

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Falkoski reported that the court had requested \$106,760 be appropriated for salaries in their budget. We appropriated \$105,000 and after the 4 percent increase the full amount had not been utilized. They are now requesting the remaining amount be proportionately distributed among the employees in the department. The amount is approximately \$5,000. Councilman Guis stated that if we did that then we would be appropriating \$115,000 or \$120,000 next year. Mayor Budesheim stated that what we had agreed on was the 4 percent raise. He stated that over the last two years the court clerk received a 28 percent and the judge received 45 percent total raise and that we have been very fair to them. Councilman Falkoski stated that they also went from two to three sessions per month. He asked why we appropriated that amount if we don't want to give it to them. Councilman Carelli stated he was not sure whether the remaining amount was appropriated for something else that we're not thinking of. After further discussion a motion was made by Councilman Falkoski to distribute the remaining budgeted amount as court salaries. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilman Guis reported that we have been actively trying to resolve the garbage and compactor issue at the Grande and they have been dragging their feet. Rock Creek and Powder Mill are both resolved.

Councilwoman Wetzel reported that the street fair went well this year. There were no problems with the Baptist Church but a few of their parishioners felt it was inappropriate that it was held on a Sunday. She also stated that cleanup was not good this year and there should have been more food vendors. She will address these issues with JC Promotions.

Councilman Astarita reported the library is planning what needs to be done next year. One of the air conditioning units is over 20 years old and needs to be replaced, they want to put in a security system, replacement windows in the front office, and an intercom system. They also asked if the DWP could change their HVAC filters and clean the gutters.

Councilwoman Bush reported the Riverdale Land Conservancy will be having a meeting and presentation to address a timeline for how we can get the Van Ness House to a state where there won't be further deterioration, address electrical and mold issues and additional grants.

Mayor Budesheim asked Borough Clerk Talerico if there was a plan in place for records storage. He said there are water department records stored at the pump house and he would like all records consolidated. Clerk Talerico stated that there is not a plan and she does all record storage and filing herself. She also stated that the record building next door is a mess and needs new file cabinets because they are a hazard. She participated in the classes for the Paris Grant and Morris County is applying on the behalf of participating municipalities, but if records are less than 100 years old they are not considered historical. She felt that the grants may go to larger municipalities. Clerk Talerico stated the first thing that needs to be done is use the records retention forms for each department to determine which records can be destroyed. She explained that records have different retention periods and permission from DARM is required before they can be destroyed. There was discussion regarding different methods of records storage and retrieval. Mayor Budesheim stated we should make budgetary provisions to start digital records storage. He would like all records centralized so we know what we have.

RESOLUTIONS:

Thereupon, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to approve the following resolutions:

- 1) Authorization to release cash bond in the amount of \$66,755.28 plus interest allowed to Samuel Canella for the Power Mill Development project as recommended by the Borough Engineer Paul Darmofalski and Building Inspector Joseph Montemarano.
- 2) Payment of Claims – Recreation Department for the following:
 - a. Madison Square Garden – Cirque du Soleil Trip - \$4,795.00 (trust)
 - b. D.T.M. Productions – Masquerade Ball – Oct. 27 - \$250.00 (public events)
 - c. D.T.M. Productions – Fright Night – Oct. 20 - \$250.00 (trust)
 - d. Park Forest Creations – Fright Night – Deposit - \$340.00 (trust)
- 3) Declare Fire Department gear as surplus, to be donated to another government agency.
- 4) Authorize snow plowing reimbursement to Powder Mill in the amount of \$652.24 and Rock Creek in the amount of \$1304.49.
- 5) Authorize payment of \$270 to Michael Bonelli to repair damage to fence incurred during police incident as per estimate submitted.
- 6) Authorize purchases not to exceed \$4,000 plus additional amount collected as donations for Fright Night.
- 7) Accept (2) Grant of Utility Easements from Target Corporation.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Astarita, Bush, Carelli, Guis, Wetzel, Falkoski
Nays: None
(6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NO. 2:

There being no comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Carelli, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Wetzel, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Carol J. Talerico, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk