

MINUTES

WEST YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL - MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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, MR. LARKIN, MRS. LAIRD, MR. MUMMERT AND MS. METZLER. ALSO PRESENT WAS SOLICITOR MacNEAL, ENGINEER TREGLIA AND MAYOR FIRESTONE.

MR. MAUCK ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:05 FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON A PERSONNEL MATTER FOLLOWING WHICH THE REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NO ONE PRESENT FOR COMMENT.

MR. MAUCK INTRODUCED KATHLEEN FORT, PRESENT IN THE AUDIENCE, AS THE FUTURE FIRST LADY OF WEST YORK AS SHE HAS AGREED TO MARRY HIM, NOTING THAT FRIDAY WAS A VERY HAPPY DAY!

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

ON MOTION BY MR. MUMMERT SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED, THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (10/6/08) WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

THE TRAFFIC STUDY ON THE 25MPH SPEED LIMIT IN BOROUGH ALLEYS WAS APPROVED BY THE YORK COUNTY TRAFFIC ENGINEER

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AND AUTHORIZATION TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE FOR THE 25MPH SPEED LIMIT WAS GIVEN TO THE SOLICITOR ON MOTION BY MR. MAUCK SECONDED BY MR. WILSON AND AGREED.

ON MOTION BY MR. WILSON SECONDED BY MR. MUMMERT AND AGREED, THE ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH STOP SIGNS ON PEARL STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH PHILADELPHIA STREET AND REMOVE STOP SIGNS ON PHILADELPHIA STREET AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH PEARL STREET WAS ADOPTED AS ADVERTISED.

ON MOTION BY MS. METZLER SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING COMPENSATION FOR THE TAX COLLECTOR AND THE IMPOSITION OF FEES WAS ADOPTED AS ADVERTISED. MR. WILSON VOTED NO CITING THAT THE FEE PAID BY THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL EVENTUALLY BE PASSED ON TO THE TAXPAYER.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT WE HELD THE TOWN MEETING RECENTLY ON THE CRIMINAL RESPONSE UNIT AND GUARDIAN ANGELS AND HAD A TERRIFIC RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNITY, ALSO IN ADDITION TO MR. MAUCK AND SEVERAL COUNCIL MEMBERS, PRESENT WAS COMMISSIONER CHRONISTER AND SHERIFF KEUERLEBER.

MR. MAUCK REMINDED ALL THAT AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO TRICK-OR-TREATING, THE BLOCKWATCH COMMITTEE IS HAVING "HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK" WHICH WILL BEGIN THIS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY (10/24-25). THERE WILL BE A GREAT DEAL OF THINGS FOR THE CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH AS A HAYRIDE, BAKESALE, PUMPKIN PAINTINGS AND A JACK-O-LANTERN CARVING CONTEST.

ON MOTION BY MS. METZLER SECONDED BY MR. MAUCK AND AGREED, \$200 WAS APPROVED TO PURCHASE HANDHELD TWO-WAY RADIOS FOR USE BY THE POLICE IN THEIR CRUISERS.

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FIRE, CODE ENFORCEMENT AND HIGHWAY

MR. WILSON TURNED THE FLOOR OVER TO JOHN LOVE FOR A REPORT ON THE STOP SIGN INSTALLATION PROGRAM.

JOHN REPORTED THAT THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING ON STOP SIGN INSTALLATIONS FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS, THE STREET STOP SIGNS ARE COMPLETED AND THE ALLEY STOP SIGNS FROM KING STREET SOUTH ARE INSTALLED. THE DEPARTMENT IS STILL WORKING ON THE NORTH SIDE ALLEYS BETWEEN MOWING AND OTHER DUTIES. COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC, ACCORDING TO MR. LOVE HAVE BEEN VERY POSITIVE AND THE RESIDENTS ADVISED THAT CARS ARE ACTUALLY STOPPING AT ALLEY INTERSECTIONS INSTEAD OF JUST SLOWING DOWN AND DRIFTING INTO THE STREETS. THE SIGNS WERE RECYCLED, ORIGINAL STOPS USED AT STREETS NOW IN ALLEYS.

MR. LOVE ALSO REPORTED THAT THEY RECEIVED A DONATION FROM L.S. LEE FOR JERSEY BARRIERS IN ORDER TO STORE THE ANTISKID. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED ANOTHER DONATION OF STREET SALT, ALL THE DONATIONS SAVING THE BOROUGH A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY. MR. WILSON THANKED THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AS THE PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE VERY GOOD. A THANK YOU LETTER WILL BE SENT TO L.S. LEE.

ON MOTION BY MR WILSON SECONDED BY MS. METZLER AND AGREED, A HANDICAPPED SPACE WAS APPROVED FOR 1534 W. MARKET STREET, DIANA NESS.

MR. WILSON REPORTED THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO HOLD ANOTHER MEETING WITH THE LANDLORDS ON THE INSPECTION PROGRAM PRIOR TO BRINGING THE PROPOSED PROGRAM TO COUNCIL.

MR. WILSON REPORTED THAT THE NEW PAGERS ARE BEING HANDED OUT THIS EVENING TO FIRE PERSONNEL AND ED WASHINGTON AND FIRE CHIEF FEESER HAVE A VERY STRONG TRAINING PROGRAM PLANNED.

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A HALLOWEEN PARTY WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION ON SATURDAY, 10/25/08, \$25 PER COUPLE AND \$15 FOR SINGLES.

MR. MAUCK REPORTED THAT HE SAT IN WITH THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WHILE OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS ADMINISTERING FIRE SAFETY PREVENTION TECHNIQUES. THE FIRE PERSONNEL DID A GREAT JOB AND THE CHILDREN LOVED THE PROGRAM.

MR. WILSON WILL GIVE AN UPDATE ON THE FALLEN HEROES WALKWAY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

MR. LARKIN STATED THAT ON A PERSONAL NOTE, HIS GRANDSON IS BEING DEPLOYED AND WILL SERVE WITH THE MILITARY POLICE AT A MOBILE COMMAND. MR. MAUCK ADVISED THAT WE WILL KEEP HIM IN OUR HEARTS, MINDS AND PRAYERS.

AST DOG PARK AT EBERTON PARK

MS. METZLER REPORTED THAT THERE WILL BE A COMMITTEE MEETING OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED DOG PARK THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2008, 6:30 P.M. AT THE BOROUGH BUILDING. MS. METZLER REPORTED THAT DONATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ARE POURING IN AND LOWE'S HAVE CONTACTED HER AS THEY WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE PARK, SHE WILL MEET WITH THEM THIS FRIDAY. MR. MAUCK STRONGLY URGED ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PARK TO ATTEND THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY.

FINANCE AND GRANTS

MR. MAUCK REFERRED TO THE PROPOSED 2009 BUDGET THAT EVERYONE RECEIVED IN THEIR PACKET THIS EVENING, WITH NO TAX INCREASE FOR 2009.

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MR. MAUCK HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY REPRESENTATIVE DePASQUALE'S OFFICE ON SOME NEW GRANT ALTERNATIVES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND MR. MAUCK IS CONTINUING TO WORK ON THE STRUCTURAL DEBT ISSUES ON THE BOROUGH PENSION PLANS.

MRS. LAIRD STATED THAT SHE HAS A FEW QUESTIONS ON THE BUDGET. MR. MAUCK NOTED THAT HE WOULD YIELD HER THE FLOOR, HOWEVER PREFERABLY THE QUESTIONS WOULD COME DURING THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING. THIS WAS SUITABLE WITH MRS. LAIRD.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

MR. WILSON WILL HAVE AN UPDATE ON THE YCAR PROGRAM AT THE NEXT MEETING.

MAYOR'S REPORT

THE POLICE REPORT WAS NOT RECEIVED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MR. WILSON STATED THAT HE IS PROUD TO REPORT A PERSONAL VENTURE THAT HE WILL HOLD ON THIS SATURDAY, FROM 9-10:30 A.M. (BREAKFAST FOR FATHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN) AT THE WEST YORK FIRE HALL. THE PROGRAM IS CALLED ALL-PRO DAD PROGRAM AND IS SPONSORED BY THE NFL AND FAMILY FIRST. MR. WILSON REPORTED THAT THIS WILL BE A NON-POLITICAL PROGRAM AND HIS FIRST GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE THE WEST YORK BULLDOG FOOTBALL COACH RON MILLER. MR. WILSON NOTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MR. HUNTER THERE AS HE IS A FAIRLY NEW FATHER.

MR. MAUCK THANKED MR. WILSON FOR PULLING THIS TOGETHER AND WORKING SO HARD ON THIS GREAT PROGRAM AND ENCOURAGES THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND.

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INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

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

GENERAL FUND \$20,755.3

ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT MAUCK ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 7:53 P.M. UNTIL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

KATHY L. ALTLAND, SECRETARY
WEST YORK BOROUGH COUNCIL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008