

Township of South Hackensack
Bergen County, New Jersey
June 3, 2010 7:30 P.M.
Worksession Meeting
MINUTES

James Anzevino, Mayor.....Present
Walter Eckel, Jr., Deputy MayorPresent
Gary BruggerPresent
Frank CagasPresent
Gregorio Maceri.....Present
Also present:
David V. Nasta, Esq., Municipal Attorney
Linda LoPiccolo, Municipal Clerk

Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Anzevino called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He 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.

Correspondence & Reports

Eckel motioned; Cagas seconded and the Committee unanimously accepted correspondence dated May 28, 2010, from Mary Terraccino, Tax Collector Re: 2010 Estimated Tax Bills and authorized the preparation of the resolution for approval on June 10, 2010.

Eckel motioned; Brugger seconded and the Committee unanimously accepted correspondence dated May 14, 2010, from Richard Wierer, BCUA Re: Solid Waste Cooperative Marketing Program and authorized a resolution approving the Agreement.

Brugger motioned; Anzevino seconded and the Committee unanimously accepted correspondence dated June 2, 2010, from Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr. DPWM, Supt. Re: Upgrades to above ground fuel tank. The purchase will be held until funds are available, perhaps later in the year, currently operating on a temporary budget.

Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded and the Committee unanimously accepted correspondence dated June 2, 2010, from Diane Brando, Court Administrator Re: Deputy Court Administrator Position, and place the matter on discussion under New Business.

Cagas motioned; Anzevino seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to authorize convention entrance fee only for employees. No other fees or costs are to be reimbursed for all employees.

Section 125 Plan

The clerk reported that the risk manager has suggested that the township adopt a resolution adopting a Section 125 Plan (IRS) so that the 1.5% deducted from employees for their medical insurance can be deducted pre-tax (federal). In addition, FICA tax will not be paid. Nasta reported that he reviewed the 125 plan submitted to him by the clerk and that it requires a tax opinion that should be obtained from the auditor that the plan qualifies and complies with IRS regulations. Assuming that Gary Vinci issues a positive opinion then it would be up to the Township Committee to implement. Nasta indicated that he would reach out to Vinci for his opinion with regard to the plan. Anzevino motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to place the matter on next week's agenda for approval.

Deputy Court Administrator

The clerk reported to the on the recommendation of Diane Brando, Court Administrator to hire a part time deputy court administrator for 7-8 hours per week at \$12 per hour. Maceri motioned; Brugger seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to take the recommendation of Court Administrator Diane Brando and make appointment by resolution at the regular meeting. Committee member Brugger explained to the public that the deputy court administrator position will go from an \$11,000 a year position to a 5-\$6,000 a year position.

Troy MacDonald – Compensation/Termination

The Township Committee received correspondence from Mr. MacDonald requesting that the matter(s) relative to him be discussed in open session. Mayor Anzevino reported that he met with Mr. Paladino who felt that he was limited with things that he could do to help the budget situation; met with union representatives who offered no concessions. Unfortunately, the township must take measures to terminate to reduce costs and Mr. MacDonald was he last hired in public works department. The budget is not expected to be adopted until July or August and he continues to go through it looking for more reductions. Eckel said that he feels badly about the layoffs but the Committee is without other options unless the bargaining units come forward to realign what they have asked for in the past. Anzevino reminded everyone that the Homestead Rebate is being eliminated this year – leaving a tax increase of \$1250. The revaluation has resulted in a tax increase for 2/3 of the Township. Additionally, the township has a tax appeal liability of over \$1million dollars with less than \$800,000 available in surplus, leaving a deficit for tax appeal refunds. He asked for cooperation and assistance. Greg Maceri stated that because he was in the minority he had the luxury of voting “no” on this and knows that no one wants to vote yes. He votes no because he is optimistic that someone on the union end or town end will come up with an agreement. Personally, as an employee of the Montville Township he along with 70 other non-tenured teachers received a reduction in force notice. He did not like it which is why he voted no. He went to his union and asked the president what could be done if anything and they would not even talk about

anything which made the board of education not want to talk about anything. Hopefully the two sides will talk. He implored everyone to talk and get together to resolve the financial matters.

Ordinances

Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption of
Ordinance 2010-03

CALENDAR YEAR 2010 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Eckel motioned; Brugger seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2010-03.

Dolly Montenegro, 57 Phillips Avenue – Questioned by how much will the CAP be raised? Anzevino replied that the CAP ordinance will raise to the allowable limit, whether it is used or not.

Since there were no further comments, Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2010-03.

Eckel motioned; Brugger seconded to adopt Ordinance 2010-03 and advertise its adoption as prescribed by law.

For review and comment

ORDINANCE No. 2010-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 205 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

The Committee reviewed the ordinance and authorized its introduction for June 10, 2010.

For review and comment

ORDINANCE No. 2010-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 108 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK ENTITLED “FEES”

The Committee reviewed the ordinance and authorized its introduction for June 10, 2010.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 2010-116 Read Budget by Title Only

Offered: Eckel

Second: Brugger

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Brugger, Cagas, Eckel, Maceri

Committee Reports

Frank Cagas – Would like to recycle more, throw less in the trash. Lighting changes are complete in Veterans Park. Street lighting is not complete. Flowers should be planted on Huyler Street by the weekend. Flowers were purchased with grant funds from NJMC.

Gary Brugger – Reported that the Township Committee authorizes the drafting of a letter to the ambulance corps requesting that they amend their membership to 27 until further notice. Anzevino motioned; Brugger seconded to authorize a letter to the ambulance corps requesting that they limit their membership to 27 members until further notice. Inspection of the new fire truck is scheduled for June 18th in Pennsylvania.

Walter Eckel, Jr. – Reported that he was disappointed that the chief failed to attend annual government day. Additionally, he was not available for today's visit by Memorial School's 1st grade. He expects to discuss the matter further with him.

Mayor Anzevino – Also expressed his disappointment in the police chief's absence at Government Day festivities. He thanked all those who participated and made the day a successful event. The Mayor reported that there was a dog bite incident that he would like investigated. Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to authorize special counsel John D'Anton to investigate the dog bite incident and report back to the Township Committee.

Frank Cagas – Asked David Nasta if he has had any luck with locating a piece of property for the township to buy to use for storage of recyclables, leaves, etc. Nasta replied that he would reach out to Mr. Klatskin. Anzevino said that he spoke with Mr. Klatskin who indicated that he may be interested but was involved with something else and would get back in touch at a later date.

Public Comments

Troy MacDonald – Asked when the Committee would vote on his termination. He was advised that the vote would take place at next week's regular meeting.

Dolly Montenegro, 57 Vreeland Avenue – She commented that for the past 3 years the surplus has exceeded 1 million dollars, what prompted the Committee to hold back in applying the remaining \$800,000 to the budget, is the Committee not anticipating the same surplus this year? Anzevino replied that there was 1.3 million in surplus of which \$525,000 was applied to the budget leaving \$800,000 remaining in surplus. The thought is to use surplus to pay tax appeal refunds rather than bonding since the state is currently allowing 3 years to pay off. She advised the committee that Hackensack has opened a police sub-station on Hudson Street which will cause the crime to move 2 blocks south into South Hackensack, furthering her concern about safety with the loss of 2 men in the police department. The former treasurer and mayor argued that with the reduction in

police the chief will not be able to cover all tours adequately. Anzevino replied that the chief has the discretion to schedule his department and it is his responsibility to run the department. She asked and the mayor agreed to provide her with a police schedule because she does not believe that the township can be adequately covered. Committee member Brugger said that the Township Committee has not received a report or response from the chief and if he were concerned he should have reported that to the Committee.

Adjournment

Brugger motioned; Cagas seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda LoPiccolo
Municipal Clerk

Resolution No. 2010-116 Read Budget by Title Only

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-8 provides that the budget may be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is adopted by not less than a majority of the full governing body authorizing the budget to be read by title only, providing that at least one week prior to the date of the public hearing on the budget, a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the clerk's office, and copies have been made available to persons requesting same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the 2010 Budget is read by title only.

Offered: Eckel

Second: Brugger

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Brugger, Cagas, Eckel, Maceri

Date: June 3, 2010