OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
WORKSHOP MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raguseo called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Raguseo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mauro Raguseo, Councilman Ronald Anzalone, Councilman Stephen Lanum, Councilman George Muller, Councilman Thomas Sarlo, Councilwoman Peggy Steinhilber
Absent: Council President Roberta Henriquez

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Adequate notice of this meeting was approved by resolution adopted by the Governing Body on January 2, 2015, approved unanimously and transmitted to The Record and Star Ledger as provided by the Open Public Meeting's Act. A copy of meeting notice was filed outside of the Borough Clerk's Office and has been posted on the bulletin board outside of the Borough Clerk's Office.

OPEN TOPICS:

- New Phone System

Borough Administrator Michael Capabianco said the Borough's new fiber system should be operational in the next month. He said that the phone system at Borough Hall is approximately 7 – 8 years old and service calls are between $125.00 - $150.00 per call. We do not have the capability to change certain types of voicemail messages and would need to make a service call for something as simple as that. The new system would allow approximately 68 calls to come in. The present phone system allows 8 calls, after that a busy signal is given. The new system would cost $200.00 more a month but the increase could be a wash since phone calls would be less expensive and we would not have to pay a contractor to keep coming out on service calls. There are presently three lines for the Police Department. With the new system, they could have 60 lines which would be a great benefit during a situation like Hurricane Sandy. We presently have to dial on an outside line to call the DPW. They would be on the same system with the new system. He said we would have full control of the system and would not need to contact a contractor to change passwords, etc.

OPEN TOPICS continued:

- Utility Road Opening Permit Ordinance

Mr. Capabianco spoke in reference to the draft ordinance pertaining to Utility Road Opening Permits. The proposed ordinance would have more regulations. Mayor Raguseo complained on markings made by utilities lasting on the roads for too long of a time. He recommended language be placed in the ordinance limiting the amount of time the markings can remain. Councilman Anzalone said the County charges inspection fees and requires a bond for up to two years. He recommended the Borough require the same. He felt the contractor would be more responsible then.

- Junior Firefighter Program

Mr. Capabianco said he received correspondence from Fire Chief Alfred Gerber in reference to the Hook & Ladder wishing to lower the age of a Junior Firefighter from 16 to 15. The Department should be giving the Borough a letter by the September meeting showing they changed their by-laws to reflect the change in age.

- Little League Building

Councilman Anzalone said Little League is requesting a sink at a cost of $450.00 and a grease trap at $300.00. They would do the installation. Mayor Raguseo said these volunteers do so much for the Borough. Councilman Anzalone mentioned that the air conditioning unit still needs to be fixed. Mr. Capabianco said the contractor will be starting tomorrow.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2015 Bergen County Open Space Application

Mr. Capabianco said the application is for improvements to the park by the soccer field.

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to open the Public Hearing on the 2015 Bergen County Open Space Application.
Motion by: Councilman Muller
Second by: Councilwoman Steinhilber
All Ayes.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to close the Public Hearing.
Motion by: Councilwoman Steinhilber

PUBLIC HEARING continued:

Second by: Councilman Anzalone
All Ayes.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Open Citizens Hearing:
Motion by: Councilwoman Steinhilber
Second by: Councilman Muller
All Ayes.
Since there was no one wishing to speak, Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Close Citizens Hearing:
Motion by: Councilman Muller
Second by: Councilwoman Steinhilber
All Ayes.

CLOSED TOPICS:

- Personnel – Police Staffing
- Anticipated Litigation – 7-11 – 24 Hours
- Litigation - Former DPW Employee Report
  COAH Case

RESOLUTION:

267. Executive Closed Session Resolution

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to enter into Private Session.
Motion by: Councilman Muller
Second by: Councilman Lanum
All ayes.
Return from Closed Session:
Motion by: Councilwoman Steinhilber
Second by: Councilman Muller
Roll Call: Present: Mayor Raguseo, Councilman Anzalone, Councilman Lanum, Councilman Muller, Councilman Sarlo, Councilwoman Steinhilber
Absent: Council President Henriquez

AGENDA ITEMS: RESOLUTION(S) – ORDINANCE(S) FOR CONSIDERATION AT REGULAR MEETING:

RESOLUTIONS:

268. Approval of Change Order No. 1 Regarding Rehabilitation of Niehaus Ave. and Williams Ave. Sanitary Sewer Mains Utilizing Community Development Funds
269. Appointment of Crossing Guard – Oranzio Spinnelli
270. Appointment of Crossing Guard – Joseph Kaplan
271. Approval of Minutes – Workshop Meeting – July 14, 2015 & Regular Meeting – July 14, 2015
272. Approving Renewal of Liquor License for Riverside BKL Inc., t/a Soho Seafood
273. Approving Renewal of Liquor License for Amrut Gopal Corp., t/a Vinny's Discount Liquor & Bar
274. Approving Renewal of Liquor License for Petersilge Velock Post 809 VFW
275. Grantee Authorizing Resolution – Lakeview Field Bleachers
276. Bergen County Department of Health Services – 2015 Municipal Alliance to Prevent Substance Abuse
277. Claims Resolution
278. Rejecting Bids and Authorizing Advertising for New Bids for DPW Roof Replacement
279. Establishing Clothing Allowances as a Compensation Item
280. Authorizing the Execution of a Developer's Agreement Between the Borough of Little Ferry and Autozone, Northeast, LLC

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1445-53-15 – AN ORDINANCE ADDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1443-51-15 – A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF $70,000 FOR ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, FENCING AND OTHER MATERIALS FOR IMPROVEMENT AT VARIOUS PLAYGROUNDS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL ADOPTION continued:

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1444-52-15 – ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING $30,000 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE SANITARY SEWER PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ON NIEHAUS AVENUE AND WILLIAMS AVENUE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY.

Since there was no other business to be discussed, Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Adjourn.
Motion by: Councilman Muller
Second by: Councilwoman Steinhilber
All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes transcribed and respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Barbara Maldonado. I hereby certify that the foregoing Minutes are a true account of the Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on August 11, 2015.

Barbara Maldonado

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk