

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
WORKSHOP/CAUCUS AND REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 21, 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, Councilman George Muller,
Councilwoman Patricia Navarro Cohen, Councilman
Mauro Raguseo, Councilman Thomas Sarlo,
Councilwoman Sue Schuck
Absent: Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez

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 on July 13, 2007 giving notice that the previously advertised workshop/regular meeting scheduled for August 14, 2007 was cancelled and rescheduled for August 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 215-217 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, New Jersey at which time formal action will be taken as provided by the Open Public Meetings Act. A copy of meeting notice and agenda were filed in the Borough Clerk's Office and have been posted on the bulletin board outside the Clerk's Office.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letter from Corinne Wehrle, dated July 26, 2007, Re: Assistance with funeral procession for Robert Arzinger

NEW BUSINESS: Dog License Fees – Borough Clerk Barbara Maldonado advised the Governing Body that the fees for dog licenses have not been raised since 1997 and the State now allows a municipality to charge up to \$21.00 for a dog license. Attorney Monaghan said he would draw up an ordinance for next Month's meeting authorizing the Borough to raise the fees to \$10.20 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$15.20 for non-spayed/neutered dogs.

REPORTS:

COUNCILWOMAN NAVARRO COHEN reported progress in the Fire Department. She wanted everyone to be aware of an American Diabetes Walk, which will take place in October. She said she plans to spear head a team for Little Ferry and encouraged everyone to participate in this fundraiser.

COUNCILMAN SARLO reported that the Department of Public Works has completed the painting of yellow curbs throughout the town.

COUNCILMAN MULLER reported all bills have been signed and ready to be paid. He read a thank you letter to Police Chief Verdi from the Village of Ridgefield Park and the Ridgefield Park Police Department thanking the Little Ferry Police Department for their help and professionalism handling the line of death of Firefighter Steven Demsky. Councilman Muller gave the Police Report for the month of July. The department answered 2,281 calls, assisted in 64 First Aid calls, 18 fire calls and responded to 54 accidents. The department issued 516 summonses. The department responded to a total of 9 domestic violence calls. A total of 25 9-1-1- calls were answered and 94 calls of services to Teterboro were answered.

COUNCILWOMAN SCHUCK reported it was another fun filled year for the Summer Recreation Program. She thanked the new Director Joanne Bruno and all the Counselors. She also thanked Marianne from the Library for including the children from the Summer Recreation Program in her end of year and summer reading program. Rita's Ice Cream Parlor donated all the ices for the end of the year party. All the children had a great time this summer. Councilwoman Schuck also thanked Police Chief Ralph Verdi and his officers who helped with some of the necessary transports. She also congratulated the nine and ten year old boy's baseball team who made it to the district championship this year. She also congratulated the 12 and 13 year old girl's softball team who won the district championship.

COUNCILMAN RAGUSEO reminded everyone that Saturday, August 25th was the annual "Family Fun Day". He also reminded everyone that the Senior Citizens brunch would be held on September 13th. Councilman Raguseo thanked Police Chief Verdi and the Police Department for hosting a great "National Night Out". The children had a great time and learned a many important things. Councilman Raguseo thanked the District 38 State Legislators for the \$150,000 in extra ordinary aid, which Little Ferry received.

KENNETH GABBERT, ADMINISTRATOR reported that the tax bills were mailed and taxes will be due on September 17th. He also reported that the final draft of the employee manual would be in the Governing Body's packets for the September 4th meeting.

KENNETH JOB, ENGINEER reported that bids would be received next week for the State Aid Improvements to Pickens Street and the resurfacing of the Senior Citizens parking lot.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Open Citizens Hearing:

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

Joe ?????41 Redneck Avenue, came forward to speak. He complained about his taxes. Mayor Quirico advised him to make an appointment with the Tax Assessor and maybe the Assessor could take a look at his house and re-evaluate it. Councilman Raguseo informed him of the tax freeze for Senior Citizens and the homestead rebate.

George Stauble, 9 Chapman Drive, came forward to speak. He spoke about assistance in getting the ditches in Little Ferry cleaned out. He also informed the Governing Body that the grate, which feeds into the pumping station, was filled with debris. Mayor Quirico said the maintenance of the pumping stations is on the schedule of the DPW and they do go out on a regular basis to check on them. He complained about the high grass near the Route 46 Bridge. He asked if the Department of Transportation could be called and asked to maintain this piece of property.

Bernie Sobolewski, 153 Eckel Road, came forward to speak. He said he was very disappointed in the public turn out at the meeting tonight. Mr. Sobolewski said he spoke to many residents who told him how disgusted they were with the tax increase, yet no one was at the meeting. He also complained about his tax increase. He spoke of another town that has been able to keep taxes at zero for the last five years. He asked the Mayor and Council to try and keep the taxes down. He also complained about the length of time it takes to obtain a permit to

get the ditches in Little Ferry cleaned. Mr. Sobolewski spoke about the poor water quality at Indian Lake.

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

Motion by: C/W Schuck

Second by: C/W Navarro Cohen

All ayes

RESOLUTIONS :Resolutions will be voted upon as one unit as part of the Consent Agenda:

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to add Resolution Nos. 233 and 234

Motion by: C/W Schuck

Second by: C/W Navarro Cohen

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

Nays: None

Absent: Henriquez

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to table Resolution No. 226

Motion by: C/W Schuck

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to vote on Resolution Nos. 220 through 225 and Resolution Nos. 227 through 234.

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Navarro Cohen

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

Nays: None

Absent: Henriquez

RESOLUTIONS:

220. Approval of Minutes – August 7, 2007 – Special Meeting
221. Resolution for Extension of 3rd Quarter Taxes:
222. Ratifying Authorization for Boswell McClave Engineering to Prepare Plans and Specifications and Seek Bids for Mehrhof Road Park Improvements
223. Establishing Clothing Allowances as a Compensation Item
224. Resolution to Enter into a Grant Agreement with Community Development for Mehrhof Road Park Improvements
225. Resignation – Tobin Reinert – Little Ferry Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1.
226. Authorizing Execution of Contract with Borough Administrator
227. Claims Resolution
228. Granting Approval for Block Party – Summit Circle - September 8, 2007
229. Granting Approval for Block Party – Lamker Court – Chapman Drive - September 2, 2007
230. Refund of Tax Overpayment to Margaret DeFilippis
231. Authorizing Refund of Tax Overpayment due to Senior and Surviving Spouse of a Veteran
232. Authorizing Borough Clerk to Advertise for Bids for (1) 2007 93' Mid-Mount Ladder Tower Fire Truck
233. Release of Escrow – Road Opening – Bogush, Inc.

PRIVATE SESSION:

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to go into Private Session

Motion by: C/W Schuck

Second by: C/M Raguseo

All ayes

RESOLUTION:

234. Executive Session Resolution

Return from Private Session

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

Absent: Councilwoman Henriquez

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to add and vote on Resolution Nos. 235 and
236.

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Navarro Cohen

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

Nays: None

Absent: Henriquez

RESOLUTIONS:

235. Appointing Scott P. Karavitis to Part-Time EMT/Buildings and Grounds
Position

236. Amending Chris Taylor's Salary to 90% until he passes EMT State Test

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

Motion by: C/M Raguseo

Second by: C/W Navarro Cohen

All ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 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 August 21, 2007.

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk