

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mauro Raguseo, Council President George Muller, Councilman Ronald Anzalone, Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez, 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 7, 2011, 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:

Verizon Site Lease Bid – Michael Capabianco, Borough Administrator, said he, along with Borough Attorney Monaghan recommend awarding Verizon the Site Lease Bid, contingent upon them receiving all necessary approvals. They have recommended one waiver from the lease agreement. Mr. Capabianco said this will need to be looked into further.

5K Run – Councilman Sarlo reported that this is the Matt Fenton Memorial Run. The proceeds will be distributed to the EMS, Fire Department and PBA. The PBA proceeds will be contributed to the Children's Make A Wish Foundation. He said he is hoping to get corporate donations and sign up at least 400 people. Volunteers will be necessary for this event.

Addition of Special Police Officers – Police Chief Verdi spoke about the need to hire Special Police Officers for special events. These individuals do get paid a small salary and do not carry a firearm. The Governing Body felt it would be good for the community without being a major expense to the Borough. Mayor Raguseo said the Borough should move forward with this plan.

Snow Removal Ordinance – Mr. Capabianco said the new ordinance would give residents 24 hours to remove the snow from their sidewalks and 48 hours when the Governor declares a state of emergency. Councilman Muller suggested looking into Teaneck's snow removal Ordinance. Mr. Capabianco said the Borough would continue to look into overnight parking and all the variables.

Review Committee – Check 'Em Out Program – Mr. Capabianco said the Borough would be establishing a Review Committee which was recommended through the Megan Nicole Kanka Foundation. The Review Committee would consist of the Borough Administrator, Police Chief and Borough Attorney.

Councilman Muller reported that the accidental policy renewal for the volunteer fire department and first aid corps shows no increase for this year.

Mr. Capabianco said a resolution would need to be placed on the agenda in reference to mandatory anti-discrimination training.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Schuck

All ayes

Saverio Cereste, Esq., representing Russ Luppino, 375 Liberty Street Associates, came forward to speak. He said his client was in litigation with the Borough in reference to zoning. He said his client's shopping center is 50% unoccupied because of the way the zoning officer construed the zoning map. He was also concerned about the new licensing ordinance. He said he is interested in resolving this matter without litigation.

The Borough Attorney will address this matter in closed session with the Governing Body.

Since no one else wished to speak, Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Close Citizens Hearing.

Motion by: C/W Steinhilber

Second by: C/W Henriquez

All ayes

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

PROCLAMATION:

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RESOLUTIONS:

54. Closed Session Resolution
55. Approval of Minutes – Sine Die Meeting – January 7, 2011
56. Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment to BAC Tax Services
57. Dedication by Rider – Requesting Approval of the Director of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Annual Donations for the Matt Fenton 5K Run/Walk
58. Entering into an Agreement for Provision of Services for the Matt Fenton Memorial 5K Run/Walk
59. Release of Escrow – Mr. Louis Ravennati
60. Release of Escrow – Mr. David Santi
61. Mutual Aid Agreement with Village of Ridgefield Park Fire Department
62. Proposed Settlement – Tax Appeal (Lip Life Realty, Inc.)
63. Authorizing Borough Engineer to Prepare Existing Conditions-Location/ Topographical Survey, Taking Sketches & Civil Engineering Plans for Improvement/Signalization of Liberty/Redneck Intersection.
64. Request for Emergency Contract Award – Acquisition of a DPW Vehicle (Salter)
65. Emergency Temporary Appropriation in Accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 – Capital Improvements – Acquisition of DPW Vehicle
66. Temporary Capital Budget Resolution
67. Retirement of John Teel – “Active Member” of Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
68. Appointment – Kelvin Fernandez – “Active Member” of Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
69. Approval of Military Leave of Absence – Ryan Portela – “Active Member” of Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Company No. 1

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED:

70. Authorizing Redemption of Certificate No. 10-00004 Robert U. Del Vecchio
71. Refund of Building Permit – Reiner Group
72. Authorizing the Granting of a Drainage Easement to Joan Pasqua
73. Acceptance of Bid for Lease of Real Property for the Construction of Equipment Shed in Secondary Use for the Existing Monopole Cellular Tower at 95 Main Street
74. Claims Resolution
75. Resolution of the Borough of Little Ferry Providing for the Issuance of Refunding Bonds for the Refunding Portion of the Borough's 2002 General Improvement Bonds; and Providing for the Forms, Maturities and Other Details of said Bonds; Authorizing a Preliminary Official Statement and an Official Statement; Providing for the Sale of the Refunding Bonds; and Approving and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery by the Borough of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, a Bond Purchase Agreement and an Escrow Deposit Agreement
76. Authorizing Borough Engineer to Prepare Quantity/Cost Estimate for Improvement of Mehrhof Road Park Skating Rink
77. Authorizing Borough Engineer to Prepare Plans & Specifications for the State Aid Improvement of Lakeview Avenue
78. A Resolution Accepting and Authorizing the Submission of the 2010 LOSAP Points Certification List from the Little Ferry Fire Department – Hose Co. & Ladder Co. & First Aid Corps
79. Authorizing Increase in Deferred School Taxes for Local District School Taxes
80. Temporary Capital Budget Resolution
81. Approval of Application for Raffle License – St. Margaret of Cortona Church
82. Appointment of School Crossing Guard – Darian D. Osborne
83. Appointment of School Crossing Guard – Royal W. Ehrenberg
84. Authorizing Shared Services Contract with the Borough of Wood-Ridge for Use of Wood-Ridge Pistol Range
85. Establishing a Review Committee for the Check'Em Out Program

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1320-05-11 – A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$100,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF A DPW VEHICLE – (SALTER) TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY AND TO APPROPRIATE \$100,000 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS.

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1320-05-11 shall be held on March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Upon completion of the Public Hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1321-06-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LAKEVIEW AVENUE LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH AND APPROPRIATING \$225,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$75,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION continued:

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1321-06-11 shall be held on March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Upon completion of the Public Hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1316-01-11 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED 'SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL' OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ORDINANCE NO. 1317-02-11 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED 'SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS' OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ORDINANCE NO. 1318-03-11 – A BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1308-18-10 OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN NEW JERSEY, RE: INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT AT LIBERTY/WASHINGTON.

ORDINANCE NO. 1319-04-11 – A CAPITAL ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CAPITAL ORDINANCE 1295-05-10 OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$3,000 FROM CAPITAL FUND BALANCE.

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

Motion by: C/W Henriquez
Second by: C/W Steinhilber

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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 February 8, 2011.

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk

