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**MINUTES OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bruno called the Executive Session to order at 7:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent – Mr. Pastore and Mr. Pirone

Also Present – Township Administrator Linda Cavanaugh, Township Attorney Joseph Sordillo, and Deputy Clerk Linda Santillo

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 1. Attorney-Client Privilege/Litigation – Carol Matula v. Berkeley Heights

2. Land Acquisition – Vacant Land from Cinnamon Ridge Association

Carol Matula v. Berkeley Heights

Joseph Sordillo gave an update on case of Carol Matula v. Berkeley Heights. She has appealed the Judge's decision. Depending on Appellate decision we may be able to go for "F frivolous Litigation". It will take a few months to get briefing schedule. No injunctive relief. Township can move forward with Little Flower.

Mr. Hall spoke to Father Andy and said the ball is in their court.

Mr. Woodruff asked Mr. Hall if he had any feel on them.

Mr. Hall said Father Andy is interested but must speak to Monsignor Harms. No feeling on their Finance Committee. Election could change Council maybe different ideas in mind.

Mr. Woodruff asked what is the time frame for the Township?

Mr. Hall recommended to Father Andy that a Memorandum of Understanding should be drawn up. He suggested we should have some kind of a commitment by Thanksgiving. We also need to discuss what to do with Town Hall. Press Little Flower to do something. We can start with a redevelopment plan and continue to discuss with Michael Mistretta.

Mr. Woodruff asked when the meeting with Michael Mistreat is scheduled for.

Mr. Hall responded September 20th.

Mrs. Kingsley added we need to push Little Flower. We need to get a Finance Council representative to push Monsignor Harms.

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Vacant Land from Cinnamon Ridge Association

Mayor Bruno said Cinnamon Ridge vacant land has already been discussed previously. He gave the Council an update. Said they are five pieces of garbage land. We lose \$14,000 in taxes a year but must maintain the property.

Linda Cavanaugh pointed out that at some point they had to offer the land to the Township, if not the Condo Association. All property is undevelopable.

A discussion continued among the Mayor and Township Council.

Mr. Woodruff asked if their last proposal was different.

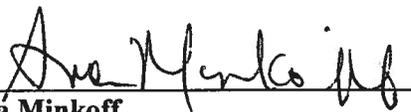
Mayor Bruno responded “no”.

The Council declined the proposed property deal.

Joseph Sordillo said if the property can’t be developed anyway it is of no use.

Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Approved: December 3, 2013



Ana Minkoff
Township Clerk