

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raguseo called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Councilman Anzalone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

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OPEN TOPICS:

- CRS Program

Mayor Raguseo said that he met with Construction Code Official Richard Bolan, Councilman Anzalone and the Interim Administrator Jasmine Lim. Due to a lot of work, the Borough qualifies for a 7 rating. Residents will now get a 15% credit towards their flood insurance. They are trying for a 6 rating which would give residents a 20% discount. In order to obtain a 6 rating, more points have to be earned, but also more restrictions must be put in place which can affect more residents. A 6 rating could make it more difficult for residents to improve their homes without elevating. Mr. Bolan came up with a list which would have the least impact on residents. The consensus of the Council was to not attempt the 6 rating if would make it more difficult for residents.

- Dumpster Ordinance

Mayor Raguseo said there is a dumpster on Eckel Road which looked like it caused damage to the roadway. Police Chief Ralph Verdi believed there were just rust marks on the road but if the weather was hot, it could have caused damage.

OPEN TOPICS continued:

Chief Verdi said there is a state law which governs dumpsters. The bad thing is that a construction company can just drop off a dumpster for a resident and the resident is responsible for it and not the construction company. There is no time limit as to how long a dumpster can be kept on a Borough street. He recommended that ¾" plywood be required to be put under the dumpster if in a roadway so as not to damage the roadway. Chief Verdi and Borough Attorney Joseph Monaghan will work together on a proposed ordinance. A small fee will be designated so as not to hurt the residents.

- Email Claiming Unsanitary Conditions at Willow Lake Park

Mayor Raguseo said a resident sent the Borough an email complaining of unsanitary conditions at Willow Lake Park due to dog owners not cleaning up after their dogs. Mr. Holley said that many residents are using the bags provided to clean up after their dogs. Mayor Raguseo questioned if signs to clean up after your pet were posted. He requested that Ms. Lim contact the resident and advised the Borough Clerk to see if any summonses were issued.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: Councilman Lanum

Second by: Councilman Muller

All Ayes.

Ross LaSpina, Niehaus Ave., came forward and spoke in reference to tractor trailers going down Jackson and making a right onto Niehaus. Mayor Raguseo said the Governing Body tried to pass an ordinance restricting trucks but the State would not permit it. The Borough did post signs reading "low wires" and requested that the utility companies raise the wires to avoid trucks from hitting them. Mr. LaSpina said that the cable wires are what get hit. He said that the PSE & G lines are high enough. He said that the GPS that the truck drivers are using is sending them in this direction. Mayor Raguseo requested that Ms. Lim contact the cable company which the former Administrator had contacted and ask them to raise the cable lines. The wires on the left side now need to be raised. Mr. LaSpina believed that one way to solve the problem was to make Jackson a one way towards Redneck. He recommended that the "low wires" signs be made bigger as the truck drivers don't seem to notice them. DPW Superintendent William Holley said he will have the signs made bigger in the new year.

Rolando Enrique, 91 Wilson St., came forward and said that for approximately four months a 20' truck has been parking in front of his house making it difficult to see around the corner of the bend when driving. He said the truck is parked in the street and then in the driveway. He said that the truck being parked in the street also makes it difficult for some of the residents to pull out of their driveways. Chief Verdi said that trucks cannot be over 7,500 GVW. Council President Henriquez said that she was aware of this situation and contacted the landlord on December 4th requesting he contact his tenant and advise them to not park the truck there anymore. Mr. Enrique said the truck is still being parked on the street. Chief Verdi said he will look into this matter and advised Mr. Enrique to contact Sgt. Walters tomorrow. Chief Verdi said he will update Sgt. Walters on the situation this evening.

Since there was no one wishing to speak, Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Close Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: Councilman Muller

Second by: Council President Henriquez

All Ayes.

- HMMC

Council President Henriquez said that the Hackensack Meadowlands Municipal Committee is running out of money. They were originally funded by the State but funding is no longer being provided. \$98,000 is needed annually to cover the salary of the Executive Director and secretary. Council President Henriquez said she did advise at their last meeting that the Borough of Little Ferry did not want to pay approximately \$7,000 towards their salaries. She brought up the suggestion that each of the 14 towns that are part of the HMMC pay \$1,000 to be put towards the secretary's salary. The Committee discussed a formula whereby the towns that are mostly affected would pay a higher percentage.

CLOSED TOPICS:

- Anticipated Litigation – LOSAP
- Personnel - Salaries

The Governing Body did not go into Closed Session during the Workshop Meeting.

RESOLUTION:

364. Executive Closed Session Resolution

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

RESOLUTIONS:

- 365. Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2015 Workshop & Regular Meeting
- 366. Liquor License Application Committee
- 367. Appointment – Ryan Daniel Buchmuller – “Active Member” of Little Ferry Hose Co. No. 1
- 368. Amending Resolution No. 362 – Salary Increase for Staff
- 369. Governor’s Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse – Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014 – June 2019 – Form 1B
- 370. Ratify Authorization for a Shared Services Agreement Pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq. for the City of Jersey City to Provide Flood Mitigation Services to the Borough of Little Ferry
- 371. Acceptance of Resignation – Phillip Alvarado – Board of Health Member
- 372. Appointment of Joy Ortiz to the Position of Board of Health Member
- 373. Authorization to Hold Two (2) Meetings – Sine-Die Meeting – 1/7/16 – 6:30 p.m. & Reorganization Meeting – 1/7/16 – 7:00 p.m.
- 374. Authorizing Celebratory Beverages – January 7, 2016
- 375. Extension of Operating Hours – Alcoholic Beverages – 4:00 a.m. New Year’s Eve/January 1, 2016
- 376. Authorizing Celebratory Beverages – December 18, 2015 – Installation of Officers for 2016 for the Fire Department
- 377. Claims Resolution
- 378. Appointment – Stephanie Estrella – “Reserve Member” of Little Ferry Fire Department, Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
- 379. Authorizing the Transfer of 2015 Budget Appropriations
- 380. Authorizing the 2016 Vehicle Licenses – New, Secondhand or Used
- 381. Refund of Overpayment for Pet Shop/Boarding License

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1451-59-15 - AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES , WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1450-58-15 –A CAPITAL ORDINANCE
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$9,900 FOR ACQUISITION OF
FURNITURE FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH
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Since there was no other business to be discussed, Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Adjourn.

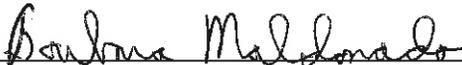
Motion by: Council President Henriquez

Second by: Councilman Muller

All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 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 December 8, 2015.



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