

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
WORKSHOP MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raguseo called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, 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:

Councilman Anzalone reported that a committee was formed to investigate front lawn parking. He said there are approximately (12) residents in the Borough who park on their lawn overnight. After conducting some investigations and having discussions, the idea of grass pavers seemed to be the solution. A permit would be required. The grass pavers would be allowed under approved specifications from the Building Department. Councilman Anzalone said he would like to see the hours extended for this overnight parking. A discussion followed in reference to extending the hours with set times. The Governing Body decided on the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. for the parking. Mayor Raguseo asked Attorney Monaghan to prepare the ordinance.

Councilwoman Henriquez reported that she attended the HMMC Meeting. She said the American Dream Corporation is taking over the Zanadu project. Councilwoman Henriquez reported that she was concerned about 5 acres of wetlands being filled in. She said she was concerned this could possibly create flooding. Traffic concerns were also discussed. She said although she feels this is a good project, she felt that all concerns should be presented at a public hearing. She felt a traffic study should be looked into along with an air control study. Councilwoman Henriquez said she felt very concerned about the 5 acres of wetlands being filled in which could impact drainage. Councilwoman Henriquez recommended that the Borough Administrator prepare a resolution and submit comments by December 19th. Mayor Raguseo agreed with Councilwoman Henriquez. He also felt that some of the extra revenue which this project will generate should become part of the Meadowlands Tax Sharing Formula.

Councilman Sarlo said that he, along with Police Chief Verdi, discussed the overnight parking ordinance. He said Chief Verdi suggested amending the ordinance to exclude certain holidays, such as New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day Eve, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Attorney Monaghan said this amended ordinance would be introduced at the Reorganization Meeting. Councilman Sarlo also reported he still did not have quotes for the radios for the Fire Department and EMS. Councilman Sarlo reported that the Attorney General has released the guidelines for the use of stun guns. The Police Department will now purchase a stun gun, which will be

OPEN TOPICS CONTINUED:

purchased out of the forfeiture proceedings. The Officers will be trained in the use of the stun gun. Councilman Sarlo also spoke about the camera in the police vehicle which can take a picture of a vehicle's license plate. The license plate number then goes into a data base and can immediately give a complete history check of the particular vehicle. He also spoke about the chain of command/table of organization for the Police Department and how he felt it was outdated. He said it needs to be amended. A discussion followed with the Governing Body and Police Chief Verdi as to various ways to amend the table of organization. Councilman Sarlo also spoke about the accreditation process and its benefits Department.

Councilman Anzalone said he felt the Board of Education should subsidize the Borough as part of a shared services should an officer be placed back into the school.

Mayor Raguseo said there were matters of Personnel and Litigation which would need to be discussed in Closed Session.

He suggested going into Closed Session at the Regular Meeting to follow.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

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

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

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

RESOLUTIONS:

371. Approval of Minutes – Workshop Meeting – November 9, 2011 & Regular Meeting – November 9, 2011
372. Resolution – Edward Ayres 70% Disability Veteran Deduction
373. Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment to Edward Ayres
374. Ratifying the Adoption of Resolution No. 141 “Endorsing the Adopted 2011 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and Petitioning the Superior Court for A Judgment of Compliance and Repose”
375. Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment to Susan & Gary Verdina
376. Resolution Regarding Settling Swagger Family Limited Partners Tax Appeals, Bl. 70, Lot 8.02 & Block 70, Lot 9
377. Resolution Regarding Settling Swagger Family Limited Partners Tax Appeals – Bl. 111, Lot 9.01
378. Awarding Non Fair and Open Contract to Appraisal Systems, Inc. to Prepare Appraisal Report in the Matter of Gates Bros., C/O Gates Realty Corp. vs. Borough of Little Ferry (Block 25, Lot 5 – 46 Bergen Turnpike; Block 25, Lot 5.01 - 50 Bergen Turnpike; Block 108.05, Lot 1.01 - 207 Gates Road; Block 108.01, Lot 2.03 - 212 Gates Road)

RESOLUTIONS continued:

379. Approval of Application for Raffle License – Little Ferry Project
Graduation – Tricky Tray
380. Authorizing Renewal of Liquor License No. 0230-33-006-003 – Cascad
Incorporated for 2011-2012 License Term
381. Refund of Tax Overpayment – Corelodgic Tax Service – Block 2, Lot 1.01
382. Refund of Tax Overpayment – Corelodgic Tax Service – Block 14, Lot 8
383. Refund of Tax Overpayment due to Allowance of Senior Citizen Deduction
- Pergolizzi
384. Refund of Tax Overpyament due to Allowance of Senior Citizen Deduction
- Fakulniewica
385. Refund of Tax Overpayment due to Tax Appeal – Tedesco
386. Refund of Tax Overpayment to John & Carol Amico
387. Refund of Tax Overpayment due to Tax Appeal – Scientific Design
388. Refund of Tax Overpayment to Dennis Francis Esq. – 10 Louis Street
389. Agreement for Public Health Services – 2011
390. Amending Purchasing Manual to Reflect QPA Procurement Thresholds
391. Claims Resolution
392. Acceptance of Resignation – Chris Latrella – “Active Member” of Little
Hose Company No. 1
393. Authorizing 2012 Vehicle Licenses: Sale: Purchase: Exchange of New,
Secondhand or Used – Automobiles, Trucks/Vans, Buses, Recreational
Vehicles & Motorcycles

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

None

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

**ORDINANCE NO. 1341-26-11 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN
ORDINANCE ENTITLED “BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION” OF THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE
FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
(ELECTRICAL SUBCODE FEES)**

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

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 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 December 6, 2011.

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk

