

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

PRESENT: Mayor Raia, Council President Walenczyk, Council Members: Boardman, Mastriano, Mutter, Toomey, Borough Clerk Macari, Administrator Cuccia, Attorney Russell Huntington

ABSENT: Council Member Murray

PRESIDING: Mayor Raia called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.; Borough Clerk Macari 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 the scheduled dates of all regular meetings 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 a notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on December 23, 2011.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:

WORK SESSION:

MAYOR RAIA

Northwest Bergen Mayor's Meeting: Mayor Raia stated that he attended this meeting on February 11, 2012 and a representative from Orange and Rockland Utilities reported on the snow storm in October and the devastation that occurred throughout the county. A new program has been instituted so that, in the event of widespread power outages, the restoration efforts can be tracked on line.

Exxon Property: Mayor Raia stated that he would like to replicate in bronze, the historic doctor's carriage currently at the Saddle River Museum with the addition of a bronze statue of a doctor carrying a doctor's bag. This carriage was built at the Packer Foundry, which was on the Saddle River Hardware property, adjacent to the Exxon property. He further stated that he would like to see the property leveled out, with a seating area, in a park-like setting that would ultimately connect by a walking path to Rindlaub Park. Fundraising efforts would have to be established for a project of this nature.

Municipal Building Committee: Mayor Raia stated that he has met with the committee and a proposed plan is being worked on. He further stated that work on the architectural renderings should move forward and the presentation of this project to the public should be determined as the current municipal building is not adequate to meet the Borough's needs.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA:

Bond Ordinances: Administrator Cuccia explained both bond ordinances to be introduced later in the meeting; improvements to the Wandell School ball fields and bank stabilization and channel clearing for the Saddle River.

Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency: Administrator Cuccia stated that the affordable housing program will now be administered by New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency and there is a resolution authorizing this action in the Consent Agenda.

2012 Budget Introduction: Administrator Cuccia stated that he has met with Council President Walenczyk to discuss the Budget Introduction and has also been in touch with Council Member Murray who is out of town to address same. He explained the statutory budget process at this time and stressed that the Borough of Saddle River is in compliance with the 2% cap for 2012. He presented the details of the 2012 Budget in a Power Point presentation at this time. Borough Engineer Spence addressed necessary road repairs at this time and Mayor Raia stated he would like to see all of the Borough's roads fully addressed within a four year time frame.

Council President Walenczyk asked about the JIF assessment and the workers compensation calculations reflected in the budget and Administrator Cuccia discussed this in detail at this time. Increases in police salaries, DPW expenditures, lawn maintenance on Borough property and debt service was also addressed at this time.

Mayor Raia encouraged all Council Members to review the 2012 Budget in order to insure that all were in agreement prior to adoption in March.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Walenczyk provided an update on the Open Space Trust Fund Program for the purchase of the Marker property. He further stated that he attended a hearing on January 30, 2012 regarding this property and it was attended by many people who were in opposition to the project as they felt the Borough was knocking down a historic home to install a parking lot; he clarified the misconceptions for those in attendance. Mayor Raia stated that this improvement for Rindlaub Park is imperative as it is a safety concern with the increased amount of usage and traffic.

Council President Walenczyk stated that he and Administrator Cuccia met with Upper Saddle River Administrator Ted Preusch and Council Member Vincent Durante regarding the Saddle River Valley Rescue Squad. Currently, the only calls the squad responds to are in Saddle River and Upper Saddle River is funding much of this cost. Mayor Raia stated that the Borough of Saddle River has satisfied their emergency services requirements using Borough equipment and Council President Walenczyk suggested that a press release be published in order to insure that

all residents are accurately informed on this issue, should there be any changes in the current arrangement.

Council Member Mutter stated that the FEMA Grant for the Borough has been rejected and it will be re-written upon receipt of the report to follow.

Council Member Boardman stated that the Environmental Commission met on January 23, 2012 and addressed the Tree City designation in conjunction with the Borough tree ordinance amendment, and the problem with noise pollution in the Borough.

Council Member Mastriano stated that she met with members of the Fire Department 100th Year Anniversary Committee to discuss the celebration planned for May 19, 2012, from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. There will be food and entertainment throughout the celebration and fire companies from many neighboring communities are expected to attend.

