

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
HELD DECEMBER 21, 2015**

PRESENT: Mayor Raia, Council President Kurpis, Council Members: Gray, Jensen, Kerner, Schulstad, Borough Administrator Shenkler, Attorney Bailey Municipal Clerk Macari

ABSENT: Council Member Walencyk

PRESIDING: Mayor Raia called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.; Municipal 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 Herald News and The Record on December 31, 2014, the Borough website and also via E-Notify.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:

Congratulations and Recognition of dedicated service to the residents of Saddle River:

Mayor Raia honored Bruce E. Walencyk at this time; a Council Member serving the Borough of Saddle River for six years, Council President and Planning Board Liaison. Mayor Raia read the plaque in honor of Council Member Walencyk, who was not present at this time.

Council President Kurpis honored Mayor Raia at this time, which began with a short video of his accomplishments. Mayor Raia held this position in Saddle River for eight years as well as being a member of the Planning Board and the Council, for a combined total of 20 years of service. He is also the Chairman of the Republican State Committee.

Council President Kurpis commended Mayor Raia for his many accomplishments in the Borough of Saddle River over the years and presented him with a plaque and the key to Saddle River at this time.

Mayor Raia stated that the key to Saddle River is an exceptional honor and he is very grateful for this special gift. He further stated that being the Mayor of Saddle River has been one of his greatest pleasures. He commended all of the volunteers and Board and Committee Members for their support over the years. Mayor Raia thanked his wife, Tina Raia for her support throughout his term and presented her with flowers at this time.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF EDWARD HOLIAT 1947-2015

Council Member Schulstad stated that Ed Holiat passed away on December 1, 2015.

Resolution #177-15 Offered by Council Member Schulstad
Seconded by Council President Kurpis
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

WORK SESSION:

MAYOR RAI:

Bergen Mayor's Meeting: Mayor Raia stated that the 13 Northwest Bergen Mayors meet monthly to address those issues effecting local municipalities. He attended the holiday party for this organization.

The Story of Christmas and Hannukah – The Bishop House: Mayor Raia stated he dressed as Santa and read the Night Before Christmas for this event. The story of Hannukah was also read for the children and adults in attendance. He further stated that the Bishop House looks wonderful after some minor refurbishing and it is his hope that it can, once again host a variety of events in Saddle River. He commended Gloria Blumenthal and Ferne Lambert for all their hard work on the Bishop House.

Mayor Raia stated that the Tree Lighting was a success and the historic district looks very festive for the holiday season.

EMS Facility: Mayor Raia stated that the facility is complete and encouraged residents to stop by.

Mayor Raia welcomed new Council Members Ben Acaster and Liz Salazer for 2016.

ADMINISTRATOR SHENKLER:

Aerial Photography/Deer Census: Administrator Shenkler stated that he is getting proposals from aerial photography companies in order to determine the approximate deer population in Saddle River. He further stated that Council is in receipt of the proposal for \$8900 for their review.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Schulstad asked for an update on the Fox Hedge water main project. Administrator Shenkler stated that sample wells have been installed and work will continue after the New Year. The project will take 60-90 days.

Council Member Kerner stated that 2016 budget preparations are underway with the goal of introducing the budget in February and adopting in March.

Council Member Gray stated that the Quint fire truck has been ordered and should be delivered within four to six months. The Fire Department is focusing on their need for additional space and an architect has been retained to re-configure the existing space and determine if there is a need for expansion.

Council Member Jensen stated that he met with John Scialla, Construction Official and addressed issues effecting the Building Department. He further stated the Building Department often seeks clarification on ordinances.

Council Member Schulstad stated that he has corresponded with the Humane Society and has tentatively scheduled their field visit to be on Friday, January 15, 2016 in order to learn more about deer habits and behavior in Saddle River. They need to determine if Saddle River meets the parameters to participate in a non-lethal deer management program. Additionally, the Borough will need to determine if the Humane Society can present a non-lethal deer management program that will best meet the needs of Saddle River. The Wildlife Management Committee and three Council Members will be attendance for the field visit.

Council Member Schulstad reported on the Wandell School Board of Education Meetings. He further stated that there is a resolution on the agenda to accept a proposal from LAN Associates in order to size a generator for a temporary emergency shelter at Wandell School.

Council President Kurpis stated that there are many motor vehicle accidents in the Borough due to deer and he read some statistics at this time.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY:

Borough Attorney Huntington congratulated Mayor Raia on his accomplishments and wished him much success in his future endeavors.

BOROUGH CLERK:

Municipal Clerk Macari stated that it has been a pleasure working with Mayor Raia and wished him good luck in the future.

ENGINEERING UPDATE:

Borough Engineer Martin Spence thanked Mayor Raia for his service to Saddle River over the years.

Fox Hedge Road Water Main Project: Borough Engineer Spence stated that the project has been delayed due to the permitting process and the holiday. Work will begin again on January 4, 2016, weather depending and should be completed within 60-90 days.

Boroline Road Paving: This project is a joint endeavor with the Borough of Allendale and they are taking the lead with the design. This project should be completed in April or May 2016.

Generator at the Public Safety Complex: The bid was awarded to the TSUJ Corporation and pre-construction meetings were held. The construction should begin in six to eight weeks; an OEM grant and an air quality grant have been applied for to offset the cost of this project.

Road Re-Surfacing Program: This program takes place after the winter, with the Director of Operations, Bruce Mautz providing a list of roads that are in need of re-paving throughout the Borough. The annual budget for this project is \$175,000.

United Water Agreement: The newest contract, the fourth rider, has been executed.

2016 Budget Items: These items will be included in the 2016 budget and include re-paving the DPW and Borough Hall parking lots.

Ice Pond Park Fence Repair: This project will be evaluated in 2016.

Streetscape III and IV: These projects will be on-going in 2016.

The addition of fire hydrants, specifically on Twin Brooks Road and in the High Ridge area will be accessed in 2016. Mayor Raia stated that he is hopeful that the water line project will continue in order to provide water throughout Saddle River and the project reaches completion. Borough Engineer Spence stated that it is important to get accurate meter readings moving forward so that the billing is accurate and the project is cost effective.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S) There were none.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 15-916-M

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE EAST ALLENDALE ROAD CORRIDOR (PHASE III) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$175,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT AND FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Resolution# 178-15 Offered by Council Member Schulstad
Seconded by Council Member Kerner

Motion to Open to the Public Offered by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council President Kurpis
Voice Vote: All AYES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Bob LaViano, 59 Woodcliff Lake asked if this project would be extended to West Saddle River Road and he was informed that this phase would not.

Motion to Close to the Public Offered by Council President Kurpis
Seconded by Council Member Gray
Voice Vote: All AYES

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 179-15 Offered by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council Member Schulstad
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 Kurpis
Seconded by Council Member Gray

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

Administrator Shenkler explained the Consent Agenda items at this time.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meetings 8/17/15, 10/19/15 and 11/16/15

B. Resolution(s)

- R# 180-15** Approving soil movement Blk. 1808 Lot 6
- R# 181-15** Approving soil movement Blk. 1102 Lot 3
- R# 182-15** Approving soil movement Blk. 1502 Lot 25
- R# 183-15** Amending Resolution 123-15 to include Assistant Chief Financial Officer
- R# 184-15** Authorization to sign Memorandum of Agreement for Chief Timothy McWilliams for the term 1/1/16 through 12/31/19
- R# 185-15** Authorization to execute Service Agreement with AXA Equitable for the administration of a Deferred Comp Plan for S.R. employees
- R# 186-15** Towing List Extension
- R# 187-15** Additional work order with USA Security Services
- R# 188-15** Authorization for Partial Release of Performance Security - Saddle River Grand
- R# 189-15** Authorization for Memorandum of Understanding to establish a working relationship between the North Jersey Region of the American National Red Cross and Saddle River
- R# 190-15** Blk. 1801 Lot 14 refund due to Tax Court judgement
- R# 191-15** Blk. 1105 Lot 33 refund due to tax overpayment
- R# 192-15** Blk. 1603 Lot 13 refund due to tax overpayment

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FROM LAN ASSOCIATES TO SIZE A GENERATOR FOR THE WANDELL SCHOOL AS AN TEMPORARY EMERGENCY SHELTER

Resolution # 193-15 Offered by Council Member Schulstad
Seconded by Council President Kurpis
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Mayor Raia stated that he wants to get a price for emergency call boxes in the Wandell School. CFO Mariniello stated that the Board of Education must decide if they wish to have these installed prior to getting prices.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Const. & Zoning Enforcement: Council Member Jensen gave the report for November 2015.

COAH: Council Member Jensen gave the report for November 2015. CFO Mariniello stated that there is currently an issue on Boroline Road with illegal usage in several units, which will be addressed.

Environmental Committee: Council Member Schulstad gave the report for November 2015.

Wildlife Mgmt.: Report given earlier.

Fire Report: Council Member Gray gave the report for November 2015.

Police Report: Council President Kurpis gave the report for November 2015.

EMS Report: Council Member Kerner gave the report for November 2015.

Finance Report: Council Member Kerner gave the report for November 2015.

Landmarks Committee: There was no report at this time.

Public Works: Council Member Schulstad gave the report for November 2015.

Parks and Recreation: No report at this time.

Planning Board: Council Member Jensen gave the report for December 2015.

Zoning Board: Council Member Kerner gave the report for December 2015.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court stated that the Municipal Alliance Mental Health First Aid Training is being offered by Bergen County to CERT Members and she encouraged anyone interested to attend.

She further stated she is very grateful to Mayor Raia for everything he has done and she presented him with a framed copy of the Mayor's first newsletter in Saddle River.

Marilyn Goldfisher, 124 West Saddle River Road stated that she feels there is a coyote problem in Saddle River and it must be dealt with. She asked what the holiday expenses were for 2015; she was advised that these expenses came in under the projected budget.

Jerome Mandel, Newton, NJ addressed the deer management issue in Saddle River. He further stated that he would like the Mayor and Council to consider non-lethal methods of deer management in Saddle River. He appealed to the Mayor and Council to address this matter with compassion.

Julia Pilosio, One Tanbark Trail thanked Mayor Raia for his service to Saddle River.

Irena Holiat thanked the Borough, the Fire Department and the Police for honoring her late husband. She further stated that her husband Ed derived great pleasure in serving Saddle River and she thanked everyone for their support.

Angie Metler, League of Humane Voters stated that everyone should embrace non-violence when considering the deer management issue. She further stated that a cull would increase both the deer and coyote population.

Alexandra Samouilidis, 4 Lookout Dr thanked Mayor Raia for his service in Saddle River. She further stated that, while she has compassion for animals, she is very concerned about the injuries incurred by motor vehicle accidents.

Mr. Samouilidis, 4 Lookout Drive stated that common sense should be used in the resolution of many of the contentious issues in Saddle River.

Rockwell Schwartz, Ridgewood, NJ stated that everyone is in agreement that there is a deer issue in Saddle River. She is not in favor of a deer cull.

Ferne Lambert 119 West Saddle River stated that she has some concerns about the speed limit along East and West Saddle River Road and feels that if the speed limit was reduced to 35mph, perhaps the deer/vehicle incidents would decrease.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Elena Macari
Municipal Clerk

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