

Township of South Hackensack
Bergen County, New Jersey
May 7, 2009 7:30 P.M.
Worksession Meeting
MINUTES

Rosina Romano, MayorPresent
Gregorio Maceri, Deputy MayorPresent
James AnzevinoPresent
Walter Eckel, Jr.Present
Gene Roman.....Present

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

Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Romano called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She advised that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act annual notice of the meetings had been provided to *The Record*, *The Herald and News* and by posting the annual 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.

Sewer Appeal – 22 Saddle River Avenue

James Burbano, property owner of 22 Saddle River Avenue appeared before the Township Committee to appeal his sewer user charge. He reported that United Water Company notified him early January that there was excessive water usage at the location. Upon inspection, he discovered a leaking toilet and had it immediately repaired. Some time later he received a sewer bill from the Township for usage that exceeded the allowable amount per year. The Committee asked if his tenant was responsible for the excessive use and should have notified him of the leak. He was asked to submit a copy of his lease to the Township Committee for their review no later than May 12, 2009. The Committee reserved its decision advising Mr. Burbano that they would advise him when they will make that decision and that he may be present at that time.

Correspondence & Reports

Anzevino motioned; Roman seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to accept correspondence dated January 3, 2009, from Daniel O. Breslin (Received April 13, 2009) Resignation as a laborer with the DPW.

Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to accept correspondence dated March 18, 2009, from Stephen T. Boswell Re: FY 2009 NJDOT

Local Aid – Calicooneck Road (Section 2) Revised Proposal, and to authorize the preparation of a bond ordinance for the Resurfacing of Calicooneck Road.

Eckel motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to accept correspondence dated April 9, 2009, from Robert F. Layton, Tax Administrator Re: Resolution of State Tax Board granting extension until October 1, 2009 to complete the revaluation order.

Eckel motioned; Anzevino seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to accept correspondence dated April 14, 2009, from Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr. CPWM, Supt. Re: 477 Chestnut Avenue Sidewalks and to authorize the repair.

Romano motioned; Anzevino seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to accept correspondence dated April 20, 2009, from Michael Kauker Re: Revised Affordable Housing Ordinance and to place the matter on the June worksession agenda under Old Business.

Maceri motioned; Eckel seconded, Romano and Anzevino abstaining, with the remainder of the Committee unanimously agreeing to accept correspondence dated April 22, 2009, from William DeFabiis, Ed.D., CSA/BA Memorial School Re: 2009-2010 School District Budget amount to be determined and certify amount raised by taxation no later than Tuesday, May 19, 2009, and authorized the clerk to prepare the necessary resolution for the May 14th meeting with no reduction in the school budget.

Romano motioned; Eckel seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to accept correspondence dated April 22, 2009, from Barbara A. Nemcheck, P.E., Boswell Engineering Re: Improvements to Hoffman St & First Street, Review of Bids, and to authorize the preparation of resolution of award to Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc. for adoption at the May 14, 2009 meeting.

Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to accept correspondence April 28, 2009, Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr. CPWM, Supt. Re: Thank You Bob Serio for teaching CPR Class

Roman motioned; Eckel seconded and the Committee unanimously accepted and approved correspondence dated April 23, 2009, from Michael D. Frew, Chief of Police Re: Recommend Nicole Orso as intern in the police department.

Anzevino motioned; Maceri seconded to accept correspondence dated April 27, 2009, from Jerry Plancher, Veterans Outreach Re: Memorial Day Activities and to advise that Memorial Day Services will be held Monday, May 25, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Park

Romano motioned; Roman seconded and the Committee unanimously accepted correspondence dated April 27, 2009, from Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr. CPWM Re: Catch

basin repairs: Kinzley Street, Calicooneck Road, Horizon Blvd., and instructed Mr. Paladino to obtain quotes for the repairs.

Anzevino motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously accepted correspondence dated April 22, 2009, Frank Covelli, PIA Re: 2008 Safety Awards to South Hackensack from the SBMJIF

Romano motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed with Anzevino abstaining, to accept correspondence dated April 30, 2009, from George Reggo, Tax Assessor Re: Revaluation Quotes and to authorize the preparation of the necessary ordinance and resolution to authorize Appraisal Systems to perform the Township-wide revaluation.

Anzevino motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to accept and authorize Repair to DPW Sweeper by Dependable Truck & Auto Repair, Inc, in the amount of \$10,388. funds permitting, correspondence dated May 3, 2009, from Dependable Truck & Auto Repair, Inc. Quote to repair sweeper.

Old Business - none

New Business

Government Day will be held on May 27, 2009

Ordinances - none

Resolutions

Resolution No. 2009-115 Authorize Agreement with Bergen County and Surrounding Municipalities to Apply for NJDOT Funding for Improvements to Green Street

Offered: Eckel

Second: Anzevino

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Eckel, Maceri, Roman, Romano

Resolution to Authorize Closed Session-May 7, 2009

Offered: Roman

Second: Anzevino

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Eckel, Maceri, Roman, Romano

Committee Reports

James Anzevino – Requested Chief Frew’s attendance at next meeting to discuss Veterans Park and his plans for patrols during the summer months.

Walter Eckel, Jr. – Congratulated Mr. Madeline Chirichella on her 100th Birthday Celebration.

Gregorio Maceri – Reported that an application will be filed for a matching grant to purchase a rescue truck that is needed by the fire department according to Chief Nasta. Mayor Romano suggested that the Committee consider using any funds remaining in the current fire truck bond ordinance for such purchase if there are funds for the local match. The grant application deadline is May 20, 2009.

Mayor Romano reported that members of Congressman Rothman's office met with Township department heads to discuss the needs of their department. They will seek out grant opportunities for the Township and advise of their availability.

Romano advised that Little Ferry has offered to permit us to use their park cleaning machine for a daily fee.

Lastly, Romano reported that the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner would be held at the Graycliff in Moonachie on June 4th at 7 p.m. Invitations would be mailed out shortly.

Gene Romano had no report.

Public Comments

Joanne DeGrosa, 51 Grove Street – Concerned about the road condition on Grove Street. She questioned whether the Township gas line, water line, sewer lines were adequate for the project. She reported that the contractor was digging in the street and she was concerned.

John Falato, 399 Chestnut Avenue – Owns property in the vicinity of the housing project and reported that he heard that when running the storm sewer line the contractor ran into the gas line and that it would cost \$48,000 to re-route the line. Falato objected to an alternate plan if proposed by the contractor.

Kim Rerecich, 67 Dyer Avenue – Complained that there is graffiti on the slide in the park and would like it removed. She asked if the picnic bench roof will be repaired and if the broken swings could be replaced. Mrs. Rerecich requested that someone fill the potholes on Dyer Avenue.

Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to end the meeting to public comments and go into closed session at 8:55 p.m.

Closed Session

Roman motioned; Anzevino seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to open closed session at 8:57 p.m. for the specified purposes outlined in the resolution.

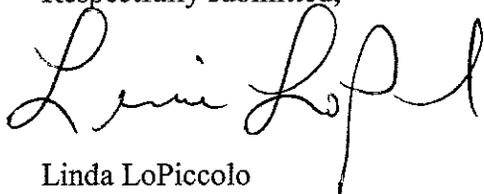
The matters discussed in closed session will be available to the public when authorized by the Committee and permitted by law.

Roman motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to end closed session at 9:40 p.m.

Adjournment

Maceri motioned; Roman seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to re-open the meeting to the public and since there was no further business to come before the Committee to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda LoPiccolo
Municipal Clerk

Resolution 2009 Authorizing Executive Session May 7, 2009

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.

X (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. **Safer Properties v. TSH – Sewer User Appeal**

Fibertech

Colonelli v. Const. Official/Zoning Board of Adjustment

PBA Grievance – AR-2009-562

Litigation – Tax Appeal Docket Nos. 005677-2005 & 006467-2006

X (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.

Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr., DPW Supt. – Contract Negotiations

___(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.

Resolution No. 2009-115 Authorize Agreement with Bergen County and Surrounding Municipalities to Apply for NJDOT Funding for Improvements to Green Street

WHEREAS the Green Street corridor plays an important role in the economy of the Township of South Hackensack and the region of which it is a part; and

WHEREAS Green Street provides key linkages from state and interstate highways, including US-46 and I-80 and ties into major regional employers; and

WHEREAS Green Street runs parallel to Polifly Road, Huyler Street, Hudson Street, and River Street/Bergen Turnpike, thus providing a continuous route linking Route 80 and Route 46 through South Hackensack to Essex Street in the City of Hackensack, and providing congestion relief in its role as a "back door" into our community; and

WHEREAS this area is constantly plagued by frequent flooding and poor drainage; and

WHEREAS in an attempt to resolve these two problems, the Bergen County Economic Development Corporation and the affected municipalities are planning to arrange for a partnership in order to conduct a road and drainage study of this area by obtaining New Jersey Department of Transportation funding through local aid,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to enter into a partnership agreement with the County of Bergen and the surrounding affected municipalities to apply for NJDOT funding to bring drainage improvements to alleviate flooding to the Green Street corridor to ensure the effective function of this key route, and in turn, secure the economic viability of the region as a whole.

