

Township of South Hackensack
County of Bergen, New Jersey
January 12, 2006 7:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting
MINUTES

Robyn Scholz, MayorPresent
Lucindo A. LoPiccolo, Jr., Deputy Mayor.....Present
James AnzevinoPresent
Gary BruggerPresent
Walter Eckel, Jr.....Present

Also present:
Linda LoPiccolo, Municipal Clerk
David V. Nasta, Esq., Municipal Attorney

I. Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Scholz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She advised that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act adequate notice of the meetings had been provided to The Record, The Herald and News and by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the clerk's office where notices are customarily posted. Everyone saluted the flag. The municipal clerk called the role.

II. Correspondence

LoPiccolo motioned; Brugger seconded to accept the correspondence dated January 9, 2006 from Frederick J. Hegner, 232 Phillips Avenue, resigning from the South Hackensack Volunteer Fire Dept., and the South Hackensack Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Effective December 31, 2005. All in favor.

Anzevino motioned; LoPiccolo seconded to accept the January 7, 2006 correspondence from Michael Nasta, LOSAP Officer (Fire Dept.) Re: LOSAP report 2005. All in favor.

Anzevino motioned; LoPiccolo seconded to accept the General Correspondence – December 2005 and place it in the appropriate file. All in favor.

Brugger motioned; Eckel seconded to accept the Departmental Reports submitted for December 2005, and Annual 2005, and place them in the appropriate file. All in favor.

III. Old Business

2006 Entertainment License Renewals

Pleasure Lounge, Inc.

The Township Committee requested that the Pleasure Lounge appear at the meeting to discuss the report submitted by Det/Sgt. Kaiser for the Entertainment License Renewal process. Neil Chessin, Esq. appeared on behalf of Norma Phillips, owner of Pleasure Lounge, Inc. Mrs. Phillips was also in attendance. Since there is a matter pending before the Municipal Court, Mrs. Phillips was asked to return after that matter has been heard.

IV. New Business

Fee, Penalty Increase

The Township Committee briefly discussed recently adopted legislation that permits increasing the maximum fine that can be imposed for an ordinance violation from \$1250 to \$2000 – Eckel suggested increasing the fine for false fire alarms. Anzevino suggested amending the ordinance so that a fine is imposed upon a property owner after 3 false alarms in one year, whereas currently a fine is after 3 false alarms in one month. The committee was in agreement that the ordinance to increase the penalties generally should be increased in addition to the fine for false fire alarms.

Safety Delegate, OEM Job Description

Gary Brugger suggested that the Township Committee adopt an ordinance to establish a job description for Safety Delegate, OEM Coordinator. Brugger motioned; LoPiccolo seconded to authorize the clerk and Michael Ward to provide Mr. Nasta with information to prepare an ordinance regarding those positions. All in favor.

Safety Meetings

Brugger explained that in accordance with Governor Codey's Executive Order #50, all first responders must attend a series of courses that will be held on January 21st and 28th. Mike Ward will instruct the class. Mike has requested that all committee members attend this class. Committee member Brugger advised that he would attend. Mayor Scholz indicated that she would attend.

V. Ordinances

Brugger motioned; LoPiccolo seconded to Introduce Ordinance 2006-01 with the following changes: Set the salary for Emergency Management Coordinator at \$4,000 annually, and change the work hours for the full time dispatcher from a 4-2 work schedule to a 5-2 work schedule, and set the date for public hearing as February 9, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2006-01

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, RETAINERS, AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICE CHARGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK FOR

2006

VI. Resolutions

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2006-01a

Offered: Anzevino

Second: LoPiccolo

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Brugger, Eckel, LoPiccolo, Scholz

VII. Committee Reports

James Anzevino – Reported that the fire department needs certain repairs to its fire truck and tires. He indicated that the members are appreciative that LOSAP and clothing allowance will be paid earlier in the year. Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded to put the money for LOSAP in the temporary budget and issue the clothing allowance for fire and ambulance pending the approval of the Chief Financial Officer. All in favor.

Anzevino further reported that he recently spoke with Mrs. Ruggiero the Hackensack's recreation director. Forms will be distributed to the school for baseball sign ups. Not many people know that we are eligible to participate in Hackensack recreation programs, since our township is a sending district to Hackensack High School. Hackensack also offers a 9-5 summer recreation program that parents may want to take advantage of.

Regarding a recent article that appeared in The Record that depicted South Hackensack's Route 46 as a highway of cheap thrills, Anzevino suggested that the township use the \$40,000 grant that was awarded by the Department of Community Affairs to prepare a mixed use redevelopment plan for the South Hackensack Business District. He reported speaking with Beth Gorin, Executive Director of the Bergen County Economic Development Commission. Ms. Gorin would be interested in obtaining the township grant funds to prepare a redevelopment study for the entire township. He reminded everyone that approximately 10 years ago redevelopment was approached. Those who opposed it said that only one part of the town was looked at. The township would retain control of the study, but it would be better if the entire township were looked at. He commented that he does not like the continuing criticism received about the township from other towns. Anzevino advised that Beth Gorin will attend the work session that will be held on February 2, 2006. Anzevino would like the township committee to authorize the transfer of that grant over to the BCEDC so that they could have a redevelopment study prepared on behalf of the township. The township would not have to adopt the plan, but at least we would have one prepared.

Anzevino lastly advised that a former employee who is receiving a disability pension and currently receives a benefit for him and his family of health benefits that he is required to pay half the fee. He has requested that he be removed for

several months, but would like his family to remain on the policy. Anzevino directed the clerk to contact the insurance carrier to advise how to handle this situation.

Gary Brugger – Reported that the monitoring stations around the airport have started. He will attend the TANAAC meeting on January 25th. At that time he is expected to be updated. He has met twice with Chief Frew regarding his department. He will be in contact with everyone during the month with some suggestions as to how to proceed with reducing overtime and scheduling.

Walter Eckel – Advised that he will speak with Larry in the near future regarding any issues he has with his department and will report back to the committee at the next meeting.

Robyn Scholz – Congratulated the clerk for her nomination and appointment as secretary to the Bergen County Municipal Clerks' Association.

Mayor Scholz advised that several recreation opportunities have been scheduled including a bus trip for adults. There will be no summer recreation program this year at Memorial School so she asked Committee member Anzevino if he would organize a summer program for the children.

Regarding the budget, Mr. Brugger will assist in that process. Regarding senior housing, there will be a meeting wherein options will be discussed. Currently, the sub-committee is reviewing two separate proposals, one of which provides for an on-site superintendent, as well as a community center. Hopefully, we can have them present to the township at our February meeting.

VIII. Public Comments

Dolly Montenegro, 57 Phillips Avenue – Reported that a newly planted tree had been vandalized and cut down, however, a long stump remains that should be removed. Chief Frew advised that he had already spoken with Larry Paladino who would take care of that matter.

Mrs. Montenegro objected to the publicity that portrays our township negatively because it does not accurately reflect the township. She objects to any redevelopment of the township.

Lonnie Bedell, 51 Grove Street – Inquired as to why there has been no settlement regarding the DPW contract. Scholz responded that the DPW requested that their negotiations be held until the police contract was settled. DPW negotiations began soon after the police contract was settled. Both sides negotiated in good faith. The offer made to the DPW was the same package as the police department. She said the members of the sub-committee did their homework and

made a fair and equal proposal. They have rejected the last offer which was actually a higher increase than what was settled with the police.

IX. Adjournment

Scholz motioned; Eckel seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda LoPiccolo
Municipal Clerk

Consent Resolution No. 2006-01a

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack is/is not desirous of removing a resolution from the consent agenda,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved and adopted:

Resolution No. 2006-051 Appoint Fire Official

Resolution No. 2006-052 Approve Minutes

Resolution No. 2006-053 Bills \$1,312,026.22

Resolution No. 2006-054 Authorizing Participation in the Charles Jones, Inc. File Sharing System

Offered: Anzevino

Second: LoPiccolo

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Brugger, Eckel, LoPiccolo, Scholz

Date: January 12, 2006

Resolution No. 2006-051 Appoint Fire Official

WHEREAS pursuant to §110-6. of the Code of the Township of South Hackensack commencing January 1, 2003, the Fire Official/Fire Prevention Bureau Chief shall serve for a term of three (3) years, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of the Township of South Hackensack has made its recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, County of Bergen, New Jersey that William Panagia, be and is hereby appointed to serve this township as Fire Official/Fire Prevention Bureau Chief for a term of three years commencing January 1, 2006.

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Resolution No. 2006-052 Approve Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the following minutes be and are hereby approved as submitted.

January 5, 2006 Sine die (December 15, 2005)

January 12, 2006 – Regular Meeting

January 5, 2006 Reorganization

Consent Resolution No. 2005-01a

Date: January 12, 2005

Resolution No. 2006-053 Bills List \$1,312,026.22

Resolution No. 2006-054 Authorizing Participation in the Charles Jones, Inc. File Sharing System

WHEREAS, the Township has received written request from Charles Jones, Inc., Tax Search Division to participate in the file sharing system; and

WHEREAS, said system allows for the electronic transmission of tax and sewer information; and

WHEREAS, the township's tax collector regularly exports this data at no cost to the end user and has advised the township committee that the electronic transmission system would permit for a more effective use of township resources as well as additional revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee has reviewed said information and recommendation and concurs that the implementation of said system is in the best interest of the township

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that the Tax Collector, Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to participate in the file sharing program under the terms and conditions expressed in correspondence from Charles Jones Tax Search Division dated December 13, 2005, and attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2006-01a

Date: January 12, 2006