

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
WORKSHOP/CAUCUS AND REGULAR MEETING
HELD ON JULY 3, 2007

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: Mayor Thomas Quirico, Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez, Councilman George Muller, Councilwoman Patricia Navarro, Councilman Mauro Raguseo, Councilman Thomas Sarlo, Councilwoman Sue Schuck
Absent: None

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Adequate notice of this meeting was approved by resolution adopted by the Governing Body on January 5, 2007, and published in The Record and Star Ledger in January, 2007 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.

PRESENTATION: Councilwoman Schuck congratulated the Roller Hockey Team for winning the Midget National Gold Championship. She presented certificates and jackets to all team members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed Ordinance – Composting - Borough Clerk Barbara Maldonado said she is waiting for comments on this proposed ordinance from William Holley, Superintendent of DPW, Richard Bolan, Construction Code Official and Eric Gerber, Property Maintenance Inspector.

Proposed Ordinance – Police Monitoring of School Board Property - Attorney Monaghan said this was in response to include the School Board Property in the Skateboard Ordinance. Attorney Monaghan said he received several sample ordinances from the League of Municipalities in which School Boards allow the municipalities, through the Police Department, to monitor their property for various reasons.

Councilwoman Henriquez said she would like to receive some feedback from the School Board and Chief of Police Ralph Verdi.

OLD BUSINESS: Sign Ordinance Amendments – Ms. Maldonado said she had forwarded this ordinance to Police Chief Verdi, Construction Code Official Richard Bolan, Property Maintenance Inspector Eric Gerber, Planning/Zoning Board Attorney Brian Giblin and Secretary to the Planning/Zoning Board Susan Gerber. Ms. Maldonado said she is waiting for comments.

REPORTS:

COUNCILWOMAN HENRIQUEZ reported that the Finance Committee has reviewed all bills and they are ready for payment. She said the budget will be adopted as soon as the Borough of Little Ferry finds out how much they will receive in extraordinary aid. She congratulated Councilwoman Navarro on her upcoming marriage.

COUNCILWOMAN SCHUCK wished Councilwoman Navarro a lifetime of happiness on her upcoming marriage. She thanked Police Chief Verdi, along with the Ridgefield Park Police Department, for the Youth Academy Program, which they sponsored. She said it is an excellent program and a rewarding experience for all participants. Councilwoman Schuck said the police presence on Main Street is excellent and makes the residents feel safe and secure. She said the Summer Recreation Program will begin next week. She thanked Frank Scarafile, Superintendent of School for the use of the facilities at Washington School. She also welcomed back her Summer Recreation Counselors and children. She hoped for a fun filled summer.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT RAGUSEO said he hoped the Mayor and Council would approve Resolution No. 193 – Appointment of Dena Flowers – Part-Time DPW/Fire Official Secretary. He said that after the three finalists were chosen, they met with the Personnel Committee and Ms. Flowers was chosen. He also congratulated Councilwoman Navarro on her upcoming wedding.

COUNCILWOMAN NAVARRO commended Councilman Sarlo for getting another \$150,000 for the Mehrhof Road Park Project. She reported progress on all her departments.

COUNCILMAN SARLO reported that this summer the DPW will again be painting all of the yellow curbing throughout the town. He also congratulated Councilwoman Navarro on her upcoming marriage.

COUNCILMAN MULLER wished Councilwoman Navarro happiness on her upcoming wedding. Councilman Muller gave his Police Department report for the month of June. During the month of June, the department answered 2,289 calls, assisted in 72 First Aid calls and 24 Fire Department calls. The Police Department responded to 80 accidents. A total of 441 summonses were issued. The Police Department responded to 6 domestic violence calls. A total of (21) 9-1-1 calls were responded to and the Police Department responded to 81 calls to Teterboro. Councilman Muller said the police presence on Main Street is a very good idea.

Police Chief Ralph Verdi thanked the Little Ferry Historical Society and Officer Callahan and K-9 Cezar for the wonderful presentation they gave at the Historical Society Meeting and for their donation. Police Chief Verdi said the New Jersey Special Olympics Torch Run was once again a success. This year \$4,000 was raised for this very worthwhile event.

KENNETH GABBERT, ADMINISTRATOR, gave his best wishes to Councilwoman Navvaro on her upcoming marriage. He said the restricting of all terrain vehicle signs have been ordered. The bikeway applications have been submitted. Mr. Gabbert reported that the Borough has 3.8 million dollars in short term debt. He said the Borough will be going out for bond anticipation notes on July 12th.

KEN JOB, BOROUGH ENGINEER offered his congratulations to Councilwoman Navarro. He said he received bids last week on the Road Program and was happy with the prices. Construction should begin by the end of the summer. Bids for Washington Ave. were rejected and a negotiation session should be set up for mid July.

ATTORNEY MONAGHAN wished Councilwoman Navvaro the best on her upcoming marriage.

MAYOR QUIRICO said he would save his best wishes for when he attends the wedding.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Schuck

All ayes

Bernie Sobolewski, 153 Eckel Road, came forward to speak. He wanted to know about the specifications for the signs prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles. Mr. Gabbert gave Mr. Sobolewski a description of the signs. Mr. Sobolewski spoke of the parklands behind his house. He said the park is a disaster and all torn up. He also complained about the motorized bikes which passed him while he was in the park. He said he is looking forward to having signs posted in the parklands prohibiting motorized bikes.

Eileen DeLeeuw, 11 Chapman Drive, came forward to speak. She said she was concerned about parking problems for the new soccer fields on Mehrhof Road. She said that instead of three fields, maybe the Mayor and Council should consider two fields and the smaller area to be used for parking. Councilman Sarlo told Ms. DeLeeuw that there is a constant turnover after the games and the situation will be monitored. Attorney Monaghan told Ms. DeLeeuw that going by experience in his town with the soccer program, he felt there would be adequate parking spaces. Councilwoman Schuck said the fields are not being utilized by out of town teams and this too will help. Ms. DeLeeuw wanted to know who would maintain and monitor the bathrooms at the field. Councilwoman Schuck said volunteers would monitor the bathrooms. Councilman Sarlo said they might be able to get the DPW to keep the bathrooms clean.

GEORGE STAUBLE, 9 Chapman Drive, came forward to speak. He thanked Police Chief Verdi for allowing Officer Callahan to give the demonstration at the Historical Society Meeting with the K-9 Cezar. He wanted to know if the Mehrhof Road Park will only be used for children or would adults also be able to use the fields. Councilwoman Schuck said permits are given to different adult organizations for a fee. Little Ferry organizations will always take first priority. If it is an adult organization they must also provide a certificate of insurance to the Borough. He asked about the use of emergency vehicles and their access to Mehrhof Road. Mayor Quirico and Councilman Sarlo said that emergency vehicles will be able to get through. Councilman Sarlo said he will make the engineer aware of this issue. Mr. Stauble also wanted to know what the status was on the Bares property where soil samples were taken. Mr. Job said this is a very extensive project, which will temporarily mean re-routing the Losen Slote and removing significant quantities of soil, mostly on the Moonachie side. This project will take anywhere from 18 months to 2 years to obtain the permits. Mr. Stauble said he was happy to hear signs will be posted to keep the motorized vehicles out of the parklands.

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

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Schuck

All ayes

PUBLIC HEARING: 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Open Public Hearing on 2007 Municipal Budget.

Motion by: C/W Schuck

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak on 2007 Municipal Budget, Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Close Public Hearing on 2007 Municipal Budget

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Schuck

All ayes

ORDINANCE NO. 1229-10-07

Clerk read Ordinance by Title Only:

AN ORDINANCE ADDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED ‘RETIREMENT’ 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. 1229-10-07

Motion by: C/W Navarro

Second by: C/M Sarlo

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak on Ordinance No. 1229-10-07, Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1229-10-07

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

Councilwoman Navarro said that since arbitration with the PBA is in progress, she would rather wait to vote after arbitration is completed. Attorney Monaghan explained that he did not feel this ordinance would affect arbitration.

Councilwoman Henriquez said this ordinance simply reaffirms what needs to be done. People will not lose any coverage whatsoever. This ordinance will not hurt anyone. Mr. Gabbert said there may have been some confusion over a grievance with a related topic. The grievance will be handled during the arbitration process with the PBA. This ordinance is a separate matter.

Mayor Quirico entertained a Motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1229-10-07 with notification of said adoption published in The Record.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Raguseo

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

Nays: Navarro

Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1232-13-07

Clerk read Ordinance by Title Only:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO MEHRHOF PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,140,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO APPROPRIATE GRANTS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF ONE MILLION FIVE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 1232-13-07 CONTINUED:

(\$1,005,250) IN BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Mayor Quirico entertained a Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1232-13-07.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Schuck

All ayes

Mary Carol Pizza, 53 Niehaus Ave., came forward to speak. She wanted to know if the Borough carried any liability insurance on the new sports complex.

Councilwoman Henriquez explained to Ms. Pizza that the Borough carries a general liability for all of the parks and anything that the Borough might own.

Since no one else wished to speak on Ordinance No. 1232-13-07, Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1232-13-07.

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. 1232-13-07 with notification of said adoption published in The Record.

Motion by: C/W Navarro

Second by: C/W Schuck

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

ORDINANCE NO. 1233-14-07

Clerk read Ordinance by Title Only:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1226-07-07 ESTABLISHING THE SALARY, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND SERVANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY.

Mayor Quirico entertained Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1233-14-07

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/M Muller

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak, Mayor Quirico entertained a Motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1233-14-07

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. 1233-14-07 with notification of said adoption published in The Record.

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Navarro

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to vote on Proclamation and Resolution Nos. 173 through 195.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Schuck

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

PROCLAMATION: September 2007 – National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

RESOLUTIONS:

173. Authorizing Borough Engineer to Provide Services for the Rehabilitation of Thomas J. Bassano Field
174. Refund of Certificate of Occupancy Fee – Falcon Jet
175. Release of Escrow – Road Opening – Mr. Kenneth Bolsch d/b/a Jetstar
176. Authorizing Capital Alternatives Corporation to Prepare/Submit DOT State Aid Application for Washington Avenue Rehabilitation
177. Authorizing Capital Alternatives Corporation to Prepare/Submit DOT State Aid Application for Little Ferry Bikeway System-Bikeway Program
178. Authorizing Capital Alternatives Corporation to Prepare/Submit Application to Bergen County Open Space Rehabilitation Program for Improvements to Mehrhof Park
179. Authorizing the Temporary Creation of a Cash Change Box for Family Fun Day
180. A Resolution Reappointing Harry N. Tuvel to the Position of Licensed Collection System Operator
181. A Resolution Authorizing the Temporary Designation and Installation Of Temporary Handicapped Parking Spaces on Indian Lake Road
182. Appointment of Director of 2007 Summer Recreation Program
183. Ratifying Appointment of Full-Time Civilian Police Dispatcher – Susan Strong
184. Claims Resolution
185. Agreement for Public Health Services
186. Award of Bid for 2006 Road Program to D & L Paving Contractors
187. Authorizing the Execution of a Contract Agreement between the Borough of Little Ferry and Zientek International Inc., d/b/a New Jersey Partyworks and Sammy's Amusements
188. Award of Contract to Balitano Contracting Co. for Brick Pavers Installation at Fire Department Monument
189. Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement Between The Borough of Little Ferry and the Little Ferry Library Board
190. Municipal Representatives for Open Space Committee
191. Authorization of Submission of an Application for the Bergen County Municipal Alliance Grant for the Calendar Year 2008
192. Rejection of Bids for the Rebid of Washington Avenue Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation
193. Appointing Dena Flowers as Part-Time DPW/Fire Official Secretary
194. Approving Renewal of the Liquor License of Madison Wine Corp.
- 195.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: None

PRIVATE SESSION:

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to enter into Private Session.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

RESOLUTION:

195. Executive Session Resolution

Motion to go into Private Session

Return from Private Session

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Quirico, Councilwoman Henriquez, Councilman
Muller, Councilwoman Navarro, Councilman Sarlo,
Councilwoman Schuck

Absent: None

Matters of Personnel and Litigation were discussed in Private Session. No action was taken.

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

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Navarro

All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 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 Workshop/Caucus and Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on July 3, 2007.

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk