

September 21, 2022

Mr. Kranz opened the meeting at 7:10 PM with the reading of the Open Public Meeting Law.  
Present: Mr. Kranz, Mr. Klein, Mr. Poandl, Ms. Benson, Mr. Grimm, Lenny Vidal, and Mr. Conahan  
Absent: Mr. Rudawski and Mrs. Dinger  
Late: Mrs. Kleiber

Minutes for July and August have not been approved due to corrections that will need to be made to them.

**Finances:**

Mr. Grimm said that the only bill we might see is for PSE&G for \$3,000.00 right now. He said that we have almost paid off the balance of the PSE&G bill that was \$20,000.00.

Mr. Klein approved August Financials. It was seconded by Mr. Poandl and carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Klein, Ms. Benson, Mr. Kranz, and Mr. Poandl. No's: None. Abstained: None.

**Old Business:**

Slide bid document Mr. Grimm has sent out to be reviewed. Carmen from borough hall gave Mr. Grimm a sample document of a bid for a slide project. He made modifications to the bid document. Has sent it to the Pool Commission to review the document. He has also sent it back to Carmen the purchasing agent with Middlesex Borough.

Mr. Grimm said that he has one quote so far that is World Water Park Association. He said that they have taken care of Walt Disney World slides, and other major water park slides. He said he will be getting another quote from another company as well.

Lenny let Mr. Grimm and the rest of the Pool Commission know that Carmen in Borough Hall, has passed her exam test for purchasing agent. It now increases our going out to bid threshold to \$40,000.00. It was originally at \$17,000.00.

Mrs. Kleiber and Ms. Benson both said that the slide is a large selling point of our pool. Mr. Grimm said that our slide has been grandfathered into our pool. If we were to put in a new slide on our property it would be an inferior slide to the one, we currently have. The new Aquatic slides that are put in have to have a 6 ft drop into the water.

Lenny mentioned that he can reach out to the borough engineers about our slide project.

Mr. Grimm said that he is thinking of having the project broken up into two projects. Where the slide is completed first and the platform is completed later.

**Logo Contest:**

Mrs. Kleiber said that notification sent to entrant, announcement emailed and posted on social media and website that a logo has been selected.

Ms. Benson, Mr. Poandl, and Mrs. Kleiber met on 9/20 with Mr. Regan, MHS Principal, to discuss the HS Art Department's assistance in improving and/or "re-imagining" the selected logo. Mr. Regan is excited to have the Art Club be part of the process. The Art program is currently being formed and has not yet started. Once it starts, the project will be presented. Mr. Regan asked that if the logo is improved to the Commission's liking, that the student(s) be recognized and rewarded. Mr. Regan complimented the Commission on including the Art Department in the project.

Mr. Regan said that where he lives, a lot of people are greatly aware of the pool and think it's a great pool facility for the price. Everyone he knows raves about our pool.

Mrs. Kleiber said that the students should be rewarded in some way at the end of the Logo Contest.

### **New Business:**

Mrs. Kleiber and Ms. Benson would like the minutes for the meeting to be typed and sent out within in a few days to a week of the meeting. They want to be able to correct the minutes prior to the meeting while the meeting is still fresh in their memory.

Lenny Vidal Supervisor of DPW, said that he was able to remove 2 out of the 4 telephone poles that are around the lap pool area. He said that the other two poles he cannot remove due to being own by PSE&G. He said that he has been on the phone calling them twice a week to be able to get them to come out and remove the poles.

Lenny was able to get a quote on fencing in the property next to the pool from National Fence Company. Their quote came in as \$14,000.00 to move our existing fencing and install new fence poles. He said that he can get a few more quotes from other fencing companies if needed.

Mr. Kranz said after thinking about the fencing in the property next to the lap pool he realized it might not get used as much by the pool. He would rather leave it as is. He said the space gets used for the baseball games when they need a warm-up area, the football games sometimes need the area as well. The fire department parks there when we have fireworks. He would rather leave it open to the public to be able to use it and when needed we can let the DPW know we need the area. He said that there are other projects currently that need to be completed.

Ms. Benson said that the pool has spent a huge amount of time on seeing if we can acquire the property next to the lap pool. The pool does not even own the property, the borough owns it. She said that we have spent so much time trying to obtain the property and now we do not want to fence it in to use it.

