

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
WORKSHOP/CAUCUS AND REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Quirico called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Quirico led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Adequate notice of this meeting was approved by resolution adopted by the Governing Body on January 6, 2006, approved unanimously and published in the Record and Star Ledger as provided by the Open Public Meeting's Act. A copy of meeting notice was filed outside of the Clerk's Office and has been posted on the bulletin board outside of the Clerk's Office.

PRESENTATION(S): Dominick Elefante from New Jersey Meadowlands Commission gave a description of what GIS System was and how it could help a municipality. A presentation was given followed by a question and answer period.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2006 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Dieter Lerch, Borough Auditor, made a presentation of the 2006 Municipal Budget and gave a detailed explanation of discretionary aid and its effect on the budget.

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to open Public Hearing on the 2006 Municipal Budget

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Muller

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak on the Municipal Budget, Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to close Public Hearing.

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

OLD BUSINESS: Dennis Francis, Esq. Re: Raymond Bares' Major Subdivision. He was here to request an easement from the Borough of Little Ferry for the Raymond Bares Property – Major Subdivision.

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to add a Resolution to tonight's agenda – Granting Easement to Raymond Bares Subject to Indemnification, Planning Board and Borough Engineer.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Muller

All ayes

APPOINTMENTS: - MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT – NO CONFIRMATION NECESSARY.

Chief Executive Officer's Community Development Representative & Alternate: One Year Term, from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Thomas Quirico, Primary Committee Representative & Thomas Sarlo, Alternate Representative.

REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN SARLO reported that the Mehrhof Road project is ready to go out for bidding. The sewer replacement project on Washington Ave. has been delayed due to the Borough Engineer having difficulties getting information he needs to complete his surveys. Some of the homeowners have not been cooperative. Councilman Sarlo said the 2007 State Aid Application has been applied for by the Borough Engineer. The amount requested is \$75,000. It will be used for improvements of Memorial and Washington Schools for curbing and sidewalks. He said hopefully the Borough could also expand the downtown beautification project. He said there is a Domestic Violence and Open Space Grant available which he would like to discuss. He said he would be happy to write the grant. Councilman Sarlo said the Little League has requested fixing or repaving around the park area where a tree was removed. Councilman Sarlo said the Little League has asked for assistance from the DPW with a sewer grate which has backed up due to all the rain. He said he would discuss this matter with DPW Superintendent Holley.

COUNCILMAN MULLER reported progress under insurance. He said a quarterly safety meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22nd for all department heads. Councilman Muller gave the Police Report for the month of May. During the month of May the department answered 1,991 calls. The department assisted in 75 first aid calls and 17 fire calls. A total of 41 accident reports were taken on the street. The department issued a total of 400 summonses. The department responded to a total of 10 domestic violence calls. A total of 27 (911) calls were answered. The department responded to 47 calls for service to Teterboro. Councilman Muller said a letter was sent to Police Chief Verdi from the Moonachie Police Chief regarding Sergeant Walsh and his help, which led to the arrests of 4 individuals in connection with a prostitution operation. He also thanked Police Chief Verdi and the Little Ferry Police Department for their assistance. Councilman Muller thanked Sergeant Walsh, Police Chief Verdi and the entire Little Ferry Police Department for a job well done.

COUNCILWOMAN HENRIQUEZ reported under finance that the Borough is part of a pilot program with the NJ Meadowlands Commission. She said that from now on the budget will be filed on line with the Division of Local Government Services. The budget will be electronically transmitted to Trenton which will make approvals go faster. She said the Borough Auditor has already set everything up. She said she also attended the Hackensack Meadowlands Municipal Committee meeting. They will be having a lot of senior programs this year. She said all bills are ready to be paid. She said there is an Emergency Temporary Appropriation resolution on this evening's agenda for the traffic light on Main Street and Liberty Street. The Borough owns this particular light. Councilwoman Henriquez asked Fire Chief Iurato about the firemen who recently received commendations. He said that four fire fighters received commendations for a fire that occurred on Niehaus Ave. last year. The firemen were: Doug Tobin, Brian Castelli, Frank Fuchs Jr. and Adam Reinhart.

COUNCILWOMAN SCHUCK reported that applications are still being accepted for the summer recreation program. The program will begin on July 5th and will end on August 18th. She welcomed the two new directors, Laura Trabulsi and Rosa Losurdo and also welcomed back all the counselors from last year. Final soccer registration will be held on June 15th. She thanked Councilwoman Henriquez and the Finance Committee for putting the budget together. She said she knows it takes a lot of time and effort. Councilwoman Schuck congratulated Nick Brando and the Little Ferry Strikers Soccer Team. One again, they won the NJ State Championship for Little Ferry.

COUNCILMAN RAGUSEO reported that the donations for Family Fun Day have exceeded last year's amount. Last year the donations amounted to \$16,000. This year there is already \$18,000 in donations. Family Fun Day will be held on August 26th with a raindate of August 27th. The theme this year will be a Hawaiian luau. All contracts have been signed. Councilman Raguseo said at the next Mayor and Council meeting he would request that certificates to be awarded to all organizations and departments who donated to Sergeant Matthew Fenton's funeral. The Veterans Park on Main Street should resume work very soon. He said the Borough is in the final stages of interviewing for the position of Borough Administrator.

