

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD JANUARY 16, 2012**

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

ABSENT:

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: Susan Zabransky, 59 Mill Glen Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ discussed the Susan Zabransky Hughes Memorial Run to be held in both Saddle River and Upper Saddle River on April 28, 2012. The 5K run will benefit Susan's Suite, a dedicated treatment area for cancer patients in the Emergency Trauma Department at Hackensack University Medical Center. Mrs. Zabransky asked the Mayor and Council for their support in this endeavor which they happily granted.

A motion to authorize and support the Susan Zabransky Hughes Memorial Run was offered by Council President Walenczyk and seconded by Council Member Mastriano.

Roll Call: AYES, Unanimous

WORK SESSION:

MAYOR RAIA

Municipal Building: Mayor Raia stated that the work will continue on the proposed plans for the renovation to the Municipal Building. Additionally, Mayor Raia will be meeting with Boswell Engineering to discuss the Exxon property.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA

Local 108: Administrator Cuccia stated that he would like to continue discussion on this in Closed Session.

Bond Ordinances: Administrator Cuccia stated that the first bond ordinance to be introduced is for road repairs and resurfacing and Borough Engineer Martin Spence determines which roads require this work. Mr. Spence stated that the list of roads will be finalized in early spring, with paving being done in the summer. Mayor Raia stated that the Borough should consider using a four year plan for road improvements in the Borough.

The second bond ordinance to be introduced in the amount of \$150,000 is for exterior and interior renovations to the Saddle River Museum. Mr. Spence reviewed specific items to be addressed and associated costs and explained this in detail.

2012 Budget: Administrator Cuccia stated that the budget is being prepared and the Finance Committee will have to meet in February to review this.

Museum Sign: A proposed rendition of a sign for the Saddle River Museum was distributed to the Mayor and Council for their review and approval. Mayor Raia suggested that the sign be put on hold until the proposed renovations to the property are completed.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Toomey stated that the Ordinance Review Committee will meet on January 19, 2012 to continue their work on ordinance amendments. Mayor Raia suggested that the committee review the ordinance dictating houses of worship.

Council Member Mastriano stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission has not met but will discuss the snack shack and other park related issues when they re-convene. There is a vacancy on the Commission and Mayor Raia encouraged pursuing new members.

Council Member Mastriano stated that she attended a Wandell School Board meeting regarding the replacement of the Superintendent; a consultant has been hired and the process is underway.

Council Member Mastriano stated that planning for the Summer Concert Series should begin shortly as it takes time to plan and secure entertainment.

The Green Committee would like to have the green house dedicated and for it to begin to be utilized as soon as possible.

Council Member Boardman stated that the Environmental Commission did not meet in December.

Council Member Murray stated that the financial report is not available and work continues on the 2012 budget.

Council President Walenczyk stated that the Annual Fire Department Dinner was well attended and very successful. He further stated that this is the Fire Department's 100th Anniversary and the Borough should consider a celebration in Rindlaub Park, perhaps sometime in May.

He further stated that a resident has requested permission to use the Bishop House Barn for her furniture business and asked the Mayor and Council for feedback. Borough Attorney Huntington stated that he would review this but probably would not encourage this type of an arrangement in the Borough.

Council President Walenczyk further stated that the Planning Board held their Reorganization Meeting on January 3, 2012 and he discussed the three applications addressed at the meeting. Mayor Raia commended the Planning Board on their dealing with a specific application.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution # 28-12 Offered by Council President Walenczyk
Seconded by Council President Mutter
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Unanimous

A motion to adjourn the Closed Session and return to the Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council was made and seconded.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

INTRODUCTION 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 # 29-12 Introduced by Council President Walenczyk
Seconded by Council Member Boardman
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Ord. No. 12-862-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR RENOVATIONS TO THE 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# 30-12 Introduced by Council President Walenczyk.

Seconded by Council Member Toomey

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 31-12 Offered by Council Member Murray

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 12/19/11 & Reorganization Meeting of 1/1/12

B. Resolution(s)

R# 32-12 Authorization for Mayor to execute an agreement between the Borough of Saddle River and West Bergen Mental Healthcare for Voluntary Municipal Allocation and Employee Assistance Program

R# 33-12 Refund for overpayment of taxes

R# 34-12 Authorize issuance of Refund for redemption of three Tax Sale Certificates

- R# 35-12 Authorize refund for overpayment of taxes Blk 2003 Lot 16**
- R# 36-12 Soil movement Blk. 1403 Lot 28**
- R# 37-12 Appointment to full time Communication Officer Kevin Azevedo
Towers List**
- R# 38-12 Execute Local 108 Contract**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Council Member Murray gave the report for December 2011.

Fire Report: There was no report at this time.

Police Report: Council Member Mutter gave the report for December 2011.

Planning Board: Council President Walenczyk gave the report for December 2011.

Public Works: Council Member Walenczyk gave the report for December 2011.

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

Const. & Zoning Enforcemnt. Council Member Boardman gave the report for December 2011.

Zoning Board: There was no report at this time.

Landmarks Committee: There was no report at this time.

Environmental Committee: There was no report at this time.

Parks and Recreation: There was no report at this time.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Rick Savino, past President Allendale Ambulance Corps stated that he asked Administrator Cuccia to follow-up on funding from 2011. Administrator Cuccia stated that it has been approved and is being processed.

Marilyn Goldfisher, 124 West Saddle River Road, Saddle River inquired about the Exxon property and whether or not material was being brought in or removed. Mayor Raia stated that he is concerned about existing material on the site. Mrs. Goldfisher also inquired about the Saddle River dredging project, specifically about stabilizing the banks.

Mr. Spence addressed this issue and explained that The Commons has received funding and permits to stabilize the banks to prevent further erosion from occurring.

Mrs. Goldfisher also addressed the flow of the river, stating that debris is a constant problem when the water level rises.

Mrs. Goldfisher also commented about the truck traffic on West Saddle River Road and branches that impede vision, causing very dangerous conditions. Mr. Spence stated that he would look into the situation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Elena Macari
Borough Clerk