

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 1, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raguseo called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Raguseo led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mauro Raguseo, Council President Ronald Anzalone, Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez, Councilman George Muller, Councilman Thomas Sarlo, Councilwoman Sue Schuck, Councilwoman Peggy Steinhilber
Absent: None

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Adequate notice of this meeting was approved by resolution adopted by the Governing Body on January 6, 2012, 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:

- Firefighters & Social Networking – Michael Capabianco, Administrator addressed the issue in reference to firefighters posting images on facebook. He felt this was not a good idea for the volunteers to be doing this while they are responding to their Borough related duties.
- Senate Bills 1451 (Open Public Meetings Act) & 1452 (Open Public Records Acts). Mr. Capabianco reported on these Senate Bills and what they entailed.
- Employment Initiative Program of the NJ Employer Support Guard & Reserves. Mr. Capabianco reported on this program and explained how it helped military personnel find jobs. The Governing Body decided to add this resolution on the agenda.
- Required Parking Ord. #1344-29-12. Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk, reported to the Governing Body that the Planning Board was not in favor of the \$50.00 fee in reference to this ordinance. After a discussion, the Governing Body decided to keep the \$50.00 fee.

Mr. Capabianco gave an update on the Road Program and all projects throughout the Borough.

Councilwoman Henriquez reported to the Governing Body about a fire truck that the fire department borrowed from the County. She felt the Governing Body should have been notified. Councilwoman Henriquez suggested that the Governing Body be notified in the future, especially for insurance purposes. She also requested that the Finance Committee check to see if there is any capital surplus for a new pump for the jaws of life equipment.

Councilman Sarlo reported on a Homeland Security grant, which provides a bomb sniffing dog. After a discussion, the Mayor and Council decided to apply for the grant.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

Donald Nuckel, 10 River Street Ext. Apt. 176 came forward to speak.

He spoke about declining grades at the school. He also spoke about not knowing where the test wells were drilled in reference to the J.S. Popper property. He felt this should be further investigated. He also spoke about an ordinance which he felt needed to be corrected.

Councilwoman Henriquez felt that School Superintendent, Frank Scarafile gave an excellent presentation on the reasons why the grades are low. One main reason being the lack of involvement of parents and transient children. Councilwoman Henriquez said she also felt the school had excellent teachers.

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to vote on Closed Session Resolution.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

Ayes: Anzalone, Henriquez, Muller, Sarlo, Schuck, Steinhilber

Nays: None

Absent: None

RESOLUTION:

165. Closed Session Resolution

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to enter into Closed Session.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

Return from Closed Session:

Roll Call: Present: Anzalone, Henriquez, Muller, Sarlo, Schuck, Steinhilber

Absent: None

CLOSED TOPICS:

Mayor Raguseo said matters of personnel and litigation were discussed in closed session.

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to vote on Resolution No. 179.

Motion by: C/M Anzalone

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

Roll Call: Ayes: Anzalone, Henriquez, Muller, Sarlo, Schuck, Steinhilber

Nays: None

Absent: None

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

RESOLUTIONS:

166. Awarding of Bid for Collection of Grass Clippings and Vegetative Waste
167. Approval of Change Order No. 1 Regarding State Aid Improvement of Franklin Street
168. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 13, 2012, Workshop Meeting – April 3, 2012, Workshop Meeting – April 10, 2012 & Regular Meeting – April 10, 2012
169. Release of Escrow – Pollo Tropical
170. Authorizing the Mayor to Approve Application for a Blue Light Permit – Gerard T. Carlsen Jr.
171. Release of Escrow – Mr. Vijay Patel
172. Release of Escrow – Mr. Christopher Ianuale
173. Release of Escrow – Phillips-Glenwood Inc.
174. Release of Escrow – Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Baires
175. Release of Escrow – Mr. & Mrs. Ptak
176. Release of Escrow – T-Mobile USA, Inc.
177. Release of Escrow – Mr. Danis Kemalettin
178. Release of Escrow – Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Coffey
179. Authorizing Borough Administrator to Sign Documents Related to Bergen County Community Development Grant for Hockey Rink Renovations Grant **(TO BE ADOPTED MAY 1, 2012)**
180. Ratifying Appointment of Part-Time Police Dispatcher – Scott Karavitis
181. Declaring the “Mayor For A Day” Program a Legal Meeting

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1365-20-12 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS , EMPLOYEES AND SERVANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2012.

ORDINANCE NO. 1366-21-12 – AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER , SECTION , ENTITLED “BINGO AND RAFFLE LICENSING” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Since there was no other business to be discussed, Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Anzalone

All ayes

Minutes transcribed by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia Lazzaro and respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Barbara Maldonado. I hereby certify the foregoing Minutes to be a true account of the Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on May 1, 2012.

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk

