

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

PRESENT: Mayor Raia, Council President Burke, Council Members FitzPatrick, Mastriano, Re, Murray, Mutter, 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, 2007.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

WORK SESSION:

Mayor Raia

At this time, Mayor Raia introduced Frank Covelli, PIA Insurance Associates, and he distributed the Insurance Annual Report to the Mayor and Council and explained it in detail. He will be attending the October 20, 2008 meeting of the Mayor and Council to explain the health benefit aspect of the plan.

Appointment of Borough Hall Renovation Committee: Mayor Raia stated that the following people would comprise this committee: Mayor and Council Members Michael Mutter and Maurice Burke, Planning Board Members Nina Bernhardt and Bruce Meisel, Zoning Board of Adjustment Members Carroll Dowden and Larry Raia, Landmarks Commission Members Maria Harper and Carole FitzPatrick and residents Alan Post and Frank Merlino.

Their objective will be to assess need, review the study, interview architects and in general, oversee this project through the bid process.

Appointment of Alternate for Planning Board: Mayor Raia stated that Dr. Warren Boardman is going to be appointed as Alternate # 2 on the Planning Board.

Appointment of Green Committee: Mayor Raia stated that the committee has not yet been formed but it is being addressed and Council Member Mastriano will continue to address these issues as well. He further stated that consideration is being given to the use of Hybrid vehicles and he also encouraged Council Members to attend the League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey in November.

North West Bergen Mayor's Meeting: Mayor Raia stated that he is finding these meetings very beneficial and items discussed included the acquisition of hybrid vehicles and reviewing the ordinance governing COAH.

Joe Pera: Mayor Raia stated that Planning Board Chairman Joe Pera has asked that he not be reappointed for another term after his term expires on 12/31/08 and he commended for Mr. Pera his years of hard work and dedication.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA

Communications Tree at Police Department: Administrator Cuccia stated that it is currently under engineering review by the cell phone company.

Blood Borne Pathogens: Administrator Cuccia stated that, on September 10, 2008, many of the the staff members attended a training session on blood borne pathogens.

Tax Map Changes: Administrator Cuccia asked Borough Engineer Martin Spence to explain the planned revisions in the current tax maps, which include new subdivisions as well as flood map changes, which should be completed by early 2009.

Capital Ordinances: Administrator Cuccia asked Council Member Re to explain this ordinance as it pertained to expenditures for the Fire Department. Council Member Burke explained the second ordinance being introduced, which was a bond ordinance to authorize the acquisition of hybrid vehicles for use by the Borough. He suggested removing the reference to "hybrid" from the ordinance to avoid putting any limitations on final decisions that will be made. Mayor Raia stated that he wanted to leave the current language to include "hybrid" in the ordinance. He was in agreement that more research must be done in order to determine if there is significant savings over time with hybrid vehicles. He further stated that he would like Council Member Murray and Administrator Cuccia to look into this from a financial prospective. Council Member Re stated that even if the word "hybrid" is removed from the ordinance, it does not preclude the Borough from moving ahead with that purchase. Attorney Huntington suggested striking the word "hybrid" from the ordinance as well, as it gives you a choice when making a purchase.

Reminder of Meeting on 9/23/08 at 7:00pm: Administrator Cuccia stated that this meeting has been scheduled to discuss the Downtown Historic District which will be known as Saddle River Crossing.

Utilization of Borough Hall by St. Gabriel's Church for overflow on 12/24/08:

Administrator Cuccia stated that this resolution is part of the Consent Agenda and it authorizes the church to utilize the municipal building on 12/24/08 for the overflow of parishioners. Attorney Huntington explained this resolution in detail to the Mayor and Council.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member FitzPatrick reiterated that it is important for all to attend the meeting regarding the Saddle River Crossing on September 23, 2008.

Council Member Mastriano stated that she and Borough Engineer Martin Spence attended the Open Space Trust meeting and were given verbal approval to make the necessary improvements to baseball fields A & B at Rindlaub Park. The final decision on this grant will be made in January 2009. She further stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee met and discussed signage regarding lightning procedures at Rindlaub Park.

The tennis courts have been heavily utilized and Council Member Mastriano asked about a key pad system on the gate to insure that only Saddle River residents have access to these courts. Administrator Cuccia asked that this be discussed in Closed Session.

Council Member Mutter stated that the interchanges at Route 17 and East Allendale Road are going to have plantings installed and met with a landscaper to review options that would be best suited for the area. Mayor Raia suggested that a "No Littering" sign be installed in this area as well, as this is a chronic problem.

Council Member Murray stated that the financial reports are in order. He asked specific questions about insurance issues and Administrator Cuccia addressed these issues.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 08-820-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE USE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$50,000 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 # 114-08 Offered by Council Member Re
Seconded by Council Member Burke
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Ordinance No. 08-821-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$180,000 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 #115 Offered by Council Member Murray
Seconded by Council Member Burke
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S): There were none.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 116-08 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.

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

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes: 7/21/08 and 8/18/08

B. Resolution(s)

R# 117-08	Soil movement Blk 1402 Lot 24 Wolf
R# 118-08	Soil movement Blk 1602 Lot 1 Junkers
R# 119-08	Authorization to bid for snow plow services
R# 120-08	Redeem Tax Sale Certificate for 236 WSRR
R# 121-08	Appointment of Technical Assistant Julianne Lipnick
R# 122-08	Appointment of Borough Hall Renovation Committee
R# 123-08	Appointment of Alternate #2 for Planning Board
R# 124-08	Utilization of Municipal Building by St.Gabriel's Church

Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

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

Public Works: Council Member Mutter gave highlights of the report for August 2008.

Parks and Recreation: There was no report at this time but Council Member Mastriano did report that, in an effort to go Green, Wandell School has gone paperless, sending school information via email and has started their recycling program.

Board of Health: There was no report given but Council Member Mutter did report that 25 Burning Hollow Road was purchased and is being remediated by the new owner

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

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

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

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 # 125-08 was offered by Council Member FitzPatrick
Seconded by Council Member Mutter
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