

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD JUNE 20, 2011**

PRESENT: Mayor Raia, Council President Mutter, Council Members, Boardman, Murray, Toomey, Walenczyk, Borough Clerk Macari, Administrator Cuccia, & Borough Attorney Huntington

ABSENT: Council Member Mastriano

PRESIDING: Mayor Raia called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.; Borough 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 Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on December 27, 2010.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WORK SESSION:

PIA Presentation: At this time, Mayor Raia introduced Frank Covelli and Diane Peterson from PIA, who gave an in depth presentation on the current health benefit options, including high deductible plans.

Mayor Raia

Bergen Mayors Meeting: Mayor Raia stated that this meeting was cancelled.

Northwest Bergen Mayors County Consolidation Meeting: Mayor Raia stated that the next meeting will be held at the Bergen County Dispatch Center.

COAH: Mayor Raia stated that there have been a series of meetings with COAH and further discussion on this matter will take place during Executive Session.

Bergen County Consolidation Meeting: Mayor Raia stated that he attended this meeting with Administrator Cuccia and Municipal Clerk Macari and municipal representatives discussed shared services in their respective towns. He further stated that he feels that the Governor's actions with the 2% budget cap has forced municipalities to arrive at ways to consolidate services and reduce operation costs.

Cell Tower Task Force Update: Mayor Raia asked Council President Mutter to discuss this as he is the Chairman of this Task Force. Council President Mutter stated that the prior meeting was extremely productive, with the task force members being passionate and well versed in this matter. He outlined each sub-committee and what has been researched to date. He discussed the testing that was done at six different locations near the cell tower to determine RF exposure, stressing that all measurements came back substantially lower than FCC standards. It was decided that the minutes from the June 6, 2011 meeting of the Cell Tower Task Force will be on the Borough website by Friday, June 24, 2011. Mayor Raia commended all of the members of the Cell Tower Task Force for their diligent work in this endeavor. The next meeting of the Cell Tower Task Force is scheduled for June 22, 2011 at 5:30pm.

Mayor Raia stated that one of the important things the Governing Body has learned from this issue is there is room for improvement with the dissemination of information to residents. Meeting agendas were posted on the Borough website in the past and now, in addition, all secretaries of other boards and commissions will receive the Mayor and Council meeting agenda monthly via email.

Council Member Murray asked about holding a public meeting after the Cell Tower Report is complete in order to openly discuss the report and its findings. Mayor Raia felt that this is a possibility, based on the final report; he further stated that his top priority is that all of the residents are satisfied with the outcome.

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES

At this time, Mayor Raia swore in Assistant Fire Chief Zach Joseph and Lt. Daniel Funsch.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA

Salary Resolutuion for Non-Union Employees: Administrator Cuccia stated that the Mayor and Council are in receipt of this resolution and it's part of the Consent Agenda.

Bishop House Sign: Administrator Cuccia showed pictures illustrating the color and design of the proposed Bishop House sign for the Mayor and Council's approval. All were in agreement that it was acceptable.

Seasonal Part Time Worker: Administrator Cuccia stated that this resolution is part of the Consent Agenda.

Estimated Tax Bill Resolution: Administrator Cuccia stated that this resolution is part of the Consent Agenda.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Toomey stated that the Mayor and Council are in receipt of three Zoning Ordinances to be introduced. He outlined each ordinance; Ord. 11-851-C addressing Improved Lot Coverage, Ord. 11-852-C addressing Site Plan Review and Ord. 11-853-C addressing Fences. He discussed the amendments to these ordinances in detail at this time.

Planning Board Chairman Bruce Meisel added that the committee formed to draft the amendments of these ordinances, worked diligently with this process. He further stated that the committee will continue to meet in order to deal with several more zoning issues including but not limited to trees, exterior lighting, and cupolas.

Council Member Toomey stated that the committee also intends to introduce an additional ordinance in September in order to begin planning the Saddle River Crossings project.

Mayor Raia commended the committee on their hard work with the amendments of these ordinances.

Council Member Boardman discussed the Environmental Commission's meeting of May 23, 2011 and gave an overview of topics discussed including the application for Tree City, USA, the dredging of the Saddle River and other issues with pollution and overgrowth in the Saddle River.

Mayor Raia stated that he would like to address the problem with dumping debris and landscape material in the next newsletter.

Council Member Walenczyk gave an update on the Bishop House Foundation and the Saddle River Museum. He further stated that the Bishop House lease expired in October of 2010 and consequently they have lost their tax exempt status (501C-3) in May of 2010. The Bishop House Foundation does not wish to combine their efforts with the Museum and work in conjunction with a Historical Society. The Bishop House currently does not have a fund raising vehicle due to the revocation of the 501C-3 status and Attorney Huntington stated that there may be a way to reverse the revocation rather than starting the process from the beginning. He further stated that he would look into have this reinstated for the Bishop House Foundation.

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

Mayor Raia asked Borough Engineer Spence about the status of the East Saddle River Road property and he explained this in detail. He further stated that he met with the engineer that the owner has hired and he explained that they are going to do test pits on the property to determine any differentiation in soils. Additionally, the DEP will be involved in this process and they will determine any exemptions or approvals for any work that has been done on this property.

MUNICIPAL CLERK

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

ORDINANCE NO. 11-850-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, 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 \$300,000 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 # 73-11 Offered by Council President Mutter

Seconded by Council Member Murray

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: Clerk to read the title of

ORD. NO. 11-851-C

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 210, ENTITLED " ZONING", IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, NEW JERSEY

Resolution# 74-11 Offered by Council Member Toomey

Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORD. NO. 11-852-C

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 179, ENTITLED " SITE PLAN REVIEW", IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, NEW JERSEY

Resolution# 75-11 Offered by Council Member Toomey

Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORD. NO. 11-853-C

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 105, ENTITLED 'FENCES' IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, NEW JERSEY

Resolution # 76-11 Offered by Council Member Toomey

Seconded by Council Member Walenczyk

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 77-11 Offered by Council Member Murray
Seconded by Council President 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 President Mutter
Seconded by Council Member Boardman
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 5/16/11.

B. Resolution(s)

- R# 78-11 Honoring those responsible in Carrying Out The Mission in Capturing and Killing Osama Bin Laden**
- R# 79-11 Approval of salary resolution for 2011**
- R# 80-11 Seasonal Part Time Worker**
- R# 81-11 Estimated Tax Bill**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court asked about getting a piece of the World Trade Center in honor of those residents who lost their lives on 9/11. Mayor Raia stated that he thought this was a good idea and would research it further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Council Member Murray gave the report for May 2011.

Fire Report: Council Member Walencyk gave the report for April 2011.

Police Report: Council President Mutter gave the report for May 2011.

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

Public Works: Council Member Walenczyk gave the report for May 2011.

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

Const. & Zoning Enforcemnt. Council Member Boardman gave the report for May 2011.

Environmental Committee: There was no report at this time.

Zoning Board: Council Member Toomey gave the report for June 2011.

Landmarks Committee: There was no report at this time.

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

Council Member Boardman stated that the Concert Series has been a great success and he feels it would be prudent to make the residents more aware of upcoming events.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court thanked the Mayor and Council for amending the zoning ordinances and feels that residents could gain a lot of information from the Borough website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution # 82-11 Offered by Council Member Walenczyk
Seconded by Council President 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

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