

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD AUGUST 18, 2008**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Raia, Council President Burke, Council Members FitzPatrick, Mastriano, Re, Murray, Borough Clerk Macari, Administrator Cuccia, & Attorney Russell Huntington

**ABSENT:** Council Member Mutter

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**PRESIDING:** Mayor Raia called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.; Borough Clerk Macari read the following statement:

"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 faxing notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on January 2, 2007.

**NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**WORK SESSION:**

**Mayor Raia**

**Burning Hollow:** Mayor Raia stated that the water lines are complete but any further discussion would continue in Closed Session as there is pending litigation regarding this matter.

**Sprinkler Seminar:** Mayor Raia commended Administrator Cuccia, Fire Official Rich Silvia and Construction Code Official Scialla for their efforts with this seminar and stated that he felt that it was very informative. He further stated that he would like to repeat this seminar in October during Fire Prevention Week.

**ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA**

**Communications Tree at Police Department:** Administrator Cuccia stated that the current communication pole providing back up radio communications at the Police Department is going to be replaced with a communications tree. He further stated that a design is being drafted and he would present it along with the contract when it was complete.

**Division of Fire Safety:** Administrator Cuccia stated that they completed their review of the Fire Prevention Bureau and the Mayor and Council is in receipt of a memo outlining the review.

**Funding of Municipal Emergency Vehicles:** Administrator Cuccia stated that this would be discussed further at the September Meeting.

Council Member Mastriano stated that she felt that the Borough should be very aware of the environment and give serious consideration to purchasing hybrid vehicles and Mayor Raia was in agreement.

**BOROUGH CLERK:**

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member FitzPatrick stated that the Historic Preservation Committee is almost finished with their work and another meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2008. Mayor Raia commended the committee for their work and stated that when this project is complete, it will be an asset to the community.

Council Member Mastriano stated that she and Borough Engineer Martin Spence are attending the Open Space Trust meeting to see if any further funding would be available for the funding of backstops at Rindlaub Park.

Council Member Murray stated that the financial reports are in good order and asked to discuss the water utility with Administrator Cuccia at another time.

Council Member Re stated that he has been working with the Fire Department and the Public Safety Committee in order to insure that the appropriate protocol is being met and another meeting is being scheduled in September.

Borough Engineer Spence discussed the Denison Drive East culvert replacement bid in detail to the Mayor and Council. This resolution will be part of the Consent Agenda.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:** There were none.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S):**

**ORDINANCE 08-819-M**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$50,000 FOR ROADWAY AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON DENISON DRIVE EAST IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.**

**Resolution #108-08** Offered by Council Member Murray  
Seconded by Council Member Re  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Resolution # 109-08** Offered by Council President Murray  
Seconded by Council Member Burke  
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 by Council President Burke  
Seconded by Council Member Murray  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

*Explanation of Consent Agenda Items*

**A. Resolutions:**

- R# 110-08 Authorizing of refunds for overpayment of taxes**
- R# 111-08 Award of Bid – Denison Drive East culvert replacement**

Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only:

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Report:** Council Member Murray gave the financial report for the month of July.

**Fire Report:** Council Member Re gave the report for July 2008 and stated that it was on file with the Borough Clerk.

**Police Report:** Council President Burke stated that the report is on file with the Borough Clerk for June 2008 and read two letters of appreciation from Borough residents; one to the Fire Department and the other to the Police Department.

**Public Works:** There was no report at this time.

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

**Board of Health:** There was no report given but it is on file with the Borough Clerk.

**Construction & Zoning Enforcement:** Council President Burke gave the report for July 2008.

**Planning Board:** There was no report as there was no meeting in August.

**Zoning Board:** There was no report as there was no meeting in August.

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

## **UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:**

## **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Resolution # 112-08** was offered by Council Member FitzPatrick  
Seconded by Council Member Re  
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.

At this time, the following resolution was adopted:

**AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE THE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT FOR THE RIDGE.**

**Resolution #113-08** was offered by Council Member Mastriano  
Seconded by Council Member Re  
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Unanimous

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Elena Macari  
Borough Clerk