

Township of South Hackensack
Bergen County, New Jersey
March 19, 2013 8:00 PM
Special Meeting
MINUTES

Frank Cagas, Mayor.....*Present*
Gary Brugger*Present*
Walter Eckel, Jr.....*Present*
William Regan ***Not Present***
Vincent Stefano..... ***Not Present***

Donna L. Gambutti, Municipal Clerk
David V. Nasta, Esq., Municipal Attorney

Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Cagas called the Special Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. The Clerk advised that this is a special meeting of the Township Committee of South Hackensack. The date, time and location of this meeting has been advertised in the official newspapers of the Township, filed with the Township Clerk and posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building. All notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been fulfilled. Mayor Cagas led the flag salute. The Municipal Clerk called the roll. William Regan and Vincent Stefano are not present. Christopher Eilert, CFO and Gary Vinci, Municipal Auditor are present.

New Business

2013 Approved Municipal Budget – On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Frank Cagas; all were in favor of introducing the 2013 budget on March 25, 2013 at 7:00PM. David Nasta, Township Attorney advise the committee that Resolution Number 2013-90, 2013-92 need a 2/3 affirmative vote by the Township Committee. Christopher Eilert, CFO is present to explain the budget the public. He explains we do not have a spending problem but a revenue problem as we were hit with large tax appeals this year. We will have to do a refunding bond ordinance and recommend a town wide re-assessment is a great idea. He explains our surplus level has declined considerably. He states that the bottom line budget number is less than last year. David Nasta asks the CFO how the projected retirements in the police department will affect the numbers? Chris Eilert states that he believes in introducing as accurate budget as possible. Gary Brugger mentions home sales, short sales and foreclosures and how it can impact the economy. He

mentions vacancy rates on Empire Blvd and how the BIO-TECH area was re-zoned. He adds that we have a height restriction from the airport and that may be a factor. David Nasta states we are missing the boat as revenue has gone down; he encourages redevelopment as part of the solution. Mayor Cagas asks about the school budget and Gary Vinci auditor agrees to call Memorial School to confirm.

Ordinances

Introduction of and set the date for public hearing: Adoption: May 2, 2013 7:30 PM

□ **Ordinance No. 2013-05**

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Walter Eckel; all were in favor of introducing this ordinance by roll call vote.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 2013-90- Authorizing the Transfer of 2012 Budget Appropriation Reserves-
Motion to table to March 25, 2013 at 7:00PM, by Gary Brugger and Seconded by Frank Cagas: All members were in favor.

Resolution No. 2013-91- Requesting approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to Establish a Dedicated Trust by Rider for Accumulated Absences. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 5:30-15- On a motion made by Gary Brugger and Seconded by Walter Eckel; all were in favor of by Roll Call Vote.

Resolution No. 2013-92- Introduction of 2013 Municipal Budget- Public Hearing- May 2, 2013 7:30PM- Motion to table to March 25, 2013 at 7:00PM, by Gary Brugger and Seconded by Frank Cagas: All members were in favor.

Public Comments- No Comments are made from the public.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Walter Eckel and seconded by Gary Brugger all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted to The Township Committee by Donna L. Gambutti, Municipal Clerk, Township of South Hackensack.

Donna L. Gambutti

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK
CALENDAR YEAR 2013
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Ordinance No. 2013-05

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack in the County of Bergen finds its advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2013 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$93,570 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2013 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of South Hackensack shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 1.5%, amounting to \$93,570, and that the CY 2013 municipal budget for the Township of South Hackensack be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Motion:

Second

Roll Call Vote:

Approved March 19, 2013

Ordinance No. 2013-05

ATTEST:

Donna L. Gambutti, Township Clerk

Frank Cagas, Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. – 2013-90
Resolution Re: Authorizing the Transfer of 2012 Budget Appropriation Reserves

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-59 provides that if, during the first three months of any fiscal year, the amount of any appropriation reserve for the immediately preceding fiscal year is insufficient to pay the claims authorized or incurred during said preceding year which were chargeable to said appropriation, and there shall be an excess in any appropriation reserves over and above the amount deemed to necessary to fulfill its purpose, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by not less than a 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, transfer the amount of such excess to an appropriation reserve or any appropriation in the prior budget deemed to be insufficient to fulfill its purpose or for which no reserve was provided.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that the following transfers in the 2012 Budget Appropriation Reserves be authorized:

Account	From	To
Municipal Clerk OE	\$ 1,000.00	
Financial Admin OE	\$ 6,000.00	
Engineering Services	\$ 2,000.00	
Police Department OE	\$ 1,000.00	
Aid to Volunteer Fire Company OE	\$ 9,500.00	
Fire Dept OE	\$ 2,000.00	
Land Fill Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 4,000.00	
Buildings & Grounds OE	\$ 18,000.00	
Vehicle Maint. OE	\$ 10,000.00	

Celebration of Events	\$ 5,000.00	
Electricity	\$ 7,500.00	
Telephone	\$ 8,500.00	
Water	\$ 1,000.00	
Gasoline	\$ 18,500.00	
Municipal Court OE	\$ 1,000.00	
Twp Committee SW		\$ 85,000.00
Public Works OE		\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 95,000.00

ATTEST

Donna L. Gambutti, Township Clerk

Frank Cagas, Mayor

Motion:
Second:
Roll Call Vote:
March 19, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-91

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED TRUST BY RIDER FOR ACCUMULATED ABSENCES, PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 5:30-15

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-15 permits municipalities to establish a reserve for costs incurred for Accumulated Unused Absences; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve expenditures of monies by dedication by rider;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby requests permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures for Accumulated Absences created in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-15 as per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39; and

2. The Township Clerk is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

ATTEST

Donna L. Gambutti, Township Clerk

Frank Cagas, Mayor

Motion:
Second:
Roll Call Vote:
March 19, 2013

Resolution No. 2013-092- Introduction of 2013 Municipal Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Township of South Hackensack, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in the Record in the issue March 24, 2013 and that a hearing on the budget be held at Township Hall on May 2, 2013 at 7:30 PM or soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Motion:
Second:
Roll Call Vote:

Approved:

Attest:

Frank Cagas, Mayor

Donna L. Gambutti, Municipal Clerk