

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD JUNE 15, 2009**

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

**ABSENT:** Council Member Re

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**PRESIDING:** Mayor Raia asked *Youth Mayor Hana Friedman* to call the meeting to order at this time. 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 proclaimed June 15, 2009 as Hana Friedman Day in the Borough of Saddle River and read this proclamation.

**WORK SESSION:**

**MAYOR RAI A**

**Northwest Bergen Mayors Meeting:** Mayor Raia stated that he attended this meeting on Saturday, June 13, 2009 and shared services were discussed. In addition, the introduction of hybrid vehicles used by municipalities and the Green Initiative were also topics of discussion.

**Joint Meeting Pascack Valley Mayors & Northwest Bergen Mayors:** Mayor Raia stated that the Borough of Saddle River hosted this meeting the prior week to discuss contracts, shared services and develop strategies on how municipalities can work together for greater efficiency.

**Wandell School Government Day:** Mayor Raia stated that June 9, 2009 was Student Government Day and the students visited the Borough Hall to learn about municipal government. Mayor Raia circulated letters of thanks written by the students who attended.

**Fire Chief Vehicle:** Mayor Raia stated that the Borough is in receipt of the new Hybrid SUV and that it is currently having all the necessary emergency equipment installed.

## **ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA**

**Master Plan:** Administrator Cuccia stated that this plan is funded over five years and the resolution is part of the Consent Agenda.

**Construction Fee Amendments:** Administrator Cuccia stated that there will be changes, both increases and reductions, to several construction fees and the Mayor and Council is in receipt of this information.

**East Saddle River Road Water Line:** Administrator Cuccia stated that the work should begin after July 4<sup>th</sup> and is expected to be completed by the end of the summer. Borough Engineer Spence stated that they will begin at the southern portion of the roadway and work toward East Allendale Road.

**West Saddle River Road Water Line:** Administrator Cuccia stated that the work is expected to be completed by June 26<sup>th</sup> with all the services up and running.

**Garbage Contract:** Administrator Cuccia stated that this contract went out to bid and four bids were received, with Suburban Disposal, Inc. being the lowest bidder in the amount of \$843,000.00. The resolution to authorize this bid award is part of the Consent Agenda. No collection services will be changed in the Borough and Suburban Disposal will begin on July 1, 2009.

**Open Space Funding:** Administrator Cuccia stated that the County has sent out applications and they are due back by July 31, 2009. He further stated that he needs direction on proposed projects in the Borough. Borough Engineer Spence stated that the Ice Pond needs some stabilization and would qualify as Open Space. Council Member Mastriano stated that they could also utilize some of the funds to construct a bridge over the river to tie in the new piece of property the Borough has acquired on East Allendale Road.

**Estimated Tax Bills:** Administrator Cuccia stated that the tax rates are not certified to date so it is necessary to send out estimated tax bills. This resolution is part of the Consent Agenda.

At this time, Council Member Murray asked several questions regarding the construction fees and Administrator Cuccia discussed this in detail.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Mutter stated that he is working with Director of Operations, Bruce Mautz to establish the appropriate protocol for the maintenance of Borough vehicles. He discussed the proposed details of this program which is currently being developed.

Council Member Murray stated that the accounting report for the month of May is complete and in good order.

Council Member Mastriano stated that the Memorial Day celebration was extremely successful. She suggested that the bike decorations be judged in the future.

She further stated that Wandell School is looking into some shared services.

The fields in Rindlaub Park are going to be re-designed and the work will be going out to bid shortly.

Wandell Field Day will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 and Council Mastriano stated that the Mayor and Council are invited to attend.

Council Member Mastriano stated that the Green Committee met and attended a presentation regarding solar panels for the Wandell School. She further stated it was informative and both the funding of these panels and the energy audit need to be further addressed.

She further stated that she would like to have an informative evening for all residents in July regarding the environment and Green initiatives and was seeking the Council's feedback. The Borough's participation in Sustainable Jersey would benefit greatly from this meeting.

#### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Irene Feldsott, 74 Stony Ridge Road asked about the possibility of placing a sign on the tennis courts in Rindlaub Park indicating that use of the courts is only for Saddle River residents as well as the implementation of a time limit for play. She further suggested a sign in sheet. Attorney Huntington stated that this would have to be looked into before the Mayor and Council could take formal action.

Alyssa Katsapis, 124 East Saddle River Road asked why there are no bike paths or sidewalks in the Borough of Saddle River. Youth Mayor Hana Friedman was in agreement and Mayor Raia stated that there are many residents that are not in favor of sidewalks. He further stated that paths will be created with the construction of the Saddle River Crossing project in the near future. The downtown area will be more accessible with these paths.

Youth Mayor Hana Friedman stated that it is very dangerous to walk in the roadways and she often sees people walking dogs and they should be wearing reflective clothing.

Bill Haynes, 96 East Allendale stated that he would like to work with Council Member Mastriano on the Green initiatives. Additionally, he inquired when 92 East Allendale was going to be torn down; he lives next door and was not informed. He wanted to know what precautions were being taken from a health prospective as he is concerned about his family. Administrator Cuccia stated that an environmental report was done and currently the oil tanks and any asbestos found are being removed. He further stated that he would get the date the actual demolition was going to take place and he was assured that this would be a carefully regulated activity.

Joe Pera, 16 Old Farms Road stated that he enjoys walking in the Borough and inquired about the possibility of extending the pavement on the roadways in order to give bike riders and

walkers more room. Borough Spence stated that he did not think that the County would want to narrow any of the roadways in the Borough and additionally he stated it would require the removal of too many trees as well as increase run-off.

Police Chief Tim McWilliams stated that this would be a safety concern as well.

Mayor Raia encouraged everyone to obtain a copy of the plan for the Saddle River Crossing as there are going to be many paths that residents can utilize for both biking and walking.

Irene Feldsott, 74 Stony Ridge Road stated that the paths that are going to be constructed should be designated specifically for both bike riders as well as walkers. In addition, she stated that signage should be incorporated in the Borough to remind roadway bikers that they must ride single file per the Borough code.

Council Member Murray asked Youth Mayor Friedman if she would write an article for the upcoming Borough Newsletter regarding her idea of wearing reflective clothing while walking.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 09-831-M**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A UTILITY TRUCK FOR THE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$80,000 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.**

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

**Resolution #81-09** Offered by Council Member Mutter  
Seconded by Council Member Murray  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: Clerk to read the title of:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 09-832-C**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 96 ENTITLED "CONSTRUCTION CODES UNIFORM" IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, NEW JERSEY**

**Resolution # 82-09** Offered by Council President Burke  
Offered by Council Member Mastriano  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**ORDINANCE NO. 09-833-C**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION  
UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53, A NEW MASTER PLAN**

**Resolution # 83-09** Offered by Council President Burke  
Offered by Council member Mutter  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Resolution # 84-09** Offered by Council Member Murray  
Seconded by Council Member 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**

**A. Approval of Minutes: 5/18/09**

**B. Resolution(s)**

- R# 85-09 Authorization for to execute contract with Richard Preiss, Phillips Preiss Shapiro Associates, Inc. Associates for Preparation of a new Master Plan**
- R#86-09 Appointment of Architect for the reconstruction of the Municipal Building**
- R#87-09 Authorization to execute contract with West Bergen Mental Healthcare**
- R#88-09 Award of Bid for Collection of Solid Waste & Recyclables**
- R#89-09 Soil movement for Exclusive Homes Stony Ridge Road Blk 1303 Lot 14**
- R#90-09 Soil movement for Hekemian 15 Charlden Dr., Blk 1202 Lot 20**

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

Joe Pera, 16 Old Farms Road requested that the resolutions on the Consent Agenda be explained in detail by Administrator Cuccia. He also requested that copies of resolutions be made available to the public at the regular meetings of the Mayor and Council.

At this time, Administrator Cuccia explained each item on the Consent Agenda in detail.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Report:** Council Member Murray gave the report for May 2009.

**Fire Report:** Council President Burke gave the report for May 2009.

**Police Report:** Council President Burke gave the report for May 2009.

**Public Works:** Council Member Mutter gave the report for May 2009.

**Parks and Recreation:** Council Member Mastriano stated that the Friday before Memorial, the members of the Fire Department held a bike decorating rally, serving food and holding a bike safety seminar.

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

**Zoning Board:** There was no ZBA meeting due to a lack of agenda.

**Landmarks Committee:** Council Member Toomey stated that there was a May meeting, held in the Museum, and Council President Burke and Museum curator John Kurpis gave a presentation on the facility. He further stated that this project has gotten off to a great start and it is a very impressive setting.

**Board of Health:** Council Member Mutter stated that Swine Flu is of great concern but thus far, there have not been any cases reported in this area.

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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Marilyn Goldfisher, 124 West Saddle River Road stated that the "No Littering" sign recently

installed was a good idea and urged the Mayor and Council to consider adding more in the Borough

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Council Member Mastriano stated that she would like to consider doing a Winter Festival on Friday, December 4, 2009 in conjunction with the tree lighting. She would like the jazz band from Northern Highlands High School to perform.

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Resolution # 92-09** was offered by Council Member Mastriano  
Seconded by Council Member Murray  
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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