS ASSISTANCE. MR. MAUCK COMMENDED OFFICER KAHLEY FOR A JOB WELL DONE. MR. WILSON RECOMMENDED THAT ANYONE WHO DID NOT RIDE WITH THE POLICE ON DUTY, DO SO AS IT IS AN ADVENTURE. MRS. LAIRD INQUIRED RIDE ALONGS ARE NOT A POSSIBLE LIABILITY. THE SOLICITOR STATED THAT THIS WAS CHECKED INTO AND BOROUGH OFFICIALS ARE COVERED. A WAIVER FORM SHOULD ALSO BE SIGNED BY ANYONE RIDING WITH THE OFFICER(S) ON DUTY. MR. MAUCK THINKS THAT RIDING ASSISTS COUNCIL WITH POLICY DECISIONS AND THEY DO A GOOD JOB.

MR. LARKIN SUGGESTED THAT ANYONE ON COUNCIL WHO DID NOT COMPLETE THE NIMS TRAINING GET ON IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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FIRE, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND HIGHWAY

MR. WILSON REMINDED THE CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE THAT THEY HAVE A COMMUNITY MEETING ON THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 7:00 P.M. AT THE FIREHALL. MR. MAUCK REMINDED COUNCIL THAT IT IS A COMMITTEE MEETING (NOT A PUBLIC MEETING) THEREFORE ANYONE ON COUNCIL CAN ATTEND OTHERWISE.

MR. WILSON REPORTED THAT THE MOST RECENT REPORT FROM COMMONWEALTH CODE INSPECTION SERVICE SHOWS 592 NOTICES WERE SENT, 543 RESPONDED, 290 LICENSES WERE ISSUED AND THERE WERE 69 EXEMPTIONS.

PARKS/RECREATION, ZONING. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS, SEWER

MR. MUMMERT REPORTED THAT THE MULCH HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO ALL OF THE PARKS.

FINANCE AND GRANTS

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT ACCORDING TO A FOLLOW-UP HE RECEIVED FROM HIDC, THE 1135-37 W. KING STREET PROJECT IS COMING ALONG.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED, A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE WAS APPROVED FOR 1410 W. POPLAR STREET.

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MRS. METZLER AND AGREED, A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE WAS APPROVED FOR 33 N. SEWARD STREET.

MR. WILSON REPORTED THAT YCAR IS HAVING AN EVENT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 26, A RACE AGAINST RACISM. THE EVENT BEGINS AT 9:00 A.M. AND THEY ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

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NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT TOMORROW, 4/22/08 IS EARTH DAY AND TREES HAVE BEEN DONATED TO THE BOROUGH BY LOWE'S AND GLOBAL AG FOR PLANTING AT SLAGLE PARK. MR. MAUCK EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE DONATIONS AND THE PLANTING WILL BEGIN AT NOON.

MR. WILSON REFERRED TO THE PA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AND WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE INFORMATION ON THE ORGANIZATION TO SEE IF THE BOROUGH WOULD BENEFIT FROM BEING A MEMBER. ACCORDING TO MR. WILSON, THEY COULD POSSIBLY ASSIST IN GRANTS, TRAINING, AS WELL AS OTHER POSITIVE INITIATIVES FOR OUR BENEFIT.

MRS. METZLER REPORTED THAT SHE IS A MEMBER OF CART (COUNTY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM) AND ATTENDED A MEETING ON THURSDAY EVENING. SHE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE BOROUGH AND FIRE DEPARTMENT INVOLVED IN THIS AS IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER, IT TEACHES YOU HOW TO HANDLE ANIMALS, SUCH AS DURING DECONTAMINATION.

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT THE TAX COLLECTOR IS IN NEED OF A DROP BOX FOR TAX COLLECTION. ON MOTION BY MS. METZLER SECONDED BY MR. WILSON AND AGREED, THE PURCHASE OF A DROP BOX WAS APPROVED FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR.

MR. MAUCK RECEIVED A LETTER SENT TO MS. METZLER FROM SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT (SERGEANT GREEN) THANKING THE BOROUGH FOR THE GIFT CARD HE RECEIVED FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE BOROUGH'S POLICE TESTING PHASE FOR INTERVIEWS.

INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

ON MOTION BY MS. METZLER SECONDED BY MR. WILSON AND AGREED, THE FOLLOWING INVOICES WERE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT:

GENERAL FUND \$123,886.52
SEWER \$1818.42

HIGHWAY \$852.44

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ADJOURNMENT

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:36 P.M., UNTIL MONDAY, MAY 5,
2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KATHY L. ATLAND, SECRETARY
WEST YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2008