
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2006**

PRESENT: Mayor Caruso, Council Members FitzPatrick, Savarese, Murray, Re, Raia
Borough Clerk Macari, Administrator Cuccia, & Attorney Harry Norton

ABSENT: Council President Burke, Council Member Raia

PRESIDING: Mayor Caruso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; Borough Clerk 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 faxing notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on December 30, 2005.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:

Mayor Caruso congratulated Council Members Murray and Re on their re-election to the Council.

Mayor Caruso presented Eve Ardia with a plaque for the completion of her work on the historic building on East Allendale Road.

WORK SESSION

MAYOR CARUSO:

Villa Marie Claire Update: Mayor Caruso stated that he and Joe Pera met with Sister Maureen Collins in order to get an update on the status of the Villa Marie Claire. They were informed that the Villa is not for sale at this time, despite the fact that there was an offer by a developer to purchase it. He further stated that he advised Sister Maureen if and when it does become available for purchase, she contact him first. It is not for sale at this time due to other commitments with other pieces of property and they must continue to assess their needs. The facility is closing and they are giving the residents one year to find other accommodations. There are several Sisters that reside there and wish to continue to do so. Mayor Caruso stated that if the Villa wishes to discuss this with the Borough of Saddle River in the future, a committee should be appointed to do so. Much of this property is in the floodway and not able to be developed.

Borough Engineer Spence explained the 27 acre property and its limitations to the Mayor and Council.

Letter from BMW: The Mayor stated that he is in receipt of a letter from BMW inviting the Mayor and Council to attend a meeting outlining plans for a new worldwide R & D facility in Woodcliff Lake encompassing approximately 80 acres on the Ingersoll Rand property. He further stated that it would have a negative impact on the pre-existing problem and suggested contacting other neighboring communities to attend as well.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA

Strike Guard Lightning Warning System: Administrator Cuccia stated that the Northwest Bergen Administrators have been researching lightning warning systems as a result of the two fatalities in Montvale recently. The system that was chosen would cost approximately \$11,500 and would cover all of Rindlaub Park and all of the property at the Wandell School. It consists of a strobe light and a horn to warn people of lightning in the area. The Mayor and Council was in agreement that the Borough of Saddle River should purchase this system.

Appropriation Transfers: Administrator Cuccia stated that this resolution is part of the Consent Agenda.

Boroline Road Traffic Light Up-Date: Administrator Cuccia stated that on November 1, 2006 he received a letter from the Borough of Allendale regarding the easement on the southwest corner and on November 6, 2006 he sent a letter to Dennis McNerney requesting that he release \$125,000 of the bond which was provided to the County for this project. The suggestion of putting a police officer there for crossing purposes was made and Chief McWilliams stated that he would investigate the merits of this further.

Elected Officials Training Seminar: Administrator Cuccia stated that there will be a seminar at the League Convention which all should attend.

Snow Plow Contract Extension: Administrator Cuccia stated that there is a resolution to extend the existing contract for two years. The rates increased by \$5.00 per hour.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member FitzPatrick stated that the tree lighting will be on December 3, 2006 at 4:00pm. It will be in conjunction with the Valley Club Open House. There will be a collection for Toys for Tots as well and it was suggested that a flyer be sent to residents informing them

Council Member Murray stated that the budget and the financial reports are satisfactory.

Council Member Re stated that he has received several complaints from residents on Twin Brooks Road regarding the intersection at Chestnut Ridge Road. The Borough Engineers have looked at it and they are trying to decide what to do about the side that does not have a guard rail. Borough Engineer Spence stated that he is getting estimates to have a guard rail installed there.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution # 155-06 was offered by Council Member FitzPatrick
Seconded by Council Member Savarese
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.

PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE(S): Clerk to read the title of:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-801-C

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER

Resolution # 156-06 Offered by Council Member Re
Seconded by Council Member Murray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 157-06 Offered by Council Member Murray
Seconded by Council Member Savarese
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 Member FitzPatrick
Seconded by Council Member Savarese
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

A. **Approval of Minutes:** The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council Minutes of October 16, 2006 were approved with one correction.

B. **Approval of Raffle #122 for Saddle River PBA Local #348 Civic Assoc. for June 2, 2007.**

B. **Resolution (s):**

R# 158-06 **Appropriation Transfer**

R# 159-06 **Extension of Snow Plow Agreement 11/30/06 – 11/30/07 with Downes Tree Service**

Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Council Member Murray gave the report for October 2006.

Fire Report: Council Member Re stated that the report was on file with the Borough Clerk for October 2006.

Police Report: Council Member Re stated that the report was on file with the Borough Clerk for October 2006.

Construction & Zoning Enforcement: Council Member Savarese stated that there was no report at this time.

Planning Board: Council Member Savarese gave the report for November 2006.

Zoning Board: Council Member FitzPatrick gave the report for October and November 2006.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Jim FitzPatrick, 60 Chestnut Ridge Road, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment in the Borough of Saddle River stated that there was a correction regarding an application on Old Farms Road.

Alan Post, 15 Dogwood Drive stated that he was pleased that Council Member Murray and Re on their re-election and commended them on their handling of the situation.

Patty Nazarro, West Wind Road stated that there is a dangerous situation on Old Woods Road with a severe drop off and requested that a guard rail considered for that area. She also commended the Mayor and Council for the job that was completed on Lower Cross Road

Council Member Murray stated that the speed bump sign on Lower Cross Road should be moved

farther away from the actual speed bump and Borough Engineer Spence stated that there is an additional sign before you get there.

Council Member Savarese stated that the reimbursement for the library fees should be considered for the 2007 budget and asked Administrator Cuccia how to proceed. Administrator Cuccia explained that the draft ordinance needs to be approved and the figures need to be agreed upon in order to proceed.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

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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