

SPECIAL WORK SESSION OF AUGUST 7, 2000

Mayor Ganz called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Assistant Municipal Clerk Bojanowski read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayor Adler, Councilmembers Amato, Dobrow and Etler.

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

Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP): - Mayor Ganz explained that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss LOSAP and to come to a possible resolution to request that this proposition be placed on the November 7, 2000 ballot.

Manager Sacks reviewed Chief Financial Officer Eccleston's memo regarding the amount of money to fund this program. A discussion followed regarding the number of volunteers and the time frame of retro.

Councilmember Amato asked John Cosgrove for his reaction.

John Cosgrove, 30-18 Gentner Road, stated that he went back to the volunteers with the Borough's proposal and they want \$1,150.00. They are hoping that the Council and the Committee are trying to accomplish something. The Committee felt they would like the Borough to go with other amounts like 5 years, \$1,150.00. They have tried to do what is best for the volunteers and for the town. Mayor Ganz stated they would have to convince the voters. In his opinion the amount of \$1,150.00 retro and forward would be defeated by the voters. The Borough has a large number of volunteers.

Gail Cebular, President of the Ambulance Corps., stated they intend to go out and educate the people so that they know what is going on. They feel it is their job to answer the residents questions.

Mayor Ganz felt that was a good idea but they should have the Mayor and Council behind them, along with other groups. Looking at the figures they will see tax dollars being spent. The Council agreed to the retro based on reducing the amount going forward. By doing it incrementally it is very saleable.

After a lengthy discussion between the Council and the Committee, the Council consensus was to establish the maximum annual contributions as follows: Year 2002 - \$500, Year 2003 - \$500, Year 2004 - \$600, Year 2005- \$600 and Year 2006 - \$750.00.

Resolution No. 243-2000 Requesting Proposition be Placed on Ballot

Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and seconded by Councilmember

Amato, Resolution No. 243-2000 was discussed. Mayor Ganz wondered if Councilmember Amato should vote on this resolution. Attorney Lustgarten advised that he should recuse himself. Hearing no further discussion, Resolution No. 243-2000 was unanimously passed with Councilmember Amato recusing himself.

A discussion followed regarding the point system and the various emergency services schedules. The Ambulance Corp was asked to submit a new schedule to Attorney Lustgarten.

Don Oliver, 8-32 Mitchell Place, a member of the Homeowners Association, stated he did not think the point system was fair. He realizes people will complain about this proposal and suggested the Emergency Services attend one of the Homeowner's Association meetings to sell this to the residents.

Attorney Lustgarten advised the resolution which was adopted tonight will be typed. Tomorrow morning he will prepare the ordinance in the final form subject to the submission of any changes of the schedules.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Amato it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Bojanowski, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk