

1/11/10

Closed session

7:00 p.m.

Present: AJS, Gary Schwartz, Bruce Koch, Eppinger, Krenzel, Almeida, Guindi,
Hutchison, Trenga, Trzeciak, Bouthillette, Benn

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 permits the exclusion of the general public from a meeting of the Governing Body under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River are of the opinion such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex of the State of New Jersey, that the public be excluded upon the hereinafter specified subject matter and that such subject matter to be so discussed is as follows:

Anticipated Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such record of the above discussion will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required.

DATED: JANUARY 11, 2010

/s/ John Trzeciak
Councilmember

/s/ Jim Hutchison
Councilmember

Anticipated Litigation

Water Tank rehabilitation

Mr. Salerno advised there was a problem with the water. The water has an odor similar to paint thinner. Odor is in low section of town. He has spoken to Mr. Koch who advised this has never happened before. Mr. Koch stated that he found out about the problem today and the tank was shut down this afternoon. He has talked to the paint manufacturer. Tank interior has been finished and opened for three to five weeks. Cure test passed. Tank sat empty for there weeks. Mr. Koch said a test will be done tomorrow. If water smells, they will dump tank. Mr. Salerno asked where we would dump the water. Mr. Koch said a fire hose would be used and water would be put in ditch.

Mr. Koch said the tank will be opened tomorrow and will be tested. We cold are dealing with vapors that were in tank. We can flush, vacate it and then put fresh water back in.

Water comes from the wells. Paint manufacturers are baffled. Mr. Koch said that if it is anything, it is curing and there was more than adequate curing period. Water is coming from East Brunswick now. We are off line. Best possible scenario is to drain the tank, air it out, fill it with a little water and test it. Worst case scenario is that the water is contaminated.

Mayor Eppinger stated that the water has been on for three days and there have been no complaints. Mr. Benn asked if there was any possibility problem could be coming from somewhere else. Chief Bouthillette asked if water is safe. Clm. Hutchison stated that people would be sick already. Chief Bouthillette stated that if we can't attribute problem to tank, he will have to investigate if it is a criminal act.

Mr. Salerno stated that we will do hydrant flushing in the next few days as well. We are doing everything that we can as quickly as we can.

Closed session ended at 7:20 p.m. to return to Business Meeting.

Closed session reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

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Personnel

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Councilmember

/s/ Peter Guindi
Councilmember

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Ianetta vs. Borough of South River

Mr. Salerno advised that the case has been settled for \$40,000.

Mayor Eppinger stated that the Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer should be removed from the Code Book as officials of the Borough.

Personnel

Mr. Salerno stated that the attorney for the former Recreation Director has written to him asking for 100 sick days and vacation days. The former employee received \$17,400 leave with pay.

Mr. Salerno advised that there was an incident with a DPW employee regarding a drug problem. The employee came forward voluntarily. He will be sent to the Employee Assistance Program.

Mr. Salerno stated there was a volunteer coach who made a remark about a twelve year old girl to a twelve year old boy. The coach has been barred from coaching. An incident report has been filed. The juvenile's name has been redacted. No criminal charges were filed.

Mr. Salerno said that the DPW employee who recently resigned had five sick days and five vacation days left. He took off and used all of the sick and vacation days. His wife wanted to know why he did not get sick pay.

Mayor Eppinger discussed issues with a former Planning Board member and former OOA director. Mr. Krenzel stressed that Councilmembers be careful when filling out Ethics forms.

Closed session ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia O'Connor, RMC
Borough Clerk

Approved for release at the regular
meeting held on November 5, 2012