
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

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

ABSENT: Council Member Raia

PRESIDING: Mayor Caruso 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 faxing notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on January 2, 2007.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES: At this time, Mayor Caruso recognized the Saddle River CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), read a brief description of this program and presented the following 10 graduates with their certificates: Marie Elena Macari, Georgia Silverman, Linda Canavan, Maria Reda, Joy Convertini, Jane Innocenti, Carol Poiter, Pat Boublis, Dobbie Burgio and Basil Persaud.

WORK SESSION:

At this time, Mayor Caruso introduced Frank Covelli, Mgr. Public Entities Department at the Professional Insurance Associates, Inc. (PIA) who presented the Annual Report for the JIF/MEL. He distributed copies of this report, which is on file with the Municipal Clerk.

At this time, Attorney James Lasky, Norris, McLaughlin & Marcus, PA addressed the Mayor and Council on behalf of AT&T regarding the installation of fiber optic cable on existing poles and in existing conduits that are located in the municipal right of way in the Borough of Saddle River. He explained that Verizon currently has conduits in many local municipalities and AT&T is required to obtain permission from them in order to utilize available space in the Borough.

Borough Engineer Spence asked if any other areas would be disturbed during the installation process, aside from paved surfaces and Attorney Lasky stated that they would be not.

Mayor Caruso stated that he would like to have Borough Attorney Norton and Borough Engineer Spence review the draft resolution approving the installation of these fiber optic lines and adopt this resolution at the Mayor and Council Meeting of October 15, 2007. The authorization to review this resolution will become part of the Consent Agenda.

MAYOR CARUSO:

John Scialla's letter of 9/05/07 regarding Conflict of Interest:

Mayor Caruso stated that this letter indicates that there has been an amendment to the Conflict of Interest section of the Uniform Construction Code. It will now require any project related to a public official or an employee to be inspected and any enforcement procedures be carried out by another local enforcing agency.

Bishop House: Mayor Caruso stated that Council Member Savarese is now in receipt of the Bishop House lease dated in 1999. He explained the details of the lease to the Mayor and Counsel, outlining changes that have occurred since that time, including insurance. The Bishop House is currently insured by the JIF and all property maintenance is taken care of by the DPW. Council Member Savarese stated that he wanted to form a committee to address issues pertaining to the Bishop House and Mayor Caruso stated that he feels that Council Member Raia would be a good choice as he has a strong real estate background. Council Members Re and FitzPatrick will be part of the committee as well, and will update the Mayor and Council at the October 15, 2007 meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA:

Traffic Light on Boroline Road: Administrator Cuccia stated that construction is scheduled to begin on this project at the beginning of next week. Council Member Re asked about the potential traffic problems in the area and Borough Engineer Spence stated that both the Allendale and the Saddle River Police Departments will be called upon during peak hours to assist with traffic control. The project will take between four to six weeks.

Rindlaub Park Band Shell: Administrator Cuccia stated that \$58,000 was received from an Open Space Grant for the Band Shell project. He further stated that there are no specific design or structural criteria in place at this time and Borough Engineer Spence explained the proposed location. Mayor Caruso stated that he would like Mr. Spence to prepare some draft ideas for the band shell so a preliminary cost could be arrived at. The three projects pending at Rindlaub park, which include, the tennis court repairs, the boardwalk repair and the band shell were clarified for the purposes of understanding the corresponding grant monies.

Update on Water Projects: Administrator Cuccia discussed the three pending water projects as follows: The County Road project is set to start in approximately 10 days and the residents who have requested to be hooked up to municipal water will now have the opportunity. The Burning Hollow water project is expected to go out shortly and be awarded sometime in October. The WSSR/ESSR water project is expected to go to bid in May of 2008 with the work to commence in the summer of 2008.

Update on FAA situation: Administrator Cuccia stated that he spoke with Congressman Garrett's office in order to get an update on this situation and he was informed that there will not be a change in flight patterns but there could be added flight lanes as well as an increased volume in the number of planes. There is however, going to be an increase in altitude of these planes so there is a possibility that the noise level could actually be decreased. He further stated that he does not feel that the Borough needed to get further involved at this time.

Fire Department Study: Administrator Cuccia stated that this study has been ongoing and there should be a preliminary report sometime in October.

Planner Report: Administrator Cuccia stated that the planner has attended several of the Landmarks meetings and is currently accessing which buildings in the Borough should still be designated historical or if any other buildings are eligible to be added. He further stated that the Landmarks Committee would like several members of the Council to be part of a committee that would continue to review the planner's recommendations for the Historic District.

Mayor Caruso suggested that Council Members FitzPatrick, Savarese and Burke be part of this Historic District Committee and all were in agreement.

Police Department CAD System: Administrator Cuccia stated that he met with the Public Safety Committee and Chief McWilliams to discuss the new CAD system. He further stated that the system currently in place is over 10 years old and it is becoming antiquated. He would like the Fire Department to be included in this project and the cost will be approximately \$400,000. Chief McWilliams explained the proposed system briefly to the Mayor and Council and reiterated that the current system is starting to fail.

Administrator Cuccia stated that he would like to work on a very detailed proposal and budget for this system and present it to the Mayor and Council at the October 15, 2007 meeting.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member FitzPatrick stated that it had been requested that the Ad Hoc Zoning Committee study the ordinance regarding demolition. She further stated the committee met and she presented the revisions to the Mayor and Council at this time. Mayor Caruso stated that he wanted the Council to review this and get it back to Council Member FitzPatrick so that the committee could meet again and review any suggestions presented. Administrator Cuccia suggested that Borough Engineer Spence and John Scialla, Building Inspector review it first, for technical purposes. Mayor Caruso stated that he feels that the Planning and Zoning Board should also review at this time. Council Member Murray stated that he feels that the Council should review it first and then send it along to the Planning Board.

Council Member Savarese explained the five soil relocation resolutions that are part of the Consent Agenda.

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

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution # 91-07 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 Re
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of 7/16/07

B. Resolutions:

- R# 92-07 Appointment of David Hazen Communications Officer**
- R# 93-07 Authorize Interlocal Service Licensed Operator/Collection System Services**
- R# 94-07 Approval of Agreement with Bergen-Hudson Chapter American Red Cross**
- R# 95-07 Municipal Representative for Open Space Committee**
- R# 96-07 Accepting Resolution of John Arochas, PO**
- R# 97-07 Appointment of new PO – Edward Reidel**
- R# 98-07 Authorization to enter Grant Agreement with Bergen County Open Space – Boardwalk**
- R# 99-07 Municipal Park Improvement – Rindlaub Park Band Shell**
- R#100-07 Raffle Application – 124 Knights of Columbus/ St. Gabriel’s**
- R#101-07 Soil Movement – Peluso – Blk. 1609 Lot 29**
- R#102-07 Soil Movement – Garfinkel Blk. 1611 Lot 14.02**
- R#103-07 Soil Movement – Grisanti Blk. 1301 Lot 3**
- R#104-07 Soil Movement - Kevo Dev. Blk. 1201 Lot 23**
- R#105-07 Soil Movement - Sasso Blk. 1902 Lot 9**
- R#106-07 Auth. to refund for overpaid property taxes –**
- R#107-07 Auth. to refund for 3rd Qtr. Overpayment of taxes**
- R#108-07 Award of Bid – Rindlaub Park Improvements, Tennis Courts and path**
- R#109-07 Auth. to refund for overpaid property taxes Blk. 1301 Lot 20**
- R#110-07 Auth. to refund for overpaid property taxes Blk. 1703 Lot 28**
- R#111-07 Auth. Attorney Norton to review draft resolution for agreement with AT&T to install fiber optic lines.**

Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Report: Council Member Murray stated that the financial reports for the months of July and August are in order.

Fire Report: Council Member Re stated that the reports were on file with the Borough Clerk for July and August 2007.

Police Report: Council President Burke stated that the reports were on file with the Borough Clerk for July and August 2007.

Construction & Zoning Enforcement: Council Member Savarese gave the reports for July and August 2007.

Planning Board: Council Member Savarese gave the report for September 2007.

Zoning Board: Council Member FitzPatrick gave the report for July 2007.
There was no meeting in August.

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

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

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

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

Resolution # 112-07 was offered by Council Member FitzPatrick
Seconded by Council Member Re
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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