

Township of South Hackensack
Bergen County, New Jersey
October 2, 2014 7:00PM
Worksession Meeting
MINUTES

Bill Regan, Mayor.....*Present*
Frank Cagas,*Present*
Gary Brugger *Present*
Walter Eckel, Jr. *Present*
Vincent Stefano.....*Present*

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

Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Regan called the Worksession Meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The Clerk advised that this is a Regular 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. The Girl Scouts led the flag salute. The Municipal Clerk called the roll. All members are present.

Closed Session

On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Eckel all were in favor of entering into closed executive session at 7:10 PM. Minutes of closed session were recorded and will be made available to the public when authorized by the governing body and permitted by law.

On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Bill Regan; all were in favor to returning to open session at 7:38 PM.

Flag Salute~ Girl Scout Troop # 95955 is present to lead the Flag Salute~

<i>Gabriella Maceri- Daisy</i>	<i>Penelope Madrid-Brownie</i>
<i>Valentina Mendoza-Daisy</i>	<i>Alexa Scarpinato-Brownie</i>
<i>Natalie Solis-Daisy</i>	<i>Rosanna D'Amico-Brownie</i>
<i>Ava Stefano-Daisy</i>	<i>Lisamarie Diaz-Brownie</i>
<i>Sydney Watson-Daisy</i>	<i>Sophia Madrid-Brownie</i>
<i>Mikayla Vigilanti-Daisy</i>	<i>Ezabella Morilla- Brownie</i>
<i>Isabella Stefano-Brownie</i>	
<i>Michelina Stefano-Brownie</i>	

Mayor Regan introduces The New Girl Scout Troop in South Hackensack- Mrs. Evelyn Stefano (co-leader) introduces her new troop to the Township Committee. This program encourages young woman to volunteer and help our community. She explains her ideas for the future in enriching our small township with future community leaders.

Special Presentation~

LFSH Girls Softball 11-12 District & Sectional Champions

4 Autumn Thorpe
#1 Angelina Pulido
#8 Gianna Sarlo
#5 I-Asiah Christmas
#22 Casey Calabrese
#11 Rebecca Grater
#28 Lexi Losino
#29 Jenna Wagner
#24 Gabby Monteleone
#26 Precious Martinez
#20 Jen Mastrofippo

The Township Committee introduces and congratulates The Little Ferry & South Hackensack Softball Team. Mayor Regan presents each girl with a certificate from The Township Committee.

Correspondence~

- Raymond DeRiso, Secretary South Hackensack Relief Association, September 17, 2014 Roll of Delegates & Life Members for 2014 Wildwood Convention- On a motion made by Walter Eckel & seconded by Gary Brugger; all members are in favor.

Lydia Heinzelman, Housing Liaison, September 23, 2014- COAH Rehabilitation Program- - On a motion made by Gary Brugger & seconded by Bill Regan; all members are in favor of approving this request and filing this in the COAH Rehabilitation file.

- Donna L. Gambutti, Municipal Clerk, September 29, 2014- County Executive's Volunteer of the Year Ceremony- Mayor Regan explains that the two recipients' are present at this meeting: Walter Eckel & Michael Nasta, Jr. The award ceremony is next Wednesday night. They maybe the longest volunteer members in Bergen County. Walter Eckel and Mike Nasta, Jr have been fireman for 45 years.

Old Business~

- South Hackensack Volunteer Ambulance Corps.- Mayor Regan reports that the sub-committee has come to a mutual agreement with the Ambulance Corps. They presented an action plan effective January 1, 2015. Hopefully everything will happen the way it was presented . Gary Brugger wants to see the same set of checks and balances with The Ambulance Corps as The Fire Department. He also wants the Township Attorney to draft an Ordinance and would like a time-line from the EMS members. Chief Terraccino states the core group is working but everyone will need to come together to succeed. David Nasta, Township Attorney explains the process regarding Hackensack going 24/7 on September 1, 2014. The Committee wanted to give SHVAC more time to organize so Moonachie has been responding . He explains the proper process of creating an ordinance and how it take two months for adoption. David Nasta is still addressing some legal concerns. Bill Regan asks about the ages for the drivers for Ambulance Corps. He also explains that there will be a different procedure for the election of officers. Gary Brugger adds that he wants to see all new members that join be EMT's in one year. He only wants trained professionals in this organization.
- DPW Jeep- request from Memorial School- Gregg Maceri would like to purchase this Jeep and use for snow plowing. Frank Cagas wants to clarify which jeep as this is the second request. Is it the Black one? Or the one driven by Larry Paladino? Tommy Yannetti will stop by the school and see exactly which one they are requesting. Vinnie Stefano asks Tommy if the DPW even needs the jeep, period. Tommy answers that he does need it if the other jeep is not working. Gary Brugger suggests that Frank Cagas, Tommy Yannetti and Gregg Maceri set up a meeting regarding this request.

New Business~

- Conceptual drawings for Veteran's Park by Bridgette Bogart, Municipal Planner- On a motion made by Vinnie Stefano and seconded by Bill Regan; all members are in favor of authorizing Brigette Bogart to design this plan and not exceed a cost of \$850.00. Vinnie Stefano states how nice it is to see the girl scouts getting involved in the community. Mayor Regan agrees it is great to get things moving and he received a lot of good feedback at field day regarding the park.

- South Hackensack Volunteer Fire Department Memorial Service on 10/5/2014- Mayor Regan announces this service for Sunday Mass at 8:00AM and the ceremony at the Monument at 9:00AM. Breakfast at the Fire Department after the ceremony. Please attend if you can and support our great Fire Department. Gary Brugger suggests that mums should be planted at the monument.

Ordinances~ N/A

Resolutions~

- Closed Executive Session Resolution- On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Walter Eckel; all members are in favor.
- Resolution No. 2014-164- Authorizing the Mayor & Township Clerk to Execute an Interlocal Services Agreement with the Borough of Moonachie- On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Walter Eckel; all members are in favor.

Committee Reports~

Gary Brugger- Congratulates Maria Regan, Recreation Director and all the Recreation workers and volunteers on having a successful field day. Reports that he will attend the HHMC meeting on Monday.

Vinnie Stefano- He is thankful that the Girl Scouts started up again and he is happy to hear the Boy Scouts may be regrouping as well. He would like to see the Township in the future be able to donate financially to the Girl Scouts and he adds that this adds to our quality of life. Field Day was really great this year, commends the Police Department and having cops on bikes. Vinnie Stefano would like to see the Gazebo painted.

Walter Eckel- Great Job on Field Day & notes he does not want to see loose dogs in the kiddie playground area of the park.

Frank Cagas- Congratulates the girl's softball team & thanks the ambulance corps for coming up with a plan of action. Makes a request to the DPW for town sign regarding leaf bags.

Bill Regan- Announces senior flu shots are available this month. Comments on the fact that Field Day turned out so successful. 400 bracelets were given out and Phillips Avenue was closed for a while for safety. This year we had more volunteers more ride and spend \$5,000.00 less. Thanks all the business who donated ice, water, etc. Congratulates the Girls Softball Team and the Girl Scouts who participated in tonight's meeting. Also reported that Memorial School had their first pep rally and it was successful and a great idea. Announces that October 27th the school will have an open forum in the cafeteria for the parents to come out and communicate with school. This will be done every month with a new topic.

Public Comments~

Dolly Montenegro- 57 Phillips Avenue- Complains about the Geese droppings. Speaks about the low attendance at the last Fire Department Ceremony. Reminisces about old songs. Comments on the vent pipe on the Phillips Avenue ramp. Asks who approved the current condition/plans now? She saw police on the ramp and thought it was going to fixed right away but she comments that she talked to the police chief and he reported to her that when the police receive a report of a gas smell they have to follow procedure by calling out PSEG.

Tommy Yannetti- Assistant DPW Superintendent- reports that he met with a representative of PSE&G and they are going to reline the vent pipe but not until the spring. Dolly Montenegro advises the committee that this unacceptable and the Governor should be contacted immediately.

Loni Badel- 51 Grove Street- States the pipe on Phillips Avenue has to be taken care of as it is a health hazard. He reports that he spoke to Marlene Caride as well last Thursday. Asks what is going on at 125 Phillips Avenue? Asks committee is there money in the budget for new trees. Also, he hopes that when it snows the cars on Grove Street will be moved.

Frank Cagas reports that the Marcellus Bridge project does not include raising the trestle and he directed the engineer to call the railroad. Gary Brugger agrees that the train trestle should be raised as water cannot pump up.

On a motion made by Walter Eckel and seconded by Frank Cagas all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM.

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

Donna L. Gambutti

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Resolution Authorizing Executive Session October 2, 2014

A Resolution Providing for a Meeting Not Open to the Public in Accordance with the Provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.

Whereas, the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack is subject to certain requirements of the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6*, et seq., and

Whereas, the *Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12*, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution, and

Whereas, it is necessary for the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b and designated below:

 (1) *Matters Required by Law to be Confidential*: Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

 (2) *Matters Where the Release of Information Would Impair the Right to Receive Funds*: Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

 (3) *Matters Involving Individual Privacy*: Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

 (4) *Matters Relating to Collective Bargaining Agreements*: Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.

 (5) *Matters Relating to the Purchase, Lease or Acquisition of Real Property or the Investment of Public Funds*: Any matter involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.

(6) *Matters Relating to Public Safety and Property*: Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations of possible violations of the law.

(7) *Matters Relating to Litigation, Negotiations and the Attorney-Client Privilege*: Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is, or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is require in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

**Tax Appeal-30 Wesley v TSH
Anticipated Litigation- North Jersey Vineland Church v TSH**

XX (8) *Matters Relating to the Employment Relationship*: Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

Thomas Yannetti
Giorgio Sortino

(9) *Matters relating to the Potential Imposition of a Penalty*: Any deliberations of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party bears responsibility.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack assembled in public session on this date, that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held in the South Hackensack Township Municipal Complex, 227 Phillips Avenue, South Hackensack, New Jersey, for the discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated above.

It is anticipated that the deliberations conducted in closed session may be disclosed to the public upon the determination of the Township Committee that the public interest will no longer be served by such confidentiality.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack at a public meeting held on October 2, 2014.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2014-164

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN INTERLOCAL SERVICE
AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF MOONACHIE**

WHEREAS, the Township of South Hackensack (Township) and the Borough of Moonachie (Moonachie) recognize that the efficient and cost effective delivery of governmental services is in the best interest of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, South Hackensack and Moonachie have engaged in significant discussions regarding the sharing of certain equipment purchases and personnel in its respective Departments of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, South Hackensack and Moonachie have determined that the aforesaid sharing arrangements would result in significant financial savings to both communities while preserving the efficient delivery of public works services; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the aforesaid South Hackensack and Moonachie have negotiated an Interlocal Services Agreement which is attached hereto and made a part hereof this resolution.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the aforesaid Interlocal Service Agreement in the form and substance attached hereto for a period commencing as of January 1, 2015 and ending on December 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Committee hereby approves the immediate purchase of certain Department of Public Works equipment and sharing of the costs of the same in accordance with the aforementioned Interlocal Services Agreement upon presentation of said costs and certification by the Chief Financial Officer regarding the availability of funds for the same.

ATTEST

Donna Gambutti, Township Clerk

William Regan, Mayor

Motion: Brugger

Second: Eckel

Roll Call Vote: Brugger, Cagas, Eckel, Regan & Stefano

October 9, 2014