A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 5:28 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - - - - - - - 2 Reporters - - - - - - - - - - 2

The meeting was called to order by Council President Dean.

 Roll call: Council President Dean Present

 Councilman Burns Present

 Councilman Covington Present

 Council Vice President Hudanich Present

 Councilman McCorristin Present

Also present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator

Stephen D. Barse, Esquire, Borough Solicitor

Paul Short, Code Enforcement Official

Jim Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator

Captain Jeffrey Christopher

William Macomber, Public Works Director

Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Hatch Mott Macdonald, LLC

Council President Dean read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of

Meetings dated June 24, 2015. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

Resolution No. 51-2016: ARESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS FOR VARIOUS SPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPS FOR THE 2016 SEASON

Motion made by Council Vice President Hudanich, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 52-2016: ARESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CHANGE FUNDS

 FOR OPERATION OF VARIOUS SUMMER

 FUNCTIONS FOR THE 2016 SEASON

Resolution No. 53-2016: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CASH

 MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE BOROUGH OF

 AVALON FOR THE YEAR 2016

Motion made by Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Covington that the resolutions be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 54-2016: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF

 POLICE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR THE

 PURCHASE OF BODY WORN CAMERAS BY

 AVALON POLICE OFFICERS

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Council President Dean that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 55-2016: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SOUTHERN PINE

BEETLE GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

DIVISION OF PARKS AND FORESTRY IN THE

AMOUNT OF TWENTY-FOUR ($24,000.00) DOLLARS

Motion made by Councilman Burns, seconded by Council Vice President Hudanich that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 56-2016: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF AVALON AND CHIEF WILLIAM MCCORMICK OF THE AVALON POLICE DEPARTMENT THE TERM OF WHICH IS FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016

Motion made by Council President Dean, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Resolution No. 57-2016: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF

 BILLS

Motion made by Council Vice President Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Covington that the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 735-2016:

 Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Burns that Ordinance No. 735-2016 be brought on for first reading by title only.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 735-2016:

Ordinance No. 735-2016:

 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27 (ZONING) OF THE BODE OF THE

 BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013

 Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Burns that Ordinance No. 735-2016 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

 ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Second reading, public hearing and final action on Ordinance No. 732-2016:

 Motion made by Council Vice President Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Covington that Ordinance No. 732-2016 be brought on for second reading, public hearing and final action.

 ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 732-2016:

Ordinance No. 732-2016:

 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Council President Dean opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance No. 732-2016 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

 Motion made by Council Vice President Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Covington that the public hearing be closed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

 Motion made by Council Vice President Hudanich, seconded by Councilman Covington that Ordinance No. 732-2016 be finally adopted, submitted to the Mayor for approval and advertised according to law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Second reading, public hearing and final action on Ordinance No. 733-2016:

 Motion made by Councilman Burns, seconded by Council Vice President Hudanich that Ordinance No. 733-2016 be brought on for second reading, public hearing and final action.

 ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 733-2016:

Ordinance No. 733-2016:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013 AND SPECIFICALLY SECTION 2-30 PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR; SECTION 2-31 PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC DEFENDER; AND SECTION 2-7 PERTAINING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Council President Dean opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance No. 733-2016 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

 Motion made by Councilman Burns, seconded by Council Vice President Hudanich that the public hearing be closed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Motion made by Councilman Burns, seconded by Council Vice President Hudanich that Ordinance No. 733-2016 be finally adopted, submitted to the Mayor for approval and advertised according to law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Second reading, public hearing and final action on Ordinance No. 734-2016:

 Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Covington that Ordinance No. 734-2016 be brought on for second reading, public hearing and final action.

 ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 734-2016:

Ordinance No. 734-2016:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 9 – 12 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, 2013 PERTAINING TO KAYAKS

Council President Dean opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance No. 734-2016 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were no questions or comments.

 Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Covington that the public hearing be closed.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

 Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilman Covington that Ordinance No. 734-2016 be finally adopted, submitted to the Mayor for approval and advertised according to law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl gave the following report:

Peermont Substation: We have some significant news to report on the construction of the Peermont Substation. We hosted a progress meeting on Tuesday morning and learned that it is the expectation of the contractor and ACE that the new Substation will be “live and active” on or about Mother’s Day weekend, which is a few weeks ahead of schedule. Now that the building is waterproof, much finishing work can be completed inside the building. Because ACE is slightly ahead of schedule, cable is being pulled inside the building to connect the transformers to the transmission conduit. Once this cable pulling is complete, the restoration of sidewalks, streets, and curbs will commence. The Avalon Volunteer Fire Department will also have a site visit in late April so volunteers can become familiar with the building, inside and outside.