ATTORNEY MONAGHAN reported that he attended a Memorial Day Service in Norwood. He said the keynote speaker spoke about Sergeant Fenton's sacrifice and the way in which the Borough of Little Ferry honored him. The speaker was very moved by the way Little Ferry honored Sergeant Fenton.

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to add Resolution No. 215 – Private Session Resolution.

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

Return from Private Session:

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Raguseo

Roll Call: Present: Henriquez, Muller, Raguseo, Sarlo, Schuck

Absent: Navarro

Attorney Monaghan said Private Session was needed to discuss the Losen Slote Public Service outstanding bills.

Mayor Quirio wished Councilman Sarlo a happy birthday.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to open Citizens Hearing.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C /M Raguseo

All ayes

Joe La Rosa, Vice President of Boys Club came forward to speak. He presented records in regard to repairs to the fields. He also gave a breakdown of the yearly calendar. He said renovations are necessary for the fields. Councilwoman Henriquez said she needed specifications and the project will have to go out to bid. She also said \$100,000 is available and believed it has to be used by 2007.

Frank & Kathy Fuchs, 25 Union Avenue, came forward to speak. He said as a fire fighter he felt the GIS System is wonderful for the town. He said the tax appeal is a very intimidating experience. He said there were blatant errors on his tax assessment card. He questioned who controls some of the adjustments which he felt were incorrect. Mayor Quirico said the appraisal company and the assessor. Ms. Fuchs said she felt it was inappropriate for one office in town along with an appraisal company to have the right to make a determination which the Governing Body is not privy to. She said she said would appreciate it if the Mayor and Council would review the practices of how the town comes to the determination of the values of property. She said there is a problem with the rights of a homeowner to discuss, review or correct results of an assessment which may be incorrect. Mr. Fuchs said he tried to correct the problem at the local level. Unfortunately, nothing happened so he had to take his problem to the next level. He said he simply wanted the municipality to do a re-inspection. He said he was not complaining about taxes. His complaint was the way the value

was arrived at which he felt was incorrect. He said he has called the assessor's office but had no calls returned. Ms. Fuchs said she felt bullied.

Mayor Quirico said he would definitely look into Mr. & Mrs. Fuch's problem.

Ruth Mavus, 28 Henches Place, came forward to speak. Her concerns were if the town has plans should a hurricane hit the town. She suggested a block association where neighbors look out for each other. She wanted a census report and voter registration list. She gave her ideas to make sure children are prepared in case of a hurricane. Councilwoman Henriquez told Ms. Mavus that there is a new community program called CERT. Classes were held for Little Ferry residents and it taught them how to handle all cases of emergencies. Members of the community attended and many Borough employees have attended this program.

Police Chief Verdi said he attended a Bergen County Police Chiefs Association meeting. There was a discussion about the upcoming hurricane season. Every town has an OEM Coordinator. Police Chief Verdi said he is Office of Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Little Ferry. There is a plan on file. He said the Borough is in very good shape for this type of emergency.

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

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

Councilwoman Henriquez said she would need to discuss a personnel matter in private session.

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1204-13-06:

Clerk Read Ordinance by Title Only:

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 VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS/FIRST AID ORGANIZATION MEMBERS" BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY".

Mayor Quirico entertained a Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1204-13-06

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak, Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1204-13-06

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

Mayor Quirico entertained a Motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1204-13-06 with notification of said adoption published in The Record

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Raguseo

Roll Call: Ayes: Henriquez, Raguseo, Sarlo, Schuck

Nays: None

Absent: Navarro

Abstain: Muller

ORDINANCE NO. 1205-14-06:

Clerk Read Ordinance by Title Only:

**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”**

**Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance
No. 1205-14 –06**

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/M Muller

All ayes

**Amelia McNamara, 103 Summit Circle came forward to speak, she wanted
to know what changes were being made in this ordinance. Attorney
Monaghan said that this ordinance states that any commercial landscaper
who is being paid for the service shall remove all clippings. If the landscaper
is not being paid they need not remove the clippings.**

**Since no one else wished to speak, Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to
Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1205-14-06**

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/M Muller

All ayes

**Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance
No. 1205-14-06 with notification of said adoption published in The Record**

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Henriquz

Roll Call: Ayes: Henriquez, Muller, Raguseo, Sarlo, Schuck

Nays: None

Absent: Navarro

ORDINANCE NO. 1206-15-06:

Clerk Read Ordinance by Title Only:

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED ‘SEX
OFFENDER RESIDENCY PROHIBITION’ OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY,
COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

**Mayor Quirico entertained a Motion to open Public Hearing on Ordinance
No. 1206-15-06**

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Henriquez

All ayes

**Since no one wished to speak, Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Close
Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1206-15-06**

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Henriquez

All ayes

**Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance
No. 1206-15-06 with notification of said adoption published in The Record**

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/M Muller

Roll Call: Ayes: Henriquez, Muller, Raguseo, Sarlo, Schuck

Nays: None

Absent: Navarro

Councilwoman Schuck said this is a very important ordinance for the protection of the children.

ORDINANCE NO. 1207-16-06:

Clerk Read Ordinance by Title Only:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES REGARDING THE PLACEMENT, REPLACEMENT OR REMOVAL OF PUBLIC UTILITY POLES OR UNDERGROUND FACILITIES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY PROVIDED IN N.J.S.A. 48:3-17A1[2] OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Mayor Quirico entertained a Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1207-16-06

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Schuck

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak, Mayor Quirico entertained a Motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1207-16-06

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/M Sarlo

All ayes

Mayor Quirico entertained a Motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1207-16-06 with notification of said adoption published in The Record

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Henriquez

Roll Call: Ayes: Henriquez, Muller, Raguseo, Sarlo, Schuck

Nays: None

Absent: Navarro

ORDINANCE NO. 1208-17-06:

Clerk Read Ordinance by Title Only:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$31,965 FOR FIREMAN'S MEMORIAL PARK RENOVATIONS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$30,365 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Mayor Quirico entertained a Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1208-17-06

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Henriquez

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak, Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1208-17-06

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Henriquez

All ayes

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1208-17-06 with notification of said adoption published in The Record

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Schuck

Roll Call: Ayes: Henriquez, Muller, Raguseo, Sarlo, Schuck

Nays: None

Absent: Navarro

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to vote on Proclamation, Resolutions 194 through 215 and Ordinance Nos. 1209-18-06 & 1210-19-06.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Schuck

Roll Call : Ayes: Henriquez, Muller, Raguseo, Sarlo, Schuck

Note: C/W Raguseo abstained on Resolution Nos. 212 and 214

C/W Schuck abstained on Resolution No. 212

Nays: None

Absent: Navarro

PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTIONS/INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S):

PROCLAMATIONS:

June – “Celebrate New Jersey Month”

RESOLUTIONS:

194. Approval of Minutes – May 16, 2006 – Special Meeting
195. Approval of Liquor Licenses/July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007
196. Authorizing Issuance of Entertainment Licenses
197. Authorizing Submittal of New Jersey Department of Transportation – 2007 State Aid Applications
198. Authorizing Chief Financial Officer to Sign County Vouchers for Community Development Projects
199. Resolution in Support of Gang Deterrence Package
200. Authorizing the Execution of a Municipal Snow Plowing Agreement with the County of Bergen
201. Claims Resolution
202. Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Agreement between the Borough of Little Ferry and Fun Time Entertainment
203. Authorizing Submission of Funds for LOSAP Account of Michael Mickendrow
204. Supporting Proposed Bills S-1790/A-3149
205. Authorizing Acceptance of Resignation of Sergeant Michael F. Walsh
206. Emergency Temporary Appropriation – Traffic Light Repairs
207. Temporary Capital Budget
208. Appointment of Council Representative and Alternate to Community Development – July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007
209. Municipal Court Bail Trust Account
210. Municipal Court Trust Fines and Cost Account
211. Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Standard WQM-003 Form regarding the Overpeck Valley Relief Sewer Project
212. Approval of Summer Recreation Program 7/5/06-8/18/06 (Seven Weeks)
213. Authorizing Submission of Funds for LOSAP Account of Michael Rossi
214. Granting Easement to Raymond Bares Subject to Indemnification Of Planning Board and Borough Engineer

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1209-18-06 - AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND SERVANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1209-18-06 shall be held on July 11, 2006.

Upon completion of the public hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

ORDINANCE NO. 1210-19-06 – BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$25,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERANS PARK IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$23,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1210-19-06 shall be held on July 11, 2006. Upon completion of the public hearing the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to go into Private Session.
Motion by: C/W Henriquez
Second by: C/M Raguseo
All ayes

PRIVATE SESSION:

RESOLUTION:

215. Executive Session Resolution

Return from Private Session:

Roll Call: Present: Henriquez, Muller, Raguseo, Sarlo, Schuck
Absent: Navarro

Mayor Quirico said several matters were discussed in Private Session and action will be taken.

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to add Resolution Nos. 216 & 217.
Motion by: C/W Henriquez
Second by: C/M Muller
All ayes

RESOLUTIONS:

216. Authorizing the Borough to Settle Case of Public Service and Gas Losen Slote Pump Station

217. Appointment of Bergen County Open Space Committee Representatives

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to vote on Resolution Nos. 217 and 217.
Motion by: C/M Raguseo
Second by: C/M Muller
Roll Call: Ayes: Henriquez, Muller, Raguseo, Sarlo, Schuck
Nays: None
Absent: Navarro

Since there was no other business to be discussed, Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to adjourn.
Motion by: C/M Muller
Second by: C/W Schuck
All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 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 Mayor and Council meeting held on June 13, 2006.

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk