

SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

Mayor Etler called the meeting to order at 10:50 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Etler, Deputy Mayor Weinstein, Councilmembers Baratta and Trawinski.

ALSO PRESENT: Manager Metzler, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Attorney Kates.

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT #25-2006

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and a second by Councilmember Baratta the following Consent Agenda 25-2006 containing the following item was unanimously passed. Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that the Broadway Improvement Corporation has contributed \$5,000 to that playground.

- a. Resol. #301-2006 - Endorsement of CDBG Application for Unprogrammed Funds: Warren Point School Playground

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Weinstein and a Deputy Mayor Weinstein the Agenda was amended to vote on a nomination for Councilmember.

Mayor Etler stated that as everyone knows, on September 12, 2006, Deputy Mayor Owen McCarthy resigned, necessitating an appointment from the Democratic Municipal Committee, they sent three names, Joe Tedeschi, Peter Kortright, and Larry Metzger. He asked if there were any nominations.

Upon motion by Councilmember Trawinski and a second by Councilmember Baratta, Peter Kortright was nominated, with Deputy Mayor Weinstein and Mayor Etler dissenting.

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Weinstein and a second by Mayor Etler, Joe Tedeschi was nominated, with Councilmember Trawinski and Councilmember Baratta dissenting.

Councilmember Trawinski thanked the Democratic Committee for giving them two former Republicans which shows where there real strength lies.

Attorney Kates advised that the Council is deadlocked. They have within 30 days to appoint one of these individuals, if the Council is convinced they would be in deadlock, it goes back to the Municipal Committee. It is deemed to be a default of the Council and the Committee within the next 15 days of your declared default appoints one of the nominees and that person shall be sworn in immediately. Attorney Kates stated at the next public meeting they can repeat the votes and declare your deadlock. Councilmember Trawinski asked if they can think about this for two weeks because he has some questions that may go back to the Democratic Committee. He said he was familiar with Joe Tedeschi, a tad more familiar with Peter Kortright and Larry Metzger is a former Republican and he is not sure about his background. He asked for a basic resume on him. Mayor Etler said not

really. Councilmember Trawinski said they were asking him to vote on someone for Council that he can't get a resume for. Mayor Etler told him he knows him and he is just playing a game. The clock is running and the Democratic Committee will make the appointment. Councilmember Trawinski said that would not happen until the Council declares a deadlock. Mayor Etler said according to him, they have. Councilmember Trawinski stated they have not declared a deadlock yet. Councilmember Trawinski said he did not know what the problem was to get Larry Metzger's resume. Mayor Etler said they did not need it. Councilmember Trawinski said they are filling the role of the electorate and he has an obligation to understand. Mayor Etler said the Democratic Committee met, had a vote, they selected three people, gave it to the Council, and now the Council is deadlocked. Councilmember Trawinski said they have thirty days. Mayor Etler said the clock is running from September 12th.

Councilmember Baratta stated she does not know Mr. Metzger and wondered what the harm would be for getting information on him and waiting a week or two. This is a very important issue and don't want to do it quickly. Mayor Etler said of course not. Councilmember Baratta asked if he was being condescending. This is a very important issue that they have to make. Mayor Etler said you can't accept any of the three names.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated there is no problem with getting a resume from Larry Metzger. He said Mr. Metzger is on the Rent Leveling Board and he is also on the Property Maintenance Board.

ADJOURNMENT TO WORK SESSION

Upon motion by Councilmember Baratta and a second by Councilmember Trawinski, the meeting was adjourned to Work Session at 10:59 p.m.

pectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approve the foregoing minutes.

Mayor Martin Etler

Councilmember Jeanne Baratta

Councilmember Edward J. Trawinski

Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein