

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD DECEMBER 15, 2008**

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

"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, 2008.

**NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:**

**WORK SESSION:**

**MAYOR RAI A**

Mayor Raia stated that his company holiday party was tonight so he was going to be leaving prior to the end of the meeting.

**Green Committee:** Mayor Raia asked Council Member Mastriano, Chairman of the Green Committee to discuss this issue. She stated that the committee is being established and the first meeting is scheduled for January. She further stated that she wants to partner with the Wandell School and continue to pursue this important initiative.

**Tree Lighting:** Mayor Raia thanked everyone for their support and stated that there was a great turnout despite the inclement weather.

**Reorganization Meeting:** Mayor Raia stated that the Reorganization Meeting for 2009 will be held on Friday, January 2, 2009 at 6:00pm.

## **ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA**

**Burning Hollow Water Agreement:** Administrator Cuccia asked Attorney Huntington if he had been contacted by any of the residents and he stated that he has not but suggested that it may be prudent for the Borough to communicate with these residents. Mayor Raia stated that he would like the Borough's position re-stated regarding the terms and conditions from the DEP. He reiterated that the ordinance regarding this issue will be introduced in January.

**Hybrid Vehicle Report:** Administrator Cuccia stated that he sent a comparative report to the Mayor and Council and asked Council Member Murray to address this issue. The Ford Escape was specifically discussed in detail. Council Member Re stated that the hybrid cars being discussed would not be available for a year and the Fire Department cannot wait that long as the Assistant Chief's car needs to be replaced as soon as possible. The Mayor stated that he wanted to better understand what the problem is with the existing vehicle and suggested that it get fully inspected to determine the problems and additionally, look into possibly leasing a vehicle. Administrator Cuccia stated that he was not made aware that this vehicle was in disrepair.

**COAH Plan:** Administrator Cuccia stated that the Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan was approved by the Planning Board on December 8, 2008 and is part of the Consent Agenda.

**2009 Blood Borne Pathogens:** Administrator Cuccia stated that this resolution is part of the Consent Agenda.

**Cameron Road Traffic Island Improvements:** Administrator Cuccia asked Borough Engineer Spence to address this issue and he explained this in detail to the Mayor and Council, detailing options that are available.

**2009 Budget:** Administrator Cuccia asked that each department head consider a 5% decrease for the 2009 budget, in light of the current economic climate.

**Towing:** Administrator Cuccia asked Attorney Huntington to discuss this issue. He stated that two proposals were received, one being a late submittal. He asked that the Mayor and Council consider both these bids as there is no competitive advantage. Chief McWilliams has reviewed both bids and they are both in order and Attorney Huntington suggested that both bidders be utilized.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member FitzPatrick stated that the Landmarks Commission has been reviewing the Saddle River Crossing and will submit any suggestions to the committee.

Council Member Mastriano stated that there is no report for the Parks and Recreation Commission but she has received a request from a resident to conduct a Easter Egg Hunt in Rindlaub Park. In addition, she asked for feedback regarding Saddle River Day and perhaps, in

these economic times, scale down the festivities.

Council Member Murray stated that the finances are in good order.

Mayor Raia stated that this is Council Member FitzPatrick's last meeting and he commended her for all of her hard work and efforts over the years.

### **BOROUGH ATTORNEY**

### **BOROUGH CLERK**

### **RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Resolution # 144-08** was offered by Council Member FitzPatrick  
Seconded by Council Member Murray  
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, Mayor Raia left the meeting and Council President Burke presided.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:** There are none

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

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Resolution # 145-08** Offered by Council President Murray  
Seconded by Council Member FitzPatrick  
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.

Council President asked that Administrator Cuccia briefly outline each resolution in the Consent Agenda and he did so at this time.

Resolution by Council President Burke  
Seconded by Council Member Murray  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items0

**A. Approval of Minutes: 11/17/08**

**B. Resolution(s)**

- R#146-08 Transfer Resolution**
- R#147-08 Soil movement Blk 2003 Lot 47.04**
- R#148-08 Soil movement Blk 1502 Lot 42**
- R#149-08 Award of bid for West Saddle River Road Water Main Transmission**
- R#150-08 Burning Hollow Water Main installation amendment (reconstruction of Cameron Road traffic island)**
- R#151-08 Endorsement of Fair Share Housing Plan**
- R#152-08 Award of Towing service**
- R#153-08 Authorization for 2009 Bloodborne Pathogen Program Profession Services Agreement between the Borough of Saddle River and County of Bergen**
- R#154-08 Approval of Raffle Application 132 Valley Hospital Auxiliary**

Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only:

Joe Pera, 16 Old Farms Road asked how many bids were received for the West Saddle River Road Water Transmission and Borough Engineer Spence stated that 18 bids were received and the low bidder was Matina and Sons at \$1,130,000.00.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Report:** Council Member Murray gave the financial report for the month of November 2008.

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

**Police Report:** Council President Burke gave the report for November 2008 and stated that it was on file with the Borough Clerk.

**Public Works:** Council Member Mutter gave some highlights from the November 2008 report.

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

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

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

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

**Planning Board:** Council President Burke gave the report for December 2008.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Barton Lee, 130 Carriage Court, Allendale, NJ stated that he has some safety concerns regarding the lack of sidewalks on East Allendale Road, specifically the area under the overpass of Route 17. He further stated that when commuters disembark from the bus on Route 17 it is very dangerous as they have to either walk on the center island or on the grass and he asked about pending plans to put a sidewalk.

In addition, he stated that East Allendale Road, heading east from Route 17 is very congested, particularly during rush hour and he asked if a left turn only lane could be installed there.

Council President Burke stated that, in order to add a turn only lane, private property would have to be taken and the home owners were opposed to it. He further stated that the Mayor and Council would take the need for a sidewalk on East Allendale Road under advisement and would also contact the County regarding this matter, as it is a County road.

**UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Council President Burke commended Council Member FitzPatrick for all her hard work and dedication to the Borough of Saddle River.

Council Member FitzPatrick stated that this is her last Council meeting and she thanked everyone for their support.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Elena Macari  
Borough Clerk