

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD OCTOBER 19, 2009**

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

ABSENT: Council Member Murray

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 introduced John Christ, Health Officer and he gave an informative presentation on P.O.D.S. (Points of Distribution). This program is used for the dispensing of necessary medication within a municipality. He outlined what was needed for a municipality to be able to participate and asked for feedback from the Mayor and Council. Administrator Cuccia stated that Upper Saddle River would like to form a P.O.D. together and all were in agreement. A motion was made to move forward with the P.O.D. by Council Member Mutter
Seconded by Council Member Mastriano
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Mayor Raia asked Mr. Christ to update the Mayor and Council on H1N1 in the surrounding area, which he did in detail.

WORK SESSION:

MAYOR RAIA:

Master Plan Update: Mayor Raia stated that the Master Plan was discussed at the Planning Board Meeting of October 12, 2009. A full review of the Master Plan will take place and areas of review will include roads, utility plans, designated areas for agriculture, community facilities, recreation, open space, and improvements to Rindlaub Park including the ingress and egress to

the Park. The Exxon property as well as the Saddle River Crossing plan, the protection of historic sites and making Saddle River a sustainable community were also discussed as part of the Master Plan.

Mayor Raia stated that he met with Congressman Garrett to discuss various issues in Saddle River including the school system, how we operate as a community and our expenses.

Saddle River Day School: Mayor Raia stated that he had a meeting with Eileen Lambert, the new Head Master of the Saddle River Day School to discuss where the school is headed and how Saddle River can help the school achieve some of their goals.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA

Vehicle Maintenance Policy: Administrator Cuccia stated that he has received information back from both the Fire and Police Departments on the vehicle maintenance policy. Mayor Raia reviewed the reports and stated that he feels that the Fire Department has a misinterpretation on how this program will operate. We will not be doing the maintenance, just reporting on it. Council Member Re agreed that there was some misunderstanding with the Fire Department and this policy and Mayor Raia reiterated that this program is being run through Bruce Mautz and the Operations Department.

Waldwick – Villa Marie Claire: Administrator Cuccia stated that he sent a letter to the Mayor and Council regarding an update on the water utility. He further stated that he and Borough Engineer Spence have been in contact with the Borough of Waldwick to see about the possibility of an interconnect between the two water companies. The Villa is located in the Borough of Saddle River but is currently serviced by the Waldwick water utility. More technical information must be obtained to assure that this can work properly; Administrator Cuccia was looking for direction from the Mayor and Council on this.

Ho-Ho-Kus Water Line: Administrator Cuccia stated that there are several Ho-Ho-Kus residents at the end of East Saddle River Road who do not have public water and would like to be connected to the Saddle River water line. Borough Engineer Spence stated that he has been in touch with the Ho-Ho-Kus Borough Engineer and the likelihood is it will be too costly at this time.

Environmental Joint Insurance Fund Audit: Administrator Cuccia stated that there was a concern about what was being done with the street sweeper debris and Mayor Raia stated that it would be the most cost effective and environmentally sound to cover the debris with a tarp. This would insure that there would be no cross contamination.

T-Mobile: Administrator Cuccia stated that T-Mobile has completed their testing process on the property and they will be making any necessary repairs to the property.

Mayor Raia stated that he would like to put signs around the Borough reminding residents to come out and vote.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Mastriano stated that the Parks and Recreation Commission will meet shortly. She further stated that the fields in Rindlaub Park have been repaired where needed. She also stated that the police presence has helped in traffic monitoring.

A 5K run, which is planned for March 2010, is still in the process of being discussed and a final date will be confirmed.

She further stated that she would like to start thinking about Saddle River Night and would welcome suggestions.

The Green Committee met with the Borough Planner and the green initiatives in place in the Borough of Saddle River were commended.

Wandell School Superintendent Goldblatt was attending a meeting regarding the consolidation of schools and Council Member Mastriano stated that she has not yet heard the outcome.

Council Member Mastriano discussed the Halloween block party in Burning Hollow which will be held on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 4:00pm – 9:00pm

Council President Burke stated that the Environmental Commission has been working on different assignments and Mayor Raia stated that Chairman Ron Yates submitted a report regarding the Tree City USA Community Program. He further stated that this report will be discussed at the November 16, 2009 meeting of the Mayor and Council.

Council Member Mutter discussed the Vehicle Maintenance Program and a motion was made by Council Mutter to approve the Maintenance Policy. Seconded by Council Member Re.
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Council Member Mutter also stated that he would like to assist in any way possible with the P.O.D program in the Borough. He reiterated that this program is for use in a true state of emergency and no one can be turned away. He also was in agreement with participating in this program with Upper Saddle River.

BOROUGH CLERK: Borough Clerk Macari reminded everyone about Election Day and stated that polls are open in the Borough of Saddle River from 6:00am to 8:00pm.

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

ORD. NO. 09-834-C

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

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

Resolution # 123-09 Introduced by Council President Burke
Seconded by Council Member Mutter
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: There were none.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 124-09 Offered by Council President Burke
Seconded by Council Member Mastriano
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 Mutter
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: 9/21/09 – It was decided that the minutes would be voted on at the November 16, 2009 meeting.

B. Resolution(s)

- **R# 125-09 Cancellation of Property Taxes Blk. 1607 Lots 7 & 8
Blk. 1402 Lot 26.14**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Council President Burke gave the report for September 2009.

Fire Report: Council Member Re gave the report for September 2009.

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

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

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

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

Zoning Board: There was no report at this time. .

Landmarks Committee: Council Member Toomey gave the report for September 2009.

Board of Health: Council member Mutter gave the report for September 2009.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution # 126-09 was offered by Council Member Mastriano
Seconded by Council Member 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