

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD MAY 18, 2009**

PRESENT: Mayor Raia, Council President Burke, Council Members, Mastriano, Murray, Mutter, Re, Toomey, Borough Clerk Macari, Administrator Cuccia, & Borough Attorney Russell 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 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 2009 as Scleroderma Awareness Month in the Borough of Saddle River.

WORK SESSION:

MAYOR RAI A

Northwest Bergen Mayors' Meeting: Mayor Raia stated that one of the topics discussed at the meeting was shared services including the possibility of the municipal courts.

Bergen Mayor's Meeting: Mayor Raia stated that he attended this meeting and the project at the Meadowlands was discussed. It is in serious financial trouble and work has ceased due to a lack of funding.

Conference of Mayor's: Mayor Raia stated that he attended this meeting in Atlantic City and found it very informative. Shared services, Green initiatives and COAH were some of the topics discussed and he further stated that the exhibits were excellent. Hybrid vehicles were also discussed and Mayor Raia stated that they are becoming more and more prevalent and most taxis in New York City are converting to hybrid vehicles.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA

Fee Ordinance: Administrator Cuccia stated that the Mayor and Council were in receipt of a draft ordinance outlining fee changes within the construction department. It was decided that this ordinance would be introduced in at the June 15, 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Raia stated that plans submitted to the Planning Board under the new review procedures for the Borough Engineer and the Landscape Architect are having a very positive effect on the Borough of Saddle River. He commended both of them for their diligent efforts.

SEM – Sustainable Energy Meeting: Council Member Mastriano explained that the JIF put this group together as a study group and formed the Sustainable Energy Meeting which Saddle River will be a charter member of. It will give the Borough an opportunity to purchase energy throughout the year at a better rate than through a utility. She further stated that the school is very interested in becoming part of this as well, which would be financially beneficial. A resolution to authorize joining the Sustainable Energy Meeting is part of the Consent Agenda.

Tower Bid Award: Administrator Cuccia stated that replacing the monopole tower went out to bid and T-Mobile, the only bidder, will be contracted for this project for a cost of \$40,000 to include a building and the tower. A resolution to award this bid is part of the Consent Agenda.

Signs at Colonial Shopping Center: Administrator Cuccia stated that the renditions that were submitted were not acceptable and Mayor Raia stated that he would like the signs to be under the eave of the building. Council President Burke stated that he would like to see the shopping center obtain a variance if necessary, as opposed to amending the sign ordinance. New renditions will be submitted and then given to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for their approval.

COAH Contract with Bergen County: Administrator Cuccia stated that we have a contract with the Bergen County Housing Authority regarding the administration of COAH housing units in the Borough. The authorization to enter into an agreement with the Bergen County Housing Authority for this purpose is part of the Consent Agenda.

Replacement of Mason Dump Truck: Administrator Cuccia stated that an ordinance will be introduced to authorize the purchase of a Mason Dump truck.

Results of Banking RFP: Administrator Cuccia stated that he is currently researching other banking institutions to deal with as there have been issues with the current banking institution. It was decided that the Borough will switch to Wachovia Bank, one of the Borough's current designated depositories.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Mastriano stated that the plans for the Memorial Day celebration are almost completed and the parade will begin at 11:00 at the Fire House. On Friday, May 22, 2009, all children riding their bikes in the parade can come to the Police Department to decorate their bikes and be taught about road safety. Mayor Raia stated that he wanted to insure that the sound system was adequate so that all singers and speakers could be heard.

Mayor Raia discussed the flags that are going to be flown for Saddle River residents that served in the armed forces, which will be displayed at the Municipal Building.

Council Member Mastriano stated that the Green Team is going to have a meeting on June 3, 2009 and they will listen to a presentation about the possibility of installing solar panels at the Wandell School. They will wait to move forward until the energy audit has been completed.

Council Member Mastriano discussed Sustainable Jersey and the qualifications necessary to participate. She also discussed the hybrid cars and stated that Administrator Cuccia and Building Inspector John Scialla are now driving them and they are getting approximately 28 mpg.

Council Member Mastriano stated that the School Board met with several Borough officials to discuss keeping the school system independent and avoid regionalization.

Council Member Re stated that the hybrid Tahoe, purchased for the fire chief will be delivered shortly.

Council Member Mutter stated that he is in the process of developing a program to record and keep accurate track of Borough vehicles maintenance records.

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

BOROUGH ATTORNEY:

BOROUGH CLERK: Borough Clerk Macari stated that the Borough conducted an auction on May 13, 2009, auctioning off five vehicles for a total cost of \$10,825.00. Another auction is scheduled to auction off four more vehicles and there is a resolution authorizing this auction in the Consent Agenda.

Borough Clerk Macari reminded the Mayor and Council that June 2, 2009 is the Primary Election and the polling hours are 6:00am – 8:00pm.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 09-829-M

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE UNDERTAKING OF CULVERT REPLACEMENT ON EAST SADDLE RIVER ROAD OVER ST. GABRIEL BROOK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$585,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A COUNTY GRANT.

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

Resolution #68-09 Offered by Council Member Mutter
Seconded by Council Member Murray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORDINANCE NO. 09-830

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR BLK 1201 LOT 24

Resolution # 68A-09 Offered by Council Member Toomey
Seconded by Board Member Re
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: 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.

Resolution # 69-09 Offered by Council Member Mutter
Offered by Council Member Mastriano
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 70-09 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 Mastriano
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

- A. Approval of Minutes:** 4/20/09 & 5/4/09 (Special Mtg.)
- B. Resolution(s)**

- R# 71-09 Authorization to join New Jersey Sustainable Energy Joint Meeting**
- R# 72-09 Authorization to establish a reserve for preliminary expenses not to exceed \$40,000.**
- R# 73-09 Award of Bid for lease of real property**
- R# 74-09 Award of Bid for ESRR Water Main Extension to P.M. Construction**
- R# 75-09 Authorization to Enter into an Agreement for the Administration of Housing Units with the Housing Authority of Bergen County**
- R# 76-09 Soil movement Blk 1808 Lot 6**
- R# 77-09 Denial of Parole for Joseph McGowan**
- R# 78-09 Authorization to conduct a municipal auction**
- R# 79-09 Appointment of Seasonal Helper**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

The following two resolutions were removed from the Consent Agenda and will be voted on separately.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Fire Report: Council Member Re gave the report for April 2009. He further stated that several members of the Fire Department attended a very valuable seminar in Indianapolis, Ind.

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

Public Works: Council Member Mutter gave the report for April 2009. In addition, he discussed the salt usage this winter, which was reduced by 1/3 as well as the dealing with drainage issues on the baseball fields. The sweeper demonstration will be held on May 21, 2009 at 9:30am.

Parks and Recreation: Council Member Mastriano discussed the damage on baseball field B.

Green Committee: There was no report at this time.

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.

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

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

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Joe Pera, 16 Old Farms Road asked about the bid award for the water main extension on East Saddle River Road and Administrator Cuccia stated that the cost of this project is \$2,241,717.01

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution # 80-09 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