

**MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
October 7, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Kurpis, Council Members: Acaster (via teleconference) Gray (via teleconference), Jensen, Salazer, Schulstad, Borough Administrator Shenkler, Municipal Clerk Convertini, Borough Attorney Huntington  
**ABSENT:** Council Member Kerner

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**PRESIDING:** Mayor Kurpis called the meeting to order at 9:30 am; Borough Clerk Convertini read the following statement:

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** "Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the laws of 1975, has been given by posting a notice of this meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Saddle River on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and in the office of the Borough Clerk and by emailing notice thereof to the Herald News and The Record on September 30, 2016, also on the Borough website."

**NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**WORK SESSION:**

**MAYOR KURPIS:**

It was decided that the Mayor and Council would hold an Open to the Public at this time.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Irene Feldsott, 74 Stony Ridge Road spoke on behalf of the Board of Education. She stated that she had some concerns about the current COAH matter, specifically the location of the proposed housing. She further stated that she was not notified by the School Board liaison, Council Member Schulstad, of this matter and she feels that she has a fiduciary responsibility to Wandell School and the students.

Mayor Kurpis stated that he was advised by the Borough Attorney that much of the conversation around COAH matters must take place in Executive Session.

Council Member Schulstad reiterated that he was not permitted to discuss this matter and asked Ms. Feldsott where she obtained her information. Ms. Feldsott stated that Council Member Kerner sent an email regarding this matter. She reiterated that the Board of Education is concerned about the location of COAH housing and she would like to insure that the Mayor and Council remain transparent when dealing with Wandell School.

John Lasalandra, Board of Education stated that he would like to create dialogue with the Board of Education liaison to insure that the relationship remains amicable.

Council Member Schulstad stated that the Board of Education often speaks directly with Mayor Kurpis and he referenced the Cupola. Ms. Feldsott stated that the Board of Education has nothing to do with the Cupola.

Ms. Feldsott invited the Mayor and Council to the Wandell School 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on November 5, 2016.

Glen Rushton, 66 Woodcliff Lake Road stated that he is concerned about the proposed location COAH near the school.

Marilyn Goldfischer, 124 West Saddle River Road stated that the Mayor and Council is not permitted to discuss COAH matters.

Joe Russell, Cameron Road reiterated that confidentially was pierced in March of 2016 when Council Member Kerner sent an email regarding this matter.

Council President Jensen stated that the COAH matter is quite sensitive and was not in agreement that Council Member Kerner pierced any confidentiality as the document sent out was not confidential in nature. He further stated that she was acting in a transparent manner, which is what the Board of Education is asking for. He further stated that Council Member Schulstad did nothing wrong, as all of the information the Board of Education is requesting is part of a negotiation that is confidential. Attorney Huntington was in agreement.

Mayor Kurpis asked Attorney Huntington how to be more transparent with the Board of Education and he stated that the Board of Education members can only learn of COAH updates when they are made public.

Ms. Feldsott stated that the Board of Education will not be responsible for the Mayor and Council's actions moving forward.

### **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

At this time, a resolution was read to go into Closed Session.

**Resolution # 160-16** Offered by Council President Jensen  
Second by Council Member Schulstad  
**Roll Call Vote:** AYES: Unanimous

### **Funding the Cupola**

Mayor Kurpis stated that he would like the funding for the Cupola to be part of the 2017 Budget. Council President Jensen stated that he does not believe that there is an appropriate way for the Borough to give money to the Home and School Association at the Wandell School as they are a non-profit organization. Attorney Huntington stated that he would like to investigate this further. It was decided that the Borough Auditor would be consulted on this matter.

### **Consolidation of the Wildlife Management Committee and the Environmental Commission**

Mayor Kurpis stated that he would like Council Member Schulstad to act as the liaison for the Environmental Commission for the remainder of 2016. All were in agreement.

### **Mayor/Realtor Summit**

Mayor Kurpis stated that he is conducting this fact finding meeting with local realtors in order to obtain information regarding the housing market in Saddle River. The meeting will take place on Friday, October 21, 2016 at 10:00 am.

### **Potential Water Leasing**

Mayor Kurpis stated that he has met with Borough Engineer Spence to address this matter. Suez Water has been contacted and they are in need of additional information, in order to determine if this would be a profitable endeavor for the Borough.

Mayor Kurpis excused himself to attend another meeting at this time.

Council President Jensen presided over the meeting at this time.

Borough Clerk Convertini addressed the Best Practice Inventory and asked specifically about the Tax Appeals and a draft resolution to establish a written policy requiring the Tax Assessor to notify the CFO and the Mayor and Council of all appeals upon filing, but no later than June 1.

### **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR**

#### **Website Update**

Administrator Shenkler stated that he is currently working with GovOffice on the revisions to the home page. He will give a more detailed update at the October 17, 2016 meeting of the Mayor and Council.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini  
Municipal Clerk