

## **MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING**

The Meeting held at South Amboy City Hall, 140 North Broadway, South Amboy, New Jersey, was called to order by Council President Connors at 7:00 P.M. The Deputy City Clerk read the Opening Prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Councilman Applegate, Councilwoman Dato, Councilman Gross, Councilwoman Noble and Council President Connors.

ALSO PRESENT: Camille Tooker, Business Administrator, Mark Rasimowicz, City Engineer and John R. Lanza, Director of Law

### **COMMENTS:**

Mayor Fred Henry welcomed the public. He again thanked Jerry Riccardi and JCP&L for their kind donation toward the parade. He further welcomed the Boy Scouts that attended and were getting a chance to see firsthand how city government works. Mayor Henry further commented and pointed out to the public Resolution #43 awarding the contract for the repair of the waterfront walkway and the seawall project. HE stated that is a big deal for South Amboy and the residents. Mayor Henry commented that more than 1.5 million dollars is going to that. He further stated that he hopes it will be done before the fireworks that we are having again this year. Mr. Henry commented on the snow removal in town, he further stated that it is not a perfect science and there have been a couple quick snowfalls that did not give anyone a chance to rid of the stuff from the prior storm. He stated that he went out on the plow during the most recent storm and was out for a couple of hours and he stated that seeing some of the problems first hand that the men run into. He further commended the men for what they do, he stated that it is not an easy job. Mr. Henry said that he feels that the men have done a very good job in South Amboy and he would like to commend them for that.

Councilwoman Noble welcomed the public.

Councilwoman Dato let everyone know about two events coming up. She further stated that both events are free. The first one was the following Saturday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the AOH Hall on Stevens Ave. and it is a YMCA event in which the YMCA will be the topic. She further stated that the "Y" is a "not for profit" organization. Ms. Dato stated that no one is turned away because of money. She further added that it is free and there will be pasta, pizza, salad and wine. Ms. Dato further commented that the South Amboy Chief of Police will be speaking at the event about the recent trip he took and all the YMCA's that he visited along the way. She further stated that Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at the High School Dick Maloney is going to do a performance. She said that Ms. Maloney does a program with music and it is at a great time with our St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Councilman Applegate welcomed the public.

Councilman Gross welcomed the public and he stated that he agrees with the Mayor, wherein Mayor Henry stated that we have great city employees. He further commented that they do a great job and are very dedicated and his hats are off to all of them.

Council President Connors also welcomed the public, especially the Boy Scouts.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ken Feeley, 31 Barkalow St., addressed the snow removal. He directly addressed Mayor Henry with regard to an article in the Suburban. Mr. Feeley stated that in that article Mayor Henry stated that they did a pretty good job with the small town that we are. Mr. Feeley continued by stating that he agrees and that they do as good of a job as they can. He further said that he feels it is still bad. He said his street was pretty damn bad. He further said not just his street but Henry and David. Me. Feeley said that he knows we are getting more snow then what we have had since 1995-1996 but he said that on his street there is a seven foot high wall of snow pushed up onto the cross walk and his neighbors front lawn and left there and then there continues to be more on top of that and more on top of that. He again addressed Mayor Henry and stated that Mr. Henry said in the article that we have enough salt for one more storm, and he further asked Mr. Henry if that was true. Mayor Henry answered and said that at that time it was. Mr. Feeley continued that none was put down on his street, Pupek, Cedar or Stevens. He said that when you have to go outside and push a car then that is pretty bad. Mr. Feeley asked if we also had contractors. Mr. Feeley addressed Mr. Connors about a comment he made a few weeks prior about his cross walk being bad. Mr. Connors commented yes. Mr. Feeley said that he unsure where Mayor Henry saw it was good. Mr. Feeley addressed Mr. Applegate stating that he is their Council Ward and asked him if he has been over there. Mr. Applegate stated he has been over there. Mr. Feeley further asking him his opinion on how bad the streets are. Mr. Applegate said they did the best they could do. Mr. Feeley said he does not understand why the salt was not put down. Mayor Henry said that he is unaware if in fact the salt was or was not put down and that he would have to look into that. Mayor Henry further commented that he could not answer to that at the moment but he further stated that he did drive down the streets in Amboy Gardens and the streets where the cars were not left on the street during the storms, you can certainly get two cars up and down but on the streets where the cars were in the street during the storm well that made it more difficult. Mayor Henry said that everyone has an opinion and he would have to disagree with Mr. Feeley.

Tom Sieg, 403 George Street, asked if anyone was given citations for not cleaning their sidewalks. Camille Tooker answered and stated that there were citations given. Mr. Sieg further addressed the Mayor and Council with a suggestion to do alternate side of the street parking. He further commented that some of the cars have not moved for two weeks and this part of the reason the plowers have a hard time plowing. Mayor Henry stated that it is something that can be looked into.

Jimmy Charmello, 251 First St., stated that he is a city employee. He said that we had a lot of snow and they tried to get everything done the best they could. He stated that people should move their cars out of the street when possible. Mr. Feeley commented from the audience. Mr. Connors told him he was not allowed to do that. Mr. Charmello further commented that he and his co-workers were doing all they could.

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

A Motion by Councilman Gross to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Applegate.

ROLL CALL: Applegate-Yes, Dato-Yes, Noble-Yes, Gross-Yes, Connors-Yes.

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Kathleen Vigilante  
Municipal Clerk