

**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bruno called the Executive Session to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present - Mr. Delia, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Kingsley, Mr. Pastore, Mr. Pirone, Mr. Woodruff, and Mayor Bruno were present.

Absent – None

Also Present – Township Administrator Amey Upchurch, Township Attorney Thomas Scrivo, and Acting Township Clerk Ana Minkoff

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 1. Contract Negotiations – Lone Pine Traffic Light
2. Contract Negotiations- YMCA Land Lease
3. Contractual Negotiations- Little Flower Church**

Little Flower Church – Also present James Ramentol and Anthony Iovino

Kevin Hall stated that Mike Mistretta will be involved in this project and that Paul Beisser is doing an assessment of the property.

Jim Ramentol stated that he will be developing a study for the township and that Little Flower has already done an assessment. He stated that he has met with (6) Department Heads and he spoke with Tom Barton on the phone.

Mr. Iovino discussed the draft document and stated the report should be logical and that the needs of the Departments should be addressed. There are interview notes and analyzed data.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the space at Little Flower and the best way to utilize it for the various Departments. The Police Department has code requirements.

It was agreed that on the 19th there would be another presentation.

Mr. Hall stated that by mid February we should have an idea of the pricing.

Contract Negotiations- YMCA Land Lease

Mr. Hall stated that the YMCA has a problem with the yearly increases.

Mayor Bruno stated that they met with them, and that they want an increase every 10 years.

Mr. Hall stated that they will offer some free programs to the residents of Berkeley Heights.

Contract Negotiations – Lone Pine Traffic Lights

Mr. Hall stated that he would recommend the plan that Mike Mistretta has presented with the large bump out.

Mr. Woodruff asked why they would take land away from the Mae's.

Mayor Bruno stated that CVS wants to get things moving. He stated that he met with Benham and he was told they we would add curbing.

Mr. Pastore stated that he does not agree with giving that much land to CVS.

Mr. Woodruff stated that he is concerned about the tanks being dangerous, and we may be liable if we ignore it.

Mr. Hall stated that the options are to do the bump our or shut down Benham's.

Mayor Bruno stated that he thinks a dangerous condition exists there.

Mr. Hall stated that we need an action plan, that an answer is needed from the attorney, as to whether the tanks are grandfathered.

Mr. Scrivo stated that he believes that they can probably continue.

Mrs. Kingsley stated that they should build the road straight and curb the street.

All agreed to do that except for Mr. Delia, who did not vote.

Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.