



**CITY OF ABSECON  
Municipal Complex  
500 Mill Road  
Absecon, New Jersey 08201**

**JUNE 19, 2014  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Seher at 7:00 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**INVOCATION** – Reverend David Cobb, Absecon Presbyterian Church

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Camp, Horton, Cain, Phillips, Ring, Seher

**ABSENT:** Vizthum

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Solicitor, Tim Maguire, CFO, Jessica Thompson; City Clerk, Carie Crone, City Engineer, Eddie Dennis

**PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE LAW  
NOTIFICATION OF MEETING**

**PRESENTATION – Police Department Awards**

Council President, Seher read commendations to Officers Gleason, Southrey, Winkle and Galletta for their heroic actions taken on 4/5/14. The Police Chief, David Risley presented the awards to them. Dispatcher Henderson also received one for his duties on 4/5/14. A Life Saving award was given to Det. Lee Gadd for his involvement in an incident 4/22/14 and saved someone from committing suicide.

**PRESENTATION – Assemblyman Chris Brown** – spoke on property taxes and efforts on finding ways to get energy tax relief money back to municipalities. He is asking towns to do resolutions in support of this.

**REPORTS**

**Councilman Ring – Community Affairs** – thanked the cub scouts who are in the audience, who will be receiving a citizen award for attending this meeting tonight. He announced upcoming events in town. The PTA/Green Team movie night was cancelled due to inclement weather so it's rescheduled for 6/27 @ 8 p.m.

**Councilwoman Cain – Public Works** – met earlier today and the 2013 road program began today, that includes, Lisbon Avenue, Morton and Birch Hill. It will take about 4 weeks or so. The plans for the NJ Ave. intersection are about 95% completed and we should receive a start date soon. The tennis courts are going out to bid in July. The 2014 road program is now being surveyed. Thanked the Public Works dept. for the new carpets and upgrades to the restrooms. Explained Res. 127 for a grant application with DOT and 128 – safe routes for the school. Her next meeting is 7/17 @ 3:30 p.m.

**Council President Seher** - asked for a motion to add Res. #130, accepting two volunteer firefighters into the dept.

Motion was made to Councilwoman Cain – second – Councilman Phillips  
All were in favor.

**Jessica Thompson** – explained Res. 128 – it's a grant application similar to 127 that was just explained. It's for pedestrian safety improvements by the school area.

**Councilman Phillips – Parks & Playground** – met on Tuesday night and baseball tournaments are going on. He thanked the Public Works dept. that did work sprucing up the fields. Many compliments were given on them. There will be a meeting on 7/1 to discuss the background checks process. Signage on the fields will be up and he reminded people that use of the fields needs permission, permits and insurance to use them. Lighting at the fields is still being worked on. The concerts start this Sunday. The United Way will start constructing the learning center in Heritage Park tomorrow with help from Atlantic Electric volunteers.

**Councilman Camp – Finance** – met tonight and they met with the building inspector to discuss changing our fees that are charged and bringing them in line with other towns. Hopefully there will be a draft resolution ready by August. Their next meeting will be 7/17 in the conference room @ 6 p.m. He addressed Res. 129 regarding the energy tax that is due back to the city. It would be nice if we could get something back.

**Councilwoman Horton – Economic Development** – next meeting is 7/3 @ 6:30 p.m. Thanked the Police Dept. especially Lt. DeRitis for safely escorting ½ of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to the fire house for the planting of flowers. Thanked Donna Poley for her services and the rest of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and her 3<sup>rd</sup> graders for their work at the Blind Center. Thanked Home Depot, private donors and Community Affairs monies for providing the plants. Thanked the Green Team for more flowerbeds and pavers to the garden at the Marsh School. Thanked Chief Risley for assigning patrol cars to monitor the traffic on Crestview Ave.

**Council President Seher** – thanked Greg Sugden for accepting a position on the Planning Board.

**CFO, Jessica Thompson** – there will be a presentation from JIF at our next finance meeting on 7/17, because we are up for renewal for next year. Mentioned she is looking at a new video camera and still trying to have the meetings aired live.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS - Carie**

Court - \$9,686.50

Tax Collection - \$3,155,382.65

Construction - \$7,361

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Motion to open to the public – Councilman Camp – second – Councilwoman Cain

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close public – Councilman Ring – second – Councilman Phillips

All were in favor.

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

### CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed separately.

- 127 Authorizing the submission of an application for grant funding and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the fiscal year 2014 Transportation Alternatives Program for the Absecon Creek Recreational Pathway.
- 128 Authorizing the submission of an application for grant funding and the execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the fiscal year 2014 Safe Routes to School Program for the Absecon Community School Pedestrian Safety Improvements.
- 129 Calling for the restoration of Energy Taxes to Municipalities.
- 130 Accepting Volunteer Firefighters into the Absecon City Fire Dept.

Motion to approve consent agenda – Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Ring  
ROLL CALL: Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Seher, yes

### APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - \$1,340,333.96

Motion to approve - Councilman Camp – second – Councilman Ring  
ROLL CALL: Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes, except G0041 ; Seher, yes

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 6/5/2014  
Closed Session as to form and content only – 6/5/2014  
Motion to approve - Councilman Phillips – second – Councilwoman Horton  
ROLL CALL: Camp, yes; Horton, yes; Cain, yes; Phillips, yes; Ring, yes; Seher, yes

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Phillips – second – Councilman Ring  
All were in favor.

Respectfully,

Carie Crone, City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_