

Township of South Hackensack
Bergen County, New Jersey
May 1, 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 7:15 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. Mayor Regan led the flag salute. The Municipal Clerk called the roll. All members are present.

Closed Session

On a motion made by Bill Regan and seconded by Gary Brugger all were in favor of entering into closed executive session at 7:15 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 Vincent Stefano and seconded by Gary Brugger; all were in favor to returning to open session at 7:30PM.

Special Presentation by Gregorio Maceri, Superintendent of South Hackensack School District~ Preliminary Budget for 2015-2015 School Year

Gregorio Maceri is present to explain the proposed budget for Memorial School. He explains to the Township Committee that he thinks creatively out-side the box to problem solve as the new superintendent/principal. He presents to the Committee with a power point presentation on paper. The budget is with- in the tax levy criteria by The State of New Jersey. The proposed tax increase on an average home assessed at \$318,623 is approximately \$106.00 per household. Mr. Maceri comments on Maintenance Budget Initiatives that include Play Ground Mulch, Painting, Refinishing of Floors and Facility Service Contracts. He notes the school is doing a joint venture with the township regarding the playground mulch. Additional items included in the budget proposal are as follows: extended curriculum services program, addition of one early childhood teacher and the enhancement of the school's website.

Correspondence ~

- Chief Joseph Terraccino, April 28, 2014- Request for a part-time dispatcher- On a motion made by Walter Eckel & seconded by Bill Regan all members were in favor of moving this matter to new business.
- Gregorio Maceri, April 15, 2014- Request for use of parking lot for 7th Grade Car Wash- On a motion made by Bill Regan & seconded by Frank Cagas all members were in favor of approving this request.
- Larry Paladino, DPW Superintendent, April 24, 2014- Alternative Salt Plan - On a motion made by Bill Regan & seconded by Frank Cagas all members were moving this to new matter to new business.
- Francesco Maceri, Fire Official, April 25, 2014- Request for part-time Fire Inspector- - On a motion made by Bill Regan & seconded by Frank Cagas all members were moving this to new matter to new business.
- Donna L. Gambutti, April 28, 2014- Administrative office request- On a motion made by Bill Regan & seconded by Frank Cagas all members were moving this to new matter to new business.

Old Business~

- Economic Development Advisory Committee- Appoint Business Member- Vinnie Stefano explains 3 business owners are interested in this advisory committee in our community. Interested business owners are: L. Bruno, V. LoPiccolo & R. Romano. Gary Brugger adds each one of the potential members bring a different set of skills to the Economic Development Committee. Vincent Stefano reports that he will meet them along with David Nasta.
- Engineers summary of inspections at Grove Street Pump Station and Garfield Park Station- Frank Cagas reports that there was an emergency last night at the Garfield Park Station and new valves are needed and that this is a safety issue. Larry Paladino, DPW Superintendent asks about the Condelemi project and the status of the project. Frank Cagas

states that Condemni is aware of the situation. Larry Paladino advises the committee that Tommy Yannetti has been drafting correspondence since Hurricane Floyd. Gary Brugger recommends that this be considered for CDBG project.

New Business~

- DPW Summer Help 2014- Pending criminal background checks- Larry Paladino, DPW Superintendent agrees it's a good idea to hire the summer help but reminds the Committee that Full Time labor is needed such as a mechanic. Larry suggests hiring skilled trade labor. Bill Regan suggests that Frank Cagas meet with the CFO to have a time-line on when the Township should hire additional DPW laborers. Vinnie Stefano comments on sharing of a CPWM, shared equipment and sharing of skills. Mayor Regan reminds the clerk to advertise for all open positions.
- Salt-Shed –Larry is working on an alternate site for our salt. The Committee advises him to reach out to other towns. Give us our options for the future. Larry recommends the township have their own shed for 350 tons of salt, if possible. Frank Cagas directs Larry to report back on where exactly the shed would be placed in town.
- Mayors Proclamation to raise awareness for Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva- resolution for next meeting.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment- 2013 Annual Report of Action- The Committee moves this report for next month's review.
- Loss Control Report-As this is a safety issue all department heads must be aware of this report
- Fire Officials Request- Mayor Regan reminds the committee that the inspectors basically pay for themselves with the inspection fees. Gary Brugger asks if the inspectors have started their inspections of non-owner occupied houses and this should be a priority. Bill Regan has had several conversations already with Tony Maceri. Bill Regan states that the inspections have not started yet for the non-owner operated houses. The interested candidate is still in school. Gary Brugger states it is mandatory for these inspections to start if we hire an additional inspector. Vinnie Stefano agrees to speak with Tony Maceri about this issue. Vinnie Stefano makes a motion to appoint Joe D'Amico to the position of fire inspector pending state certification and criminal background check; Gary Brugger seconds the motion; all are in favor.
- Administrative Office Request- Gary Brugger suggests that the clerk in the future be directed to approve administrative office requests of this nature due to the fact that it is a computer software compatibility issue and 2 computers are needed

immediately. Mayor Regan agrees and all members are in favor of approving this request.

- Part-time dispatcher Request- On a motion made by Walter Eckel and Seconded by Gary Brugger; all members are in favor of hiring Skylar Baker as a part-time dispatcher.

Ordinances~ N/A

Resolutions~ N/A

Committee Reports~

Public Comments~

- Closed Executive Session Resolution

Closed Session

On a motion made by Bill Regan and seconded by Gary Brugger all were in favor of entering back into closed executive session at 10:05 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 Bill Regan and seconded by Vincent Stefano all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM.

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- May 1, 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.

XX (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.

**South Hackensack Tax Appeals
Tucci Associates vs. South Hackensack
Philbern vs. South Hackensack**

Plati vs. South Hackensack

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

(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 May 1, 2014.

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