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

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Caruso

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**PRESIDING:** Council President Burke 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, Council President Burke read a letter outlining Mayor Caruso's accomplishments during his term and thanked him for his efforts. A plaque was to be presented, however the Mayor was not in attendance. A similar letter was read outlining Council Member's Savarese accomplishments during his term and he was presented with a plaque as well. Council Member Murray commended Council Member Savarese and added his thanks for all his efforts with the Bishop House.

**WORK SESSION:**

**Communications regarding street signs and street lights:** Council President Burke stated that the Council is in receipt of two letters from residents about evaluating both street signs and street lights in the borough. He further stated that this will be given to the safety committee for further evaluation.

**ADMINISTRATOR CUCCIA:**

**Street Names:** Administrator Cuccia stated that, from a Public Safety concern, using the name Old Orchard was not a good idea as there are already several street names in the Borough that begin with "Old" and it could be cause for confusion in an emergency. The same holds true for Peach Tree as it is right around the corner from Tall Trees. Council Member Savarese stated that the Planning Board is trying to use names that relate to orchards and Orchard Drive, Harvest Drive and Peachtree Place were suggested.

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**Update on Boroline Road:** Administrator Cuccia asked Borough Engineer Spence to explain the status of this and he did in detail. The project is to be completed in early spring and to date, there are no traffic concerns due to the construction.

**Water Main Extension:** Administrator Cuccia explained the process of getting additional permits and which areas would be included in the extension of the water main moving forward. He further stated that it takes two to three months to secure necessary permits for continued work. Borough Engineer Spence explained the additional areas to be included in detail to the Board. Council Member Murray asked about the funding of these extensions and Borough Engineer Spence discussed this.

**Rejection of Bids for Burning Hollow Water Main:** Attorney Norton explained what has transpired with the court case involving this bid rejection.

**62 Stony Ridge Road:** Attorney Norton explained that work has not been completed according to plan at this address and asked the Mayor and Council to pass a resolution to this effect so that further action can be taken.

#### **BOROUGH CLERK:**

**Presidential Primary:** Borough Clerk Marie Elena Macari explained the upcoming election process to the Council.

**Reorganization Meeting January 2, 2008:** Borough Clerk Macari reminded the Council that the Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2008 at 6:00pm.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member FitzPatrick stated that the tree lighting was a success and thanked everyone who participated.

Council Member Savarese explained the two soil movement resolutions that are part of the Consent Agenda.

Council Member Murray asked about the voting protocol for the Planning Board and this was discussed in detail. In addition, he discussed the year-end finances.

Council Member Re stated that last month there were two serious fires in Saddle River and he wanted to commend the Fire Department for their good work in saving both homes.

Fire Chief Brian Yates explained both fires in detail to the Council and was in agreement that both were difficult and handled with competence.

#### **BOROUGH ATTORNEY:**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

**Resolution # 128-07** 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 11/12/07**
- B. Resolutions:**

- R# 129-07 Soil Movement Blk. 2606 Lot 14.02 One Alford Dr.**
- R# 130-07 Soil Movement Blk. 2001 Lot 1.03 33 Lower Cross Road**
- R# 131-07 Rejection of bids for Burning Hollow Water Main Ext.**
- R# 132-07 62 Stony Ridge Landscaping**

**Open to the Public for Consent Agenda Items Only:**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Report:** Council Member Murray stated that the financial reports for the month of November, 2007 are in good order.

**Fire Report:** Council Member Re stated that the report is on file with the Borough Clerk for November, 2007.

**Police Report:** Council Member Burke stated that the report is on file with the Borough Clerk for November, 2007. In addition he commended Sergeant Giannotti and Police Officer Riedel for their efforts in saving a resident's life.

**Construction & Zoning Enforcement:** Council Member Savarese gave the report for November and `October, 2007.

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**Planning Board:** Council Member Savarese gave the report for December, 2007.

**Zoning Board:** Council Member FitzPatrick gave the report for November, 2007.

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

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Member Murray asked Fire Chief Yates how many towns responded to a recent fire on Winding Way and he stated that five additional towns responded and explained the dispatch process in detail.

Council Member Savarese expressed his gratitude to the employees of the Borough and further stated that the Borough is well served and he has enjoyed working with everyone. Council President Burke thanked Council Member Savarese once again for his dedication to the Borough during his term as a Council Member.

**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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