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The Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Butler Mayor and Council was opened by Mayor Alviene who indicated that the meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act having been duly advertised and posted in Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Alviene, Councilman Fox, Councilman Meier, Councilman Regis, Councilman Verdonik and Council President Vath

ABSENT: Councilman McNear

ALSO PRESENT: J. Lampmann, Borough Administrator, R. Oostdyk, Borough Attorney; and M. O'Keefe, Borough Clerk,

Motion to excuse the absence of Councilman McNear

Moved: Meier

Second: Fox

All in favor.

Resolution(s):

2015-114 Resolution Providing for Summary Proceedings in REM of Three Tax Sale Certificates as Listed in the Tax Foreclosure List

Mr. Oostdyk explained that we have some properties that we have had tax sale certificates for quite some time; this allows the Borough to commence foreclosure proceedings.

Moved: Fox

Second: Vath

Voted Aye: Fox, Meier, Regis, Verdonik and Vath

Voted Nay: None

Absent: McNear

DISCUSSION:

2016 Appointments

Mayor Alviene asked if there are any questions regarding the 2016 Appointments, he noted for the record that Councilman McNear was not happy with some of the appointments. However, the Mayor wanted input from the entire Council prior to making any changes; he does not feel the need for change to any of the Committee appointments. Councilman Verdonik feels that as he is on the boards of two sewerage authorities he is most qualified to serve as chair of the Water and Wastewater Committee. Councilman Meier is happy with his appointment. Councilman Fox is happy with being on his committee as he deals with some of the vendors on an everyday basis. Mayor Alviene asked those present if they wanted to be on different committees. Councilman Regis is happy with his appointments to the various committees. Council President Vath noted that he had previously worked in Government and was responsible for the preparation of budgets so he has the background for his appointments. Mayor Alviene noted that those present are comfortable with their appointments he will not be making any changes to the 2016 Council appointments.

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2016 Community Development Block Grant Application Possible Projects

Mr. Lampmann presented the Mayor and Council with a list of possible projects, noting which projects have the best chance to receive grant funding. The following are the projects suggested for the grant application 1) Replace Water line Manning Avenue from Arch to 2nd Street. 2) Rehabilitate/Repaint one water tank. 3) Rehabilitate the sewer pump station on DeBow Terrace, serves approximately 20 homes in an eligible area. 4) Ogden Terrace Water Main replacement. He noted that that Water line replacement on Manning Avenue from Arch Street to Second Street will benefit the most people and fits the general parameters used in deciding on funding. The other project would be to rehabilitate the sewer pump station on DeBow Terrace, as this is also within the parameters. Regarding the Ogden Terrace Water Main replacement, if development takes place in that area perhaps the Developer can include this as part of the project. Mr. Lampmann needs to have the application prepared as the due date is January 8, 2016 and he would like to submit the application early.

Highway Commercial Zones

Discussion ensued on the merging both Highway Commercial zones into one, Mr. Oostdyk will contact Mr. Barbarula, Planning Board Attorney to clarify the changes discussed are included. An ordinance accepting the changes will be prepared for introduction at the January 2016 Regular meeting.

Mr. Lampmann asked for input from the Mayor and Council regarding Non-Union Salaries for 2016. The consensus of the Council is that the increase be the same as for Union workers.

Mayor Alviene asked Mr. Oostdyk the status of the property on Carey Avenue, Mr. Oostdyk explained that the property is included in the resolution passed earlier this evening for in REM foreclosure. He expressed his desire that the World Trade Center Artifact be placed on that piece of property once the Borough has possession of the property and it would remove an eyesore. Councilman Regis and Fox expressed concern with that location due to its proximity to the tributary of the Pequannock River; there are required buffers that may make it difficult to do any sort of improvements. Councilman Fox noted that he does not agree with the Mayor's location, he feels it will be forgotten in that location, he would prefer it be placed in the corner of Butler Park. Councilman Meier likes the idea of locating it in Butler Park; however, he will take a look at both areas and make his decision at that time. Councilman Verdonik agreed with Councilman Fox, he feels that it should be placed in the corner under the Electric Highline. Council President Vath agreed with the majority of the Council that Butler Park is the best location, as this is a high traffic area. The consensus is to place the artifact in Butler Park, in the area under the Electric Highline, which is basically the left rear of the park. Councilman Meier asked what options are available for the Carey Avenue location once the Borough gains possession of the property, a number of suggestions were made, however, restrictions on the property could limit options.

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Mayor Alviene opened the meeting to the Public at this time.

Councilman Fox seeing no one come forward moved that the public portion be closed and the meeting adjourned, seconded by Councilman Regis.

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:21 p.m.

Adopted: December 15, 2015



Robert W. Alviene, Mayor

Attest:



Mary A. O'Keefe, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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BOROUGH OF BUTLER

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 – 114

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS IN REM OF
THREE TAX SALE CERTIFICATES AS LISTED IN THE TAX
FORECLOSURE LIST**

RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Butler, Morris County, New Jersey, the Governing Body of the Borough of Butler, that Tax Sale Certificate Number 00703 issued on October 29, 2008, Tax Sale Certificate Number 00704 issued on October 29, 2008 and Tax Sale Certificate Number 11-00005 issued on December 3, 2012 as shown on the attached tax foreclosure list now held by the Borough of Butler be foreclosed by summary proceedings In Rem, as described by New Jersey Statutes R.S. 54:5-104.29 to R.S. 54:5-104.71, as amended, and pursuant to the Rules of Civil Practice of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Adopted this ^{1st} day of
December, 2015 and certified
as a true copy of an original.



Robert W. Alviene, Mayor



Mary O'Keefe
Borough Clerk