

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raguseo called the meeting to order at 7:20 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
Peggy Steinhilber
Absent: Councilwoman Schuck

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 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Red Light Camera Program - Michael Capabianco, Administrator, gave a summary of how to get the Red Light Camera Program implemented. The cameras take pictures of vehicles who are in violation for various offenses. He also explained how the money is disbursed after the summonses are issued. He said the first step would be to pass an ordinance. He said the Borough would then have to choose a vendor. Mayor Raguseo said the main reason for implementing this program would be for public safety and it would generate revenue to the Borough. Mr. Capabianco said it does cut down on the amount of accidents. Mr. Capabianco said there is a standard fine and before the camera becomes effective, there is a one month education process. A sign will be put up giving a warning to slow down. Mayor Raguseo suggested everyone study the issue and deciding whether to move forward on this matter.

Parking on Front Yard – Mayor Raguseo reported that while campaigning, one issue which consistently came up was the parking situation. He said there is an ordinance in place right now which prohibits overnight parking on the street. He said he believes it is for the most part a good ordinance for public safety reasons, street sweeping and aesthetic reasons. He feels it cannot be reversed. However there are many residents who are expressing their frustrations because of the inconvenience this ordinance causes. Residents have more cars in their families without enough available spots in their driveways. A lengthy discussion was held in reference to this problem. Mayor Raguseo acknowledged that this problem is not an easy fix. Mayor Raguseo created a committee to report back to the Governing Body next month. Police Chief Verdi was also asked to do some surveying. Many legal and aesthetic concerns were addressed. Mayor Raguseo appointed Councilman Anzalone as the Chairman of this committee, along with Councilwoman Schuck and Councilwoman Henriquez to report on different overnight parking options. Mayor Raguseo asked Joseph Monaghan, Borough Attorney, to give a summary of the proposed ordinance that would have to be introduced so the Governing Body could have a discussion and help come up with some kind of solution to help the residents with this problem. The Governing Body felt they needed more information and more time to study this issue before taking any action.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

CITIZENS HEARING:

Peter Kelley, 11 Ludwig Street, came forward to speak. He had questions in reference to the overnight parking ordinance. Attorney Monaghan answered all his questions and concerns.

Marguerita Ciccone, 44 Grove Street, came forward to speak. She also had questions about the parking in the street. Mayor Raguseo explained to her many of the reasons, especially safety issues, as to why he felt the no overnight parking ordinance was a good one. Councilwoman Henriquez also explained to her why it was necessary. Emergency vehicles need to get down the streets, along with the street cleaner. Ms. Ciccone said she did not agree with letting cars park on their lawns. It is not aesthetically pleasing.

Peter Kelley came forward again. He asked about poring concrete to make it look green and look like the grass. He felt this was an option for widening the driveway. Mr. Kelley complained about the cars parked on Main Street, near the Fire Department where the road bends. He said when the cars are parked on both sides it gets very dangerous. He asked the Governing Body to take a look at this area. Mayor Raguseo said that is a County Road and the County would have jurisdiction over that.

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

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

REPORTS:

COUNCILWOMAN HENRIQUEZ reported that the Finance Committee has reviewed all bills and find them ready for payment. She also reported progress on the Fire Department. She congratulated Mayor Raguseo and Councilwoman Steinhilber on their election victory.

COUNCILMAN ANZALONE congratulated Councilwoman Henriquez, Councilwoman Steinhilber and Mayor Raguseo on their re-election. He gave his DPW report for the month of October. He said there was a lot of clean up after the snowstorm. He said the DPW is trying to fix the street sweeper. He said a fire truck was also repaired at the DPW garage. Councilman Anzalone reported he is trying to get use of the Borough of Bogota's hot box to store and keep the asphalt hot while bringing it back to the Borough of Little Ferry.

COUNCILWOMAN STEINHILBER reported that the Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 9th. She congratulated Councilwoman Henriquez and Mayor Raguseo on their re-election.

COUNCILMAN SARLO also congratulated Mayor Raguseo, Councilwoman Henriquez and Councilwoman Steinhilber. He gave the police report for the month of October. The department answered 2, 095 calls. The department assisted with 63 first aid calls and 19 fire calls. A total of 67 accidents were reported. The department issued 412 summonses, responded to 3 domestic violence calls and responded to (18) 9-1-1 calls. There were 6 calls for service to Teterboro.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MULLER congratulated Mayor Raguseo, Councilwoman Henriquez and Councilwoman Steinhilber on their re-election. He commended Mayor Raguseo on his dedication to the citizens of Little Ferry. He also thanked Councilwoman Henriquez and Councilwoman Steinhilber on all their hard work during the campaign. He said that in 2011 the Borough received the Community Safety Traffic Award. He congratulated everyone who participated in this award.

MICHAEL CAPABIANCO, ADMINISTRATOR, reported that the solar panel company is anticipating having the panels up by the end of November. He also said paving has been pushed back due to all the wet weather, but anticipates the weather getting better and the paving should begin. He said bidding should begin on the fountains in the lake and the walking track sometime in early December. The Pickens Street Park project will be bid which would enable early spring construction to begin.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1340-25-11

Clerk Read Ordinance by Title only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIR OF THE SENIOR CENTER ROOF IN THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY AND APPROPRIATING \$265,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$251,750 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1340-25-11.

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 Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1340-25-11.

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Henriquez

All ayes

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1340-25-11 with notification of said adoption published in The Record.

Motion by: C/W Steinhilber

Second by: C/M Muller

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

Nays: None

Absent: Schuck

RESOLUTIONS/ ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Vote on Resolution Nos. 345 through 369 and Introduction of Ordinance No. 1341-26-11.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Muller

Roll Call: Ayes: Muller (except Resolution No. 359) on which he abstained, Anzalone (except Resolution No. 359) on which he abstained, Henriquez, Sarlo, Steinhilber

Nays: None

Absent: Schuck

RESOLUTIONS:

345. Awarding Bid for Collection Services – Two (2) Containers for Construction and Demolition Waste and Street Sweepings
346. Approval of Minutes – Workshop Meeting – October 11, 2011 & Regular Meeting – October 11, 2011
347. Authorizing Borough Administrator to Sign Open Space Grant Agreement – Willow Lake Park Improvements Phase I

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED:

348. Authorizing Borough Administrator to Execute an Entry and Testing Agreement with New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Licensee)
349. Acceptance of Resignation – Brian Castelli – “Active Member” & “Assistant Chief Driver” of Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Company No. 1
350. Authorizing the Mayor to Approve Application for the Renewal of a Blue Light Permit – Jennifer Ali
351. Permanent Appointment of Sara Reilly to the Position of Police Records Room Clerk
352. Proposed Settlement – Tax Appeal (Rhodes Enterprises, Inc.)
353. Amending Resolution No. 144 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Gable Associates to Provide Construction Administration Services to the NJMC Solar Co-Op
354. Rejecting Bids for Improvements to Indian Lake Park Project
355. Authorizing Renewal of Liquor License No. 0230-33-004-007 – Ralph and Keith Belfiglio Partnership for 2011 – 2012 License Term
356. Release of Escrow to Gartner
357. Refund of Building Permit – Ms. Barbara Willey
358. Ratifying Resolution No. 343 Adopting the Capital Budget Amendment Resolution
359. Establishing Annual Clothing Allowance as a Compensation Item
360. Claims Resolution
361. Agreement Adopting a Flexible Spending Plan to be Managed by AFLAC as required under Chapter 78 P.L. 2011
362. Approval of Application for Raffle License – American Legion Post 310 – John H. Gertz
363. Authorizing Holiday Pay for Full-Time Dispatchers
364. Authorizing Renewal of Liquor License No. 0230-33-013-007 – Byung K. Lee Riverside BKL, Inc. for 2011 – 2012 License Term
365. Supporting S-3062, “Telecommunications – Cable Television Deregulation Ensuring Consumer Protection Act”
366. Establishing Professional Services Contract Request for Qualifications Criteria Pursuant to the Fair and Open Process
367. Waiving of Building Permit Fee – 22 Chamberlain Ave.
368. Appointment of Volunteer Assistant to Senior Van Bus Driver
369. Requesting Approval of Item of Revenue and Appropriation (Chap. 159) NJS40A:4-87 New Jersey Meadowlands Commission – Solar Co-Op Shared Services Agreement

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

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.

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1341-26-11 shall be held on December 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Upon completion of the Public Hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

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 Muller

All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 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 November 9, 2011.

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk