
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD JANUARY 21, 2008**

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

ABSENT:

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:

At this time Mayor Raia read a proclamation declaring February 3, 2008 John Alsdorf Day in Saddle River.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution # 22-08 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.

WORK SESSION:

MAYOR RAIA

Downtown Preservation Committee: Mayor Raia stated that he plans to appoint this committee shortly.

Northwest Bergen Mayors: Mayor Raia stated that he intends to attend the upcoming meeting.

Fire Service Study – Set Public Safety Committee Meeting: Mayor Raia stated that the study is complete and urged the Council to review it.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA:

Amended Water Rates: Administrator Cuccia stated that the water utility rates were going to be amended and he explained this in detail.

The Ridge at Saddle River: Included on the consent agenda is a resolution to approve the following names of the new streets at the Ridge in Saddle River.

Street Resurfacing: The Borough will again participate with Ramsey as the lead agency of the Northwest Bergen Cooperative Pricing Program for resurfacing streets with the Borough of Saddle River .

Rindlaub Park Band Shell: We will be applying for Open Space Trust Funds for the construction of a Bandshell in Rindlaub Park

BOROUGH CLERK:

Borough Clerk Macari reminded the Mayor and Council that the Presidential Primary Election is being held on February 5, 2008 and polls are open from 6:00am – 8:00pm

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Mastriano stated that Saddle River Night has been scheduled for June 7, 2008 and the committee will begin planning the evening's events.

Council Member Murray stated that the financial report is in good order.

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

ORDINANCE 08-811-C

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, NEW JERSEY

Resolution # 23-08 Offered by Council President Murray
Seconded by Council Member Burke
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 24-08 Offered by Council President 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 by Council Member Burke
Seconded by Council Member Re
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

*A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council
December 17, 2007*

B. Resolutions:

- R# 25-08 Raffle License #126 The Valley Hospital Auxiliary on 3/29/08**
- R# 26-08 Authorization to sign Agreement with the Borough of Saddle River and The Housing Authority of Bergen County**
- R# 27-08 Authorization for Interlocal Services Agreement with the Village of Ridgewood and the Borough of Saddle River for Municipal Court Teleconferencing**
- R# 28-09 Award of bid for Burning Hollow Water Main Extension**
- R# 29-08 Resolution naming street names at the Ridge**

Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Council Member Murray gave the report for December 2007.

Fire Report: Council Member Re gave the report for December 2007.

Police Report: Council Member Burke gave the report for December 2007.

Planning Board: Council Member Burke gave the report for January 2008.

Zoning Board: Council Member FitzPatrick gave the report for January 2008.

Parks and Recreation: Council Member Mastriano stated that the Committee will meet on February 12, 2008.

Construction Report: Council President Burke gave the report for December 2007.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Henry Senger, 69 West Saddle River Road congratulated Michael Mutter on his appointment to the Council in the Borough of Saddle River.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution # 30-08 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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Elena Macari
Borough Clerk

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