

METUCHEN PARKING AUTHORITY
JULY 15, 2014 MINUTES

PRESENT:

Commissioners: Leonard Roseman, John DeFoe, Anthony Campisi and Sean Massey
Borough Council Liaison: Jay Muldoon
Chamber Liaison:
Legal Counsel: James Graziano
Executive Director: Thomas Crownover

A motion to suspend the usual order of business was made by Mr. DeFoe, seconded by Mr. Campisi and approved unanimously.

Mike Ciesielka of Nexus discussed the interim parking plan. He reviewed the need for 670 spaces in the event that the entire lot is sacrificed for staging and construction of the deck and apartments. Woodmont has to do the Legion and would begin on the COAH units after the Legion. Shuttle service from several potential sites would be timed to meet the train schedule. Drop off at Pearl and New may be less of an option once the piazza work commences. Mr. Roseman noted giving our customers an option is our goal. Mike felt that dropping off at the bus stop near the station might be desirable. Memorial will be put back on line in a few months providing 30 spaces. Customer counts will be done by Mike to facilitate the shuttle. The train schedule will guide the shuttle schedule. Mr. Campisi asked about a NJ Transit failure. A 12 month lease of shuttle buses may cost \$230,000. On weekends the Halsey lot could be offered to customers. Nexus plans to handle enforcement on interim parking lots. Halsey will become resident parking. Deck construction may take nine months. Construction vehicles can avoid bridges by 287 South to Durham Avenue.

Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. DeFoe moved to return to the usual order of business and was approved unanimously.

MINUTES:

Mr. DeFoe asked to amend the June minutes. Mr. Massey moved the minutes as amended, was seconded by Mr. DeFoe and approved unanimously.

BILLS:

Mr. Massey moved with second by Mr. Campisi to pay the bills as set forth on the requisition. It was approved unanimously. Mr. Crownover noted that Health and P&C insurance premiums were included on this bill list. Mr. Roseman discussed the American Legion payment for 2014 in the amount of \$4,000.00.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The JIF found no insurance issues arising out of 52 Inn place acquisition and demolition.

FINANCIAL REPORTS (Subject to Audit):

Mr. Crownover explained that a corrected Revenue Comparison Report was passed out. Mr. DeFoe expressed his concern for handing of the Woodmont Escrow account. The Director advised that a record of deposits and withdrawals was being kept. Mr. Graziano said that the Commissioners as well as Woodmont were reviewing items prior to payment.

June Income: \$109,979.95; Year to date Income: \$617,330.59.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Crownover said that Art Mohr was installing bike racks on Main Street. A meeting of Mr. Massey, the Director and Mr. Muldoon occurred to view the actual location of the racks. The sidewalk in front of the bakery is appropriate for three racks. Directly across Main Street, the dead space on the asphalt had been targeted for three more racks. Objections to placement on the asphalt lead to reviewing other nearby locations. Placement of additional racks at the train station had been discussed with NJ Transit. The bike lockers at the station could be replaced by racks to accommodate many more customers. They are owned by Transit which might install racks at their expense.

OLD BUSINESS:

In response to Mr. DeFoe's request for written satisfaction of the state auditor, Mr. Crownover advised that he was talking with both Mr. Critelli and Ms. Zawartkay and moving toward satisfying Mr. DeFoe's concern.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Director explained that New Brunswick had 5 full-time meter enforcement people in the \$11.00 to \$19.00 per hour range. A six day operation is expected, 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Mr. Muldoon's suggestion of an agency would not be in accord with state requirement of police supervision noted by Mr. Graziano. Pay By Cell could be implemented upon commencing enforcement on Main Street. Training, supervision and bonding requirements were noted. Mr. Roseman offered his concern about the amount of ticket fines as well as informing business owners of our enforcement efforts.

In regard to 52 Inn Place, Mr. Roseman reviewed engineer, Herits' estimate for resurfacing and how we might work with adjacent parking. A letter will be sent to adjacent property owners. Mr. DeFoe anticipated advising the planning board of our intent to convert the property to a parking lot.

REPORT OF COUNCIL LIASION

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Adjournment was moved by Mr. Massey, seconded by Mr. Campisi and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas Crownover