

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD JANUARY 17, 2011**

PRESENT: Mayor Raia, Council President Mutter , Council Members, Boardman, Mastriano, Murray, Toomey, Walenczyk, Borough Clerk Macari, Administrator Cuccia, & Borough Attorney 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 emailing a notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on December 27, 2010.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES: At this time, Mayor Raia swore in Saddle River Fire Department Officers Chief Jordan Zales, Captain James Antoine and Lieutenant Zach Joseph.

WORK SESSION:

MAYOR RAI:

State of the State: Mayor Raia stated that he has been asked by Governor Christie to be the Chairman of the Republican Party of the State of New Jersey and was very honored to be elected to this position. He further stated that he will have an office in Trenton and is looking forward to working hard in this position while continuing to address his duties as Mayor of the Borough of Saddle River.

Saddle River Crossings: Mayor Raia asked that two representatives, one from the Planning Board and one from the Zoning Board, begin working on this project in conjunction with Richard Preiss, Borough Planner and Administrator Cuccia. He further stated that he wants to insure that the Borough Code is in order prior to embarking on this project.

The Bishop House: Mayor Raia stated that he would like the community to view this property as a community center which is available, free of cost, to Borough groups. He further stated that he would like to have this property under Borough control.

At this time, Council Member Walenczyk reviewed the Bishop House lease, stating that the Council is in receipt of both the former lease and a draft of a proposed new lease. The terms of the lease were discussed and Mayor Raia suggested that two years was preferable. Council Member Walenczyk also summarized usage and the appropriate fee schedule for certain groups. Administrator Cuccia stated that the Bishop House should fall under the auspices of the Borough and an appointed committee should govern the property, without any lease in place.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA

Bond Ordinances: Administrator Cuccia stated that the Mayor and Council were in receipt of two bond ordinances. Both ordinances were explained in detail; 11-845M authorizing the 2011 road improvement program appropriating \$100,000 for same and 11-846-M authorizing reconstruction of Twin Brooks Road appropriating \$550,000 for same. Borough Engineer Spence discussed the Twin Brooks Road work and stated that some grant monies were expected from the Department of Transportation.

2011 Budget Update: Administrator Cuccia stated that the Department of Community Affairs has not yet provided a valid tax levy calculation worksheet, which is delaying progress on the 2011 municipal budget. He further stated that once this is received, the budget will be prepared and discussed with the Mayor and Council.

Memorial Park Testing: Administrator Cuccia stated that the Mobil Corporation tests Memorial Park and is requesting permission to carry out these tests. The Mayor and Council were in agreement.

Open Space Trust: Administrator Cuccia stated that he attended a County meeting with Borough Engineer Spence to discuss the purchase of the Marker property. The Open Space Trust Fund currently has four applications and a presentation will be necessary by the Borough in order to secure these monies.

Mayor Raia asked Borough Engineer Spence to discuss the progress on South Pond, previously discussed by the Mayor and Council. He stated that he is currently looking into the appropriate chemicals that would reduce the amount of vegetation in the pond and Mayor Raia reminded him to recommend dropping the water level in order to aid in killing off the excess vegetation.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Mastraino stated that the Board of Education is currently working on the school Board budget and Mayor Raia stated that the 2% cap be stressed.

She further stated that she would like to have a Green Team Committee meeting in order to discuss the proposed green house.

Council Member Boardman stated that he met with the Environmental Commission and discussed the items they are currently addressing; the Tree City USA designation, a dead tree ordinance, a status update on the Zimmer property, where fill was dumped in wetlands, and the Waterford property and the wall that exists which is an impediment to the Saddle River. Mayor Raia stated that the three priorities for the Environmental Commission should be the Tree

City designation, the septic ordinance and the Saddle River dredging project. Mayor Raia further stated that prior to a Board or Commission contacting any State agency, it must be approved by the Borough Engineer or the Administrator. Borough Engineer Spence outlined some of these issues in detail for the Mayor and Council.

Council President Mutter stated that the committee is waiting for grants to come forth and if anything is applicable to the Borough, they will be acted upon.

He further discussed joining police services with Allendale and, to date, no decision has been rendered. Mayor Raia suggested that the Department of Community Affairs be brought into these discussions and requested that a meeting be set up at a mutually convenient time.

Council Member Murray stated that the financial report for the month of December is not available, due to budget preparations. He commended both Administrator Cuccia and Assistant CFO Maria Reda for their hard work in 2010.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY: Borough Attorney Huntington stated that there will be another COAH hearing shortly.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-845M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE 2011 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM IN BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$100,000 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 # 23-11 Offered by Council Member Walenczyk
Seconded by Council Member Murray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 11-846-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TWIN BROOKS ROAD IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$550,000 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 #24-11 Offered by Council Member Murray
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S): There were none.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 25-11 Offered by Council Member Murray
Seconded by Council Member Mastriano
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 Mutter
Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

At this time, Administrator Cuccia briefly explained the resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of 12/20/10; Reorganization Meeting of 1/1/11.

B. Resolution(s)

R# 26-11 Authorization for Mayor to execute Interlocal Service Agreement between Saddle River and Northwest Bergen Utilities Authority to act as sewer operator

R# 27-11 Refunds due to overpayment of taxes in 2010

R# 28-11 Appointment of Joy Convertini as Secretary to Landmarks and Environmental Commissions

R# 29-11 Appointment of Georgia Silverman as Secretary to Parks and Recreation Commission

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: There was no report at this time.

Fire Report: Council Member Walenczyk gave the report for November 2010.

Police Report: Council President Mutter gave the report for December 2010.

Public Works: Council Member Walencyk gave the report for December 2010.

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

Board of Health: Council President Mutter gave the report for January 2011.

Const. & Zoning Enforcement: Council Member Boardman gave the report for December 2010.

Zoning Board: There was no report at this time.

Landmarks Committee: There was no report at this time.

Planning Board: Council Member Walencyk gave the report for January 2011.

Environmental Committee: Council Member Boardman gave the report for January 2011.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court, Saddle River NJ stated that the Zoning Board of Adjustment has changed the meeting time from 7:30pm to 7:00pm. Mayor Raia stated that if any Board or Commission members miss more than three meetings, they must write a letter to the Mayor and Council and the Chairman explaining the absence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Raia stated that he would like the Council to participate in the Read Across America program at Wandell School. He further stated that a survey was conducted regarding the State 2% cap and discussed this with the Council.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Elena Macari
Borough Clerk