

Work Session
Mayor and Council
September 13, 2012

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Barra who announced that the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act were met by the required posting and notice to publications.

The following individuals answered roll call: Council members Bernstein, LaMonica, McSwiggan, Strauch, White, Wilczynski and Mayor Barra. Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole were also present.

Public Comments

Mr. Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments. There were none.

Agenda Review

Ordinance 12-16 - Sump Pumps

Mayor Barra said the sump pump ordinance will have a public hearing this evening.

Mrs. McSwiggan noted that during the past two weeks, forty voluntary sump pump inspections have been made with four violations discovered. Currently seventy-seven homeowners have called to schedule an inspection.

Mrs. McSwiggan said she was encouraged by the response and that people realize the importance of this issue.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Barra said Myrtle and West Crescent Avenues will be open on Monday, September 17th. The road will be striped on a temporary basis. In the next thirty to forty-five days, milling and paving will be conducted with only intermittent traffic stoppages. The posts are in place for the light, but the light itself may not be finally installed until the first or second week of November. The active portion of this road project has only taken six weeks.

Mr. Barra said the Brookside Avenue bridge project will begin on Tuesday, September 18th at 7 a.m. The road will be closed at that time and the detour will be started. Trees and utility poles will be addressed first, followed by the construction of the bridge itself. The contractor has four hundred days to complete this project but he anticipates finishing much earlier.

Mayor Barra also reported on the National 9/11 flag which was recently on display at Northern Highlands High School. The flag will travel all fifty states and wounded warriors, military veterans, first responders students, and those who lost loved ones on September 11th have been

allowed to place a stitch in the flag. Northern Highlands was the first high school in New Jersey to have the honor of having the flag come to its campus.

When it is complete, the National 9/11 flag will become a part of the permanent collection of the National September 11th Memorial Museum being built at the World Trade Center.

The Council voted unanimously to adjourn to Regular Session at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk