

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD SEPTEMBER 16, 2013**

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

ABSENT: Council Member Boardman

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 20, 2012, the Borough website and also via E-Notify.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES: At this time, Mayor Raia recognized those members of the Saddle River Fire Department who assisted the Borough during Super Storm Sandy. The participants were presented with a certificate and a pin.

A letter from Police Chief Tim McWilliams was read to thank Capt. Cosgriff, Det. Sgt. Tummillo, Det. Sgt. Gerity and P.O. Doyle in their excellent police work in conjunction with a recent burglary and car theft in the Borough.

WORK SESSION:

At this time, Carole Stanko and Mike Madonia from the Division of Fish and Wildlife gave a presentation on the management of deer and coyote in suburban New Jersey.

MAYOR RAI A

Northwest Bergen Mayor's Meeting: Mayor Raia stated that there was no meeting in August, however, on September 21, 2013 both the Northwest Bergen and Pascack Valley Mayors are going to meet to address shared services, consolidation of services and personnel, more efficient use of police and fire departments, etc.

World Trade Center Steel Transfer Agreement: Mayor Raia stated that the Borough will be receiving a piece from the World Trade Center to be placed in Memorial Park pending the execution of an agreement outlining this transfer.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA:

Tree Lighting – December 6, 2013: Administrator Cuccia stated that the Tree Lighting will be held on Friday, December 6, 2013 with details to follow.

Fire Equipment: Administrator Cuccia stated that, at the last meeting, it was requested that the list of necessary equipment furnished by the Fire Department be reviewed. Council Member Walenczyk reviewed this list at this time and stated that all requested equipment is necessary with the exception of the Zodiac boat. Mayor Raia stated that anyone interested in making a contribution toward the purchase of a thermal imaging camera, should get in touch with Administrator Cuccia.

Engineering Update: At this time Mr. Spence gave the engineering update as follows:

- The Saddle River Grand, a 68 town home development in the Borough, continues to be under construction with an estimated completion date of May 2014.
- The Saddle River Museum stabilization project has been completed.
- The Ackerman Road improvements are continuing with the drainage, water lines and curbing completely installed. The road is scheduled for paving in late October. The Borough is in the process of procuring two grants, one for the modifications to the ingress/egress to Rindlaub Park and the other non-matching grant for streetscape; improvements to the East Allendale corridor.
- The boom in the Saddle River has been evaluated and it has been determined that, as it is located on private property, it is the property owner's responsibility to address this issue.
- The Streetscape plan for the downtown area is under review, with landscaping, lighting and the installation of sidewalks being considered. Grants have been applied for by the Borough, with \$157,000 granted to date.

Police Matters: Chief McWilliams stated that there will be an additional meeting to keep residents apprised of relevant matters within the Borough.

Best Practice Program: Administrator Cuccia stated that each municipality is required, by the Division of Local Government Services, to complete the Best Practice worksheet. This worksheet outlines a municipality's dealings with fiscal matters, personnel, general management, insurance, budget presentation, etc. to insure that these operations are done in compliance with the Department of Community Affairs. The Borough of Saddle River scored 94%, which allows the Borough to maintain its State Aid levels.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council President Mastriano stated that she attended the 9/11 Services at Wandell School. She also attended the services in Allendale, where they have a piece of the World Trade Center on display in Crestwood Park.

Wandell School is holding a carnival on September 27-28, 2013 to benefit the Wandell School Foundation and all are encouraged to attend.

Council Member Toomey stated that the Ordinance Review Committee has been working on zoning amendments related to cultural institutions, which will limit their location to the downtown district. Public utility and public buildings are also limited to the downtown district. Additionally, automotive service stations are no longer permissible in the Borough of Saddle River.

Council Member Toomey stated that a public information session will be held on October 4, 2013 at 8:00am in the Municipal Building to address the amended tree ordinance.

MUNICIPAL CLERK: Municipal Clerk Macari reminded the public that the Special Election will be held on October 16, 2013. She further stated that September is National Preparedness Month and urged the public to insure their homes are equipped with the necessary supplies in the wake of an emergency.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S) Clerk to read title(s) of:

ORDINANCE NO. 13-880-M

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$135,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Resolution # 87-13 Introduced by Council Member Walenczyk
Seconded by Council Member Mutter
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 13-881-C

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 210 THE ZONING CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER

Resolution # 88-13 Introduced by Council Member Toomey
Introduced by Council Member Walenczyk
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

ORDINANCE NO. 13-879-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO RINDLAUB PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000 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 # 89-13 Offered by Council President Mastriano
Seconded by Council Member Toomey

Motion to Open to the Public Offered by Council Member Walenczyk
Seconded by Council Member Toomey
Voice Vote: All Ayes

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Bruce Meisel, 20 Powder Hill, Saddle River, Chairman of the Planning Board, stated that the Mayor and Council are in receipt of a letter from the Planning Board regarding this ordinance and its relation to the Borough's Master Plan. The Planning Board determined that it is consistent with the Master Plan and offered their recommendation, unanimously, citing the increase in parking and traffic flow to maximize safety concerns as well as the preservation of Open space as key factors.

Corinne Kerner, 229 West Saddle River Road stated that she feels that the parking issues that exist in Rindlaub only occur approximately 10 to 16 days per year while Wandell School has a much greater parking problem for 10 months of the year. She further stated that residents have to take responsibility for their children to get into school safely and fixing every dangerous parking issue in town, sets a bad precedent. She asked the Mayor and Council to take the time necessary to come up with a plan that will be both fiscally efficient and effective.

Police Chief McWilliams stated that the parking issue is challenging and he feels it is important to rectify this problem from a safety prospective.

Attorney Huntington addressed the Borough's legal exposure in the event of a pedestrian accident that could point to an unsafe condition caused by improper ingress and egress to Rindlaub Park.

Motion to Close the Hearing by Council Member Walenczyk
Seconded by Council Member Kurpis
Voice Vote: All Ayes

ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES, Unanimous

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 90-13 Offered Council Member Walenczyk
Seconded by Council President Mastriano
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 Mastriano
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

- A. Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting of August 19, 2013
- B. Resolutions:**

- R# 91-13 Approval for Soil relocation Blk 1502 Lot 7**
- R# 92-13 Authorization for Open Space Trust Fund for revised entrance and supplemental parking at Rindlaub Park**

- R# 93-13 Approval for Raffle License for Casino Night for Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church to be held on 10/5/13**
- R# 94-13 Approval for Raffle License for Carnival for Wandell School to be held 9/27 and 9/28/13**
- R# 95-13 Authorization to abandon easement at 48 & 56 Fox Hedge Road**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board of Health: Council Member Mutter gave the report for August 2013

Const. & Zoning Enforcemt. There was no report at this time.

Environmental Committee: There was no report at this time.

Fire Report: Council Member Walencyk gave the report for August 2013.

Police Report: Council Member Mutter gave the report for August 2013.

Finance Report: Council Member Walencyk gave the report for August 2013.

Landmarks Committee: There was no report at this time.

Public Works: Council President gave the report for August 2013.

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

Planning Board: Council Member Walencyk gave the report for September 2013.

Zoning Board: There was no report at this time.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

George Stafford, Highlands Coalition, Wharton, NJ addressed the Mayor and Council requesting their support for the 2004 Highlands Water Protection Act.

Marilyn Goldfisher, 124 West Saddle River Road stated that she would like the Bergen County Mosquito Commission to come back and address the silt issue in the Saddle River. Additionally, she would like the boom to be more carefully addressed before any streetscape work is done adjacent to the river. Borough Engineer stated that the Mosquito Commission will be returning to address re-silting problems in the Saddle River.

Paul Schulstad, 20 Eckert Farm Road addressed the Tree Ordinance, asking why there was a need to change the ordinance as previously written. Administrator Cuccia addressed this issue in detail at this time. Mayor Raia encouraged all residents to attend the Ordinance Review Committee Meeting to address this tree ordinance on October 4, 2013 at 8:00am in the Municipal Building.

Irene Hubin, 211 West Saddle River Rd. commended the Mayor and Council on the restoration project that has been completed on the Saddle River Museum and asked what the plans are for this property. Council Member Kurpis stated that the Landmarks is currently considering several options and will meet to address these options.

Mrs. Holiat, (no address given) stated that she would like to attend the Ordinance Review Meeting on October 4, 2013 but asked for the time of the meeting to be changed from 8:00am if possible. Council Member Toomey stated that, for those that cannot attend this meeting, there will be other opportunities to address this ordinance at both upcoming Planning Board and Mayor and Council meetings.

She also encouraged the Mayor and Council to give cautious consideration to the Highlands Coalition's request for support.

Tom Fox, 60 Woodfield Lane stated that the traffic at Rindlaub Park could be eased if perhaps the game times were more staggered. He further stated that the Borough should consider hiring a crossing guard to insure pedestrian safety by Wandell School and Rindlaub.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Elena Macari
Borough Clerk

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