

Township of South Hackensack  
Bergen County, New Jersey  
November 5, 2015 7:00PM  
***Worksession Meeting***  
MINUTES

Walter Eckel, Mayor.....*Present*  
Gary C. Brugger.....*Present*  
Frank Cagas .....*Present*  
William Regan.....*Not 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 7:05 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. Bill Regan and Vinnie Stefano are not present.*

*Closed Session*

On a motion made by Gary Brugger 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 Gary Brugger all were in favor to returning to open session at 7:30PM.

Special Presentation by Mayor Eckel & Township Committee Members to Bill Panagia, Past President of South Hackensack Volunteer Ambulance Corps & Life Members~ Mayor Eckel presents a plaque of appreciation to Bill Panagia, Past President of

SHVAC and life members ( Jimmy Riley is present to receive his plaque). All members are thankful for dedication and service to the Township.

Best Practices Checklist for 2015/SFY 2016- Christopher Eilert, CFO~ Chris Eilert is present to update the committee and report that the township received a high score due to our level of conformity.

### Correspondence~

- Daniel Riley, 1rst Lt/Secretary to Fire Board, October 19, 2015- Application for Jared Powers to South Hackensack Fire Department- *On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Frank Cagas; all members were in favor of moving to new business.*
- Jim Parisi ,79 East Wesley Street, November 2, 2015- Tree Request - *On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Frank Cagas; all members were in favor to accept and file this correspondence.*
- Mary Terraccino, Tax Collector/Deputy Clerk- Vacation Day Request for 2016- *On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Frank Cagas; all members were in favor of moving this to new business.*

### Old Business

- PEG Bandwidth Contract- report by Township Attorney- David Nasta explains to the committee that the township clerk does not have all the contact information for this company and they are waiting for the Township to sign an easement agreement for fiber optics. On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Frank Cagas; all members are in favor to have the township attorney draft a letter to PEG BANDWIDTH to comply with the township's request.
- Fence for Municipal Complex Generator- Gary Brugger reports that the subcommittee met with the engineer and the township is all set to proceed with easement agreements, maintenance agreement and construction should start next year in March or April 2016.

### New Business~

- Best Practices Checklist 2015/2016 – *All members are in favor to accept the 2015/2016 Best Practices Checklist for submission to the State of New Jersey.*
- RFQ-FRP's for 2016 including Grant Writer – *On a motion made by Frank Cagas and seconded by Walter Eckel; all members are in favor of authorizing the Township Attorney to prepare RFQ's including a Grant Writer for 2016.*
- NJLM reimbursement for Township Committee Members \$250.00 maximum- Gary Brugger explains that this would also include Department Heads and Employees approved by the Committee for Lodging only up to \$250.00. All members are in favor.
- Edmunds & Associates Contract Renewal for 2016- *On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Walter Eckel ; all members are in favor of this renewal.*
- Appointment of Jared Powers to South Hackensack Fire Department- pending submission of physical examination- *On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Walter Eckel; all members are in favor of this appointment.*
- Vacation Day Request by Mary Terraccino, Tax Collector- *On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Walter Eckel; all members are in favor of approving this request for 5 vacation days carried over into 2016.*

#### Ordinances~ Introduction- N/A

#### Ordinances~ Adoption- N/A

#### Resolutions~

- Closed Executive Session Resolution- *On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Walter Eckel; all members are in favor.*

#### Committee Reports~

Gary Brugger- reports on the status of the new salt shed at the DPW. He explains it is going to be concrete with a cover approved by the NJDEP and how it will fit behind the DPW. He thanks all

who volunteered for the SHVAC. He reports that he has spoken with the DPW superintendent and he will have an update on the Huyler Street sewer pipe situation shortly as the engineer may have to be involved.

Walter Eckel- Congratulates Bill Panagia and Jimmy Riley on their years of service to the Ambulance Corps. He announces the Veteran's Day Ceremony for all to attend on 11/11 at 11:00AM.

Frank Cagas- The next phase of tree/sidewalk project will take place next summer/year. He agrees that the AFG for the fire department is very important as they already have 12 new members this year. Frank comments that he will contact Mary Ellen Lyons, CPWM contact PSE&G to set up a meeting regarding our gas service problems and also the telephone pole wiring. Gary Brugger explains that the utility companies leave the disconnect wires hanging and how this is a problem. Frank also states that an ordinance for no through trucking is needed for the new Naturex.

### Public Comments~

Chief of Police Joseph Terraccino- Comments on the problem with the trucks going to 125 Phillips Avenue. He explains that is their GPS sending them to Phillips Avenue and not to 1 Bruce Court. He suggests a meeting should be set up with their dispatch center to change the shipping address permanently to 1 Bruce Court. Walter Eckel agrees that this is a great idea and volunteers to attend.

Bill Panagia, Williams Avenue- Congratulates Frank and Gary on being re-elected. He asks the Township Committee if the Ambulance Corps can erect a monument somewhere in township with the left over funds from the corps? The committee thinks this a great way to honor their service.

Loni Badel, 51 Grove Street- Congratulates Frank and Gary on the election.

*On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Walter Eckel; all were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 8:00PM.*

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

---

*Donna L. Gambutti*

**Resolution Authorizing Executive Session November 5, 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.

\_\_\_\_(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 required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.

**224 West Street, LLC v South Hackensack-withdrawn  
Safer Properties 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.

**Ashley Morrone  
Lydia Heinzelman  
Thomas Yannetti  
Personnel**

(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 November 5, 2015.*





**South Hackensack Fire Department  
227 Phillips Avenue  
South Hackensack, New Jersey 07606**

**RECEIVED**

Township Council  
Township of South Hackensack  
227 Phillips Ave.  
South Hackensack, New Jersey 07606

OCT 19 2015

**SOUTH HACKENSACK  
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

10/19/2015

Township Council,

The South Hackensack Fire Department has received an application for membership from Jarred Powers. The department has reviewed and accepted this application and will consider Mr. Powers a member pending Township approval.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

D. Riley  
1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant/Secretary to the Fire Board  
South Hackensack Fire Department

Monday, November 02, 2015

From: Jim Parisi

To: Township of South Hackensack

Subject: Tree removal

RECEIVED

NOV -2 2015

SOUTH HACKENSACK  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

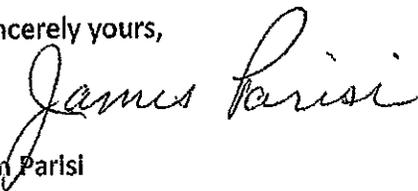
Hello All,

I have complained several times to the town regarding my neighbor's pine tree. This tree is causing all my vehicles damage due to falling sap, and because of that I have to spend money to get my vehicles detailed to remove it, and due to the pine needles, I have to get my gutters cleaned twice a year. My neighbor Orlando is willing to take the tree down and plant another one to replace it.

I understand that there is a town ordinance, but I'm asking respectfully that the Township will allow my neighbor to remove this tree and replace with another.

I contacted my lawyer and since my neighbor is willing to take the tree down, the only alternative I have is to sue the Township. I do not want to take it to that level, but I am very frustrated with this situation.

Sincerely yours,



Jim Parisi

**RECEIVED**

NOV - 3 2015

**SOUTH HACKENSACK  
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

November 3, 2015

Mayor & Township Committee  
227 Phillips Avenue  
So. Hackensack, NJ 07606

Dear Mayor Eckel:

I would like to advise the Committee that I have at least 8 vacation days remaining for the year 2015. According to Salary Ordinance No 2015-05 entitled Section VIII Vacation subsection (b) -- vacation days must be taken during each current year and shall not be cumulative unless approved by the Township Committee prior to the end of the year. At this time I am requesting to carry five (5) of those days in to the year 2016. The reason for this request is my familial commitment for my family. I will not be taking the five days as a full week -- they will be days used periodically throughout the first half of the year. I thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,



Mary Terraccino  
Tax Collector