

**MINUTES OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
JANUARY 3, 2007**

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

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**ABSENT:** Council Member Re

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION:**

Mayor Caruso introduced Monsignor Robert Fuhrman of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Church who then bestowed blessings to the Borough of Saddle River community and the attending public.

**NOTICE OF MEETING READ BY BOROUGH CLERK:**

"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 22, 2006."

**NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS** – At this time, the Mayor pointed out the locations of the fire exits.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Conrad S. Caruso administered the Oath of Office.  
John Murray was sworn in.

**AWARDS AND CEREMONIES**

Mayor Caruso administered the swearing in of new Police Officers and promotions:  
Paul Passaretti and Jeffry Wells; New Police Officers.  
John Gaffney promoted to Lt.; Edward Gianotti promoted to Sgt.

**ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Motion by Council Member Murray to elect Council Member Burke as Council President for 2007. Seconded by Council Member Raia.

Roll Call Vote: AYES Unanimous

**ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS FOR 2007:**

Council Member Burke moved to adopt the by-laws for 2007.

Seconded by Council Member Savarese

Roll-Call Vote-AYES-Unanimous

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Caruso proposed the following liaison assignments:

	<b>COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE</b>
Board of Education	John E. Murray Alternate Louis A. Savarese
Board of Health	Louis A. Savarese
Environmental Commission	Maurice R. Burke
Landmarks Commission	Carole FitzPatrick
Liaison to Bergen County Freeholders	Samuel S. Raia
Parks & Recreation Commission	Samuel S. Raia
Planning Board	Louis A. Savarese
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Carole FitzPatrick

Council Member Savarese moved to confirm Council Representative Appointments.

Seconded by: Council Member Murray

Roll-Call Vote: AYES Unanimous

## **STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Caruso proposed the following appointments of the Council:

### **Standing Committees**

### **Council Appointments**

Buildings & Grounds

Carole FitzPatrick, Chairperson  
Louis A. Savarese

Construction &  
Zoning Enforcement

Louis A. Savarese, Chairperson  
Maurice R. Burke  
John Scialla, Construction Official

Dept. of Public Safety

Maurice R. Burke, Chairperson  
Robert Re  
Charles S. Cuccia, Borough Admin.

Environmental, Recycling &  
Sanitation

Maurice R. Burke, Chairperson  
Carole FitzPatrick

Finance

John E. Murray, Chairperson  
Louis Savarese  
Charles S. Cuccia, CFO

Memorial Day Committee

Carole FitzPatrick, Chairperson  
John E. Murray

Public Information  
& Personnel

Carole FitzPatrick, Chairperson  
John E. Murray

Roads, Street Lighting  
& Drainage

Samuel S. Raia, Chairperson  
Maurice R. Burke

Council Member Savarese moved to confirm Standing Committee Appointments.  
Seconded by Council Member Burke  
Roll-Call Vote: AYES Unanimous

**APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS**

Mayor Caruso to propose the following appointments. Said appointments shall be for the term specified.

		<b><u>TERM OF OFFICE</u></b>	<b><u>EXP. DATE</u></b>
<b><u>Planning Board</u></b>			
Class II	Michael Mutter	2 Yr	12/31/08
Class IV	Rick Cote	4 Yrs	12/31/10

**Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners**

Carol Boyajian	5 Yrs.	12/31/11
Patricia Nazzaro	5 Yrs.	12/31/11

**Environmental Commission**

Michael Mutter (Planning Bd. Rep)	3 Yrs	12/31/09
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The Borough Council proposes the following appointment; said appointment shall be for the term specified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appointment, is hereby confirmed by the Borough Council of the Borough of Saddle River.

**Planning Board**  
**Council Representative**

Class III	Louis A. Savarese	1 Yr	12/31/07
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Resolution Offered by Council Member Murray  
Seconded by Council Member Burke  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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Mayor Caruso proposes the following appointments. Said appointments shall be for the term specified.

**TERM OF OFFICE**

**EXP. DATE**

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

James FitzPatrick	4 Yrs.	12/31/10
John Montana	4 Yrs.	12/31/10
George Kakaty, Alt. #2	2 Yrs.	12/31/08
David L. Rutherford, Esq.	1 Yr.	12/31/07

Resolution Offered by Council Member Raia  
Seconded by Council Member FitzPatrick  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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Mayor Caruso proposes the following appointments. Said appointments shall be for the term specified.

**Board of Health**

Dr. Duncan Carpenter	3Yrs	12/31/09
Dr. Frida Parker	3Yrs	12/31/09
Carol Weinberg	3Yrs	12/31/09
Stuart Ostrow, Environmental Health Specialist	1Yr	12/31/07
John Christ, Health Officer	1Yr	12/31/07

Resolution Offered by Council Member Savarese  
Seconded by Council Member Raia  
Roll Call Vote:

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**Landmarks Commission**

Barbara Owen	3 Yrs	12/31/09
John May	3 Yrs	12/31/09
Lynn Clarke	3 Yrs	12/31/09
Daniel FitzPatrick, Atty.	1 Yr	12/31/07

Resolution Offered by Council Member FitzPatrick  
Seconded by Council Member Raia  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appointments are hereby confirmed by the Borough Council of the Borough of Saddle River.

**R# 1-07      Appointment of Borough Officials**

Offered by Council Member Savarese  
Seconded by Council Raia  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**CONSENT AGENDA- Open to public for these items only.**

All Resolutions listed hereunder will be enacted in one motion. Any Councilman may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.

Offered by Council Member Burke  
Seconded by Council Member Murray  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

- R# 2-07**      Designation of Depositories
- R# 3-07**      Approving the Borough's Cash Management Plan
- R# 4-07**      Designation of Official Newspapers
- R# 5-07**      Approving Council Meeting Dates
- R# 6-07**      Establishing Delinquent Tax Rates
- R# 7-07**      Approving Temporary Budget
- R# 8-07**      Authorizing Payment of Certain Bills Prior to Council Approval

- R# 9-07** Authorizing Signing of Professional Contracts
- R# 10-07** Authorization to Enter Into Contracts Awarded by the State & County
- R# 11-07** Approving the Filing of Appeals and Settlements
- R# 12-07** Approving the Appointment of Professionals
- R# 13-07** Authorizing the Carry-Over of Contracts
- R# 14-07** Appointing Certifying Agent
- R# 15-07** Appointing Fund Commissioners, Safety Delegates and Alternates
- R# 16-07** Resolution Appointing Professional Insurance Associates Inc., Risk Managers
- R# 17-07** Appointing Professional Insurance Associates Inc., Health Benefits Consultants
- R# 18-07** Appointing Saddle River Municipal Alliance
- R# 19-07** Appointing the CDBG Representatives
- R# 20-07** Appointing Emergency Management Coordinator, Deputy Coordinators, and Emergency Management Council
- R# 21-07** Appointing of Fire Department Officers

**INTRODUCTION 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.**

**Resolution # 22-07** Offered by Council Member Murray  
Seconded by Council Member FitzPatrick  
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.**

**Resolution #23-07** Offered by Council Member Burke  
Seconded by Council Member Murray  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**ORDINANCE 07-804-C**

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

**Resolution #24-07** Offered by Council Member Raia  
Seconded by Council Member Savarese  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT COMMENTS:** Council President Burke read the following statement at this time:

*The Council has just introduced two ordinances, the first is a funding ordinance 07-802-M, which continues the Borough's 1995 policy of installing water mains and fire hydrants throughout the entire Borough. The second ordinance 07-804-C, is the amendment to the Borough code which is largely the result of continued negotiations with the New Jersey Department of Environmental protection. I would like to repeat what I said at the July Council meeting and re-state what Councilman Raia said at the October Meeting Regarding the Council's position on public water here in Saddle River. " The issue is Public Health and we will stay focused on that issue. Public Health is a serious situation which could affect the health of our children, our families, and our property values".*

*I would like to make it clear that the program to provide water mains and fire hydrants to the Borough was established 11 years ago in 1995 for the purpose of enhancing the Borough's fire fighting capabilities. As a secondary benefit, and now equally important, these water lines have allowed the Borough to respond to the cry's of residents seeking relief from contaminated wells throughout the town.*

*We are currently receiving requests for clean potable water from residents living in the north east section of the Borough who are experiencing increased levels of arsenic and perchlorates in private wells.*

*As you all can realize these requests by residents with contaminated wells*

***have put the Borough in a precarious situation. Our original design of the water system was to place specific water lines strategically throughout the town for fire hydrants and firefighting capabilities, and although the capacity is certainly adequate new financial arrangements must be considered to meet these additional needs.***

***I would like to conclude by repeating what Councilman Raia said at the October Council Meeting and I quote:***

*“We live in the most densely populated state in the Nation. Every road, every, development and every process we utilize to create a more evolved environment for our population has an effect on ALL of our natural resources. ... Our focus is now and will always be the safety of our Borough , our residents, and our children.”*

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

**CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

### **BENEDICTION**

Monsignor Robert Fuhrman of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Church read the benediction at this time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business before the Council, Mayor Caruso asked for a motion for adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Elena Macari  
Borough Clerk