

Work Session
Mayor and Council
May 9, 2013

A Work Session of the Mayor and Council was called to order at 7:38 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 and Mayor Barra. Mrs. Wilczynski arrived at 7:39 p.m. Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Bole were also present.

Public Comments

Mayor Barra opened the meeting to the public for comments.

There were no comments from the public.

Administration

Farmers Market

Mayor Barra stated that Chief Scherb and Municipal Engineer, Mr. Yakimik were present to discuss the Farmers Market.

Chief Scherb said at the last Council meeting he presented a plan concerning a proposed location for the Farmers Market. After concerns were raised about pedestrian safety, he met with Sgt. Griffith, as well as Mr. Yakimik, Municipal Engineer, to discuss the issue further.

It was decided that Sgt. Griffith will be present on the first day the Market is open. On that day he will cross any pedestrians who need assistance and evaluate the success of the location.

Mrs. White asked if there were any devices that would allow the area to be roped off to prevent children and adults from crossing where it isn't safe to do so.

Mr. Yakimik said that saw horses will be used to delineate the area and only a couple of openings will be left for people to enter and exit. Mr. Yakimik and Chief Scherb stated that they want to avoid disrupting the normal traffic flow which could result in K turns and vehicles backing up. They noted that delivery trucks also use this area on Saturday mornings.

Mr. Bernstein said safety is his primary concern and he suggested that it would be preferable to place the market where it is not exposed to traffic on all sides.

Mayor Barra asked that the Police and Chamber discuss moving the market up against the railroad tracks. That would place the market near the metered parking area which is not Borough

owned but it is Borough managed. This location will eliminate traffic along the perimeter of the Farmers Market.

Mr. Bernstein also suggested considering the area where the newspapers are collected because it is a much larger area. He reiterated that safety should be the number one concern.

Mr. Barra said a resolution will be added to the agenda on May 23rd to approve the Farmers Market.

Mr. Bernstein asked for Sgt. Griffith to come before the Council on June 13th, to let the Mayor and Council know if the location of the Farmers Market was successful or if it should be reviewed again.

If there are safety concerns after the first day of the Farmers Market, the Chief or Sgt. Griffith will be in touch with Mr. Bernstein or Mayor Barra before the Council meeting on June 13th.

The Farmers Market will be held for the first time on June 1st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Barra reported that Allendale received \$150,000 as a Department of Transportation grant for the paving of a section of West Allendale Avenue, Ivers Road, Central Avenue and Erie Plaza. He said Allendale has gotten a DOT grant on almost every State road we are qualified for. Mr. Yakimik said this is the second time we have received a grant for Ivers Road.

Allendale has also received a Clean Communities Grant in the amount of \$12,000.

On a motion by Mr. Strauch, seconded by Mrs. White, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn from Work Session at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk