

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD MARCH 19, 2012**

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

**ABSENT:** Council Member Murray

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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.

**NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:**

**WORK SESSION:**

**MAYOR RAIA**

Mayor Raia reported a meeting held with the County Executive to discuss any concerns within the County. Also they are planning to negotiate with Swiftreach Networks for Emergency Notification Services which we already utilize.

He reported on a meeting with Boswell Engineering regarding the property at 66 E Allendale Road but it is still too premature. Mayor Raia also had meetings with the Freeholders explaining to them the importance of the Open Space Acquisition Project of the Marker property which will benefit the residents of the Borough of Saddle River.

At this time Dr. Al Kurpis, representing the Landmarks Commission gave a handout with respects to the Achenbach (Perillo House) and then explained in detail to the Mayor and Council suggesting applying for grants for the Saddle River Museum, to help defray the cost of repairs and renovations. In addition he added having a "barn raising" festival for strengthening community spirit.

Bruce Whitaker, Counsellor from McDonnell & Whitaker and John Schepisi, Schepisi and McLaughlin representing River Terrace Estate, LLC contract purchaser of Lot 7.01 Blk 18.01, the owner of property is Saddle River Enterprises, Inc. they discussed an application to the Borough of Saddle River to obtain a Municipal Easement to accommodate access to the property for purposes of constructing a proposed bridge station, bridge abutments, call box, mailbox and other improvements on the property. The Mayor and Council after hearing their presentation voted to pass a resolution authorizing the execution of the easement.

**ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA:**

Borough Administrator at this time he regretfully informed everyone that John Scialla's father-in-law had passed away on Saturday.

He then explained some of the resolutions which were on the consent agenda including the bond ordinances for Channel Clearing and Bank Stabilization at various locations along the Saddle River and an ordinance for Improvements of the Wandell School Ballfield, a change in Title for Michele Wood, Building Code Official and COAH payments.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Toomey reported changes to the tree ordinance will be discussed at the next ordinance committee meeting and will report back on more specifics.

Council Member Mastriano reported the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony will be held on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The concert series are being planned, dates are June 14, 28 and July 12 and 19, details to follow.

Council President Walenczyk reported that the Saddle River Valley Rescue Squad moved suddenly out of Upper Saddle River with all the equipment trucks etc. Borough Attorney Huntington will follow up on this matter. Council President also reported on the recent Planning Board Meeting, Fire Department and Public Works.

Council Member Boardman reported that the Environmental Commission did not meet on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Mutter reported about the Ambulance Service and how it works. He reported on the Board of Health Meeting held on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Murray reported the financials are in good order and we are still on the Temporary Budget.

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY**

No report

**MUNICIPAL CLERK:**

Marie Elena Macari confirmed that the school election has been moved to November. Regarding elections, April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the filing date for Council and County Committee petitions to be submitted to her office by 4:00 pm. The Primary Election is June 5<sup>th</sup>, the hours are 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2012 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**Resolution # 51-12** Introduced by Council Member Murray  
Second by Council President Walenczyk

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No one wished to be heard.

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**  
**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**ADOPTION 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# 52-12 Introduced** by Council President Walenczyk  
Second by Council Member Murray

**Motion to Open to the Public** by Council President Walenczyk.  
Second by Council Member Mastriano  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No one wished to be heard

**Motion to Close to the Public** by Council President Walenczyk  
Second by Council Member Mastriano  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**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# 53-12**

Introduced by Council Member Boardman  
Second by Council Member Mutter

**Motion to Open to the Public**

By Council President Walenczyk.  
Second by Council Member Toomey  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No one wished to be heard

**Motion to close to the Public**

By Council President Walenczyk  
Second by Council Member Mastriano  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**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# 54-12**

Introduced by Council Member Mastriano  
Second by Council Member Boardman

**Motion to Open to the Public**

By Council President Walenczyk.  
Second by Council Member Mastriano  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No one wished to be heard

**Motion to Close to the Public**

By Council President Walenczyk  
Second by Council Member Mastriano  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**Roll Call Vote:** AYES, Unanimous

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):**

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-866-C**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 197 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER ENTITLED "TOWING, ROAD SERVICE AND STORAGE"**

**Resolution #55-12**

Introduced by Council Member Mutter  
Second by Council Member Murray  
**Roll Call Vote:** AYES, Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Resolution # 56-12**

Introduced 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 Introduced by Council President Walenczyk  
Second by Council Member Boardman

**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 2/13/12
- B. Resolutions:**

- R# 57-12      COAH Refunds**
- R# 58-12      Blood Borne Pathogens Agreement**
- R# 59-12      Tonnage Grant Application**
- R# 60-12      Tax Refunds Blk. 1807/16 & Blk. 1402/5**

R# 61-12      Cancellation of Taxes Blk. 1701/22  
R# 62-12      Cooperative Pricing Agreement  
R# 63-12      Authorizing Change of Title for Michelle Wood  
R# 64-12      Authorizing Raffle License for HUMC

**Motion to Open to the Public**

By Council Member Mutter.  
Second by Council Member Mastriano  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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

**Motion to close to the Public**

By Council Member Mutter  
Second by Council Member Mastriano  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**Roll Call Vote:** AYS, Unanimous

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

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

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

**Parks and Recreation:** Council Member Mastriano gave the report during the Work Session.

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

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

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

**Zoning Board:** There was no report at this time.

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

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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court, Saddle River asked when the tennis court nets are going to be re-installed as she has been getting inquiries from residents. Mayor Raia suggested that she discuss this matter with the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Ms. Nazzaro also suggested that photos be taken of older homes in the Borough as many are being either razed or significantly renovated, in an effort to preserve this history in the Saddle River Museum. Administrator Cuccia stated that the Borough Planner has taken many photos of historical homes throughout the Borough and suggested that she review this compilation.

Marilyn Goldfisher, 124 West Saddle River Road, Saddle River thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts in getting the Saddle River dredging project underway. She further stated that the contractor is doing a very good job but cautioned that children are playing along the river banks and this is very dangerous.

Corrine Carter, 229 West Saddle River Road, Saddle River asked about the Saddle River E-Notify system is still functioning and Administrator Cuccia stated that he would check on this. She also asked about the posting of meeting agendas on the website and Municipal Clerk Macari stated that they are usually posted the day following the distributing of Mayor and Council packets.

Council President Walenczyk stated that the Bishop House Foundation is no longer handling the booking of private functions and asked for direction on how to proceed. Attorney Huntington stated that he would provide a form which should be completed by the appropriate parties and this would be handled by the Clerk's office.

Council Member Mastriano stated that the Saddle River Fire Department is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 19, 2012 at Rindlaub Field. The Memorial Day celebration will be held on May 28, 2012 and the concert series will be continuing this summer.

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Resolution # 65-12** 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