

Township of South Hackensack
County of Bergen, New Jersey
February 2, 2006 7:30 P.M.
Worksession Meeting
MINUTES

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

Also present:
David V. Nasta, Esq., Municipal Attorney
Linda LoPiccolo, Municipal Clerk
John M. Carbone, Esq., Special Counsel – Litigation (closed session)
10 residents/employees/department heads

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.

Correspondence

1/26/06 Neil Chessin, Esq. Re: Pleasure Lounge, Inc., Entertainment License. Since their municipal court matter is still pending, Mr. Chessin will be advised to appear with his client when that matter has been adjudicated.

Eckel motioned; LoPiccolo seconded to accept the Ambulance Corps. LOSAP Point System Report – 2005 Submitted by Maureen D. Cherubini on January 18, 2006. All in favor.

Eckel motioned; Anzevino seconded to accept the New Jersey Firemen's Assoc. Membership Application – Fred Hum. All in favor.

1/24/06 Michael J. Ward, Emergency Management Coordinator Re: Incident Command. Mayor Scholz reported on the course that she and other members of the Township Committee attended. The committee instructed clerk to prepare the resolution authorizing NIMS for the Township of South Hackensack.

1/17/06 Thomas R. Marturano, Director of Solid Waste, NJMC Re: landfill facility. DPW Commissioner Eckel will discuss bringing the waste to NJMC.

1/3/06 Drake A. Rizzo, Const. Official, Div. of Codes and Standards Re: Permits NJ, New Jersey's NEW Internet based Const. Code Enforcement Management System. Since a response by Construction Official James Riley had not been submitted to Mayor Scholz, she requested that he respond in writing by February 9, 2006.

1/31/06 Kathleen Marchetti, Budd Lerner, Counselors At Law Re: 25-27 Central Avenue, Teterboro, NJ ("Property"). The Township Committee instructed the clerk to have the engineer present at the next regular meeting.

Old Business

DPW Spreader Truck w/Snow Plow – One bid was received on January 31, 2006. The amount of the bid exceeded the appropriation by \$21,000. Mr. Eckel indicated that he would request a report from Mr. Paladino regarding the bid since he supplied the Township Committee with the estimate.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Regulations & Requirements (SPPP)– The clerk provided a status update for the Township Committee. She advised that the township must adopt a municipal stormwater control ordinance. Mr. Nasta advised that the ordinance would be ready for introduction on February 9, 2006. The clerk reported that the de-icing material issue must be addressed, as well as the vehicle washing. She advised that the SPPP was adopted and currently awaiting further comment from Boswell Engineering.

Cable TV Franchise Renewal – James Anzevino volunteered to serve on the cable renewal committee. The clerk was instructed to communicate with the various municipal agencies and seek volunteers for the committee. The process will take approximately 18 months.

Formation of Shade Tree Commission and/or consider adoption/implementation of shade tree ordinance(s). Mr. Anzevino advised that Mr. Comery of Paramus would be available to attend the Township Committee meeting on February 9, 2006, to discuss the implementation of a shade tree commission. Several members of the committee indicated that they were aware of residents who would be interested to serve on a committee. They will seek out those interested and request that they attend next week's meeting.

The clerk advised that the balance of funds in the amount of \$9,354.00 must be drawn down from the 2005 Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) by May 1, 2006.

12/15/05 Sunita Dhar, Project Scientist II, Re: 2005 Environmental Joint Insurance Fund (EJIF) Audit. LoPiccolo motioned; Eckel seconded to authorize the purchase of a waste oil container for the DPW in an amount not to exceed \$3,500.00 All in favor.

Background checks – Sub-committee to report (Robyn and Lou). The matter was tabled with no future date.

New Business

2006 LOSAP for 2005 service – Township Committee authorized the clerk to prepare a resolution for adoption on February 9, 2006 increasing the contribution by the CPI index of 3.6% over last year's contribution.

Finance Dept. Budget Software – Consideration to convert MCS32 to JAVA. The clerk reported that she would like to convert the current budget software program to a JAVA system that is windows based and put the system on a network for more than one user. LoPiccolo motioned; Brugger seconded to approve the purchase of JAVA software in accordance with Edmunds proposal in an amount not to exceed \$3,500, and to utilize the 2005 Municipal Assistance Program funds for that purpose. All in favor.

Auction of equipment no longer needed by the municipality. The committee reviewed the list submitted by Chief Frew and instructed the clerk to prepare a resolution for the proper disposal of those items for the February 9, 2006 meeting.

Residential Sump Pump Discharge – David Nasta submitted a written report to the Township Committee regarding his conversation with Barbara Nemchek at Boswell Engineering's office regarding the discharge of roof drain and sump pump water into the street gutter where it creates a hazardous condition. The recommendation by Nemchek is outlined in Nasta's correspondence to the committee dated January 24, 2006, that which has been attached hereto and made a part of the minutes of the meeting. Mr. Brugger discussed a specific problem that exists on Grove Street. Several suggestions were made by members of the public and members of the committee; however there was no final resolution to this ongoing township-wide problem that exists when homeowners pump roof drain and sump pump water into the street.

Budget 2006 – Mayor Scholz advised that she and Gary Brugger would begin the preparation of the budget shortly and would speak with department heads during the process.

Ordinances

Review list of job duties, qualifications, etc. for the preparation of an ordinance establishing position for civilian dispatcher, emergency management coordinator, safety coordinator. David Nasta was instructed to prepare an ordinance outlining the various positions and submit to the committee for their consideration.

Resolutions

Closed Session – Litigation, personnel, negotiations

Offered: Scholz

Second: Brugger

Roll Call Vote: All in favor

Committee Reports

Jim Anzevino – Advised that he is trying to obtain funds from the NJMC for the purchase of a rescue truck for the fire department. He said that the budget will have to be looked at for funding to sponsor a volunteer dinner. He complimented the fire department for their efforts at a fire on Woodland Avenue in Little Ferry. The department will have a drill on February 8, 2006.

Regarding recreation, Anzevino reported that he spoke with Mrs. Ruggiero in Hackensack who indicated that our children are welcome to register for summer recreation in Hackensack. Anzevino then reported that a new soccer field is under construction in Little Ferry courtesy of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission.

Gary Brugger – Reported attending the recent Teterboro Airport Noise Abatement Advisory Committee (TANAAC) meeting. He learned that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is applying for a air space re-design. A public hearing on the matter will be held in Hasbrouck Heights on April 6, 2006 between the hours of 6 pm and 9 pm. Brugger reported that there has been a drop by 2% of all flights into the airport in 2005. He is looking into the possibility of appointing dispatchers to reduce overtime in the police department.

Brugger reported that the playground committee met recently and discussed several possibilities for the grants received by the township for that purpose.

Lastly, he reported that he and the Mayor recently attended a breakfast meeting sponsored by County Executive Dennis McNerney wherein shared services were a major topic of discussion. An all day conference will be held on March 15, 2006. Mr. Anzevino and Mr. LoPiccolo indicated that they would attend this all day conference that will be held at the Glen Point Hotel in Teaneck.

Public Comments

Dolly Montenegro, Pres., Senior Citizens' Club – Advised that they are sponsoring a Lifeline health screening on Friday, March 31, 2006 in the senior citizen center. The cost is not covered by insurance and all are invited to participate.

Mrs. Montenegro requested that on Tuesday evenings and on the last Thursday of the month, employees of the township refrain from parking in the spaces marked “parking for senior citizens”. Chief Frew indicated that he would take care of the matter.

Lastly, Mrs. Montenegro indicated that she still did not understand why the senior housing project was taking so long to get started. Mayor Scholz responded that she has

been equally frustrated by the slow pace, and that the appearance to the public may be different than what are the facts, but she tried to assure her that the committee is taking the matter very seriously and will do everything to expedite the process to have the best project for the senior citizens of the community.

Michael Nasta, 64 Maple Street – Stated that he is fed up with the many multiple family dwellings in the township. He is concerned about the illegal business activity and asked for stricter enforcement of the township ordinances. He voiced his concern over what he described as tenement housing and the reduction in property values.

Closed Session

Anzevino motioned; Scholz seconded to go into closed session to discuss litigation, personnel and DPW negotiations. All in favor.

Scholz motioned; Eckel seconded to re-open the meeting at 11:05 pm. All in favor.

Adjournment

Eckel motioned; Brugger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda LoPiccolo
Municipal Clerk