

Township of South Hackensack
Bergen County, New Jersey
January 7, 2016 7:00PM
Worksession Meeting
MINUTES

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

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

Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Brugger called the Regular 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. Mayor Brugger 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 Walter Eckel all were in favor of entering into closed executive session at 7:11 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 Frank Cagas; all were in favor to returning to open session at 7:30PM.

Oath of Office- Township Attorney, David V. Nasta administers the Oath of Office to Frank Cagas as Committee Member & Deputy Mayor. (Frank Cagas was not present at the Annual Reorganization Meeting held on January 1, 2016.

Introduction of Township Engineer, Anthony Kurus, Neglia Engineering ~
Mayor Brugger introduces the new Township Engineer, Anthony Kurus and the Township Committee congratulates him and state that they are looking forward to working with him this year.

Correspondence~

- Lieutenant Robert Chinchar, December 10, 2015- Letter to Chief Terraccino – Proposed Bus- Stop at Main Street & Wilson Street- On a motion made by Walter Eckel and seconded by Bill Regan; all members were in favor of accepting this correspondence. Mayor Brugger notes that this is already listed under Old Business
- Lieutenant Robert Chinchar, December 16, 2015- Letter to Chief Terraccino – Amendment to Township Ordinance 205-19- - On a motion made by Walter Eckel and seconded by Bill Regan; all members were in favor of accepting this correspondence.
- Carol Perone, Assistant Director of Recreation, December 29, 2015- Request for temporary leave of absence(January 1, 2016-May 1, 2016)- - On a motion made by Bill Regan and seconded by Frank Cagas; all members were in favor of accepting this and moving it to New Business.

Old Business

- AFG Grant Application – Mayor Brugger explains the process of the grant application for the Fire Department and notes he has met with Peter Blanos to help complete this application.
- NJ Transit Bus-Stop Request- All members are in favor to forward this to David Nasta, Township Attorney for review and possible introduction for next week’s meeting.

New Business~

- Amendment to Township Ordinance 205-19- Gary Brugger explains that this needs to be forwarded to the Township Attorney and other ordinances need to be cleaned up as needed.
- Frank Covelli, PIA- Optional Health Insurance Plans- Frank Covelli is present to explain other health plans from the BMED as optional only alternatives. A resolution is needed for approval and he hopes to have open enrollment by April 2016.
- Authorize unpaid leave of absence for Carol Perone- On a motion made by Bill Regan and seconded by Walter Eckel all were in favor of granting this request.

Ordinances~ Introduction- N/A

Ordinances~ Adoption- N/A

Resolutions~

- Closed Executive Session Resolution- On a motion made by Gary Brugger & Seconded by Frank Cagas; all were in favor.

Mayor's Report- Mayor Brugger reports that all Buildings & Grounds/Roads, etc projects be forwarded to Mary Ellen Lyons, DPW Superintendent for review first. Reports that the DPW is getting prepared for snow and The Personnel Committee is meeting regarding the DPW hiring. He further reports that he will speak to the DPW Superintendent but he would like to see solar stop signs and additional signage at the Vreeland & Phillips Avenue intersection. (explains that not all drivers have been stopping at the red blinking light). Explains that he met with the new grant writer, Peter Blanos and was very satisfied with the AFG application process for the Fire Dept. (turnout gear grant). He reports that Peter Blanos will have a meeting for all the department heads to see if we qualify for upcoming grants. Mayor Brugger believes that this is a good asset for the whole community. Reports that Neglia Engineering will probably be taking over the Wesley Street project and directs the clerk to email them the appropriate paperwork and applications. Lastly he reports about the Jackson Avenue gas line problem with water in the gas line

Township Committee Reports~

Frank Cagas- Reports that he would like to meet with PSE&G as soon as possible regarding the infrastructure of Township. Wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Bill Regan- Reports that interviews for the DPW hiring will be conducted tomorrow.

Vincent Stefano- No report but wishes everyone a Happy New Year too.

Walter Eckel- Announces that there may be heavy rain on Sunday... and wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

Public Comments~ No comments were made by the public.

On a motion made by Gary Brugger and seconded by Bill Regan all were in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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 January 7, 2016

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.

 (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 or her duties as a lawyer.

**Philip Hahn V. Township Of South Hackensack- to date
Glenn Evans
Pending Real Estate Tax Appeals**

 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 names 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 the 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 7, 2016.

