

MINUTES

WEST YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL - MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. BY PRESIDENT MAUCK FOLLOWED BY PRAYER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. MEMBERS PRESENT WERE MR. MAUCK, MR. WILSON, MRS. LAIRD, MR. MUMMERT AND MS. METZLER. MR. HUNTER ARRIVED AS NOTED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, MR. LARKIN WAS ABSENT. ALSO PRESENT WAS SOLICITOR MacNEAL AND MAYOR FIRESTONE.

SAMANTHA KERN, 11TH GRADE STUDENT AT WEST YORK AREA HIGH SCHOOL WAS PRESENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH A SCHOOL PROJECT THAT SHE IS WORKING ON.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

KAROL FEESER, 20 S. DEWEY STREET WAS PRESENT TO INQUIRE IF PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO PLAY IN ALLEYS CAN BE FINED AS WAS TOLD TO HER BY A PARENT IN THE AREA. MR. MAUCK ADVISED MRS. FEESER THAT HE WOULD HAVE CHIEF ALBRIGHT DISCUSS THIS WITH HER.

RICK ROTH, 1404 W. POPLAR STREET STATED THAT HIS CHURCH IS GIVING FREE MOVIE TICKETS TO ANY POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED , THE MOVIE BEING "FIREPROOF".

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**MR. HUNTER ARRIVED.

NANCY LAIRD VOICED HER CONCERN ON THE TRUCK BEING PURCHASED AND STATED THAT THE FUNDS MAY BE COMING FROM THE SEWER ACCOUNT HOWEVER IT WILL NOT BE USED FOR SEWER MATTERS; THE SALE OF THE HIGHLAND AVENUE LOT – INQUIRED IF WE ARE THIS DESPERATE FOR MONEY AS WE STILL HAVE USE FOR THE LOT (PARKING FOR FAIR, ETC.) AND HER OPPOSITION TO A DOG PARK AND A PINK CAR FOR PICKING UP DOGS/CATS AS SHE DOES NOT FEEL WE NEED EITHER ONE.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

ON MOTION BY MS. METZLER SECONDED BY MR. MUMMERT AND AGREED, THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (9/22/08) WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED, AUTHORIZATION WAS GIVEN TO ADVERTISE THE ORDINANCE AMENDING STOP INTERSECTIONS AT PHILADELPHIA AND PEARL STREETS.

ON MOTION BY MS. METZLER SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED, AUTHORIZATION WAS GIVEN TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR AND A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A FEE (TO BE PAID BY MORTGAGE COMPANIES TO THE TAX COLLECTOR) FOR CREATION AND DELIVERY OF TAX DUPLICATES. MR. WILSON VOTED NO.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

THE SECRETARY STATED THAT SHE HOPES TO HAVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009 AVAILABLE AT THE NEXT MEETING. DUE TO THE TRAINING AND COMPUTER TRANSITION, THINGS ARE A BIT DELAYED. SHE ALSO THANKED MR. MAUCK FOR TAKING CARE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT THE YORK COUNTY CRIMINAL RESPONSE UNIT WILL BE AND ALREADY IS AIDING OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE CRU IS COUNTY FUNDED.

THERE WILL BE A TOWNHALL MEETING ON 10/7/08 AT THE RELIANCE FIREHALL, 7PM. THE YORK COUNTY CRU AND GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAMS WILL BE DISCUSSED.

MR. MAUCK NOTED THAT THERE WILL BE A BLOCKWATCH MEETING ON 10/8/08 AT 7PM AT THE BOROUGH HALL.

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IT WAS REPORTED BY MR. MAUCK THAT THE NEW CRUISERS WERE PICKED UP AND NOTED THAT AT THE END OF THE LEASE THE CRUISERS WILL BE OWNED BY THE BOROUGH.

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT THE STATE PENSION AID HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IT IS LESS THAN ANTICIPATED. HE NOTED THAT HE IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITH STATE OFFICIALS. THIS PROBLEM HAS EXISTED OVER THE YEARS AND PRIOR COUNCIL MEMBERS DID NOT ADDRESS IT.

FIRE, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND HIGHWAY

MR. WILSON REPORTED THAT THE WEST YORK FIRE HALL WILL HAVE OPEN HOUSE ON 10/08/08 IN OBSERVANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

MR. WILSON STATED THAT CHIEF FEESER HAS RECEIVED THE NEW PAGERS AND THE NEW RADIOS WILL BE DELIVERED ON OCTOBER 12 FOLLOWING WHICH TRAINING WILL BE HELD.

THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IS ERECTING THE STOP SIGNS AND THE RESIDENTS ARE VERY PLEASED TO SEE THEM IN THE ALLEYS. HE NOTED THAT JOHN AND THE DEPARTMENT ARE WORKING VERY HARD INSTALLING THE SIGNS.

MR. MAUCK WISHED TO CLARIFY A PREVIOUS COMMENT THIS EVENING THAT THE TRUCK PURCHASED FOR SEWER MAINTENANCE WILL BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO WORK ON SEWER LINE PROBLEMS AS THEY DO THIS TYPE OF WORK. THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ALSO MARKS ALL OF THE BOROUGH SEWER LINES FOR UTILITY (AND OTHER) EXCAVATIONS.

EBERTON PARK PROJECT

MS. METZLER REPORTED THAT FORMS/DONATIONS FOR PICKETS AT THE PROPOSED DOG PARK ARE BEING RECEIVED AND THE PROJECT IS GETTING A LOT OF POSITIVE RESPONSE. ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THIS PROJECT IS WELCOME. MR. MAUCK CONGRATULATED MS. METZLER ON THE EDITORIAL THAT APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPER RECENTLY ON

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THE DOG PARK, THE NEWSPAPER WAS PLEASED AND HE EXPRESSED THAT HE IS PLEASED AS WELL.

FALLEN HERO WALKWAY

MR. WILSON STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO WAIT FOR INPUT FROM ED WASHINGTON TO REPORT ON THIS PROJECT.

MS. METZLER STATED THAT THE REASON FOR THE USE OF AN OLD CRUISER FOR TRANSPORTING ANIMALS IS DUE TO WHEN PETS ARE SAVED FROM FIRE SCENES, SHE HAS TO TRANSPORT THEM IN EITHER THE DUTY CAR , HER CAR OR A POLICE CRUISER. THIS WILL ALLEVIATE NOT HAVING A VEHICLE FOR THAT PURPOSE. THE PINK LIGHT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ACCORDING TO BOROUGH CODE, HOWEVER MS. METZLER STATED THAT THE PINK PAINT IS ONLY TO DIFFERENTIATE THE VEHICLE FROM POLICE AND/OR FIRE. MS. METZLER WILL OBTAIN DONATIONS FOR COSTS INCURRED AND WILL TURN OVER HER BOROUGH PAY MONTHLY TOWARDS THE COSTS.

FINANCE & GRANTS

MR. MAUCK STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY THE RUMORS OF "SPENDING MONEY". HE NOTED THAT WE HAVE A BUDGET FOR A REASON AND HE WILL SIT DOWN WITH ANY RESIDENT TO EXPLAIN HOW AND WHY MONEY IS SPENT. MR. MAUCK STATED THAT HE IS PROUD TO REPORT THAT THERE WILL NOT BE A TAX INCREASE FOR 2009 THEREFORE URGED CERTAIN PARTIES TO STOP SCARING THE RESIDENTS WITH TALK OF EXCESSIVE SPENDING. A HEATED DISCUSSION BETWEEN MRS. LAIRD AND MR. MAUCK TOOK PLACE AT THIS TIME ON THEIR DIFFERENCES ON SPENDING PRACTICES, ETC.

MR. HUNTER STATED THAT HE FELT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A COST SAVINGS OF \$300 ANNUALLY IF THE CRUISERS WOULD HAVE BEEN PURCHASED INDIVIDUALLY RATHER THAN THREE LEASED. MR. MAUCK STATED THAT IF ONE NEW VEHICLE WAS PURCHASED, THE REMAINING CRUISERS WOULD COST MORE THAN \$300 TO MAINTAIN AND REPAIR.

MR. MAUCK ADDED THAT THE BOROUGH SAVED MONEY BY PICKING UP THE CRUISERS RATHER THAN HAVING THEM DELIVERED.

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MR. MAUCK NOTED THAT THE CURB AND SIDEWALK PROJECT IN THE 1300 BLOCK OF W. MARKET STREET HAS BEEN LISTED AS A 2009 CDBG PROJECT AND THANKED MR. WILSON FOR BRINGING THIS PROJECT TO THE TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

SETTLEMENT ON 1135-37 W. KING STREET WAS HELD WITH SOLICITOR MacNEAL ALSO PRESENT ON 9/26/08 ACCORDING TO MR. MAUCK, HE NOTED THAT \$68,000 OF FEDERAL AID WAS PUT TOWARDS THIS PROJECT AND WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED, MONEY PAID GOING TO HELP THE HOMELESS IN YORK COUNTY.

MR. MAUCK IS WORKING WITH HOUSING INITIATIVES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION IN AIDING THE FIRE PROPERTIES ON S. HIGHLAND AVENUE.

IT WAS NOTED THAT THE BOROUGH STANDS TO BENEFIT FINANCIALLY ON THE SALE OF THE BOROUGH'S LOT AT PHILADELPHIA AND HIGHLAND ACCORDING TO MR. MAUCK.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ON MOTION BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MR. WILSON AND AGREED, TRICK-OR-TREAT WAS SET FOR 10/31/08 FROM 6PM TO 9PM.

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT HE AND MR. WILSON SPOKE WITH MAYOR BRENNER ON SATURDAY AND GIVING CREDIT TO MAYOR BRENNER, DISCUSSION INCLUDED HAVING PARKING METERS FOR CHARITY PURPOSES. MR. MAUCK IS HOPEFUL TO HAVE TWO GROUPS OF FIVE METERS IN THE AREA OF THE BOROUGH OFFICE AND AT SHELLY PARK, HOWEVER THIS YEAR IN ORDER TO START THE PROGRAM, TWO AT EACH LOCATION WILL BE DESIGNATED – ONE FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AND THE OTHER GROUP OF TWO FOR YORK HELPING HANDS FOR THE HOMELESS AND WAS MOTIONED BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED. MRS. LAIRD STATED THAT IF PEOPLE DO NOT READ THAT THEY ARE VOLUNTARY METERS, THEY MAY NOT PARK THERE AND THIS COULD CREATE A PROBLEM IN THE AREA OF THE BOROUGH BUILDING AS PARKING IS AT A PREMIUM. MR. MAUCK STATED THAT YORK ARTS WILL PAINT THE METERS APPROPRIATELY TO REPRESENT THE CHARITY AND A SIGN WILL BE POSTED.

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MR. WILSON TOOK THIS TIME TO APOLOGIZE TO STUDENT SAMANTHA KERN FOR THE HEATED DISCUSSIONS OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS THAT TOOK PLACE THIS EVENING AND ADVISED HER THAT GOVERNMENT IS NOT LIKE THIS. HE WISHED TO ALSO APOLOGIZE, ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS INVOLVED, TO THE WEST YORK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITIZENS, STATING THAT THOSE AROUND THIS TABLE ARE SUPPOSED TO ACT LIKE ADULTS AND SEVERAL TIMES THIS EVENING HE WAS EMBARRASSED BY THEIR ACTIONS. MRS. LAIRD ALSO APOLOGIZED TO SAMANTHA FOR ANY OFFENSIVE ACTIONS THAT TOOK PLACE THIS EVENING. MR. WILSON THANKED MRS. LAIRD FOR HER APOLOGY TO SAMANTHA AND URGED EVERYONE AROUND THE TABLE TO RE-EXAMINE WHY THEY ARE HERE AS WEEK AFTER WEEK THERE ARE NEGATIVE VOTES AND COMMENTS. HE STATED THAT IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE YOU ARE HERE FOR THE PEOPLE THEN RESIGN.

MR. MAUCK INQUIRED OF SAMANTHA IF SHE KNOWS OF ANYTHING THAT THE YOUTH IN WEST YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD LIKE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AND INVITED HER TO SERVE AS A JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER.

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED, THE AREA YARD SALE AS REQUESTED BY CHERYL EISENHART, N. HIGHLAND AND WORTH STREET WAS APPROVED.

INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

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

GENERAL FUND \$110,728.42
STREET LIGHTING \$5,004.81
HIGHWAY AID \$29,661.69

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ADJOURNMENT

MR. MAUCK ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:55 P.M., UNTIL MONDAY,
OCTOBER 20, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KATHY L. ALTLAND, SECRETARY
WEST YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008