

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

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

**ABSENT:**

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**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, and also via E-Notify.

**NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:** At this time, Mayor Raia read a Proclamation reaffirming the objective and commitment of the Saddle River Green Team.

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Resolution # 100-12** Offered by Council Member Mastriano  
Second by Council Member Mutter  
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Unanimous

**WORK SESSION:**

**MAYOR RAIA**

Mayor Raia stated that there have not been any Northwest Bergen Mayors or Bergen County Mayors meetings this summer.

Mayor Raia stated that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council scheduled for August 20, 2012 will be cancelled.

## **ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA:**

**Open Space Grant:** Administrative Cuccia stated that County is anticipating granting \$1,115,303.00 to the Borough of Saddle River to fund the purchase of the Marker property on East Saddle River Road. The County requires additional information, which is currently being processed by Borough Attorney Huntington and Borough Engineer Martin Spence.

**Field House Renovations:** A design for the field house renovation at Rinlaub Park was distributed and Borough Engineer Martin Spence explained this project in detail. The initial rough estimate for the project surprised everyone at \$270,000. Mr. Spence further explained that there is an opportunity to apply for another portion of an Open Space grant in the amount of \$30,000 for a total of \$60,000 and we must match dollars. Mayor Raia was hoping to match grant money dollar for dollar for the complete project cost. When the final design and adjusted budget is firmed up, an ordinance will be drafted including the Chapter 20 expenses. Mayor Raia, concerned about the safety of the children and adults, stated that he wants to ensure that this project will include a place for 80-100 people to seek shelter in the event of a thunder storm as well as update the building and bathroom facilities. The current woman's bathroom is certainly inadequate. Council Member Mastriano thought that there might be bathroom/handicap access grant funds available in addition, to help reduce the Borough's expense. The Mayor further stated that the project and reduced design costs will be evaluated very carefully prior to moving forward.

Borough Engineer Spence gave an engineering update at this time: The Saddle River channel clearing is in progress, working north of East Saddle River Road. Sediment is being removed and should continue into the fall. The Saddle River Museum renovation is in the design phase and plans should be ready for the Mayor and Council to review at the September meeting. The use of synthetic materials with a historical design is being considered to minimize long term maintenance. A fire suppression system will also be considered for the Museum.

The following engineering-related issues were also addressed:

- The Wandell School ball field improvements are underway and progressing on schedule.
- The Saddle River Grand town home development is underway and progressing on schedule.
- The West Saddle River Road culvert has been approved for completion by the County.
- The East Allendale Road milling and re-surfacing will commence next week with the police coverage and time of work to be determined.
- The Lower Cross Road bridge replacement, which is also a County project, is on hold until some details can be resolved.
- The tree survey is underway, involving notifying residents that have dead or hazardous trees on their property.

**HMFA – 1 Perrin Place:** Administrator Cuccia stated that the sale of this property by the Borough in order to avoid it going into foreclosure has been postponed at this time.

**Audit of Health Department:** Administrator Cuccia stated that the Mayor and Council are in receipt of this audit for review.

**COAH Refund:** Administrator Cuccia stated that the Mayor and Council are in receipt of this information regarding two COAH refunds; the resolution will be considered for adoption later in the meeting.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council President Walencyk gave the Fire Department report at this time. He further stated that he compared these reports over a two year period and determined that there is a significant increase in the Fire Department's response to EMS calls.

He further stated that he attended a Public Safety meeting on June 26, 2012 and the discussion of changing the color of the Fire Department turn out gear was addressed. Mayor Raia stated that he was not in favor of this; the Council was in agreement.

Council Member Mutter addressed the grant application being submitted for a fire truck and stated that it was modified to be presented with "in kind" spending. The total amount is \$750,000.

Council Member Murray stated that the financial report for the month of June is in good order.

Council Member Boardman stated that the Environmental Commission addressed the tree survey project and distributed a copy of the letter that was sent to residents that have dead or hazardous trees on their property. He further stated that the Tree City designation in conjunction with the tree ordinance amendment was also addressed.

Council Member Mastriano stated that the ability of the Borough to purchase the Marker property through an Open Space grant is a tremendous asset to the Borough and it will greatly enhance the entrance to Rindlaub Park.

She further stated that the Summer Concert Series has been very successful thus far, with the Cameos performing on July 19, 2012. She would like to see the Motones added for an additional concert, perhaps in September. Mayor Raia stated that he would like to explore holding a movie night in Rindlaub Park as well.

Council Member Mastriano addressed the installation of a digital sign in the front of Wandell School; she is meeting with a contractor to explore design ideas.

Council Member Toomey stated that the Ordinance Review Committee has made significant progress with the tree preservation ordinance, with a draft agreed upon by the Environmental Commission, the Borough Landscape Architect and the Borough Planner. It will be ready for further consideration in the fall, when the Environmental Commission meetings reconvene.

An ordinance for schools and churches is being reviewed in conjunction with the Master Plan by Borough Planner Richard Preiss.

Mayor Raia commended the Ordinance Review Committee, Chaired by Council Member Toomey, for their diligent work on the ordinance amendments.

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:**

Mayor Raia stated that there are two Board appointments in the Consent Agenda; Jerry DeCrosta to be appointed to the Planning Board to fill an unexpired term and Jack LaViano to be appointed to the Landmarks Commission to fill an unexpired term.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY:**

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S):** There were none.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):** There were none.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Resolution # 101-12**

Introduced Council Member Murray  
Seconded by Council President Walenczyk  
**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 Introduced by Council President Walenczyk  
Second by Council Member Mastriano

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

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous except R# 102-12  
ABSTAIN, Council Member Mutter on R# 102-12 only**

**Explanation of Consent Agenda Items**

At this time, Administrator Cuccia briefly explained the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of 6/18/12
- B. Resolutions:**

<b>R# 102-12</b>	<b>Soil movement Blk. 1801 Lot 7.01</b>
<b>R# 103-12</b>	<b>Planning Board Appointment Jerry DeCrosta</b>
<b>R# 104-12</b>	<b>Landmarks Commission Appointment Jack LaViano</b>
<b>R# 105-12</b>	<b>Police Accreditation – Executing Grant Agreement</b>

**RESOLUTION FOR DRIVEWAY EASEMENT 35 WEST WILDWOOD ROAD  
(BLK. 1301 LOT 32) SADDLE RIVER, NJ**

Attorney Huntington explained this resolution in detail at this time.

**Resolution # 106-12**

Introduced by Council President Walenczyk

Seconded by Council Member Mutter

**Roll Call Vote:** AYES, Unanimous

**RESOLUTION FOR COAH REFUNDS**

**Resolution #107-12**

Introduced by Council President Walenczyk

Seconded by Council Member Mastriano

**Roll Call Vote:** AYES: Walenczyk, Boardman, Mastriano, Mutter, Toomey

ABSTAIN: Murray

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Report:** Council Member Murray gave the report for June 2012.

**Fire Report:** There was no report at this time, it was given earlier in the meeting.

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

**Public Works:** Council President Walenczyk gave the report for June 2012.

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

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

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

**Environmental Committee:** Council Member Boardman gave the report for June 2012.

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

**Landmarks Committee:** There was no report at this time.

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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Corrine Kerner, 229 West Saddle River Road asked about the purchase of the Marker property on East Saddle River Road and the projected expenses to construct the ingress and egress to Rindlaub. Borough Engineer Spence stated that there are no cost projections at this time as they are waiting for further direction.

Attorney Huntington stated that it is prudent for a municipality to purchase contiguous property when it becomes available and in the case of the Marker property, it was an asset in order to make the ingress and egress to Rindlaub Park safer.

Ms. Kerner asked about the renovation to the field house in Rindlaub Park and asked about the projected costs associated with the improvements. Mayor Raia stated that grant monies will be used but this is still being evaluated.

In addition, she asked about the FEMA grant being procured for the purchase of a fire truck and Council Member Mutter addressed this issue at this time.

Council Member Mastriano stated that she has received requests from residents to install a speed bump on Oak Road. Mayor Raia stated that this would need to be addressed by the Borough Engineer.

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Resolution # 108-12** Offered by Council Member Mastriano  
Second by Council President Walenczyk  
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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Elena Macari  
Borough Clerk