Offered: Eckel

Second: Anzevino

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Eckel, Maceri, Roman, Romano



COUNTY OF BERGEN
BOARD OF TAXATION

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Dennis McNerney
County Executive

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Tax Administrator

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April 9, 2009

Mayor Rosina Romano
Borough of South Hackensack
227 Phillips Avenue
South Hackensack, NJ 07606

Dear Mayor Romano,

Enclosed is a copy of the approved resolution extending the completion date of the South Hackensack Revaluation from October 1, 2008 for the tax year 2009 to October 1, 2009 for the tax year of 2010.

Very truly yours,

Robert F. Layton
Robert F. Layton
Tax Administrator

Cc: Board of Taxation Members
George Reggo, Tax Assessor

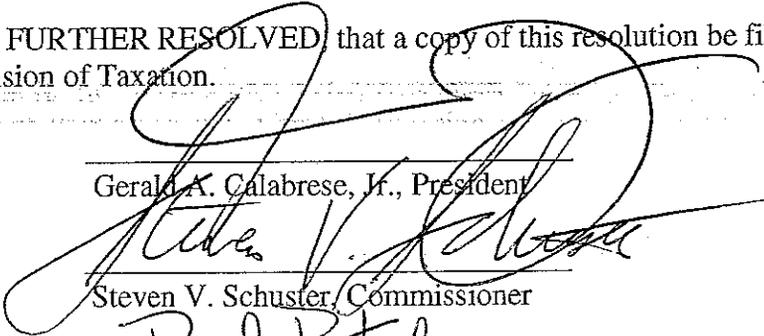
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Board of Taxation on February 11, 2009 granted to the Township of South Hackensack an extension of time to complete the revaluation as approved by the Director, Division of Taxation.

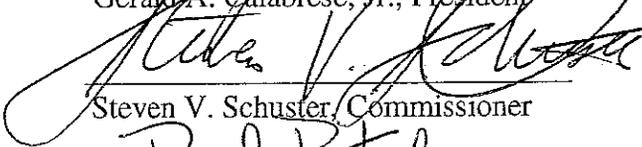
WHEREAS, there is not sufficient time for the revaluation to be completed since the Township of South Hackensack is in the process of studying the instability of the real estate market in the Township..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Bergen County Board of Taxation that the revaluation order issued to the Township of South Hackensack be granted an extension of time from October 1, 2008 for the tax year 2009 to October 1, 2009 for the tax year 2010 to complete the revaluation order.

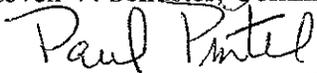
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be filed with the Director, Division of Taxation.



Gerald A. Calabrese, Jr., President

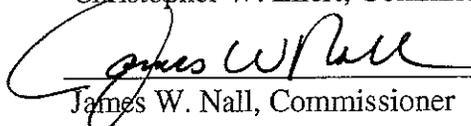


Steven V. Schuster, Commissioner



Paul Pintel, Commissioner

Christopher W. Eilert, Commissioner

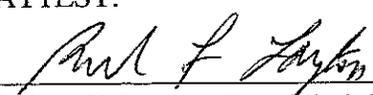


James W. Nall, Commissioner

Kevin O'Connor, Commissioner

Paul T. Fader, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Robert F. Layton, Tax Administrator

Dated: February 11, 2009

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:1-35.36, the attached resolution amending the completion date of the order for the revaluation of the Township of South Hackensack, Bergen County is hereby approved.



Cheryl Fulmer, Acting Director
Division of Taxation
Department of the Treasury
State of New Jersey

Date: _____

4/3/2009



Township Of South Hackensack Dept. Public Works

Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr. CPWM
Superintendent
77 Franklin Street
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Fax 201-440-0719

April 14, 2009

To: Mayor & Council

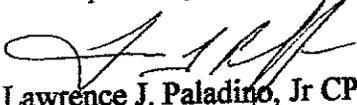
From: Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr CPWM
Superintendent

Re: 477 Chestnut Ave Sidewalks

Dear Mayor & Council:

I have attached a price quote for the sidewalk repair for 477 Chestnut Ave. Please let me know if you would like to have this project completed.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr CPWM
Superintendent

CC/ R. Romano
G. Roman
J. Anzenvino
W. Eckel
G. Maceri
L. Lo Piccolo

Sidewalk Safety

P.O. Box 496 - Saddle Brook, NJ 07663
Phone (201) 796-1440 - Fax (201) 797-6377

ESTIMATE

Bill To:			
SOUTH HACKENSACK			
			DATE
			4-8-09
DESCRIPTION	130 LIFTS @	100 POURS @	TOTAL
477 CHESTNUT	10	1	\$1,500 ⁰⁰
TOTAL			\$1,500 ⁰⁰



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April 28, 2009

To: Mayor & Council

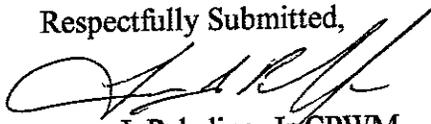
From: Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr CPWM
Superintendent

Re: CPR Class

Dear Mayor & Council;

On Tuesday; April 28, 2009, the members of the Department of Public Works attended a CPR Refresher Class at the South Hackensack Ambulance Building. I would like to thank Captain Robert Serio for volunteering his time to update us in CPR. Bob did a great job and his class was very informative.

Respectfully Submitted,


Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr CPWM
Superintendent

Cc/ R. Romano
G. Maceri
G. Roman
J. Anzenvino
W. Eckel
L. lo Piccolo
R. Serio

Nicole Orso
34 East Spring Valley Avenue
Maywood, NJ 07607
201-663-5850

April 17, 2009

Chief

South Hackensack, NJ

Dear Chief Michael D Frew:

I am a junior at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ majoring in criminal justice. I am seeking a summer internship and will be available June 2, 2009 through August 18, 2009.

I am required to work a total of 210 hours in order to receive credit. The internship can be within any area of the Police Department. Please accept this letter on behalf of my application to apply for your summer internship program. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions / concerns.

Thank you in advance

Nicole Orso
orsonico@shu.edu

South Hackensack Police Department



Michael D. Frew
Chief of Police

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Fax: (201) 440-0797

April 23, 2009

Honorable Mayor and Township Committee
Township of South Hackensack
227 Phillips Avenue
South Hackensack, N.J. 07606

Re: Recommendation of an Internship

Dear Mayor and Township Committee,

I would like to recommend Nicole Orso for an internship at the South Hackensack Police Department. Nicole Orso is currently attending Seton Hall University in South Orange and is majoring in criminal justice. Nicole Orso is required to work a total of 210 hours to receive credit. She is seeking a summer internship and will be available June 2, 2009 through August 18, 2009.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael D. Frew".

Michael D. Frew
Chief of Police



**COUNTY OF BERGEN
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF VETERANS SERVICES**

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veterans@co.bergen.nj.us

Dennis McNerney
County Executive

Valerie Williams Dargan, Ph.D.
Department Director

Kevin Clancy
Director

April 27, 2009

Dear Administrator & or Municipal Clerk

RE: MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Once again the Bergen County Division Of Veterans Services is requesting that you advise them what events for Memorial Day are being held in your Municipality.

The location, date, time of event and contact person can be faxed or e-mailed to:

Jerry Plancher
(201) 336-6327

or

gplancher@co.bergen.nj.us

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jerry Plancher
Veterans Outreach



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April 27, 2009

To: Mayor & Council

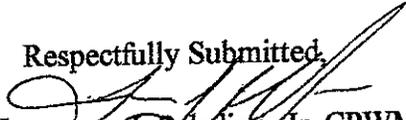
Re: Catch Basins that have to be repaired

Dear Mayor & Council:

On Monday, April 27, 2009 the Department completed its 2009 Catch Basin Cleaning Project. A total of 297 were cleaned. I have listed the catch basins that have to be repaired. I would like to recommend that we repair these basins as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call me at 201-440-3283.

- 1) Knizley St (Rt side just before dead end)
- 2) Calicooneck Rd (in front of Fire House)
- 3) Horizon Blvd (35 Horizon Blvd)

Respectfully Submitted,


Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr. CPWM
Superintendent

CC/ R. Romano
G. Roman
J. Anzenvino
W. Eckel
G. Maceri
L. Lo Piccolo



PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.

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April 22, 2009

Mayor Romano & Members of the Committee
Township of South Hackensack
227 Phillips Avenue
South Hackensack, New Jersey 07606

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SOUTH HACKENSACK
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**RE: 2008 SAFETY AWARDS TO SOUTH HACKENSACK TOWNSHIP
SOUTH BERGEN MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

Dear Mayor Romano & Members of the Township Committee:

CONGRATULATIONS!! It is with great pleasure that we write to you to formally congratulate the Township of South Hackensack, as the recipient of a Safety Award recently presented to the Township by the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (the Fund).

Specifically, the Township received recognition for *Reducing Lost Time Accident Frequency (LTAF)* below the previous three (3) year average. The Township received a certificate and \$1,000 for attaining this achievement. The Township also received a \$500 voucher for attaining above 70 points in the 2008 Safety Incentive Program. These awards were presented to the Township at the Fund's annual Safety Awards Breakfast held last month in Wood-Ridge.

Suffice it to say, the administration and rank and file employees of the Township should be recognized and commended for their steadfast efforts to improve the work environment from a safety perspective and for making safety a key component in executing their duties. It should also be noted the Township has been working diligently the last few years on reducing Lost Time Accidents and improving the overall safety record of the Township and those efforts are bearing fruit.

Again, it is with great pleasure we inform you and the Governing Body of this honor. Should you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance I hope you will not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely

Frank Covelli
Manager – Public Entities Department
FC:fmc