

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD MARCH 16, 2009**

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

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 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:

WORK SESSION:

MAYOR RAI A

Crossing Plan: Mayor Raia stated that he is pleased that the the plans are continuing to move forward.

Woodcliff Lake Road: Mayor Raia asked Chief McWilliams to report on this intersection. Chief McWilliams stated that a letter was sent to the County regarding this dangerous intersection and he is hopeful that a four way stop will be installed. The light that is currently there would be blinking red in both directions.

PB/ZBA Meeting Report: Mayor Raia stated that he felt it was a good time to attempt to align both Boards on several issues. A meeting took place with the Board Attorneys, the Chairman of each Board, the Borough Administrator, Borough Engineer, Borough Landscape Architect and Building Inspector with the objective being to insure that applications are complete and are reviewed with continuity.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA

Fire Chief's SUV: Administrator Cuccia stated that the Fire Chief's SUV was ordered and should be delivered in 180 days. Mayor Raia asked if we could get the vehicle sooner and Administrator Cuccia stated that, it must be delivered exactly as bid, which is why it takes as long as it does.

Master Plan: The Planning Board is reviewing the current Master Plan before turning it over to Richard Preiss, Borough Planner. Administrator Cuccia stated that the Master Plan must be codified in order to bring all of the components together.

2009 Budget: Administrator Cuccia stated that the budget is complete and was thoroughly reviewed by the finance committee. He used a Power Point presentation to explain details of the budget to the Mayor and Council at this time.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Mastriano stated that the plans for the Memorial Day festivities are underway and she is working with Council Member Murray.

Council President Burke stated that the Municipal Building Committee will be meeting on April 2, 2009 at 8:00am to continue the process of evaluating the final two architects who wish to bid on the proposed work. In addition, he stated that the Environmental Commission has elected Ron Yates as the new chairman. The commission discussed the testing of the Saddle River and Council President Burke stated that he would like to get the Wandell students involved in this project. In addition, the commission would like to see the Borough continue well testing in the CKE area in Burning Hollow. Borough Engineer Martin Spence stated that the DEP is responsible for this and he explained this in detail to the Mayor and Council.

BOROUGH CLERK: Borough Clerk Macari stated that the State Records Committee has issued a certificate of compliance to the Borough of Saddle River for the installation of a public records image processing system.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 09-825-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF OLD WOODS 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 APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, 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 # 39-09 Offered by Council Member Mutter
Offered by Council Member Murray

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 09-826-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO RINDLAUB PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$345,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE COUNTY GRANTS, 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 #40-09 Offered by Council Member Mastriano
Offered by Council Member Murray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 09-827-C

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING (COAH) REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE MUNICIPALITY'S PRIOR ROUND AND THIRD ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS

Resolution #41-09 Offered by Council President Burke
Seconded by Council Member Mutter
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORD. 09-828-M CAP INDEX RATE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER

Resolution #42-09 Offered by Council Member Murray
Seconded by Council Member Mutter
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

INTRODUCTION OF THE 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution# 43-09 Offered by Council Member Murray
Seconded by Council President Burke
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S): Clerk to read the title of:
There were none.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 44-09 Offered by Council Member Murray
Seconded by Council Member Re
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 Mastriano
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes: 2/9/09

B. Resolution(s)

R# 45-09 Rindlaub Park Ball Field Improvements

R# 46-09 COAH Funding

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Joe Pera, 16 Old Farms Road ask about the COAH Funding and Administrator Cuccia explained this in detail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Council Member Murray gave the report for January and February of 2009.

Fire Report: Council Member Re gave the report for February 2009 and stated that it was on file with the Borough Clerk.

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

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

Parks and Recreation: Council Member Mastriano stated that the committee toured Rindlaub Park during their meeting on March 11, 2009 and everything is in order.

Green Committee: Council Member Mastriano stated that the committee is continuing to pursue the energy audit.

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

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

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

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: A resident, who did not identify herself, asked about necessary repairs to the bridge on Lower Cross Road and Borough Engineer Spence stated that the bridge is scheduled to be replaced within approximately one year.

Joe Pera, 16 Old Farms Road asked about what vehicle was purchased for the Fire Chief and Mayor Raia stated that it is a Hybrid Chevrolet Tahoe. In addition, Mr. Pera asked about the aforementioned intersection at Woodcliff Lake Road and Chestnut Ridge Road and stated that he did not feel that a four way stop was not practical. He recommended that a traffic light be installed at this intersection.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution # 47-09 was offered by Council Member Re
Seconded by Council Member Mastriano
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

