

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY  
MAY 2, 2006  
WORKSHOP MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Mauro Raguseo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Council President Raguseo led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Present: Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez, Councilman George Muller, Councilwoman Patricia Navarro, Councilman Mauro Raguseo, Councilman Thomas Sarlo, Councilwoman Sue Schuck  
Absent: Mayor Thomas Quirico

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Meeting authorization was called by the Governing Body of the Borough of Little Ferry, with notification of said meeting transmitted to The Record and Star Ledger giving notice that a Workshop Meeting has been scheduled for May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 215-217 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, New Jersey at which time formal action may or may not be taken as provided by the Open Public Meeting's Act. A copy of said meeting notice and agenda were filed in the Borough Clerk's Office and have been posted on the bulletin board outside of the Borough Clerk's Office

Council President Raguseo announced the meeting would be starting on a somber note. United States Marine Corps. Sergeant Matthew Fenton, a Little Ferry resident was critically injured in Iraq. Sergeant Fenton and his group was attacked by insurgents. He tried to defend his group and shot back. He was struck in the head by shrapnel. Sergeant Fenton has severe brain damage. Sergeant Fenton is in Bethesda Maryland Hospital with his family. Council President Raguseo said Sergeant Fenton's parents are residents of Little Ferry. His aunt is in attendance tonight. Council President Raguseo said he cannot express the sadness that is felt by everyone at this moment. Council President said Sergeant Fenton is a hero who sacrificed his own life to save others and is in our prayers. Council President Raguseo asked everyone to stand and join him in a moment of silent prayer.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter dated April 20, 2006 from Borough Clerk Barbara Maldonado, Re: Little Ferry Historical Society – Use of Council Chambers. The Little Ferry Historical Society would like the use of the Council Chambers for their meetings. Their display cases will remain in the Library. The Governing Body gave their approval for the use of the Council Chambers for the Historical Society meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Senior Citizens Bus Schedule

Council President Raguseo said the Senior Citizens bus has arrived from New Jersey Transit. He said it is a sixteen passenger bus with a handicap ramp. He said the bus will be used for smaller Senior trips as well as trips for shopping and perhaps doctors visits. Several bus drivers are available. He asked Senior Citizen President Terry Sarrao to form a committee for the scheduling of the bus trips.

State Aid Applications

Ken Job, Borough Engineer, said it is the time of year for the submittal of 2007 State Aid Applications under the Transportation Trust Fund. He said the types of

projects which are eligible will be road improvements, curbs and sidewalks around schools. He said he spoke with Superintendent of the DPW William Holley and Councilman Sarlo and asked them to get a list of streets which can be submitted by next week. The resolution will be on the June meeting. The deadline to get the application submitted to Trenton is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Job said Little Ferry does not have a lot of roads left which are eligible for State Aid because Little Ferry has done very well with state aid over the past several years.

#### Main Street Beautification Project

Council President Raguseo said the Veterans Park project is currently being worked on. He said the curb and the sidewalk at the corner of Main Street and Pickens Street where the park will be located should be replaced. He said there are funds available from the Main Street Beautification project. He said they are checking into the cost of repairing the corner. Councilwoman Henriquez said there is capital money from the Department of Transportation for Pickens Street and there is still money available from the Main Street Beautification project. She said she still has to check and to see if there is any incumbent fees against the Beautification Project.

Councilwoman Henriquez said she would need a Private Session for LOSAP and PBA negotiations.

Councilwoman Henriquez wished Council President Raguseo a Happy Birthday!

#### CITIZENS HEARING:

Council President Raguseo entertained a motion to Open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Schuck

All Ayes

Since no wished to speak at Citizens Hearing, Council President Raguseo entertained a motion Close Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Schuck

All ayes

#### AGENDA ITEMS: PROCLAMATIONS – (RESOLUTIONS – ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION AT REGULAR MEETING):

PROCLAMATION(S) – Scleroderma Awareness Month 2006

National Safe Kids Week

#### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Awarding of Bid for GMC 3500 4WD Mason Dump Truck for the Department of Public Works
2. Awarding of Bid for Collection of Grass Clippings
3. Refund of Tax Overpayment – LandAmerica Tax and Flood Services – Block 77.01, Lot 11.06
4. Refund of Tax Overpayment – LandAmerica Tax and Flood Services – Block 105.02, Lot 15
5. Release of Escrow – Sinks to Sewers
6. Release of Escrow – BSH, LLC
7. Adopting the Recommendation of The Little Ferry Planning Board Wherein the Planning Board Declared that No Portion of the Investigated Areas Should be Designated as “An Area In Need of Redevelopment”
8. Release of Escrow – Mr. Guillermo Salamanc
9. Approval of Raffle License – Little Ferry Senior Citizens Club

**RESOLUTIONS CONTINUED:**

10. Appointment – Joseph J. Wisneski as Substitute Bus Driver
11. Acceptance of Resignation of Paul Albanese – Plumbing Subcode Official
12. Approval of Summer Hours – Borough Hall Office Staff
13. Approval of Summer Hours – Department of Public Works
14. Rescinding Resolution No. 138 Authorizing Borough Clerk to Place Referendum on the November 2006 Ballot Regarding Amendment to the Borough's LOSAP Program So As To Include an Annual CPI
15. Authorizing the Execution of an Inter-Local Agreement between the Borough of Little Ferry and the County of Bergen Regarding the Homeland Security /Water Fillable Barrier Program
16. Amending Resolution No. 124 Authorizing Adopting Borough of Little Ferry, Police Department Rules and Regulations
17. Declaring "Mayor For A Day Program" a Legal Meeting
18. Refund of Tax Overpayment-First American Real Estate Tax Service Block 11, Lot 36
19. Refund of Tax Overpayment-First American Real Estate Tax Service Block 59, Lot 4
20. Refund of Tax Overpayment-First American Real Estate Tax Service Block 19, Lot 25
21. Refund of Tax Overpayment-First American Real Estate Tax Service Blocks 24, Lots, 11
22. Refund of Tax Overpayment-First American Real Estate Tax Service Block 87, Lot 17
23. Refund of Tax Overpayment-First American Real Estate Tax Service Block 33.01 Lot 3
24. Appointment of Temporary Summer D.P.W. Employees
25. Authorizing Borough Engineer to Review the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Waterfront Development and Stream Encroachment Plans

**ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:****ORDINANCE NO. 1204-13-06**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1025-12-00 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE A LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP) TO ENSURE THE RETENTION OF EXISTING MEMBERS AND TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR RECRUITING NEW VOLUNTER FIRE FIGHTERS/FIRST AID ORGANIZATION MEMBERS" BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY"

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1204-13-06 shall be held on June 13, 2006. Upon completion of the public hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1205-14-06**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED 'PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: RESPONSIBILITY OF LANDSCAPERS AND GARDENERS OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY"

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1205-14-06 shall be held on June 13, 2006. Upon completion of the public hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

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

**BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1202-11-06**

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$88,000 FOR VARIOUS RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$83,600 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1203-12-06 – BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY STORMWATER CONTROL ORDINANCE**

Councilwoman Navarro asked Attorney Monaghan about Resolution No. 14 – Rescinding Resolution 138 – Authorizing Borough Clerk to Place Referendum on the November 2006 Ballot Regarding Amendment to the Borough’s LOSAP Program as to Include an Annual CPI. Attorney Monaghan told Councilwoman Navarro that the only time you could go to referendum on LOSAP would be to create LOSAP or to abolish LOSAP.

Councilwoman Navarro said she had a Private Session matter regarding the building department.

Councilwoman Schuck said she had a Private Session matter regarding personnel for recreation and also insurance matters with Little League.

**PRIVATE SESSION:**

**RESOLUTION:**

144. Executive Session Resolution

Council President Raguseo entertained a motion to go into Private Session

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Muller

All ayes

PRIVATE SESSION

Return from Private Session

Roll Call: Present: Councilwoman Henriquez, Councilman Muller,

Councilwoman Navarro, Councilman Raguseo, Councilman Sarlo,

Councilwoman Sue Schuck

Absent: None

Since there was no other business to be conducted, Council President Raguseo entertained a motion to adjourn,

Motion by: C/W Navarro

Second by: C/W Schuck

All ayes:

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia Lazzaro and respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Barbara Maldonado. I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true account of the Workshop Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on May 2, 2006.

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Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk

