

I. Tuesday, January 3, 2023 Work Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Lincoln Park, the Borough Clerk called the Work Meeting to order and announced the meeting was duly advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## II. ROLL CALL

On the Roll Call, Council Members present were: Antonetti, Gemian, Gurkovich, Moeller, Ross, Thompson, and Seise

ABSENT: None

Present from Administration: Mayor David Runfeldt, Borough Administrator Perry Mayers, CFO, Fabiana Mello, and Chris DiLorenzo Borough Attorney

## III. MISCELLANEOUS/ COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Antonetti:** There have been some posts and a formal request through the Borough website for benches at Centennial Park. Canopy picnic tables were ordered in December and we are now waiting on the delivery date. We also have plans for a "Buy a Bench" program. Quotes have been submitted for engravable benches and sales should start the month. Phase #3, the final phase of the playground is in the works and should be on the agenda for this evening. Once approved, the equipment will be ordered and installation should be complete by late Spring.

For the year of 2023, we are working on summer plans. Winter Wonderland and fireworks are scheduled for December 2, 2023. Holiday decorating contest was a huge success and will become an annual event.

Thank you again to John Panicci and his crew for the work at the Lake and to John for keeping a vigilant eye on the lights and electric. Even on his days off to ensure that the residents could enjoy it. Lights should be shut down no later than January 9, 2023.

**Gemian:** The Recreation Department set a new high bar for the Lake activities in 2022. Due to the Centennial and the Holiday Decorating Contest. Thinking forward in terms of the budget allotment for the Recreation Department, whatever enrichment we can provide to the Recreation Department to continue elevating the Lake as a major center of activity for the Borough would be welcomed. This past year due to the Centennial and Holiday festivities people have gotten a lot of excitement around the Lake.

**Gurkovich:** There are a few loose ends out on the exterior of the library that are being worked on. Carpet is being put in now. We are moving ahead with the interior. The details have been stored up regarding the State funding Grant. We are in pretty good shape.

The Centennial Park is about 2 ½ acres. I have never seen a site plan. I have asked for a site plan. If a developer came in and put something in there, it would require a site plan. I am afraid that someone is going to put something in there and regret it later. I can put the plan together and work with the Recreation Department.

Councilwoman Ross asked if Councilman Gurkovich was talking about the benches.

Councilman Gurkovich said it is not only about the benches, but there is another \$85,000.00 worth of equipment coming and you want to put it where you need it. Right now, the parking lot is 150 feet away from that. It is a long way. So, you must think about these things. I would be more than happy to help put a plan together.

**Moeller:** The Health Department successfully completed six months of the NJDOH "Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity", \$274 K grant and is currently working with local partners to bring programs to seniors, kids, and residents at Beaverbrook Gardens and the long-term care facilities.

The Health Department is applying for another NJDOH grant with 100 K called "Enhancing Local Public Health Capacity".

Kathy Skrobala is retiring March 31, 2023 and has started looking for a new Health Officer and Public Health Nurse replacements, so there is a smooth transition.

The Health Department is providing Infection Control trainings for staff at the Lincoln Park Care Center/JDT Resorts and Renaissance/JDT Villas.

There has been a spike in COVID cases in NJ and around the US. The three most prevalent variants are BQ.1, BQ1.1, and XBB. There is no increase in hospitalization or deaths with the new variants.

The Health Department is having weekly meetings with the long-term care facilities to ensure that all precautions and protocols are in place.

A new software is being used for dog licenses called SDL.

The DPW is working on some old County trucks and equipment. They are getting them ready for the winter.

The DPW has the big bucket loader. They have to raise it up and take the pistons out because they are leaking.

Park Ave has two sinkholes that are really bad. I will have a talk with Rick Beyer in the morning.

**Ross:** No report.

**Thompson:** There will be a new Police Officer sworn in on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers.

Asked if we are presently searching for a new Health Officer.

Perry Mayers said yes.

**Seise:** No report.

#### **IV. MAYOR'S AGENDA:**

##### **I. Escrow Release**

- A. Release of Escrow #2603, 234 Main Street, Unit 2E, to Elizabeth Johannes, has been approved by the Borough Engineer.

**Council concurred and a Resolution will be on the January 17, 2023 Agenda.**

##### **II. Request Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for Solid Waste Collection**

- A. Current Contract expires August 31, 2023
- B. Seeking one-, three-, or five-year contract options
- C. Also seeking "One-Armed" Bandit options

**Council concurred and a Resolution is on tonight's meeting Agenda.**

##### **III. Request Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Park & Playground Equipment**

- A. Centennial Park
- B. Vendor – General Recreation, Inc.
- C. NJ State Contract – 16 FLEET 00130
- D. Total Amount - \$89,582.00

**Council concurred and a Resolution will be on the January 17, 2023 Agenda.**

##### **IV. Request Introduction of Ordinance to Adjust Water Rates - 2023**

- A. Borough Code mandates adjustments in rates consistent with wholesale rates charged by PVWC
- B. PVWC 2023 Rate Increase – 6%

**Council concurred and an Ordinance for Introduction is on tonight's meeting Agenda.**

##### **V. Request Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property**

- A. 1989 Hahn HCTP Pumper Firetruck. Ser# HCTP151041789

**Council concurred and a Resolution is on tonight's meeting Agenda.**

**V. RESOLUTIONS:**

Seise: R22-77, Resolution Authorizing Escrow Release #2506, 14 Squire Drive

Moeller: So Moved

Ross: Second

**RESOLUTION R23-77**

**WHEREAS, John F. Lonsky** had heretofore deposited with the Borough of Lincoln Park a Zoning Permit #2020-36Z in connection with a property located at 14 Squire Drive in Lincoln Park NJ 07035;

**WHEREAS, John F. Lonsky** has submitted a written request, on file in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, that unused escrow funds be returned; and

**WHEREAS,** Fabiana Monteiro Mello, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough, has reported in her Certification of funds for Release of Escrow Money, that a balance does remain in the 2022 General Trust Escrow Account – TD Escrow Account # 4308905443, Escrow Account #133126 (2506) and may be refunded to **John F. Lonsky**.

**WHEREAS,** Thomas A. Boorady, Borough Engineer, has inspected the premises, and has reported that the applicants have complied with/satisfied all of the required conditions, and has submitted a report to the Borough Administration, report on file in his office, recommending release of the remaining escrow funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lincoln Park, that the funds deposited by **John F. Lonsky** in the 2022 General Trust Escrow Account – TD Escrow Account # 4308905443, Escrow #133126 (2506) for a Zoning Permit #2020-36Z in connection with a property located at 14 Squire Drive in Lincoln Park NJ 07035 ; be and hereby are ordered released/refunded by the Borough subject to the CFO first confirming that all bills (submitted and pending) from the Board Attorney, and Borough Engineer have been properly and fully satisfied.

Seise: Any questions, comments or corrections? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Gurkovich, Moeller, Ross, Thompson, and Seise

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Resolution R22-77 was Adopted.

Seise: R22-78, Resolution Authorizing Escrow Release #2190, 163 Beaverbrook Road

Moeller: So Moved

Gemian: Second

**RESOLUTION R23-78**

**WHEREAS, Fibertech Networks, LLC** had heretofore deposited with the Borough of Lincoln Park a Bond for a Right-of-Way Use Approval (Cell Tower) in connection with a property located at 163 Beaver Brook Road in Lincoln Park NJ 07035;

**WHEREAS, Fibertech Networks, LLC** has submitted a written request, on file in the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, that unused escrow funds be returned; and

**WHEREAS**, Fabiana Monteiro Mello, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough, has reported in her Certification of funds for Release of Escrow Money, that a balance does remain in the 2022 General Trust Escrow Account – TD Escrow Account # 4308905443, Escrow Account #542948 (2190) and may be refunded to **Fibertech Networks, LLC**.

**WHEREAS**, Thomas A. Boorady, Borough Engineer, has inspected the premises, and has reported that the applicants have complied with/satisfied all of the required conditions, and has submitted a report to the Borough Administration, report on file in his office, recommending release of the remaining escrow funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of Lincoln Park, that the funds deposited by **Fibertech Networks, LLC** in the 2022 General Trust Escrow Account – TD Escrow Account # 4308905443, Escrow #542948 (2190) for a Bond for a Right-of-Way Use Approval (cell Tower) in connection with a property located at 163 beaver Brook Road in Lincoln Park NJ 07035 ; be and hereby are ordered released/refunded by the Borough subject to the CFO first confirming that all bills (submitted and pending) from the Board Attorney, and Borough Engineer have been properly and fully satisfied.

Seise: Any questions, comments or corrections? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Gurkovich, Moeller, Ross, Thompson, and Seise  
No: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

Resolution R22-78 was Adopted

Seise: R22-79, Resolution Authorizing the Solicitation of Bids for Solid Waste

Thompson: So Moved  
Moeller: Second

#### **RESOLUTION R23-79**

### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Lincoln Park's current Solid Waste Collection Service Contract will expire on August 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Borough to publish bids specifications and advertise for bids for Solid Waste Collection Services;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Lincoln Park, County of Morris, State of New Jersey that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to solicit bids for Solid Waste Collection Services for the Borough of Lincoln Park.

Seise: Any questions, comments or corrections? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Gurkovich, Ross, Thompson, and Seise  
No: Moeller  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

Resolution R22-79 was Adopted.

Seise: R22-80, Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property no longer needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website

Thompson: So Moved  
Ross: Second

**RESOLUTION R23-80**

**Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on an Online Auction Website.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Lincoln Park has determined the following surplus item;

- 1) 1989 Hahn HCTP Pumper Firetruck. Ser# HCTP151041789  
is property no longer needed for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey permits the sale of surplus property no longer needed for public use through the use on an online auction services, pursuant to the Local Unit Electronic Technology Pilot Program and Study Act, P.L. 2001, c.30; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Lincoln Park has the property listed in schedule A, attached to this Resolution, and desires to sell this property online.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Lincoln Park’s Governing Body that the Borough of Lincoln Park is hereby authorized to post an offer to sell the items listed on schedule A, on an auction website as follows:

Online Auction Site: [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com)

Length of Auction: 28 Days.

Start Date: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 (see schedule A)

End Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 (see schedule A)

Auction Fees: 12.5% of the winning bid amount, paid by the buyer.

Shipping All shipping arrangements and shipping costs are the responsibility of the buyer. Item pickup on location: 34 Chapel Hill Road, Lincoln Park, NJ.

Possession: Within 10 business days (excluding holidays) of winning bid and at pickup location.

Other Terms: All items are being sold “as is, where is”.  
Payment by the bidder must be submitted within 5 business days (excluding holidays) of winning the bid. Pickup of items auctioned must be made within 10 business days (excluding holidays) of winning bid unless other arrangements have been made prior.

**Schedule A**

**Auction 1:** 1989 Hahn HCTP Pumper Firetruck. Ser# HCTP151041789

**Bid Start: Wednesday, January 4, 2023: 10:00AM**

**Bid Stop: Wednesday, February 1, 2023: 3:00PM**

Seise: Any questions, comments or corrections? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Gurkovich, Ross, Thompson, and Seise

No: Moeller

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Resolution R22-80 was Adopted.

**VI. ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION:**

Seise: Ordinance 1-23 for Introduction.

The Clerk read the following Resolution:

Be it resolved that an Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 461,  
WATER, OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK**

Be Introduced and Read by Title on first reading by the Clerk.

Seise: I need a Motion and a Second

Moeller: So Moved

Ross: Second

Seise: Any questions, comments or corrections? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Gurkovich, Moeller, Ross, Thompson, and Seise

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Resolution was adopted.

Seise: Please read it again.

The Clerk read the following resolution:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled,

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 461,  
WATER, OF THE CODE BOOK OF THE BOROUGH OF LINCOLN PARK**

Be passed on First Reading and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said Ordinance be considered for Final Passage at the meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Lincoln Park on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023 at approximately 7:30 PM in the Municipal building at which time and place all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk be authorized and directed to advertise said Ordinance with a Notice of Introduction thereof in the Daily Record according to law.

Seise: I need a Motion and a Second

Moeller: So Moved

Ross: Second

Seise: Any questions, comments or corrections? Call the Roll.

Yes: Antonetti, Gemian, Gurkovich, Moeller, Ross, Thompson, and Seise

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The Resolution was adopted.

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING:**

Thompson: Motion to go to Public

Ross: Second

Council President Seise asked for a Voice Vote. The Public Hearing was Opened.

Laura Cook, 10 William Street, President of the Business Owners Association in Lincoln Park, wanted to introduce herself. They are located on the second floor of Town Hall. She introduced the Vice President, Jason Marion and the Secretary, Patrick Antonetti. We are really excited to see what we can do for our businesses in Town and for our Community. She thanked the Mayor and Administration for all their help.

Thompson: Seeing no one else wishing to speak I Move we close the Public Hearing.

Moeller: Second

Council President Seise asked for a Voice Vote. The Public Hearing was Closed.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Thompson: Motion to Adjourn.

Moeller: Second

There being no further business to discuss the Work Meeting of January 3, 2022 was Adjourned at 8:32 PM.

ATTEST:

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Courtney Fitzpatrick, Borough Clerk

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Andrew Seise, Council President

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Mayor David Runfeldt