

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD DECEMBER 21, 2009**

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

**ABSENT:**

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**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 mailing a notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on December 10, 2008.

**NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:** At this time, Mayor Raia presented Council Member Bob Re with a plaque for his years of community service in the Borough of Saddle River and stated that it is an honor and a privilege to present this award.

At this time, Bob Re reflected on his years of community service in the Borough of Saddle River and thanked everyone for their kind wishes upon his retirement from the Council.

At this time, Lt. Anthony Sevalo, duty commander for the State's regional operations and former member of the secret service assigned to President Regan. He stated that he met Bob Re when Bob worked for President Nixon and they have been friends ever since. Mr. Sevalo commended him for spending a life-time serving others.

**WORK SESSION:**

**MAYOR RAIA:**

**Fire Department Elections:** Mayor Raia stated that the Fire Department held an election and the results are as follows:

Jordan Zales:	Chief	Jack Inserra:	Pres., Fire Association
James Antoine:	Captain	Mark Murray:	V.P. Fire Association
Ian Lanni:	Lieutenant	Bill D'Elia:	Treasurer
		Carly Antoine:	Secretary

**NW Bergen Mayors Association:** Mayor Raia stated that he has attended several meetings and one of the objectives being worked on is cost savings through consolidation of services on the municipal level.

**League of Municipalities Meeting:** Mayor Raia thanked the Council Members for their attendance at this meeting and stated that he found many of the seminars were very informative.

**ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA**

**Bergen County Housing Administrative Agent:** Administrative Cuccia stated that the Mayor and Council are in receipt of this agreement regarding affordable housing issues in the Borough for 2010 for their review.

**Valley Health Agreement:** Administrative Cuccia stated that the Mayor and Council are in receipt of this agreement for 2010 for their review.

**West Saddle River Road Water Main Contract:** Borough Engineer Martin Spence gave the Mayor and Council an update on this project, which is almost complete.

**Knispel Easement:** Administrative Cuccia stated that this drainage easement runs from Burning Hollow Road to Eugene Road and asked Mr. Spence to explain this to the Mayor and Council. An agreement is going to be drafted by Borough Attorney Huntington to indicate that it is not an active easement and it will be presented to the Mayor and Council when completed.

**Award of Bid: Old Woods Road Section 2:** This bid award is part of the Consent Agenda and Mr. Spence explained the bid for this project in detail at this time. Matina and Sons were awarded this bid and will begin this project in the spring. Mayor Raia asked Mr. Spence to outline the miscellaneous items in the bid, which he did in detail as well as the grant obtained from the DOT.

**Villa Marie Claire:** Administrative Cuccia stated that both he and Mr. Spence met with the representatives from the Villa Marie Claire regarding the sewer and water connection and he explained this in detail to the Mayor and Council. He further stated that they may be willing to put in a practice recreational field on the property and the Borough of Saddle River would cover the costs of moving the water line from Waldwick to Saddle River. Mr. Spence outlined the

costs for having the water lines switched to Saddle River in detail.

**Health Benefits to eligible dependents:** Administrative Cuccia stated that the state health benefits group has made a provision to allow dependents up to 31 years of age to continue to receive medical coverage, which would be paid for by the employee.

**Blood Borne Pathogens Agreement:** Administrative Cuccia stated that the Mayor and Council are in receipt of this agreement for their approval as part of the Consent Agenda for 2010.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Murray stated that the financial reports through December 17, 2009 are in good order.

Council Member Mastriano stated that Tree Lighting was very successful and she thanked the Police and DPW for their help. She further stated that the plans for Saddle River night will be getting underway shortly and it will be held on June 5, 2010.

The Green Committee is meeting on January 13, 2010 and continuing with their work on the Sustainable Jersey project.

The Wandell School Board met last week and approved a resolution regarding the energy audit to include the school and the municipal building.

Council Member Mastriano asked Mr. Spence to update the Mayor and Council on the project at Rindlaub which includes field improvements, boardwalk improvements and the band shell structure, which will be put out to bid and partially funded with grant monies.

Borough Clerk Marie Elena Macari stated that the Mayor and Council were in receipt of the holiday schedule for 2010, the meeting dates for 2010, and reminded everyone that the Reorganization Meeting was scheduled for January 1, 2010 at 12:00 noon.

### **ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S): Clerk to read the title of:**

#### **Ordinance No. 09-835-C**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 13, ENTITLED "FIRE PREVENTION", IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, NEW JERSEY**

**Resolution # 139-09** Introduced by Council member Re  
Seconded by Council President Burke  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No one from the public wished to be heard.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:** There were none.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Resolution # 140-09** Offered by Council Member Murray  
Seconded by Council President Burke  
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 Murray  
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:** 11/16/09
- B. Resolution(s)**

- R# 141-09 - Authorizing Mayor & Council to enter into a contract with the Borough of Waldwick and Holy Name Hospital for provision of sewer services**
- R# 142-09 - Award of bid for Reconstruction and Drainage System Old Woods Road**
- R# 143-09 - Contract with NJDOT recommendation of award state aid project**
- R# 144-09 - Soil Movement Blk 1901 Lot 9**
- R# 145-09 - Soil Movement Blk 1501 Lot 12**
- R# 146-09 - Authorizing Health Benefits to eligible Dependents to age 31**
- R# 147-09 - Authorizing Borne Pathogens Agreement for 2010**
- R# 148-09 – Authorizing Valley Hospital Aux. Raffle**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Finance Report:** Council Member Murray gave the report for November 2009.
- Fire Report:** Council Member Re gave the report for November 2009.
- Police Report:** Council President Burke gave the report for November 2009.
- Public Works:** Council Member Mutter gave the report for November 2009.

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

**Construction & Zoning Enforcement:** Council President Burke gave the report for November 2009.

**Zoning Board:** Council Member Toomey gave the report for December 2009.

**Landmarks Committee:** There was no report at this time.

**Board of Health:** Council Member Mutter gave the report for November 2009.

**Planning Board:** Council President Burke gave the report for December 2009

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Patti Nazzaro, 3 West Wind Court stated that she will be sorry to see Council Member Re retire and thanked him for all his dedicated service in the Borough throughout the years. In addition, she thanked the Mayor and Council for adopting the resolution for the Municipal Alliance.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Council member Re once again, thanked everyone for their support throughout his years of service in the Borough of Saddle River.

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Resolution # 149-09** was offered by Council Member Mastriano  
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

