

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
MAY 11, 2010

“MAYOR FOR A DAY PROGRAM”

INTRODUCTION: Mayor Mauro Raguseo

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raguseo called the meeting to order at 7:25 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 and published in The Record and Star Ledger as provided by the Open Public Meeting’s Act. A copy of meeting notice has been posted on the bulletin board outside of the Clerk’s Office.

The Borough Attorney swore in each Mayor For A Day Candidate

Mayor: Mauro D. Raguseo – Angela Hong
Council President: George Muller – Reshma Kuttappassery
Council Members: Ronald Anzalone – Steven Johnson
Roberta Henriquez – Jennifer Riccardi
Thomas Sarlo – Joseph Tronlone
Sue Schuck – Gussille Fernandez
Peggy Steinhilber – Nicole Lucatorto
Borough Administrator: Michael Capabianco – Diemari Martinez
Police Chief: Ralph Verdi – Christian Macias
DPW Superintendent: William Holley – Rachel Mullikin

PRESENTATION:

Freeholder Carroll, Senator Gordon, Assemblywoman Voss and Assemblywoman Wagner all congratulated the participants and their families who participated in the program. They also gave the participants certificates of commendation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Executed Sale Memorandum dated 5/7/10, RE: Sale of \$5,500,000 Borough of Little Ferry Bond Anticipation Notes

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REPORTS:

MAYOR RAGUSEO reported on upcoming public events:

1. Family Fun Day to be held on September 25th. This year will be a 50s rock and roll theme. No taxpayer dollars will be used for this event. The event will be financed by fundraising.
2. Memorial Day Ceremonies to be held on Saturday, May 29th near the monuments outside of Memorial and Washington Schools.
3. Follow up report in reference to Bergen County Utilities Authority. They have agreed to send an additional \$20,00 this year for a total of \$130,000. The funds will be used in the budget for property tax relief. Little Ferry lost over 1 million dollars in State assistance this year.
4. Mayor Raguseo thanked Senator Gordon who is working to have Little Ferry exempt from paying sewage costs.
5. Progress is being made on efforts to place a traffic light at the corner of Washington Avenue and Liberty Street. The construction hopefully will begin in the fall and Bergen County will pay for the light.
6. Mayor Raguseo said he, along with the Borough Administrator, will be Meeting with the Boys Club to discuss field improvements.

COUNCILWOMAN HENRIQUEZ reported on Finance. The budget was introduced and is anticipated to be adopted in July. All bills have been reviewed and are ready for payment. The Fire Department is scheduled to have a wet down for the new ladder truck on June 26th.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MULLER reported that he serves as Chairperson on the Insurance Committee and has been working hard to keep insurance premiums low. Members of all departments and Council Members have attended numerous safety training sessions to become educated on safety issues and legal issues which help keep the Borough safe and to receive credit on the Boroughs insurance premiums. Little Ferry was honored by receiving various checks for excelling in various categories. The Borough also received a plaque. Council President Muller reported that he also serves on the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is trying to keep a tight budget while keeping the quality of life for the residents high.

COUNCILMAN ANZALONE reported on the Meadowlands Commission's solar project. The goal of the project is for all 14 meadowlands municipalities to enter into a power purchasing agreement to provide free solar energy to municipal buildings and schools. He also reported on Sustainable Jersey Program. This program will allow the Borough to be eligible for specific grant funds.

COUNCILMAN SARLO gave the police report for the month of April. The Little Ferry Police Department answered 2,492 calls, assisted at 90 first aid calls, 14 fire calls and 45 accident reports. A total of 16 9-1-1- calls were answered, 82 calls for service for Teterboro, 5 adult arrests and 1 juvenile arrest.

COUNCILWOMAN SCHUCK reported on policy and personnel. The EPL manual and employee manual has been revised. On recreation she reported the bathrooms for the Mehrhof Road Park and Complex will hopefully be completed for the opening of the soccer season.

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COUNCILWOMAN STEINHILBER reported there was a very good turnout for the Summer Recreation Program. Ms. Michelle Palmieri is returning as the Director. Parents can continue to sign up their children at Borough Hall until school ends. Applications are still being taken for summer recreation counselors.

MICHAEL CAPABIANCO, ADMINISTRATOR reported on the following issues.

1. Shared Services with the school, the IT staff will be installing a new server to the Borough.
2. The start of the 2010 Audit
3. The effort to increase the information on the Borough's website. The Borough's site was visited from computers in such places as Belgium, Israel, Switzerland, Latvia, Ukraine, Italy and France.

RALPH VERDI, POLICE CHIEF reported on the upgrading of the Little Ferry Police Communications Center. He said he, along with the officers of the Little Ferry Police Department, thanked Councilman Sarlo for securing the grant used for the upgrade. The project was done at no cost to the taxpayers of Little Ferry through the hard work and dedication of Police Commissioner Sarlo.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM HOLLEY reported on the clean ups around town due to several severe weather events. The department has also been busy making improvements to the recycling drop off center and making repairs in the library. The DPW has also been busy filling potholes. Replacing of street signs and regulatory signs and the yearly cleaning of catch basins will begin shortly.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: C/W Schuck

Second by: C/M Anzalone

All ayes

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

Motion by: C/M Anzalone

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1294-04-10 – BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY CALENDAR YEAR 2010 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A-4-45.14)

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1294-04-10.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Anzalone

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak on Ordinance No. 1294-04-10, Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1294-04-10.

