

MINUTES OF THE WESTVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2008

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The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Joyce Lovell, at 7:00 p.m.

The "Open Public Meeting Act" notice was read, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Commissioners - Fred Coleman, Virginia Horn, Michael Sautter, Luanna Sills and Stephanie Wilson. Absent was Katie Hurlock.

Guest, Alan R. Hirschfield, P.G. of L & A Environmental Specialties, Inc.

Three members of the public were also in attendance at this meeting - Brian Coleman, Chuck Robbins and Marie Callaghan.

Tina Helder swore in Commissioners Virginia Horn and Michael Sautter for three-year terms respectively - 2008 through 2010.

The minutes of the November and December meetings of the Environmental Commission were reviewed. Corrections were noted and the minutes were changed to reflect Stephanie Wilson and Katie Hurlock as absent. A motion was made by Luanna Sills and seconded by Stephanie Wilson to approve the minutes of the November and December meetings as corrected.; motion carried.

One hazardous discharge notice was received, 11/9/07, regarding Royalty Press, 165 Broadway. Joyce Lovell reported a 55 gallon drum of ink coating material ruptured, causing a spill. They are working to clean this up.

Joyce Lovell reported that while the Alternate Member Ordinance Amendment was approved by Council on November 7, 2007, no one has been approved as yet. Recommendations have been submitted verbally to James Pennington and by e-mail to Tina Helder.

Commissioners Joyce Lovell, Virginia Horn and Luanna Sills attended the ANJEC Leadership Development Course held on December 7th & 8th. It was described as very informative. Virginia Horn compiled a report for commissioners.

Fred Coleman discussed the following components of the Environmental Commission's proposed budget request for 2008:

\$500.00 - camera

\$370.00 - ANJEC Membership (270 + \$60 workshop plan + \$40 for alternates)

\$100.00 - Bird Quest for 2008

Initially the proposed budget request had been for \$1,000. Mr. Coleman was asked to increase the Environmental Commission's proposed budget to \$1,250.00 to include seminars for two representatives. Michael Sautter moved to approve the Commission's proposed budget for 2008 and Stephanie Wilson seconded; motion carried. This proposal is to be forwarded to Councilman, James Pennington.

Joyce Lovell had previously requested Commissioners to submit their recommendations for the best meeting day and time for 2008. The first Wednesday of the month was agreed to be best for everyone. A motion was made by Michael Sautter and seconded by Stephanie Wilson to approve the first Wednesday; motion carried.

The time was also discussed. Virginia Horn moved for the meeting time to be 7:00 p.m. and Luanna Sills seconded; motion carried.

Chairperson, Joyce Lovell asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. A motion was made by Luanna Sills and seconded by Virginia Horn to nominate Stephanie Wilson for this position; motion carried.

For the position of Treasurer, Michael Sautter moved to reappoint Fred Coleman and Stephanie Wilson seconded; motion carried.

The position of Secretary was discussed and it was decided to split the secretarial duties in two - a Corresponding Secretary and Recording. It was noted that the position of Corresponding Secretary has to be filled by a Commissioner. The Recording Secretary's position can be filled by a nonmember. Stephanie Wilson made a motion to nominate Virginia Horn for the position of Corresponding Secretary and Luanna Sills seconded; motion carried.

Nonmember, Marie Callaghan, was asked to fill the role of Recording Secretary. Luanna Sills moved to appoint Marie Callaghan as Recording Secretary and Stephanie Wilson seconded; motion carried.

Authorization to renew ANJEC membership was requested. Fred Coleman made a motion and Michael Sautter seconded to approve the expenditure of \$370.00 for this renewal; motion carried.

Authorization was also requested to sponsor Bird Quest for 2008 in the amount of \$100.00. Fred Coleman made a motion and Stephanie Wilson seconded to approve this request; motion carried.

At this point, Chairperson, Joyce Lovell, introduced guest speaker, Alan R. Hirschfield, P.G. of L & A Environmental Specialties, Inc. to present the data gleaned from monitor wells located near the Boro complex at Crown Point Road, including water quality and the current status of remediation of oil contamination.

The following is a synopsis of Mr. Hirschfield's presentation for these minutes. An in-depth record is on file as this portion of the meeting was taped.

Mr. Hirschfield described the historic background of Westville's ground water contamination problem, and his credentials as a hydro-geologist. He advised that the Boro of Westville hired him as their hydro-specialist in their effort to clean up gasoline leakage from a decommissioned underground storage tank on Boro property. His duties have included installing monitoring wells to determine the breadth of the problem; preparing a work plan and proposal for the remedial system to correct the problem, (this has been submitted to the New Jersey DEP); and, to seek grant money to defray the cost. He explained in detail the remedial vacuum extraction and carbon cleansing system, which has the capacity to vacuum water, aerate soil and check air quality. This system has been designed and is currently being built by Tyree Company at a cost of \$800,000. The Boro bonded for this project, but is hoping to secure grant funds. The remediation system is to operate for a three-year period. At this point, two permits are being sought - a three-year discharge permit and an electrical permit.

Mr. Hirschfield advised the Commissioners that samples from his monitor wells, which are checked usually in March and September, indicate that off-site properties are also contributing to the problem, and he reviewed historic maps showing the location of old service stations. He has submitted these sample

results to Paul Bowers, our contact person at the NJ DEP. Mr. Hirschfield stated that as the Boro's consultant, he is working with the NJ DEP regarding off-site issues and the scope of the Boro's responsibility. Our Project No. at the NJ DEP is 93052815110821. Several questions were raised and Mr. Hirschfield responded to questions from both the Commissioners and public attendees.

Members of the Environmental Commission thanked Mr. Hirschfield for coming.

In other business, Joyce Lovell reported there is one case for the Land Use Board, Metro PCS Variance Request. Information was incomplete and this matter has been rescheduled for next month's agenda.

New Business:

Two items for next month's agenda:

Virginia Horn suggested a discussion by the Commissioners for public "to do" ideas to involve the Environmental Commission with the community.

Stephanie Wilson requested input for the Internet Project.

Michael Sautter advised that Joseph McGinn, Sunoco Refinery's Public Affairs Representative, would like to attend one the Commission's meetings. With the 2008 calendar now set, Mr. McGinn is to be given a list of the Commission's meeting dates and invited when convenient for him.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. Motion made by Michael Sautter and seconded by Stephanie Wilson; motion carried.

Submitted by Marie Callaghan