

Township of South Hackensack
Bergen County, New Jersey
January 4, 2007 7:30 P.M.
Worksession Meeting
MINUTES

Gary C. Brugger, MayorPresent
Walter Eckel, Jr., Deputy MayorPresent
James AnzevinoPresent
Gene Roman.....Present
Rosina Romano.....Present

Also present:
David V. Nasta, Esq., Municipal Attorney
Linda LoPiccolo, Municipal Clerk

Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Brugger called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He advised that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act adequate notice of the meetings had been provided to *The Record, the Herald and News* and by posting a notice on the bulletin board in the clerk's office where notices are customarily posted. Everyone saluted the flag. The municipal clerk called the roll.

Correspondence

Eckel motioned; Anzevino seconded to approve Michael Ward, Emergency Manager – Request to attend International Disaster Management Conference in Orlando, Florida and for payment of registration fee of \$350.00 and \$100.00 pre-conference fee. It was understood that the time off from work will be vacation time. All in favor.

Old Business

Resolution No. 2006-140 Authorizing the Township Committee to Investigate the Feasibility of an Interlocal Service Agreement or Measures to Consolidate the Department of Public Works.

Gene Roman inquired as to whether or not the report of the sub-committee had been prepared and submitted as directed in Resolution No. 2006-140 that was adopted by the Township Committee in 2006. Mayor Brugger responded that the report had not yet been made and that in his opinion 60 days was not sufficient time to prepare the report. Additionally, he commented that the intent of the resolution was to evaluate the current services provided by the DPW so that sharing services possibilities could be further explored with other municipalities. The committee asked Mr. Nasta to redraft the

resolution for adoption at next week's meeting omitting sections 4 and 5 and extending the 60 provision for the sub-committee's report.

Anzevino motioned; Roman seconded to immediately stop #4 & #5 of Resolution No. 2006-140 to be ratified by resolution at the next meeting. All in favor.

Police Chief Agreement

Gene Roman inquired as to why there is no contract for the police chief. He indicated that Mike Frew has been chief since 2005 without a contract. David Nasta responded that Chief Frew retained an attorney who did speak with Nasta on several occasions to schedule a meeting, but because Mr. McCann was involved with a lengthy federal matter, their meetings had been held. Until now there have been no meetings or resolution of the matter. Eckel responded that he spoke with the chief earlier in the day and that he expected to have a contract ready for review by the committee by next week.

Website Proposal – Phase II

Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded to authorize Phase II of the South Hackensack Website at a cost not to exceed \$7,000 that shall be charged to the NJMC Grant for 2007. All in favor.

New Business

2007 Sub-Committees

The clerk was authorized and directed to prepare a resolution ratifying the following sub-committees for 2007:

Zoning – Gary Brugger, Walter Eckel

DPW Negotiations – Gene Roman, Jim Anzevino

DPW Building – Gene Roman, Rosina Romano

Police Chief Contract – Gary Brugger, Walter Eckel

Senior Citizen Housing – Rosina Romano, Jim Anzevino

Tax Settlement – Rosina Romano, Jim Anzevino

Redevelopment Advisory Board to Maser Consulting

- John Falato
- William Regan
- Al D'Ambrosio
- Frank Cagas
- Gary Brugger
- Walter Eckel

Ordinances - none

Resolutions - none

Committee Reports

Anzevino – Distributed an ordinance that has been adopted by the Borough of Paramus and suggested that the Township adopt a similar ordinance to regulate all businesses within the township. He also suggested the adoption of an ordinance that would establish a Shade Tree Commission and regulations regarding the planting and maintenance of trees.

Anzevino suggested appointing William Regan as the second property maintenance officer since the retirement of Maureen Cherubini. Eckel motioned; Anzevino seconded to appoint William Regan as the property maintenance officer for the year 2007. Ayes: Anzevino, Eckel, Roman, Romano, Brugger.

Lastly, Anzevino suggested that everyone pay close attention to the legislators and several bills that are pending that may have an adverse affect on our municipality.

Gene Roman – Asked if all hired dispatchers have been trained and are able to work on their own. Captain Terraccino advised that 8 of the 9 dispatchers have been fully trained and that the one dispatcher who is not fully trained has not been working. Roman indicated that it was his understanding that dispatchers would only be called when a tour was short. He was advised that the Chief requested and the committee agreed that a dispatcher could be assigned to every tour to try to reduce overtime created by officers using sick days, vacation and personal time off. Police Commissioner Eckel will discuss various overtime and scheduling issues with Chief Frew and invite him to next week's meeting to discuss with the Township Committee.

Mayor Brugger – Advising that the Township will be held to a 4% CAP this year he expects that this year's budget preparation will be difficult since several police officers will receive a 6% increase in salary because in addition to a 4% salary increase, they will also receive a 2% increase in their longevity. He requested that the clerk schedule a meeting with the Mayor and other officials in Teterboro to discuss the ongoing flooding issue that effects South Hackensack properties in and around Green Street.

Sump pump discharge by residents and businesses

The committee discussed a draft letter composed by David Nasta to be distributed to the residents who appear to be discharging sump pumps into the roadway. After a lengthy discussion regarding how to eliminate this hazard, the clerk was instructed to invite the engineer to the next meeting to discuss adopting an ordinance that will regulate sump pump discharge so that the Township has a plan to solve the issue.

The Mayor would like the committee to consider adopting an ordinance and requested that the attorney prepare an ordinance for review by the committee that would require a certificate of continuing occupancy for every change in tenancy.

Mayor Brugger offered: Anzevino seconded to authorize David Nasta to prepare an ordinance that would require CCO's for all changes in tenancy based upon the recommendation of Ray DeRiso, Zoning Enforcement Officer. All in favor.

Rosina Romano – As the commissioner of two very important and challenging committees – building and grounds, and finance, she will work very diligently on both. The 2007 budget will bring challenges and she is looking forward to its preparation with Loretta D’Ambrosio when she finally completes the 2006 year end work. Regarding building and grounds, many repairs must be done. Regarding the sub-committees that she has been assigned to, Rosina intends to get started immediately and will schedule a meeting with the attorney and Jim Anzevino to review senior housing and what must be done to accomplish the goals. She reported that she was shocked at the condition of the DPW garage and looks forward to making the necessary repairs, especially to the exterior of the building.

Rates charged by board attorneys

The attorney advised that the Township Committee should set the rate that attorneys can charge to applicants by ordinance. The attorney will prepare a fee ordinance for introduction by the committee.

Contracts

The clerk asked for any comments or objections to the contracts submitted by the professionals and there were none. She advised that she will forward all to the attorney for his review and approval as to their form before execution by the Mayor.

Deputy Court Administrator/Violations Clerk

It was suggested that the notice seeking a violations clerk be added to the township website and that the judge advertise and interview for the position.

Public Comments

Larry Paladino, DPW Supt. – Reported that he has been having mechanical problems with the front end loader and that it will require extensive repairs. He reported that the Engineer is looking into a problem that he detected behind the old Staples building where a new warehouse is under construction. The town has an easement on that property for access to the sanitary sewer that may be blocked by the construction. Lastly, he inquired as to whether or not the township’s policy of transitional/light duty is in effect and he was advised that it is.

Joanne DeGrosa, 51 Grove Street – Questioned if Etomic was going to attend a meeting to discuss their status. Gary Brugger advised that we received correspondence from Etomic indicating that they had not received their funding from NJHMFA but that we did receive correspondence from Madeline Corp. that their funding has been extended through December 31, 2007. Mayor Brugger further advised that the newly formed sub-committee will meet immediately to discuss the project and make their recommendation.

Lonnie Bedell, 51 Grove Street – Objected to John Carbone as special litigation counsel to the Township Committee and cited several incidents that he wanted the committee to be aware of that he said occurred with regard to the Madeline litigation matter. He

suggested that the new members of the committee review the letters they submitted that are on file.

Gary Brugger advised that the Lighthouse/Lace Litigation has been settled and that the Township has received \$45,000 and the BYOB sign will be removed.

Adjournment

Walter Eckel motioned; Rosina Romano seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m.
All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda LoPiccolo
Municipal Clerk