

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Raguseo called the meeting to order at 7:12 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 5, 2010, 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.

**PRESENTATION(S):** Award Presentations for Assistance with "National Night Out", Police Chief Ralph Verdi, along with Officer Schwedhelm, gave an award to those individuals who assisted with "National Night Out".

Hackensack University Medical Center EMS Excellence Awards. Mayor Raguseo said this is an award given out for outstanding service on behalf of emergency services performed by the Ambulance Corps and Police Department.

**REPORTS:**

COUNCILWOMAN HENRIQUEZ reported that the Finance Committee has reviewed all bills and found them ready for payment. He said the Finance Committee is in the process of putting the 2011 budget together. She said the Fire Department will be installing new officers on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Firemen's Reorganization meeting. Robert Cordasco will be the new Fire Chief.

Councilwoman Schuck thanked all the volunteers, Police Department, Fire Department and DPW who made the "Visit with Santa" and "Tree Lighting Ceremony" a success. She thanked Councilwoman Steinhilber for doing such a great job. Progress was reported on Policy and Personnel.

**REPORTS CONTINUED:**

COUNCILMAN ANZALONE reported the DPW is working at the Boy's Club Field. All equipment at the DPW is ready for the winter. He thanked the DPW for putting all the decorations up around town for the holiday.

COUNCILWOMAN STEINHILBER thanked everyone who helped with the "Tree Lighting Ceremony", She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

**REPORTS CONTINUED:**

COUNCILMAN SARLO gave the Police Department report for the month of November. In November, the Police Department answered 3,453 calls. The department assisted at 75 first aid calls, 22 fire calls and responded to 82 accidents. The department issued 394 summonses and responded to 4 domestic violence calls. A total of 11 (9-1-1) calls were answered. The department responded to 156 calls to Teterboro.

COUNCILMAN MULLER reminded all Council Members to attend the mandatory JIF Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>. He also said a Safety Meeting will also be held this week.

ATTORNEY MONAGHAN reported on the towing bids. He said the lowest responsible bid was Hackensack Auto Body for non-commercial vehicles and recommended awarding the non-commercial towing bid to them. He recommended not taking any action on the towing bid for commercial vehicles. Attorney Monaghan said a resolution would be added on the agenda in reference to reducing the hours of Pat Lazzaro, Deputy Borough Clerk, to part-time. He also said a resolution would be added terminating Susan Strong for cause. He also recommended adding a resolution awarding the bid for towing and storage of non-commercial vehicles.

Ken Job, Borough Engineer, reported that he would be receiving bids for State Aid improvements to Franklin Street on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. He said he spoke with the County Engineer in reference to the intersection of Washington and Liberty Street to discuss preliminary plans. The project is on track for late spring construction.

Mayor Raguseo said the resolution reducing the hours of Patricia Lazzaro, Deputy Borough Clerk, was solely based on budget reasons.

**CITIZENS HEARING:**

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Open Citizens Hearing.

Motion by: C/W Schuck

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

Sine 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

**ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1315-25-10**

Clerk Read Ordinance by Title Only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED ‘ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: LICENSE BACKGROUND CHECK TRANSFER FEES’ 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. 1315-25-10.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Anzalone

All ayes

**ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE CONTINUED:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1315-25-10**

Since no one wished to speak on Ordinance No. 1315-25-10, Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1315-25-10

Motion by: C/W Steinhilber

Second by: C/W Henriquez

All ayes

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1315-25-10 with notification of said adoption published in The Record.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Anzalone

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**RESOLUTION(S) & ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:**

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to add Resolution Nos. 407, 408 and 409.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Muller

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to vote on Resolution Nos. 388 through 409

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**RESOLUTIONS:**

388. Approval of Minutes – Workshop Meeting, November 9, 2010  
Regular Meeting, November 9, 2010

389. South Bergen Fire Chiefs' Association Mutual Aid Agreement

390. Refunding Tax Overpayment Due to Tax Appeal

391. Refund of Escrow Money – Mr. Pravin Panchal

392. Refund of Tax Overpayment – First American Real Estate Tax  
Service

393. Refund Tax Overpayment Due to Allowance of Veterans Deduction -  
Edmund R. Kolankowski

394. Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property

395. Authorizing Renewal of Liquor License No. 0230-33-007-009  
Pinky Little Ferry, LLC for 2010 – 2011 License Term

396. Appointing Christopher Nepil as Full-Time Police Dispatcher

397. Claims List

398. Award of Contract to RSC Architects for the Preparation of  
Drawings and Specifications for the Senior Center Roof Project

399. Authorizing the execution of an Agreement between the N.J.M.C.  
Solar Cooperative Pricing System and the New Jersey Meadowland's  
Commission

400. Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Advertise and Accept bids on behalf  
of the NJ Meadowlands Solar Co-Op for the Solar Panel Program

401. Approval of Application for Raffle License – Little Ferry Project  
Graduation – “50/50” On Premise

**RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED:**

402. Approval of Application for Raffle License – Little Ferry Project Graduation – “Night at the Races”
403. Approval of application for Raffle License – Little Ferry Project Graduation – “Tricky Tray” On Premise
404. Rescinding Resolution No. 365 & Authorizing Tax Overpayment Refund to David Iulo
405. Authorizing 2011 VEHICLE LICENSES: SALE: PURCHASE: EXCHANGE OF NEW, SECONDHAND OR USED- Automobiles, Trucks/Vans, Buses, Recreational Vehicles and Motorcycles
406. Authorizing the Use of Competitive Contracting for Concession as per the Local Public Contracts Law
407. Resolution Terminating Susan Strong as Crossing Guard/Police Dispatcher
408. Awarding of Bid for Towing and Storage of Non-Commercial Vehicles
409. Authorizing Reduction of Hours of Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia Lazzaro

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to enter into Closed Session for matters of litigation.

Motion by: C/W Steinhilber

Second by: C/M Anzalone

All ayes

Return from Private Session

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Raguseo, Councilman Muller, Councilman Anzalone, Councilwoman Henriquez, Councilman Sarlo, Councilwoman Schuck, Councilwoman Steinhilber

Absent: None

Attorney Monaghan stated that the issues of the commercial towing contract were discussed. After discussing the issues, the Governing Body revisited matters which have not be revisited in years. After reviewing all the issues, Attorney Monaghan recommended adding a Resolution rescinding Resolution No. 408 and rejecting Towing Bids for Non-Commercial and Commercial Vehicles until after the possibility of using a rotation list is considered

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to add Resolution No. 410.

Motion by: C/W Schuck

Second by: C/M Anzalone

All ayes

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to vote on Resolution No. 410

Motion by: C/W Steinhilber

Second by: C/W Schuck

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

**RESOLUTION:**

410. Resolution Rescinding No. 408 and Reject Towing Bids for Non-Commercial and Commercial Vehicles

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

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 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 December 7, 2010.

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Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk