

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Raguseo called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Mayor Thomas Quirico, Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Adequate notice of this meeting was 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 Borough Clerk's Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tax Map Updating for Revaluation "Riparian Areas" – Ken Job, Borough Engineer, explained that when the Borough submitted their tax maps for revaluation in 1992, they received a letter from the State requesting revisions. One request was for the maps to show Riparian Areas. An exemption from showing the Riparian Areas and also providing detailed plans for condominiums was requested by the Borough in 2004. The State said because the Borough was under court order to do a revaluation, they would let the Borough proceed without the approved map. The revaluation is now complete. The maps need to be amended. Mr. Job said he needs direction from the Mayor and Council as to whether they plan to comply with the State request for the updated map. He said the preparation of these maps would be approximately between \$10,000 to \$15,000. Councilman Raguseo said this is an issue which will be discussed in more detail at the next Mayor and Council meeting.

Mehrhof Road Handicapped Ramps - Mr. Job said that when the plans for Mehrhof Road were submitted to the Department of Transportation, he showed handicap ramps at all side streets. The State now requires that opposite every T-section a handicapped ramp must be installed on the opposite side of the street unless there is a driveway in close proximity to the intersection. The Borough is not required to put the ramp in but if the ramp is not put in the Borough has to put up additional signage to designate that the area is not a pedestrian crossing.. He said the locations where there are T-intersections are located on Mehrhof Road and are not suitable for pedestrian crossings. Mr. Job recommended putting up the signage as directed by the State and not to put in the ramps. A decision was made by the Governing Body to put the signs up.

Proposed Ordinances for Consideration:

Attorney Monaghan said these are a series of ordinances which have been requested. They were sent to the Building Department, William Holley, Superintendent of DPW and Police Chief Verdi for approval.

Clothing Depositories Ordinance – Will be placed on the agenda for the September 12, 2006 meeting for introduction. The Mayor and Council decided upon a \$25.00 yearly fee for any ordinance related to various boxes. Location of the boxes were also discussed.

Commercial Delivery/Collection Boxes (i.e. Federal Express, UPS, etc) – Will be carried over to the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Attorney Monaghan said he will add maintenance language to this ordinance.

Transient Merchants Ordinance – Carried over to the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting

Property Maintenance Ordinance – Will be placed on the agenda for the September 12, 2006 meeting for introduction.

Community Development Applications – Councilman Sarlo said the application is due in October. He said the Mayor and Council need to decide as to what they are going to apply for so a resolution can be attached to the application.

Two items will be applied for:

1. Pickens Street Park
2. Boys Club Football Field (Alternate)

NEW BUSINESS: 2006 Capital Items – Kenneth Gabbert, Administrator said he gave everyone the latest 2006 budget list. He said the timing is right to refine this list. He requested input on what is on this list and whether or not changes should be made to the list.

Councilman Raguseo said he would like Councilwoman Henriquez to be part of the discussion regarding the 2006 Capital Items and suggested waiting a week.

Proposed Ordinance:

Newspaper Vending Machines – Will be added to the September 12<sup>th</sup> agenda for introduction.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to Open Citizens Hearing.

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Schuck

All ayes

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

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Schuck

All ayes

AGENDA ITEMS: (PROCLAMATION(S) – RESOLUTIONS(S) – ORDINANCES FOR CONSIDERATION AT REGULAR MEETING):

PROCLAMATION: September 2006 National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Proposed Settlement – Tax Appeal – Roland Donaldson
2. Proposed Settlement – Tax Appeal – Liberty & Co., LLC
3. Approval of Minutes – August 8, 2006 – Workshop/Caucus and Regular Meeting
4. Release of Escrow – Mr. Edwin Suarez
5. 9-1-1 Communications
6. Acceptance of Resignation of Robert K. Rogers Jr. – Electrical Subcode Official
7. Approval to Hold Public Auction of Unclaimed Bicycles
8. Ratifying Approval for Block Party – Lamker Court – Chapman Drive September 3, 2006
9. Granting Approval for Block Party – Summit Circle -September 23, 2006
10. Authorizing Borough Engineer to Prepare Specifications for Demolition of 143 Mehrhof Road
11. Authorizing Bids for Towing
12. Resolution Authorizing the Lease/Purchase of Two Vehicles for the Little Ferry Police Department
13. Authorizing Key-Tech to Perform Coring and Testing of Asphalt Pavement for Improvement of Mehrhof Road
14. Refund of Tax Overpayment – LSI Tax Service
15. Authorizing Borough Engineer to prepare quantity cost estimates for 2006 tentative road program
16. Kruller, Inc. (Dunkin Donuts) – Maintenance Guarantee

ORDINANCE(S) FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1212-21-06 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED ‘POLICE DEPARTMENT’ OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY” – (DEPARTMENT COMPOSITION)

PRIVATE SESSION:

Attorney Monaghan said he needed a Private Session for matters of litigation.

Mr. Gabbert said he needed a Private Session for matters of personnel, litigation, enforcement and Borough property

Mayor Quirico entertained a motion to go into Private Session

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Navarro

All ayes

Return from Private Session:

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

Absent: Mayor Quirico, Councilwoman Henriquez

RESOLUTION.

267. Executive Session Resolution

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

Motion by: C/WNavarro

Second by: C/M Muller

All ayes

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/Caucus Meeting of the Mayor and Council held on September 5, 2006.

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Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk