

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raguseo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Raguseo led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

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.

REPORTS:

Michael Capabianco, Administrator, gave an update on the status of the Senior Center Roof. He said it should be up for bid next week for all five phases.

COUNCILWOMAN SCHUCK reported progress on personnel. She also reminded everyone about the "Visit with the Easter Bunny"

COUNCILMAN ANZALONE gave the DPW report for the month of March.

COUNCILWOMAN STEINHILBER reported that besides "Visit with the Easter Bunny, Opening Day for soccer will also take place this weekend.

COUNCILMAN SARLO gave the police report for the month of March. He reported on the 5K run/walk to be held on June 5th. It will be called the Matt Fenton Memorial 5K run/walk in honor of Matt Fenton. Applications will be mailed out soon to all residents. Any proceeds will be sent to Little Ferry's EMS, Fire Department and PBA who will sponsor a child through the Make a Wish Foundation. He said he hopes to have a large participation in this event.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MULLER reported that the Finance Committee has found all bills in order and ready for payment. He reported that Little Ferry received \$1,000 from the JIF for their safety record at the Safety Committee breakfast.

MAYOR RAGUSEO reported on the Little Ferry/Bogota Court merger. He said he is happy to report that within the first two weeks all is going well. This process not only brings revenue into Little Ferry but also allows the Borough to report to the State the fact that the Borough is leading in shared services. This will help the Borough receive State Aid. He complimented the court staff for all their hard work. Mayor Raguseo said he had a meeting with the Mayors of towns in the Meadowlands District in reference to the tax sharing formula. He said last year Little Ferry did not pay their share of the tax sharing funds for a period of four or five months to send a message to the State, expressing the Borough's feelings of how the Borough of Little Ferry feels it is unfair. The Borough did eventually pay their share. At a meeting with the Meadowlands Mayors, they all felt they should follow our example and send a message. He said two committees were

REPORTS CONTINUED:

established and everything will be done to publicize our displeasure with the tax sharing formula.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

Bernie Sobolewski, 153 Eckel Road, came forward to speak. He said he is in favor of the regionalization of Teterboro. He also spoke about the political false flyers which were circulated in November.

Eileen DeLeeuw, 11 Chapman Drive, came forward to speak. She asked questions regarding the merger of Little Ferry and Bogota Courts. She said it sounded like a great deal but was concerned about additional staffing and the cost to the Borough of Little Ferry. Mr. Capabianco said Little Ferry would not be hiring any additional help. Mr. Capabianco explained that bringing more people on court days into Little Ferry will also help local businesses. Mr. Capabianco and Mayor Raguseo pointed out to Ms. DeLeeuw all the benefits shared services with Bogota would bring to Little Ferry. Borough Attorney Joseph Monaghan, who is also the Borough Attorney for Bogota, told Ms. DeLeeuw that he had no involvement in this merger despite what the newspaper stated.

Dennis Gill, 12 Lincoln Street, came forward to speak. He voiced his complaints in reference to the noise of the exhaust fans at the Empire Club. Mayor Raguseo said he would personally visit the property and look into it.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1323-08-11

Clerk read Ordinance by Title only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “TOWERS AND WRECKERS” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1323-08-11

Motion by: C/W Steinhilber

Second by: C/M Sarlo

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak on Ordinance No. 1323-08-11, Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Close Citizens Hearing.

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

Mayor Raguseo entertained Motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1323-08-11 with notification of said adoption published in The Record.

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

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

Nays: None

Absent: Henirquez

ORDINANCE NO. 1324-09-11

Clerk read Ordinance by Title only:

A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$205,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY AND TO APPROPRIATE \$205,000 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS.

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1324-09-11

Motion by: C/W Steinhilber

Second by: C/M Sarlo

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak on Ordinance No. 1324-09-11, Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Close Public Hearing.

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1324-09-11 with notification of said adoption published in The Record.

Motion by: C/W Steinhilber

Second by: CM Anzalone

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

Nays: None

Absent: Henriquez

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to vote on the Introduction of Ordinance Nos. 1325-10-11 and 1326-11-11.

Motion by: C/M Sarlo

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

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

Nays: None

Absent: Henriquez

ORDINANCE NO. 1325-10-11 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “CLOTHING ALLOWANCE” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY”.

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1325-10-11 shall be held on May 10, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Upon completion of the Public Hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1326-11-11 – BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1326-11-11 shall be held on May 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Upon completion of the Public Hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to vote on Resolution Nos. 111 through 120 and 122 through 139. Resolution No. 121 was pulled from the agenda.

Motion by: C/W Steinhilber

Second by: C/M Anzalone

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

Nays: None

Absent: Henriquez

RESOLUTIONS:

111. Appointing SportCare to provide cleaning services for the Borough's Synthetic Turf Field
112. Authorizing Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign Agreement with RFP Solutions for Service/Maintenance on its Telecommunications System
113. A Resolution Authorizing the Contract for the PPA Agreement for the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission Solar Co-Operative (NJMC Solar Co-Op)
114. Appointment of Part-Time Police Dispatcher – Jesse Tam
115. Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2011 Workshop Meeting, March 15, 2011 Regular Meeting, March 20, 2011 Special Meeting
116. Release of Escrow – Mr. Joseph Manente
117. Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement Between the Borough of Little Ferry (Employer) and Local 2326 UAW (Union)
118. Police Hiring List
119. Authorizing Tax Refund Overpayments
120. NJMC Tax Sharing Alternatives
121. Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Agreement Between the Borough the Borough of Little Ferry and Johnny Zeppoli Concessions, Inc. - pulled
122. A Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Little Ferry to Apply for Tonnage Grants for the Calendar Year 2010
123. Authorizing the Mayor to Approve Application for the Renewal of a Blue Light Permit
124. Emergency Temporary Budget Appropriations for 2011
125. Introduction of 2011 Budget
126. Rejecting all Bids for the Collection of Construction and Demolition Waste and Street Sweeping Services
127. Adopting Purchasing Manual
128. Resolution Supporting A-3412 Sharing the Burden of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds
129. Appointment of School Crossing Guard – James J. Herlihy
130. Appointment of School Crossing Guard – Francine Grieco
131. Appointment – Edward J. Lynch – “Reserve Member” of Little Ferry Fire Department, Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
132. Claims Resolution
133. Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property
134. Tax Reimbursement Certification
135. Authorizing the Submittal of Revised Bergen County Community Development Applications
136. Entering into an Agreement with eRevival LLC for Free Collection of Electronic Recycling for Borough Residents and Businesses
137. Requesting Permission from Bergen County to Utilize Main Street, Liberty Street and Bergen Turnpike for a 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, June 5, 2011

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED:

138. Requesting passage of Senate Bill 54 which allows for flood relief by de-snagging and de-silting by local governments
139. Support of Wage Theft Legislation A-3948

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

Motion by: C/W Steinhilber
Second by: C/W Schuck
All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 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 Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on April 12, 2011.

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk