

SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2004

Mayor Ganz called the meeting to order at 9:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayors Etlar and Weinstein, Councilmembers Caan and McCarthy.

ALSO PRESENT: Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski, Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski and Attorney Lustgarten.

RESOLUTION BY CONSENT #32-2004

Upon motion by Councilmember Caan and a second by Councilmember McCarthy, Consent Agenda 32-2004 containing the following items was unanimously adopted.

- a. Resol. #356-2004 - Award of Bid: Tennis Court Refurbishment
- b. Resol. #357-2004 - Award of Bid: Arch Backstops
- c. Resol. #358-2004 - Change Order - Fire truck
- d. Resol. #359-2004 - Amending Resolution No. 254-2004 - License Agreement Neidell
- e. Resol. #360-2004 - Authorizing Execution of Agreement with Department Heads Assoc.
- f. Resol. #361-2004 - Extend Bid for Uniforms - Police, Auxiliary Police & School Guards
- g. Resol. #362-2004 - Approval of Minutes:
Regular Meeting 10/26/04

Resolution No. 363-2004 - Joint Insurance Fund

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Etlar and a second by Councilmember Caan, Resolution No. 363-2004 was discussed.

Councilmember McCarthy felt that receiving dividends in excess of \$70,000 speaks volumes. He felt that the employee coverage area was the most exposure. The Bergen County JIF has been in existence for over twenty years. He felt more comfortable dealing with the local excess insurance coverage.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated that he disagreed since from the beginning they never received a formula for the calculations from the Bergen County JIF. He personally will pay attention to the JIF over the next three years. He felt the average increase has been steady over the last few years. He would be in favor of switching to the Garden State JIF.

Deputy Mayor Etlar stated the he disagreed. He saw that the Borough has been receiving dividends in excess of \$70,000 and wonders why this has not been deducted from the premium. That amount is significant and would take years to earn a rebate like that with the other JIF. He felt it would be fool hearty to change JIF's for a small amount. He agrees with Councilmember McCarthy.

Councilmember Caan stated that he agreed to maintain the Bergen County JIF. If they switched it would cost the Borough more. The difference would be about \$10,000. He thought that the Bergen County JIF was more stable and they have a premium history. He felt the right thing to do was to renew with the Bergen County JIF.

Mayor Ganz stated that they forced very competitive quotes from both the JIF's. He felt there was a decrease because every member of the Council went to a seminar which resulted in a reduction of \$250. He will oppose staying with the Bergen County JIF. He would like the Borough to raise the limit to six million on the employee practices. Mayor Ganz stated in respect to the dividends, the Borough will continue to receive dividends for the next fifteen years. Three years from now, if they made the switch, the Borough would be receiving dividends from the Garden State JIF. He was discouraged with the Bergen County JIF's presentation and was unhappy with the way Mr. Grubb acted.

Deputy Mayor Weinstein stated there are a lot of reason why the Borough's ratings are down which come from here, the way the Borough runs it safety programs.

Councilmember Caan stated that he agreed to raise the liability coverage to six millions dollars. He felt it was well worth it. He felt Garden State JIF made a good presentation and they will see them again in three years.

Mayor Ganz felt that Mr. Grubb did not respond in a timely way. When he spoke to Mr. Grubb last week he could not address the three year or one year term without a letter in writing. He misrepresented the facts since they could have changed their by-laws.

Attorney Lustgarten advised they should vote on increasing the coverage.

There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 363-2004 was adopted with Deputy Mayor Weinstein and Mayor Ganz dissenting.

There was a unanimous consensus to increase the coverage on the employee practice. Manager/Municipal Clerk Kwasniewski is to write to JIF telling them to increase the minimum for excess coverage.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion by Councilmember Caan and a second by Councilmember McCarthy, the meeting was adjourned to the Work Session at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk

The undersigned have read and approved the foregoing minutes.

David L. Ganz, Mayor

Councilmember Allan Caan

Deputy Mayor Martin Etler

Councilmember Owen McCarthy

Deputy Mayor Steven Weinstein