

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD SEPTEMBER 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:**

**WORK SESSION:**

At this time, Frank Covelli, Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. gave a presentation of the annual report of the Borough's insurance coverage.

At this time, Mayor Raia introduced Juliette Boyajian, a Saddle River resident who is 11 years old and attends the Eric Smith Middle School in Ramsey. She read a proposal for creating a Saddle River Junior Council and read all the ideas and suggestions she and her friends would change about Saddle River, if they could. The Mayor and Council thanked her for her creative and worthwhile ideas.

**MAYOR RAIA:**

**Update on Chestnut Ridge Road and Woodcliff Lake Road:** Mayor Raia said that the addition of the four way stop sign is making the intersection safer and people are becoming more comfortable about it. The County is also considering rumble strips for additional safety purposes.

**Master Plan:** Mayor Raia advised that that the Planning Board, and the Mayor and Council will hold a joint meeting of the Planning Board on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of

obtaining input from the community for the Master Plan update. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**NWBM:** Mayor Raia reported on his recent meeting of the Northwest Bergen Mayors Group. He stressed the importance of the exchange of ideas between Mayors and explained that it is beneficial in assisting each other with their town's issues, from insurance to PBA contracts and find better ways to work together and save money for our towns.

## **ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** The State of New Jersey, Council on Affordable Housing has advised that the 45 day objection period has passed and no objections were received.

**WATER AND PAVING UPDATE:** Borough Administrator Cuccia asked Borough Engineer Spence to explain the map he brought to the meeting showing the locations of the fire hydrants. The project currently under construction is the ESRR water main project, south of East Allendale Road which is near completion. In the next few days the water main is being extended north of E. Allendale Road to the Upper Saddle River Municipal boundary. This will take approximately 6 weeks to complete. A memo is going out to the residents regarding any inconvenience this may cause. Martin noted that we are on budget and the bidding has been very competitive. He discussed the curb stops, which is the actual connection from the main to the property and the advantages of placing them at this time would eliminate future road openings and incurring excessive costs. A change order was submitted to provide all the curb stops at this time and the project will still remain within the budget. He explained where we do not have hydrants and discussed future areas where there may be water main extensions, including the High Ridge area and the Fox Hedge area.

**THE HOLLOWES:** Administrator Cuccia stated the DEP is still reviewing available funding for the Hollowes.

**OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET:** On November 14<sup>th</sup> everyone will have an opportunity to bring their old medications to the Borough Hall for disposal.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Mutter discussed a vehicle maintenance policy which was previously distributed to the Council. This policy reflects how well and safe the vehicles could and should be maintained. Mayor Raia commented that on Appendix B Rotation of tires should be by the manufacturer rather than the department head. The policy will be sent to the following department heads, Chief Yates, Chief McWilliams, John Scialla and Bruce Mautz for their written comments.

Mayor Raia stated that he feels that this type of policy works and he would like to approve this at the next meeting.

**Council Member Mastriano:** Reported on Parks and Recreation. She explained that it has been pointed out that Field C baseball field encroaches into our football field. As a result Martin Spence stated that the playing surface will be upgraded for \$2500 but shipping will take 10

days. The decision tonight is whether the DPW should install the product or the manufacturer. Since football starts this Saturday and safety of the players is of the utmost importance it would be wise to have the DPW install the product. This is something in addition to the bid just received to make improvements to Rindlaub Park. She discussed with Chief Williams having some police patrol at the gate because there will be at least 4 different games going which means a lot of traffic.

She also talked about several dates to be aware of: **Holiday Winter Festival Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** which will be in combination with the Tree Lighting.

**A 5K RUN, St Patrick's Day, F. X. Ahearn, Sr. Foundation** is being planned.

**The Saddle River event** is scheduled for June 6, 2010 and volunteers are needed.

**The Green Committee** has 107 points and 100 makes up a Sustainable community. We are in the running for the small community's category, (under 5,000 residents) and at the League of Municipalities on Tuesday November 17 there will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sustainable Jersey Awards Luncheon. (Tickets must be ordered in advance)

There is an energy audit in progress at the Municipal Building. One proposal has been received and a resolution approving same will be added to the agenda.

The next meeting of the Green Committee is October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Wandell School is very concerned about the swine flu and want to take any precautions they can to prevent any epidemic. They sent a flyer asking parents if they want to have the shot at school or at their own doctor, the response was very poor.

The foundation which supports Wandell is having Peter and the Wolf show on October 6<sup>th</sup> in the all purpose room of Wandell.

Council Member Burke reported on attending the Environmental Commission held September 10<sup>th</sup>; they are looking for two additional members Mayor Raia noted that he sent Ron Yates information on researching Tree City USA.

Council Member Murray reported the financials for the month of August are in good order.

Council Member Mutter reported on the maintenance policy which he would like to have implemented. It will be sent to the department heads for their input and hopefully voted on next month.

Council Member Toomey reported on the Zoning Board meetings of August 19<sup>th</sup> September 16<sup>th</sup>. He further stated that at the August meeting there was one memorializing resolution and two applications, which he explained in detail. The application for 158 East Saddle River Road was seeking an interpretation and the applicant's attorney argued that the provisions of the Ordinance were not clear with respect to the calculation of building coverage, citing inconsistent definitions and the lack of uniform language. Zoning Board Attorney Rutherford and Borough Attorney Huntington were to discuss this issue and recommend clarifications.

At the September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting there were two memorializing resolutions as well as two new applications, which he explained in detail.

He reported 90 and 92 East Allendale Road were demolished.

Council Member Re read highlights from the fire department report for July and August.

Council Member Mutter gave the Operations report received from Bruce Mautz, Public Works Department.

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

There were none.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 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**

**Resolution # 106-09** Introduced by Council President Burke  
Seconded by Council Member Mastriano  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Resolution # 107-09** 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 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: 7/20/09**

**B. Resolution(s)**

- R#108-09** Appointment of Municipal Housing Liaison Charles S. Cuccia
- R#109-09** Appointment Open Space Municipal Representative Martin Spence
- R# 110-09** Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund Park Improvement Program
- R# 111-09** Agreement with Tyco Animal Control Services
- R# 112-09** Renewal of Membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Ins. Fund
- R# 113-09** Renewal in the Bergen Municipal Employee Benefits Fund and sign Indemnity and Agreement
- R# 114-09** Cancellation of Property Taxes Blk 1607 Lot 24 & 25
- R# 115-09** Soil Movement Blk 1402 Lot 6 - Alberti
- R# 116-09** Complete Count Committee for Census 2010
- R# 117-09** Appointment of Full time Dispatcher Michael Cooper
- R# 118-09** NJ Firemen's Association Membership Application – D. Brown
- R# 119-09** Appointment of Probationary Firefighter Jill A. Rosker
- R# 120-09** Award of Bid for Rindlaub Park Improvements
- R# 121-09** Authorization to approve Energy Audit
- R# 122-09** Executive Session

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Report:** Council Member Murray gave the report for July & August 2009.

**Fire Report:** Council Member Re gave the report for July & August 2009.

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

**Public Works:** Council Member Mutter gave the report for July & August 2009.

**Parks and Recreation:** No further report.

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

**Zoning Board:** Council Member Toomey gave the report for August & Sept. 2009.

**Landmarks Committee:**

**Board of Health:** Council Mutter stated that there will be a regional meeting at the Borough Hall regarding the development of a regional PODN and encouraged all to attend.

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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Robert Massimi, 110 East Allendale Road stated that silt is accumulating in his pond and asked about a possible solution to this problem. Borough Engineer Martin Spence stated that he needs a permit application to the State and if approved, the County will be responsible for rectifying this problem.

He also complained about traffic on E. Allendale Road and E Saddle River Road.

Patti Nazzaro, 3 West Wind Court stated that the cul-de-sac was in need of being cleaned up and she was advised to discuss this with her neighbors.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mayor Raia stated that, now that the Museum is highly visible, he would like the Landmarks Committee to work on cleaning up the property around it.

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Resolution # 122-09** 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