

Township of South Hackensack
Bergen County, New Jersey
August 4, 2011 7:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting
MINUTES

Walter Eckel Jr., MayorPresent
James AnzevinoPresent
Gary BruggerPresent
Frank CagasPresent
Vincent Stefano.....Absent

Also present:

Linda LoPiccolo, Municipal Clerk
David V. Nasta, Esq., Municipal Attorney

Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Eckel 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 clerk called the roll.

Correspondence & Reports

Anzevino motioned; Brugger seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to accept and file correspondence dated July 29, 2011, from John L. Schettino, Esq., Planning Board Attorney Re: Ordinance 2011-07

Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to accept and table for New Business on August 11, 2011, correspondence dated July 21, 2011, from Lawrence J. Paladino, Jr. CPWM, Superintendent re: 2011 Park Grant. There was a brief discussion among the Committee considering whether to apply for a grant budget amendment. Mr. Cagas will discuss the matter with Larry Paladino when he returns from vacation and report back to the Committee at next week's meeting.

Ordinances

Second Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 208 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK ENTITLED "ZONING"

Anzevino motioned; Brugger seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2011-07.

Ray DeRiso (Zoning Officer), 48 Williams Avenue – Objected to the adoption of 2011-07 for the following reasons: He opposes the permitted use of residential in that area. He feels that the report prepared by Kauker & Kauker is flawed. It contains inaccuracies regarding the number of police officers the township currently has as well as the number of paid firefighters. Nowhere in the report is it indicated that the Garfield Park section is non-contiguous to the main town and is almost a separate town in that the township contracts out for many of the services it provides to those property owners. He further indicated that it is his opinion that the projected net income could easily be wiped out with unforeseen expenses. He pointed out that other municipalities who have adopted similar zoning are better located than Garfield Park and offer more to its residents. In Garfield Park the only benefit is the expected train station for commuting. He suggested that the Committee consider changing the area to mixed-used zone with no residential. A developer could seek a variance from the zoning board for relief from the ordinance if they wanted to construct residential.

Dolly Montenegro, 57 Phillips Avenue – Supports the adoption of Ordinance 2011-07 stating that the Township missed a previous opportunity to permit residential units at the current Restaurant Depot location.

Since there were no further comments offered, Eckel motioned; Anzevino seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2011-07.

Cagas motioned; Brugger seconded to adopt Ordinance 2011-07 and advertise its adoption as prescribed by law.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brugger, Cagas, Eckel Absent: Stefano Abstain: Anzevino

Prior to voting, Mr. Anzevino stated that he would abstain from the vote since he and Mr. Condemmi have been friends for many years and that he has been a big supporter of the Gennaro Anzevino Scholarship Fund, a scholarship fund that Mr. Anzevino and his family started when Jim's dad Gennaro Anzevino passed away in 1989. He felt it would be better to abstain but wished him luck and said that he thinks this zoning change will be the best thing for South Hackensack.

Before voting, Mr. Cagas, Mr. Brugger and Mayor Eckel all voiced that they were in support of the zoning amendment. Mayor Eckel thanked Ray DeRiso for his involvement in it and his comments.

Mr. Condemmi thanked the Township Committee for adopting the ordinance. He said that he will make sure that the area will be the best that it can be because South Hackensack people deserve it. He said that anyone who passes will see a beautiful area.

Old Business

BCUA – Rain Derived inflow and Infiltration Agreement & Resurface Various Roads – Construction Code Estimates – tabled until August 11, 2011

Memorial School – Grass maintenance – David Nasta opined that since the school property is owned by the Board of Education, the board is responsible for its maintenance. Frank Cagas and Jim Anzevino along with Larry Paladino will arrange to meet and discuss the matter with Dr. DeFabiis and come to an amicable agreement.

New Business

State Best Practices Checklist – Mayor Eckel instructed everyone to review the checklist and the Committee will discuss at next meeting. Eckel motioned; Cagas seconded and the Committee agreed to table the matter until August 11, 2011 for further discussion.

Committee Reports

Frank Cagas – Reported that he has the shade tree commission members' evaluation several tree issues. He also reported that there are several catch basins that are in need of repair and quotes will be obtained and submitted to the Township Committee for their consideration.

Gary Brugger – Congratulated everyone for a very successful National Night Out – great family night for South Hackensack. In addition, 27 pints of blood were donated and he thanked everyone who stepped up for that. He reported that next month there will be a meeting to further discuss the communication equipment purchase.

Mayor Eckel thanked everyone who participated in South Hackensack's National Night Out on August 2nd. He also thanked the 3 officers involved in the apprehension of 3 individuals who attempted to break into a home on First Street: Captain Robert Kaiser, Deputy Chief Michael Montenegro and Sgt. John Rizer.

Public Comments

Dolly Montenegro, 57 Phillips Avenue – Because of the reduced number of employees in the public works department, Ms. Montenegro feels that the board of education should maintain its own property. She thanked the Committee for paying for ½ the cost of floor cleaning/polishing in the senior center advising everyone that the project was very successful. She encouraged the Committee to make an application for community development funding for the renovation of bathrooms in the senior center.

Kim Rerecich, 67 Dyer Avenue – Advised that she received notification that the street would be paved and questioned whether she would have access to her driveway and be able to drive on the roadway. She was advised that there may be a slight inconvenience for several days.

Lonnie Bedell, 51 Grove Street – Made several general comments regarding the senior housing project on Grove Street.

Brugger motioned; Anzevino seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to close the meeting to any further public comment.

Adjournment

Brugger motioned; Anzevino seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda LoPiccolo".

Linda LoPiccolo
Municipal Clerk