Mrs. Kleiber thought that if that property was going to be fenced in yoga could use it to have classes there.

Mr. Kranz said that yoga had use of any part of the property they would have liked to use. He said that he knew that the times of the classes changed due to the enrollment.

Mr. Kranz mentioned that he would like to start planning events for next year at the pool. It was mentioned that if anyone who wanted to volunteer might need a background check and fingerprinted.

Mr. Kranz said that he thought if anyone who is on the pool property is covered by the insurance.

It was asked about how many employees is needed to have a family night at the pool.

Mr. Grimm said that he would need 4 lifeguards, 1 snack bar employee, and 1 front desk employee. If we do not make enough money off the night, then we will be paying more.

Mr. Poandl asked about the security on the website for membership.

Mr. Kranz said that he has been in contact with the company. He said that there have been some changes within the company. He said that they will be working on the security.

### **Publicity:**

*Our goal should always be to have our members and the community think of the property not just as "the pool." Publicity, like safety, is always a moving target. We should always be looking for new opportunities to publicize the Pool.*

End of Season Pool website and all social media updated. A Facebook event was created for the last day of the pool. A countdown clock was created on the website for the last day of the pool. The Member thank you posted on Borough digital sign. A news item was created on the Pool website, which also appears on the Borough's website and social media.

### **About Our Town/OurTown Press:** Season wrap-up:

- Members thank you
- Store your membership cards for the Winter
- Logo contest update
- Congratulations to Aqualytes 50<sup>th</sup> year
- Thank you to Rockstar Studios for a great kick-off yoga season 2022
- Thank you to Judith for another successful Aqua Zumba season
- Rescue Squad Pool Visit
- second year that the Pool hosted the NJSDC Swimming Conferences Championships
- Keep an eye out for our 2022 Member Survey!

Member Survey 2022 : Two new questions were added to the survey. One question was asking are you're a resident of Middlesex borough. Second question is: What best describes your level of satisfaction with our communication?

Squad Locker Store One order has been placed in March 2022.

### **Mr. Grimm:**

Mr. Grimm handed out the End of The Year Report. He thanked Lenny for the help he has provided us this year down at the pool.

### **Liaison:**

Mr. Conahan our Council liaison informed us that Lenny had taken down the telephone poles on the softball field side of the pool, and that the batting cage was removed as well from the area.

Mr. Conahan said that he had a meeting with Joe who is our temporary Business Administrator and Caroline Benson about the pool's expenses. Caroline had gone over the last 8 years of expenses. He said that in the past the pool was paying the borough \$25,000.00 a year for administrative expenses. Caroline totaled up her hours she works on the pool items, and it come out to be \$5,000.00. It was discussed that the pool will pay \$2,500.00 a year for the administrative hours she spends on the pool. He said that the interest that was being taken out of your account to cover the hours of work that was being done will no longer be taken out. There will be a resolution created regarding borough administrative work. It will be paid out in July when our bond payment is made.

It was asked what Caroline does for the pool down at borough hall.

Mr. Grimm said that she takes care of our pay roll, purchase orders, deposits.

The gate at the end of Market Street will be open during the school year. It will be closed during the summer.

Mr. Conahan said that they are still looking for a new Borough Administrator. They will be putting out a new job post come January. The borough is working on having vendors on retainer with the borough.

Mr. Klein mentioned to Mr. Grimm at the meeting since the snack bar roof needs to be repaired that instead of fixing the roof, why doesn't the pool investigate putting solar panels up instead. They do not need to be attached to the roof of the snack bar. They can be wired right into our electric and we can make money off the solar panels.

Lenny said that he has full support for the pool, he is willing to help with any needs of the pool, if there are any signs that need to be created, he is more than happy to make them.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Poandl pointed out that Recreation is having a cornhole tournament

Mrs. Kleiber mentioned that she has been posting more community-based content on Pool social media, i.e., National Policewomen's Day, etc.

**Executive Session:**

None.

Mr. Kranz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. It was seconded by Mr. Poandl, and all were in favor. Next meeting will be held at the Middlesex Public Library Community Room at 7:00 pm on October 19, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

By Secretary, Katie Young