She further stated that she does not feel it would benefit Saddle River to share a school superintendent with another municipality.

Council Member Toomey stated that the ordinance review committee met in January and has a list of ordinances to be addressed. The major issues to be addressed are the ordinances addressing schools and churches, the tree ordinance and the installation of alternative energy devices, i.e. solar panels. Recommendations will be brought to the council by the spring for further consideration and he stressed the importance of public awareness on these ordinance changes.

He further stated that the Saddle River Museum committee is looking forward to the restoration work, which has been approved and funded, to commence. Additionally, he inquired about the non-profit status and Attorney Huntington stated that he would obtain the necessary forms and begin the process.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Attorney Huntington discussed a tax overpayment to be refunded to Mr. Sahai and the Council was in agreement that this payment should be expedited.

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

Municipal Clerk Macari, stated that Petitions to run for Council and County Committee positions are due April 2, 2012 in her office in order to be eligible to run in the Primary Election June 5, 2012.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

Ord. No. 12-861-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2012 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$100,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS

Resolution # 39-12 Introduced by Council President Walenczyk
Second by Council Member Mutter

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one from the public wished to be heard.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Ord. No. 12-862-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR RENOVATIONS TOTHE SADDLE RIVER MUSEUM IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$150,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Resolution# 40-12 Introduced by Council President Walenczyk.
Second by Council Member Toomey

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

ORDINANCE No. 12-863-M

CAP INDEX RATE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER

Resolution# 41-02 Offered by Council President Walenczyk
Second by Council Member Mutter

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution# 42-12 Offered by Council President Walenczyk
Second by Council Member Mastriano
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 12-864-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE CHANNEL CLEARING AND BANK STABILIZATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ALONG THE SADDLE RIVER IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS .

Resolution# 43-12 Introduced by Council Member Boardman
Second by Council Member Mutter
Roll Call Vote: AYS, Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 12-865-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WANDELL SCHOOL BALLFIELD IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE A COUNTY GRANT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS .

Resolution# 44-12 Introduced by Council Member Mastriano
Second by Council Member Boardman
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 45-12 Offered by Council President Walenczyk
Seconded by Council Member Mutter
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RESOLUTIONS

All matters listed hereunder are considered routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any Council Member may request that an item be removed for separate consideration. Considering approval of minutes, a yes vote will indicate a vote in favor of approval of the minutes of each meeting at which the Council Member was present and abstention with respect to the minutes of meetings at which such Council Member was not present.

Resolution Offered by Council President Walenczyk

Seconded by Council Member Mastriano

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Unanimous

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

At this time, Administrator Cuccia briefly explained the resolutions on the Consent Agenda, removing the Towers List and adding the Approval of Local 108 Contract.

A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of 1/16/12

B. Resolutions:

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| R# 46-12 | Authorization for Charles S. Cuccia to enter into an agreement between the NJ Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency to serve as administrative agent for S. R. Affordable Housing |
| R# 47-12 | Soil Movement for Blk 2102 Lot 15 |
| R# 48-12 | Extension of Garbage contract |
| R# 49-12 | Authorization between Tyco Animal Control Services |
| R# 50-12 | Tax Refund Rooney Sahai |

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: No one wished to be heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: There was no report at this time.

Fire Report: Council President Walenczyk gave the report for January 2012.

Police Report: Council Member Mutter gave the report for January 2012.

Planning Board: Council President Walenczyk gave the report for February 2012.

Public Works: Council Member Walenczyk gave the report for January 2012.

Board of Health: There was no report at this time.

Const. & Zoning Enforcemnt. Council Member Boardman gave the report for January 2012.

Zoning Board: Council Member Toomey gave the report for January 2012.

Landmarks Committee: Council Member Toomey gave the report for January 2012.

Environmental Committee: There was no report at this time.

Parks and Recreation: Council Member Mastriano read a letter from a resident commending the upkeep of Rindlaub Park.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court discussed dates that she would like the DARE banner to remain displayed on the Police Complex property.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Elena Macari
Borough Clerk