In addition, it is standard operating procedure for ACE with work of this nature to provide a backup if needed. Discussions involving me, Ed Dean, and the Mayor have resulted in ACE moving a portable transformer that will be moved into Avalon on or about April 15th. This unit will be able to produce power in the event that we would have very warm weather during the final three to four weeks of this project and energy demand would be greater than the ability to feed that energy offshore until Peermont is active. The transformer will be located in the parking lot of Bay Park Marina and site visits will be held to identify where the transformer will be placed for this short duration of time as to not impede with vehicle or boat traffic. The unit will not run and will only do so if energy demand is ramped up due to weather or other conditions.

Back Bay Dredging: The back bay dredging project continues in advance of the break before the active boating season. Mobile Dredging is expected to continue to work until March 15th or on our waterways. All of the private slip dredging has been completed for the winter season. Mobile has completed work in Oler’s Thorofare and is currently working in Graven’s Thorofare near the CDF. Mobile will work on Gravens as much as possible to get as close to Long Reach as possible

28th Street Parking Lot: Now that the weather is warmer, the 28th Street Parking Lot can be paved. It is expected that the contractor will pave the lot this Thursday and Friday, and return next week for striping, wheel stops, and electrical work.

Safety Report: The Avalon Safety Committee met on Tuesday morning as we continue to follow the practice of monthly meetings. During the meeting, we received the Loss Control Report from the Atlantic County JIF as prepared by J.A. Montgomery Risk Control. A survey was conducted and includes a review of the loss data for the past six years along with inspections of certain buildings, and the evaluation of the managers’ demonstrated commitment to safety.

The report was very complimentary to the Borough for not missing a safety meeting during any month with a typical attendance of 14 employees and department heads at each safety meeting. Training records show 43 employees attended 230 learning events in 2014-15. Our combined loss ratios over a six year period is 50.9% which is below the JIF average of 80.3%. The Borough’s Lost Time Accident Frequency Rate is 2.14% which is well below the JIF average. Finally, under New Suggestions for Improvement, J.A. Montgomery is not offering any suggestions where Avalon needs to improve its safety performance.

Councilman Covington asked why the poles being erected in Middle Township are rust colored.

Bill Macomber explained he was told the rust colored poles are more expensive and were requested by the Parkway. The same poles are being erected near the hospital.

Councilman Burns noted the rust colored poles can become spotted when close to salt water. He also asked if dredging will take place by the Bay Park Marina to get rid of the berm where boats could not pass through.

Tom Thornton explained they will not be dredging in that area. Dredging the Bay Park Marina in addition to all other dredging would be a time consuming and expensive process. The current contract with Mobile Dredging does not require dredging to take place in that area.

Councilman Burns asked if the berm could be reached with a piece of equipment and, if so, if the material could be loaded onto a truck and hauled away.

Tom Thornton stated the material could be loaded onto a truck or a barge, but would be a separate process and would not be covered by the current permits held by the Borough.

Councilman McCorristin asked if the berm could be loaded in a similar fashion to the boat slips.

Tom Thornton said he believes the current permit would allow for that, however a change order would need to be done to complete that work for an additional cost.

Councilman Burns asked what the additional cost would be.

Tom Thornton explained a cost cannot be estimated until there is an estimate as to how much material would need to be moved. It could be possible that multiple barges would be necessary and could be very expensive. He suggested exploring an option to push the material into a deeper area.

Council Vice President Hudanich asked how much of a grant is received from the JIF for safety performance.

Scott Wahl stated the Borough receives two thousand dollars.

Council Vice President Hudanich commended the Safety Committee for their commitment to ensuring the safety of employees and visitors.

Public Comments:

None.

Motion made by Council President Dean, seconded by Councilman Burns to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilman Burns Aye

 Councilman Covington Aye

 Council Vice President Hudanich Aye Councilman McCorristin Aye

 Council President Dean Aye

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

 Respectfully submitted,

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 Marie J. Hood, Borough Clerk

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 Richard E. Dean, Council President