
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD JANUARY 15, 2007**

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

ABSENT:

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 January 2, 2007.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:

WORK SESSION:

MAYOR CARUSO:

COAH: Mayor Caruso stated that the Planning Board has the responsibility to submit a Phase 3 Plan to COAH, and they met with the Borough planner, Rich Priess. He further stated that they were impressed with Mr. Priess's credentials and voted to retain him as the planner for the Borough of Saddle River.

The Ridge: Mayor Caruso stated that the Ridge has executed an agreement regarding this property and the Council will be receiving copy shortly.

Bill A-3857 - Mayor Caruso stated that the Assembly has introduced a bill, A-3857, which, if passed, would abolish Regional Contribution Agreements. The League of Municipalities is registering their objection to this bill and Mayor Caruso stated that it is not in the best interest of the Borough of Saddle River.

Louis Bay II Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship: Mayor Caruso stated that the League of Municipalities is offering this scholarship to high school juniors and seniors and it entails writing an essay on the theme "What My Mayor and Governing Body Do Best". Council Member Murray will be in charge of this scholarship program.

Administrator Cuccia:

2007 Road Improvement Program: This ordinance is being introduced and Administrator Cuccia stated that it is regarding the roads in the Borough that are in need of re-surfacing. Borough Engineer Spence will be making the determination as to which roads this will include.

Finance/Budget Committee Meeting re:2007 Budget: Administrator Cuccia requested that the committee schedule meetings in order to discuss the upcoming 2007 budget. Council Member Raia asked about the budget presentation and Administrator Cuccia stated that he was going to prepare a Power Point Presentation to be viewed on the new TV monitor.

BJIF Reorganization Meeting 6:00pm 1/18/07: Administrator Cuccia stated that the Bergen Joint Insurance Fund will have their reorganization meeting on January 18, 2007 at 6:00pm at Season's.

Court Security Report: Administrator Cuccia stated that he attended a meeting at the Superior Court regarding court security and stated that the Borough of Saddle River is far more advanced than other municipalities with a court security system.

Twin Brooks Guard Rail: Borough Engineer Spence stated that guard will be installed sometime this week and Council Member Re stated that he was going to be in contact with residents in favor of this to advise them that it had been installed.

Signs: Administrator Cuccia stated that he has been in touch with Mr. Lucarelli, owner of the Colonial Shopping Center to discuss new signage.

Life Trail: Administrator Cuccia stated that he would like to further investigate installing these total fitness program kiosks in Rindlaub Park and stated that it would cost about \$20, 000. Council Savarese stated that the Village of Ridgewood has these kiosks and they are notably under utilized. The walking paths were also discussed and Council Member FitzPatrick stated that the geese are a big problem in the park. Administrator Cuccia stated that the Borough should consider purchasing a small bobcat for cleanup purposes. In addition, hiring a dog to control the geese was also discussed.

Sound Barrier: Council Member Raia asked about the plans to clean up the graffiti on the sound barrier on Route 17 and Administrator Cuccia explained that it is a home owner issue and it must be dealt with through property maintenance.

Harry Carter: Administrator Cuccia discussed the fire study proposal submitted by Harry Carter and the Mayor and Council all were in agreement that this be executed.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Savarese explained the two soil movement resolutions that are part of the Consent Agenda. In addition, the soil movement resolution for 4 Big Ramapo was removed from the Consent Agenda and voted on separately and this was discussed.

Council Member Murray asked for clarification on the Skid Steer and the Bobcat and Administrator Cuccia explained this. He also asked for clarification regarding the water line on County Line Road and it was explained. In addition, he stated that there is no financial report as the budget is being

worked on.

Council Member Raia asked for clarification on the Villa Marie Claire as written in the December 18, 2006 minutes. After discussion by the Council, it was decided that they would be removed from the Consent Agenda for corrections and voted upon at the February 12, 2007 meeting.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

At this time, Mayor Caruso swore in the following Fire Department Officers:

Chief: Brian Yates
Assistant Chief: Jacob Kossowsky
Captain: Michelle Carey
Lieutenant: Jordan Zales
Engineer: Zach Joseph

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

ORDINANCE 07-802-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE BURNING HOLLOW WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT (PHASE II) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,300,000 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.

Open to the Public: No one from the public wished to be heard.

Resolution #25-07 Offered by Council Member Burke
Seconded by Council Member Murray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORDINANCE 07-803-M

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION OF THE CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD WATER LINE FROM EAST ALLENDALE ROAD TO THE TERMINUS OF COUNTY ROAD IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$450,000 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.

Open to the Public: No one from the public wished to be heard.

Resolution # 26-07 Offered by Council Member Raia
Seconded by Council Member Savarese
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

ORDINANCE 07-804-C

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT
CHAPTER 208 ENTITLED 'WATER', IN THE CODE
OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER, NEW JERSEY**

Open to the Public: No one from the public wished to be heard.

Resolution #27-07 Offered by Council Member Burke
Seconded by Council Member Murray
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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

ORDINANCE 07-805-M

**BOND ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "VARIOUS ROADWAY
IMPROVEMENTS, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
APPROPRIATING \$100,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF \$95,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES TO FINANCE PART OF THE
COST THEREOF"**

Resolution # 28-07 Offered by Council Member Raia
Seconded by Council Member Re
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 29-07 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 Burke
Seconded by Council Member FitzPatrick
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

- A.. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of 11/13/06; Regular meeting of 12/18/06 removed from Consent Agenda for corrections.**
- B. Resolution (s):**
 - R# 30-07 Authorization to execute Agreement for Howard Dreznin, Richard Perrin & Michael Kelton vs. Borough of Saddle River**
 - R# 31-07 Authorization for the Mayor to sign a contract between the Borough of Saddle River and the County of Bergen for animal control services**
 - R# 32-07 First Responder Identification Card**
 - R# 33-07 Soil movement for Blk 2003 Lot 47.29 6 Powder Hill**

 - R# 34-07 Bloodborne Pathogen Program Professional Services Agreement between the Borough of Saddle River and Bergen County**
 - R# 35-07 Authorization to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the utilization of a Skid-Steer Loader**
 - R# 36-07 Authorization to sign contract for Valley Health Services 1/1/07 – 12/31/07**
 - R# 37-07 Authorization to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for Health Officer services**

Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only: Resolution # 38-07 was removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration as follows:

R# 38-07 Soil Movement for 4 Big Ramapo Road

Attorney Linda Herlihy, Wells, Jaworski, Liebman & Paton, LLP represented the applicant. She stated that she is in receipt of the resolution from the Planning Board denying her client's application. She further stated that there was insufficient hardship presented in this application and the applicant concurred with this position. A safe room was proposed on the plan and Ms. Herlihy explained to the Mayor and Council the details of this application. Council Member Re asked why the applicant had a need for a safe room and Ms. Herlihy stated that the applicant had personal reasons for wanting to include this in the home.

Attorney Norton stated that there is a recommendation before the Mayor and Council to deny this application as the Planning Board did at their meeting on January 8, 2007.

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

A motion was made to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board, hereby denying this application by Council Member Savarese
Seconded by Council Member Burke
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Open to the Public:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Council Member Murray stated there was no report at this time.

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

Police Report: Council President Burke stated that the report was on file with the Borough Clerk for December 2006.

Construction & Zoning Enforcement: Council Member Savarese gave the report for December 2006.

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

Zoning Board: Council Member FitzPatrick gave the report for December 2006.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Henry Senger, 69 West Saddle River Road stated that there will be a Internet Safety Program At Wandell School on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 7:00pm

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution # 39-07 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.

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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