

Township of South Hackensack  
Bergen County, New Jersey  
January 8, 2015 7:00PM  
**Regular Meeting**  
MINUTES

Walter Eckel, Mayor.....*Present*  
Gary C. Brugger.....*Present*  
Frank Cagas .....*Present*  
William Regan.....*Present*  
Vincent Stefano.....*Not 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 7:00 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. Vincent Stefano is not present.*

Closed Session

On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Bill Regan all were in favor of entering into closed executive session at 7:05 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 Gary Brugger and seconded by Bill Regan; all were in favor to returning to open session at 7:35PM.

Correspondence~

- General Correspondence & Reports- On file in the Municipal Clerks Office  
*On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Bill Regan; all were in favor of accepting and filing the general correspondence and reports.*

- ❑ Walter Eckel, Jr, Volunteer Firefighter December 12, 2014- Retirement from South Hackensack Fire Department- On a motion made by Bill Regan with regret and seconded by Gary Brugger ; all were in favor of accepting Mayor Eckel's letter of retirement from the South Hackensack Volunteer Fire Department.
- ❑ Carol Perone, Assistant Recreation Director, December 16, 2014- Temporary Leave of Absence Request (January 1, 2015-May 1, 2015)- On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Bill Regan; all were in favor of accepting this request.
- ❑ Anthony Aquilina, December 15, 2014- Letter of Interest for Zoning Board of Adjustment- On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Bill Regan; all were in favor of accepting this request.
- ❑ Senator Paul Sarlo, December 23, 2014- Meadowlands Tax Sharing Update-- On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Bill Regan; all were in favor of accepting this correspondence from Senator Paul Sarlo.

#### Old Business~

- ❑ Revision of Shade Tree Ordinance – The Township Committee agrees that this Ordinance needs to be revised for fees, etc
- ❑ Cell Tower Lease- On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Frank Cagas; all members are in favor of authorizing the Township Attorney to draft an agreement with Unison for the sale of certain Monopole leases on Huyler Street ( Monopole).

#### New Business~

- ❑ Review of Veterans Park Design Plans- Mayor Eckel reports that Vincent Stefano is not present and this plan will be moved to the regular meeting next month.
- ❑ Receipt of Bids for Municipal Generator- Bid Date-December 17, 2014 10:00AM
- ❑ Establish Sub-Committee for possible shared service study with Memorial School for IT Services

#### Ordinances~ N/A

## Resolutions~

- Consent Agenda 2015-01A- *On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Bill Regan; all members were in favor of approval.*

## Committee Reports~

Gary Brugger- Reports that he has met with Chief D'Amico and is looking forward to working closely with the fire department. Gary Brugger thanks Mary Terraccino for all the hard work and shopping she did for the Reorganization Meeting. He also thanks Joe Marella for helping set up the senior center.

Frank Cagas- No report .

Bill Regan- Announces that the DPW attended a safety class today, that's a good way to start off the year. Thanks everyone for all the hard work that went into the reorganization meeting. He thanks his wife Maria for all her support last year when he was the Mayor.

Walter Eckel- Announces that if anyone needs him just come to see him. Thank you to everyone who supported me last year, wishes everyone luck in their new positions- He also invites Mary Ellen Lyons to attend our next meeting.

## Public Comments~

Dolly Montenegro, 57 Phillips Avenue- Thanks Senator Sarlo for all the wonderful help he has given South Hackensack (in regards to Meadowlands Tax Sharing). She will vote for him the next time he runs for election. Comments that she would like to see our residents receive employment in town.

Loni Badel, Grove Street- Congratulates Bill Regan and Walter Eckel. Comments on how the senior citizens are on a fixed income and need tax relief. Congratulates Larry Paladino on his retirement and says his retirement is a great loss to us as Larry helped keep everything together and they have become friends.

*On a motion made by Walter Eckel and seconded by Bill Regan all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.*

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

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<b>Resolution Authorizing Executive Session January 8, 2015</b>
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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.

~~XX~~(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.

**DPW Negotiations**

~~XX~~(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.

**Cellular Tower Leases**

\_\_\_(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.

**Frew v. Township of 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**  
**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 January 8, 2015*

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**Consent Resolution 2015-01-A**

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, has reviewed the Consent Agenda consisting of various proposed resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack is not desirous of removing a resolution from t he consent agenda,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that the following resolutions on the Consent Agenda are hereby approved and adopted:

**Resolution No. 2015-045A- Appoint Shade Tree Commission- Amended**

- Resolution No. 2015-052-Appoint Part-Time Fire Inspector**
- Resolution No. 2015-053- License Report-December 2014**
- Resolution No. 2015-054- Cancel 2014 Sewer Balances**
- Resolution No. 2015-055- Cancellation of 2014 Tax Balances**
- Resolution No. 2015-056- Authorize Purchase from Bergen County Co-Op for DPW Mower**
- Resolution No. 2015-057- Appointing Dolly Montenegro & Vincent LoPiccolo to The Economic Development Advisory Board for 2015**

Motion: Eckel  
 Second: Regan  
 Absent: Stefano  
 January 8, 2015

Approved:

Attest:

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 Walter Eckel, Mayor

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 Donna L. Gambutti, Municipal Clerk

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<b>Resolution No. 2015-045A Appoint Shade Tree Commission- amended</b>
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WHEREAS on January 1, 2011, Ordinance No. 2010-08 duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack became effective, and

WHEREAS the ordinance establishes among other things a “Shade Tree Commission” that shall consist of seven (7) members and a secretary, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that the following appointments to the Shade Tree Commission be and are hereby made and authorized.

- Township Committee – (4 year term).....Frank Cagas – expires 12-31-2018
- Resident #4 – (4 year term).....Robert Orzechowski – expires 12-31-2018
- Resident #3 – (4 year term).....VACANT – expires 12-31-2018
- Employee #1 – (3 year term).....Joseph Marrella – expires 12-31-2017
- Employee #2 – (3 year term).....VACANT - expires 12-31-2017
- Resident #1 – (2 year term).....Deborah Allen – expires 12-31-2016

Resident#2 – ( 2 year term).....Marie Nasta – expires 12-31-2016

Lydia Heinzelman.....Secretary – 12/31/2015

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2015-01A  
January 8, 2015

**Resolution No. 2015-052 Appoint additional Fire Inspector for 2015**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that Joseph D’Amico be and is hereby appointed as a part-time fire inspector for the Township of South Hackensack Fire Prevention Bureau with an annual salary equal to an experienced inspector.

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2015-01A  
Date: January 8, 2015

**Resolution No. 2015 – 053 Licenses – December 2014**

WHEREAS, the following have made applications and paid a fee for various licenses, and WHEREAS, the Township Committee has no exception to the issuance of these licenses, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that the following licenses by and are hereby approved unless noted and with conditions as noted.

GENERAL LICENSES

<u>Received</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>License #</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Type</u>
12/01/2014	Bergen Brick Oven	4328	300	Place of Entertainment
12/01/2014	Players Club	4329	300	Place of Entertainment
12/05/2014	H&M Leasing	4330	25	Clothing Bin

TOTAL: \$ 625

FIRE PERMITS

<u>Received</u>	<u>Business</u>	<u>License #</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Type</u>
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TOTAL FIRE: \$ 0

GRAND TOTAL ALL LICENSES/PERMITS: \$ 625

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2015-01A

Date: January 8, 2015

**Resolution No. 2015 – 054 Cancellation of 2014 Sewer Account Balances**

WHEREAS certain sewer user balances exist at year-end,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that the following balances and overpayments be cancelled:

<u>Balance Adjustment</u>		<u>Overpayments</u>		
<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account</u>		<u>Amount</u>
16521150-1	.06	16520400-0	1.48	
16521150-7	.75	16523250-0	.39	
16521650-0	6.18	16529700-0	.14	
16521900-2	.05	16529750-0	.93	
16521900-3	.12	16529950-0	3.35	
16522950-0	.02	28324450-0	1.17	
16530050-0	1.87	41005400-0	.01	
16530050-3	.69	41006900-0	.47	
16530200-0	1.37	41012000-0	.05	
16530250-0	.05	41012200-0	.14	
16530300-0	.45	42505700-0	3.24	
16530350-0	1.83	42505900-0	.04	
16530400-0	.27	46127725-0	.14	
16530450-0	1.86	46127800-0	8.87	
16530550-0	1.32			
41012400-0	.06			
41012500-0	.16			
41012500-0	.76			
41012900-0	.29			
41015700-0	.29			
41501100-0	.16			
41503700-0	.64			
42501600-3	.49			
42501600-4	.14			
42503000-0	.19			
42505500-0	.05			
42505800-0	.89			
43501100-0	.66			
46127900-0	.38			
46128700-0	.38			
46128850-0	.24			

Consent Agenda Resolution 2015-01A

Date: January 8, 2015

Approved:

Attest:

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Walter Eckel, Mayor

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Donna L. Gambutti, Municipal Clerk

**Resolution No. 2015–055 Cancellation of 2014 Tax Balances**

WHEREAS N.J.S.A 54:4-91.1 requires that the Tax Collector file with the Township Committee, a list of delinquent taxes for 2014 which she believes are not collectible, and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack on being satisfied that the taxes listed below are not collectible, shall by resolution release the Tax Collector from the collection thereof and order the same be cancelled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that the following balances and overpayments be cancelled pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-91-1.

<u>Overpayments</u>			<u>Balance Adjustment</u>		
<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.01	4.09	.19	5.02	4	.02
1.05	1	.86	2.02	4.03	.83
2.02	8	8.36	4	1	.10
3	23.03	6.28	5.01	11	4.27
6	5	.50	7.05	25.04	.09
7.02	12	1.88	8	7	.54
13.02	8	1.82	13.03	3.04	.27
13.04	1.10	.17	17	9	7.11
16	13	.49	37	11	.01
37	13	1.88	38	12	5.54
44	9	.03	38	23	.54
			42	17	.04
44	12	.04	45.01	7.01	.33
47	2	.10	46	1	.53
52	2.01	5.39	52	3	2.46
52	2.05	2.88	100	12	.01

56	10	3.24	101	1.01	6.34
59	1.07	2.58	102	8	8.18
59	1.08	1.65			
59	1.10	.58			
100	4	.15			
105	3	2.35			

Consent Agenda Resolution 2015-01A

Dated: January 8, 2015

Approved:

Attest:

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Walter Eckel, Mayor

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Donna L. Gambutti, Municipal Clerk

**Resolution No. 2015-056 Authorize Purchase from Bergen County Co-op- Toro Grounds Master with Polar Trac and Snow Attachments**

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has submitted a requisition to the Township for the purchase one (1) Toro Groundsmaster 7210 with a PolarTrac and Snow attachments with warranty from an authorized vendor under the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of goods and services by local contracting units is authorized by the Local Public Contract Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq.

WHEREAS, Storr Tractor Company , Branchburg, NJ has been awarded Bergen County Cooperative Contract contract No.14-18, and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the purchase of a Toro Grounds maser including all add-ons, premium care warranty & snow attachments & one MVP Filter kit is not expected to exceed \$43,398.06 and

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

1. A Certification of Funds has been received for the said contract assuring that there is a sufficient appropriation to award this contract and the availability of a sufficient appropriation to fund the purchases authorized in this resolution is an express mandatory condition of the award of this contract.

2. The CFO is hereby authorized and directed to execute the necessary purchase order to effectuate the award of this contract. The Township Attorney shall review any and all contractual documents prepared in furtherance of this award.

Consent Agenda Resolution 2015-1A

Date: January 8, 2015

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-057**

**RE-APPOINTING DOLLY MONTENEGRO AND VINCENT LOPICCOLO TO  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has created by ordinance a Department of Economic Development designed to address this significant task; and

**WHEREAS**, said ordinance constructs an advisory board consisting of the Township Attorney, Township Chief Financial Officer, Superintendent of Schools, Liaison from the Township Committee, Township Zoning Officer, a Township resident and a member of the Township Business Community ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee has reviewed and is familiar with the credentials and background of Clementine “Dolly” Montenegro who has been a resident of the community for many years, former mayor, former municipal treasurer, former president of the Senior Citizens Club and current Township Historian and Vincent LoPiccolo who has been a long time township resident, former member and President of the South Hackensack Board of Education and owner of a Township based electrical contracting company and has determined that these individuals possess a knowledge of the Township and its business environment that would serve the Township’s economic development efforts well.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Dolly Montenegro and Vincent LoPiccolo are hereby appointed as the resident and business community members of the South Hackensack Economic Development Advisory Board effective upon the passage of this resolution and terminating on December 31, 2015 unless otherwise extended by the Township Committee.

Consent Agenda 2015-01A

January 8, 2015

