

Township of South Hackensack  
Bergen County, New Jersey  
April 2, 2015 7:00PM  
**Worksession Meeting**  
MINUTES

Walter Eckel, Mayor.....*Present*  
Gary C. Brugger.....*Present*  
Frank Cagas .....*Present*  
William Regan.....*Present*  
Vincent Stefano..... *Present*

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

Call of Meeting to Order

*Mayor Eckel called the Worksession Meeting to order at 7:05 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 Eckel 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 Walter 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 Walter Eckel and seconded by Vincent Stefano all were in favor to returning to open session at 7:40PM.

Correspondence~

- ❑ County of Bergen, Department of Economic Development, March 27, 2015- Workshop Notice for April 23, 2015 at 1:00PM- David Nasta, Township Attorney and Mayor Walter Eckel agree to attend this meeting.
- ❑ State of NJ, Department of Environmental Protection, March 30, 2015- Compliance Alert for 41-43 Grove Street- On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Walter Eckel ; all were in favor of accepting this correspondence and moving it to new business.
- ❑ Mary Ellen Lyons, DPW Superintendent, March 31, 2015- Recommendation for Licensed Sewer Operator- On a motion made by Bill Regan and seconded by Walter Eckel ; all were in favor of accepting this correspondence and moving it to new business
- ❑ Donna L. Gambutti, Municipal Clerk, March 31, 2015- Request to purchase AED Defibrillator Machine for Municipal Council Chambers- On motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Frank Cagas; all members were in favor to grant request for purchase.
- ❑ Shade Tree Commission, March 26, 2015- Arbor Day request- On motion made by Frank Cagas and seconded by Walter Eckel; all members were in favor to grant request.
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### Old Business~

- ❑ Shared IT services with Memorial School- Bill Regan has not met with Greg Maceri at Memorial School. All are in favor to wait until they meet to move on this matter.
- ❑ Wastewater & Stormwater License Operator- Recommendation by MaryEllen Lyons, DPW Superintendent- On a motion made by Bill Regan and seconded by Frank Cagas; all members were in favor of appointing Walter Paul as storm water operator.
- ❑ Appointment of OEM Coordinator – Michael Nasta ( Deputy Appointment Vacant) – On a motion made by Frank Cagas and seconded by Gary Brugger; all members were in favor of this appointment.
- ❑ Appointment of Safety Coordinator & Deputy- Joseph Marrella & Angelo Sortino- On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Bill Regan; all members were in favor of this appointment.

### New Business~

- ❑ Review of Veterans Park Design Plans- Vinnie Stefano reports that the park plans are complete that the municipal planner and the sub-committee created. He would like residents to leave comments with the Township Clerk, he will also be hosting an open forum at the school. He hopes to see a more trees in park, a field house, bathrooms, a new kiddy land, less geese and a total walk -able park/community. Please email me your ideas; we do not know what to do with the basketball court. Should it stay?

- ❑ Approval of reimbursement for CPWM classes for Joseph Marrella - *On a motion made by Frank Cagas and seconded by Bill Regan; all members were in favor of this request pending proof of passing all courses.*
- ❑ Bergen County Community Development 2015 Action Plan- *Bill Regan and Frank Cagas agree to complete this task for Community Development.*
- ❑ Compliance Alert- 41-43 Grove Street- *David Nasta reports that he will work with the township engineer on this compliance matter for the NJDEP.*
- ❑ Arbor Day Request- *Frank Cagas explains that the Shade Tree Committee would like to do some planting in the back of the school for now; all members are in favor. Frank Cagas announces that from April 10-17 saplings are available at town hall and they are the size of a one year old tree.*

### Ordinances~ N/A

### Resolutions~

- ❑ Closed Executive Session Resolution- *On a motion made by Bill Regan & Seconded by Walter Eckel; all members were in favor.*

### Committee Reports~

Gary Brugger- *Not much to report; announces the Township won a safety award last month and he attended the Breakfast. He continues to work well with the Fire Department.*

Vinnie Stefano- *No report other than in the park we should have a community garden.*

Bill Regan- *Announces Easter egg hunt and reported that the Easter Show went well and the recreation dept is selling a lot of tickets for Medieval Times. Hopes that the Meadowlands Success Center can help with the planting that needs to be down around town and the fire dept monument. He believes there are 6 children from town that belong to this organization.*

Frank Cagas- *Reports that the route 80 ramp is dangerous and Gary Brugger agrees. The NJDOT will not repair the concrete on the sidewalks and curbs. Walter Eckel asks for more information and maybe Mary Ellen Lyons has a contact at the NJDOT to help with this matter.*

Walter Eckel- *No report other than to look into the ramp problem.*

Public Comments~

Dolly Montenegro- 57 Phillips Avenue- Asks the Township Committee if the Free Seedling Trees can be planted anywhere? Asks if the \$2500.00 for the senior center would be used for the center and not the social members- she explains they have over 81 members and this money would be used to go towards center expenses. She thanks the Township Committee for their concern while she was recently ill. She asks the committee who will fund the park project? Gary Brugger comments that the township would apply for grants to receive funding for improvements this whole plan is expensive. Dolly also asks the committee why did they hire a CPWM with- out a wastewater license. She asks can the new CPWM plow snow and run heavy equipment? Gary Brugger comments that Mary Ellen Lyons has her CPWM and her storm water license just not the C-3 wastewater sewer license.

Mr. Cerbo- Asks about the town nurse and where she went. The Township Clerk agrees to give him all the information on the new blood pressure screenings at Bogota.

Leo Rossi, Chestnut Avenue- He comments that he wants to put on public record that the Nasta's did not have any -thing to do with the reason he resigned from the Fire Department. He is very good friends with Mike Nasta.

*On a motion made by Walter Eckel and seconded by Gary Brugger; all were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 9:00PM and entering into closed session again. On a motion made by Gary Brugger and Seconded by Walter Eckel; all members were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 10:20PM.*

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

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*Donna L. Gambutti*

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**Resolution Authorizing Executive Session April 2, 2015**

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.

**XX** (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.

**Tax Appeals- 89 Leuning St. v South Hackensack ( 9 condos)**  
**DPW Negotiations**

**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.

**Ashley Morrone  
Angelo Sortino  
Joseph Marrella**

    (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 April 2, 2015.*

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