Motion by: C/M Anzalone

Second by: C/M Muller

All ayes

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1294-04-10 with notification of said adoption published in The Record.

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Motion by: C/M Muller
Second by: C/M Sarlo
Roll Call: Ayes: Muller, Anzalone, Henriquez, Sarlo, Schuck, Steinhilber
Nays: None
Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1295-05-10 – A CAPITAL ORDINANCE
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$70,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF POLICE
VEHICLES AND COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE
BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY AND TO APPROPRIATE \$70,000 FROM
CAPITAL SURPLUS

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1295-05-10.

Motion by: C/M Anzalone
Second by: C/W Schuck
All ayes

Since no one wished to speak on Ordinance No. 1295-05-10, Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1295-05-10.

Motion by: C/M Anzalone
Second by: C/W Schuck
All ayes

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1295-05-10 with notification of said adoption published in The Record.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez
Second by: C/M Muller
Roll Call: Ayes: Muller, Anzalone, Henriquez, Sarlo, Schuck, Steinhilber
Nays: None
Absent: None

**PROCLAMATION(S) RESOLUTION(S) / INTRODUCTION OF
ORDINANCE(S):**

Proclamation(s)/Resolution(s) and Introduction of Ordinance(s) will be voted upon as one unit in accordance with the consent agenda.) .

PROCLAMATION: - SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH
JUNE 2010

RESOLUTIONS:

139. Authorizing “Wet Down” for New 100’ Mid Mount Ladder Tower
140. Authorizing Execution of Shared Services Agreement for Turf Sweeper
141. A Resolution Approving An Inter-Local Services Agreement Between
The Borough of Little Ferry and Bergen County Health Services
For Animal Control Services
142. 2010 Road Program
143. Declaring The “Mayor For A Day” Program A Legal Meeting
144. Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment to BAC Tax Services Corp.
145. Ratifying and Authorizing the Execution of a Location Agreement with
High Noon Productions, LLC
146. Refund of Tax Overpayment – Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
147. Approval of Minutes – Special Meeting – March 30, 2010, Workshop
Meeting – April 13, 2010, Regular Meeting – April 13, 2010, Special
Meeting – April 21, 2010

148. Appointment – Michael Ferrante – “Active Member” Of Little Ferry Fire Department Hose Company No. 1
149. Appointment of School Crossing Guard – Carolyn Salzman
150. Authorizing Mayor to Execute All Documents Required For NJDEP Treatment Works Approval Permit For Route 46 Circle – **ADOPTED ON MAY 4, 2010**
151. Approval of Change Order No. 2 Regarding Regrading Portions of Bassano Field
152. Approval of State Aid Change Order No. 1 Regarding State Aid Improvement of Washington Avenue, Section 4
153. Permanent Appointment of Michael N. Capabianco to the Position of Borough Administrator
154. Appointment of Temporary Summer D.P.W. Employees
155. Temporary Capital Budget – Mehrhof Road Park Restrooms
156. Authorizing Refund of Various Tax Overpayments to Bac Tax Services Corp.
157. Authorizing Agreement Adopting a Flexible Benefits Plan
158. Refund of Tax Overpayment – First American Real Estate Tax Service
159. Release of Road Opening Escrow – Bogush Inc.
160. Release of Road Opening Escrow – Millennium Communications Group D/B/A Matrix Design
161. Release of Road Opening Escrow – Dutra Excavating & Sewer, Inc.
162. Release of Road Opening Escrow – Envirotrac, LTD.
163. Authorizing Issuance of 2010 Vehicle License to Under 70 Auto Sales Inc. For the Sale/Purchase/Exchange of New, Secondhand or Used Vehicles
164. Claims List
165. Award of Bid -10 Yard Combination Sewer Cleaner and Vacuum Man Hole Cleaner Mounted on a Heavy Duty Chasis
166. Rejecting Bids for a Partial Fence Replacement and Netting Installation at Lakeview Park
167. Authorizing The Mayor To Approve Applications For Blue Light Permits
168. Temporary Capital Budget – Sidewalks/Improvements to Franklin Street

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1296-06-10 – A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$50,000 FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS OF PUBLIC RESTROOMS AT THE MEHRHOF ROAD PARK TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY AND TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 FROM CAPITAL SURPLUS.

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1296-06-10 shall be held on June 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Upon completion of the Public Hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1297-07-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO FRANKLIN STREET LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY AND APPROPRIATING \$405,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$405,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1297-07-10 shall be held on June 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Upon completion of the Public Hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

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BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1298-08-10 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SIDEWALKS IN THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY AND APPROPRIATING \$22,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,900 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1298-08-10 shall be held on June 1, 2010 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 Proclamation and Resolution Nos. 139 through 168 and Ordinances for Introduction Nos. 1296-06-10, 1297-07-10 & 1298-08-10

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Muller

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor Raguseo presented Angela Hong with the nameplate which adds her name to the previous Mayors in the “Mayor For a Day Program” since 1982
2. Mayor Raguseo presented plaques from the Governing Body to the participants in the “Mayor For A Day” Program
3. Mayor Raguseo gave a presentation to Tonilyn Russomanno

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 Anzalone

All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 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 May 11, 2010.

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk

