

A work session of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ridgefield was held on May 23, 2011 at the Ridgefield Community Center, 725 Slocum Avenue, Ridgefield, New Jersey

Call to Order: 5:30 P.M

Mayor Suarez stated that this meeting of Ridgefield Mayor and Council is being conducted pursuant to the Open Public meeting Act, Adequate notice of the meeting has been given by publishing notice in the Record, Furthermore, and notice was posted on the Bulletin Board of the Borough of Ridgefield Municipal Building.

Roll Call: Mayor Suarez, Councilmen Castelli, Todd, Vincentz, Severino, Acosta, and Jimenez were present.

A representative from Fire Company # 3 Danilo Barquin would like premisssion to paint the bricks at Fire Company 3. He stated that they sent a letter (letter received 5-11-11), the bricks are beginning to decompose and would like to paint the wall to make it more presentable. They went through the proper procedure and are now asking for the Mayor and Council permission since it's a borough building and Nick Gamberdella denied them. Councilman Vincentz's asked why the superintendent denied them (letter received 5-4-11). Nick Gambardella stated that he didn't deny them, he just didn't want them to tear the bricks down. Also, he believes the bricks have a seal coat already on them that may create a problem for the new paint to adhere to the bricks.

Councilman Severino asked about the calcium decomposition and if it was coming through the bricks? Danilo stated that yes in certain areas there was a water problem. Councilman Severino stated that if they paint the bricks it will be an disaster forever, if there's dampness behind the wall, the paint will eventually blister through. Councilman Severino believes this is a temporary fix not a permanent fix and eventually will have to fix the problem. Chief Kees stated that Lowes Department Stores offers a two tone paint, with a darker bottom and was designed for this type of masonry. Nick Gamberdella agrees with Councilman Severino that the paint will not last, and this is just a temporary improvement.

Nick Gamberdella offered to buy the suppiles but Compnay 3 would be responsible for painting the bricks and maintenance. Company 3 believes they should hire a contractor to help with many improvements that the building is in desperate need of. The fire company is just asking the Mayor and Council for permission and approval to improve the downstairs of their fire company. Mayor Suarez stated that action will be taken during the public session for the paint job to be done on the basement.

Chief Kees stated that the fire house definitely needs a lot more repairs and hiring a sub contactor may be the way to go. Mayor Suarez stated in the future they will have a meeting to discuss further repairs.

Councilman Jimenez discussed the Boroughs website. He stated that a meeting was held with Linda Prina, Joe Silvestri, himself and a new website company called Avenue Nets. Avenue Nets annual maintenance cost is a lot less than the current company. Councilman Jimenez suggested that he speak to the current website regarding prices, there charging us \$3500 a year whereas the new company would charge a \$5,000 installation fee and \$900 for the remainder of the year, so in total we would be saving \$2,600 a year. The current contract expires in June, so Councilman Jimenez would like to have a meeting with a the current company and see if they can prorate their prices.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Prina
Acting Borough Clerk