

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raguseo called the meeting to order at
6:25 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 George Muller, Councilman Thomas
Sarlo, Councilwoman Peggy Steinhilber
Absent: Councilman Stephen Lanum

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Adequate notice of this meeting was approved by resolution adopted by the
Governing Body on January 7, 2016, 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:

- HMMC

Council President Henriquez said the majority of the Mayors of the Hackensack
Meadowlands Municipal Committee (HMMC) are in favor of keeping the
committee in existence. Mayor Raguseo explained that the New Jersey
Meadowlands Commission (NJMC) use to fund the HMMC. Funding is no
longer in place for the HMMC. Council President Henriquez said the fee that
each membering town would pay for self funding the committee is based on the
percentage of acreage in the District. Little Ferry would have to pay \$2,000.
Mayor Raguseo said the HMMC led the effort in stopping the NJMC tax sharing
expense which the Borough benefitted from. The majority of the Governing
Body was in favor of paying the \$2,000 with no additional increases in the future.

- Fire Department – Various Issues

Councilman Anzalone said he had a meeting with the Chiefs in reference to the
appointment of the Training Officer and Safety Officer. There is a stipend for the

OPEN TOPICS continued:

Training Officer but not for the Safety Officer. Al Gerber is presently the Training Officer and will remain in that position. Councilman Anzalone said that the life members normally receive their clothing allowance in November. The former Fire Chief did not submit the vouchers for payment, therefore the life members didn't receive a check until 2016. Moving forward, the life members will be paid next January, 2017 as they do not want to receive a second check in 2016. Councilman Anzalone said that at the last Fire Department meeting, some members were in favor of opening up membership to surrounding communities. Presently, a member must live in Little Ferry for one year prior to joining. The issue may be put up for a vote at their next meeting. If the change was permitted, then the Borough's ordinance would have to be amended. Councilman Anzalone asked the Mayor & Council Members their opinion and what liability there could be. Councilman Muller said he will contact the Borough's Risk Manager in reference to liability. Councilman Anzalone said the Fire Chief entered into a verbal agreement with River Edge for mutual aid for a rescue truck. He said that if this were to take place, then the Borough needs a signed mutual aid agreement. He said there is presently a mutual aid agreement with South Bergen Fire Chiefs' Association. The consensus of the Governing Body was not to sign a mutual aid agreement with a non-surrounding town due to possible liability. Councilman Anzalone said that the appointments of both Fire Departments' Chief Drivers and Assistant Chief Drivers are presently made by the Council at the Reorganization Meeting. In the future, those appointments will be made at the Firemen's Installation of Officers meeting held every December. Councilman Anzalone said the Department needs to purchase two new computers to work with the fiber optic that was installed. The new software doesn't work with their two computers. Interim Administrator Jasmine Lim said she would check the warranty on the two computers the Department presently has. Councilman Anzalone said that under capital, the Fire Department is considering having the rescue truck refurbished. Per a quote from last February the price would be \$217,671. If it were found that the engine and transmission have metal in them, then there will be an additional cost of \$29,000. A new rescue truck would be three times more expensive. He said that one of the engines in the Hose Company will only last another four years which would cost approximately \$300,000 for a new one. He didn't want both of these expenses to come up around the same time. He spoke about the bail out system whereby each firefighter would be fitted with safety equipment which would become part of their turnout gear and would assist the firefighter with repelling out of a building if stuck on a floor. The cost is \$1,000 per fireman, totaling \$63,053. Councilman Sarlo said a review of the capital projects will need to be done to prioritize and see how much money needs to be appropriated. Councilman Anzalone said that last year the Fire Department Officers requested a raise. He said that a 2% raise for each officer would total \$171.00 for the year.

OPEN TOPICS continued:

The Department is also seeking a raise in their clothing allowance which was capped in 2005 with no increase. There was no cost of living increase for LOSAP this year. He said that if there was an increase of \$20.00 for each clothing allowance, it would total approximately \$1,000. He said there was a saving since approximately eight firemen resigned and will not be receiving a clothing allowance and since some of these firemen were not vested, any funds in their LOSAP account were returned to the Borough. Councilman Anzalone inquired if a resolution or something official could be adopted in reference to creating guidelines for the Fire Department to assist each new chief that is sworn in on an annual basis. He recommended the Mayor and Council create a committee to meet with the three new chiefs each year to review how the Department should operate. Borough Attorney Joseph Monaghan said the committee could be established each year at the reorganization meeting. Councilman Anzalone said the committee should consist of the three active chiefs and all former active ex-chiefs. He said he would provide the Borough Attorney with a list of towns that have already formed this type of committee. Councilman Anzalone said the officers are considering changing the term of the officers from one to two years. This change would have to be done by ordinance. Mayor Raguseo recommended that both fire companies first vote upon this proposal before it is brought before the Mayor and Council.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: Councilman Muller

Second by: Councilwoman Steinhilber

All Ayes.

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

Motion by: Councilwoman Steinhilber

Second by: Councilman Muller

All Ayes.

RESOLUTION:

72. Closed Session Resolution

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

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84. Appointment of Part-Time Police Dispatcher – Jorge Paez III
85. Ratifying Appointment of Part-Time Police Dispatcher – Angelo Milardo
86. Ratifying Telephone Poll Appointing Robert Knobloch as Deputy Fire Official for Fire Prevention Bureau
87. Authorizing the Award of a Fair and Open Contract for IT Consultant
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89. Amending Resolution No. 13 to Appoint Only One Municipal Architect
90. Claims Resolution
91. Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Agreement Between the Borough of Little Ferry and Any Excuse For A Party, Inc.
92. Ratifying Resolution of Crossing Guard – John Scannavino
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RESOLUTIONS continued:

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100. Removal of Justin Jones – “Active Member” of Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1
101. A Resolution Accepting and Authorizing the Submission of the 2015 LOSAP Points Certification List from the Little Ferry Fire Department – Hose Co. and Ladder Co. and the First Aid Corps
102. Authorizing the Borough Administrator to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Earth Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$13,500 for Retention as Licensed Site Remediation Professional (LSRP) and Groundwater Remedial Investigation at the DPW Garage
103. Acceptance of Resignations – First Aid Corps Members

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

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ORDINANCE NO. 1453-02-16 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “POLICE DEPARTMENT” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY. (MEMBERSHIP)

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ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

None

Since there was no other business to be discussed, Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Adjourn.

Motion by: Council President Henriquez

Second by: Councilwoman Steinhilber

All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 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 February 9, 2016.



Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk

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- Post Sandy Assistance Grant – Circulation Element

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CLOSED TOPICS:

- Litigation – World Video & Future Sanitation
- Anticipated Litigation - FCA
- Personnel – LOSAP

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ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL ADOPTION:

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: _____ **TIME:** _____ **P.M.**