

Township of South Hackensack
County of Bergen, New Jersey
November 9, 2006 7:30 P.M.
Regular Meeting
MINUTES

Robyn Scholz, MayorPresent
Lucindo A. LoPiccolo, Jr., Deputy Mayor.....Present
James AnzevinoPresent
Gary BruggerPresent
Walter Eckel, Jr.....Present

Also present:
David V. Nasta, Esq., Municipal Attorney
Linda LoPiccolo, Municipal Clerk
Frank Covelli, PIA, Risk Manager

Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Scholz called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She 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 role.

Special Presentation

Little Ferry Board of Education – Recognition
Mayor Scholz presented John Tronolone and Frank Scarafilo of the Little Ferry Board of Education a plaque thanking them for allowing the Township of South Hackensack to use their facility for the recreation sponsored night gym program while Memorial School was under construction.

Correspondence

Brugger motioned; LoPiccolo seconded to accept the recommendation from Chief Frew dated November 2, 2006, and appoint Anthony Savino as a part time dispatcher effective immediately. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Brugger, Eckel, LoPiccolo, Scholz

General Correspondence – October 2006

Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded to accept the general correspondence and place it in the appropriate file(s). All in favor.

Brugger motioned; Anzevino seconded Monthly Department Reports for October 2006, unless otherwise noted: Tax Collector, Treasurer, Building, Zoning, Licensing, PB/ZB,

Municipal Court, Police, Fire, DPW, Health, Constable (annual), Ambulance (September), Ambulance, Property Maintenance, Emergency Management, Safety. *All in favor*

Ray DeRiso was present at the meeting and advised the Township Committee as part of his zoning report that there are ongoing problems associated with boarding houses and illegal 3-family homes that could be addressed by an amendment to the zoning code that would require a certificate of continued occupancy for rental units. It would be another useful tool in cracking down on illegal units. It was suggested that David Nasta review the ordinance amendment request suggested by Ray DeRiso and that the zoning committee meet to discuss further.

Old Business

Anzevino motioned; LoPiccolo seconded to appoint Bill Regan, John Falato, Frank Cagas and Al D'Ambrosio to the Maser Consulting, P.A. advisory board, pending their approval of the appointment, as requested by Maser Consulting, P.A. *All in favor.*

New Business

Ordinances

Eckel motioned; Brugger seconded to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2006-19. *All in favor.*

There were no public comments. Eckel motioned; Brugger seconded to close the public hearing. *All in favor.*

Eckel motioned; Brugger seconded to adopt Ordinance 2006-19 and advertise its adoption as prescribed by law. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Brugger, Eckel, LoPiccolo, Scholz

Ordinance No. 2006-19

(DPW Supt.)

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, RETAINERS, AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICE CHARGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK FOR 2006

Anzevino motioned; Eckel seconded to Introduce Ordinance 2006-20 and set the date for public hearing as December 14, 2006. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Brugger, Eckel, LoPiccolo, Scholz

Ordinance No. 2006-20

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

Resolutions

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2006-11

Offered: Anzevino

Second: Brugger

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Brugger, Eckel, LoPiccolo, Scholz

Scholz motioned; Eckel seconded to authorize payment to Ippolito Industries for voucher number 06-51842. All in favor.

Committee & Advisor Reports

Frank Covelli, PIA – He reviewed with the committee and the public the discussion that was held at last week's work session regarding work related injuries, the Township's personnel manual, and transitional duty.

The Township's Risk Manager identified the following issues that are a concern to him and potentially the South Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (SBMJIF) at the November 2, 2006 work session meeting. He reviewed that discussion at the regular meeting.

- Lost time accident frequency and claim increase, especially in the DPW;
- The failure of department heads to insist upon a light duty or transitional policy;
- Despite a certification, the failure to serve a copy of the Township's Personnel Manual on every employee;
- Failure of department heads to attend Safety Committee Meetings, address the above issues and implement the committee recommendations to minimize loss and risk;
- All of this will effect our coverage, the costs of coverage, and safety and health of employee

The committee discussed the following course of action:

- Risk and Safety analysis of all departments must be an on-going process, which includes understanding our losses and ensuring employee safety with involvement of the department head;
- Department heads are the person to implement the safety and containment programs to avoid losses and injuries, their cooperation must be mandatory;
- Department heads who fail to attend Safety Committee Meetings and implementation of the recommendations place the Township at financial risk and needlessly endanger employees; appropriate sanctions must apply;
- The Risk Manager will supply appropriate transitional/light duty policies appropriate to the departments for employee use;
- The treating physician for the program must monitor employees and recommend appropriate transitional/light duty in accordance with our policies;
- Unless contractually mandated, the Township is not obligated to make differential payments above the carrier's payments of 2/3 salary up to \$690. At present there is no incentive to get off disability.
- The employees do not need to sign for the manual, only be given a copy

- Appropriate Township Committee members should take the responsibility for the implementation of the recommendations.

Jim Anzevino – Advised that Veterans Day services will be held on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Veterans Park. The Mayor’s Cup Soccer Awards will be held this Saturday in Little Ferry. He congratulated both Gene Roman and Rosina Romano on their successful election.

Gary Brugger – Reported that he and James Anzevino had a meeting with Hackensack representatives to discuss various opportunities to share services. They discussed many things

Public Comments

Eckel motioned; Anzevino seconded to open the meeting for public comments.

Joanne DeGrosa, 51 Grove Street – Complained to the Township Committee about Mr. Carbone’s comments to Mr. Bedell during his deposition that was recently taken in the Madeline Corporation litigation matter.

Jim Sylvestri – Phillips Avenue – Complained that the Horizon and Congress Inn have posted signs along the highway indicating that rooms are available for an hourly rate. He asked that the matter be checked.

LoPiccolo motioned; Brugger seconded to close the meeting for public comments. All in favor.

Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Adjournment

Anzevino motioned; Brugger seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda LoPiccolo
Municipal Clerk

upon the above referenced property for the year 2006 in the amount of \$1,152.30 be reversed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a refund in the amount of \$1,148.41, the amount paid to date against this charge be authorized.

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2006-11

Date: November 3, 2006

Resolution No. 2006-157 Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 05-02-256 Green St

WHEREAS, Nancy Sciglitano from 256 Green Street LLC, owner of the property at 256 Green Street, known as Block 56, Lot 7 has provided the moneys for redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No 05-02,

WHEREAS, the lien holder, Wilco Realty LLC has agreed to this amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, County of Bergen that the redemption moneys of \$ 27.75 and the Tax Sale Premium of \$ 2300.00 be paid to Wilco Realty LLC, 27 Joshua Drive, Ramsey, NJ 07446.

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2006-11

Date: November 9, 2006

Resolution No. 2006 – 158 Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 05-03 - 260 Green St

WHEREAS, Nancy Sciglitano from 256 Green Street LLC, owner of the property at 260 Green Street, known as Block 56, Lot 10 has provided the moneys for redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No 05-03,

WHEREAS, the lienholder, Wilco Realty LLC has agreed to this amount,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, County of Bergen that the redemption moneys of \$ 229.28 and the Tax Sale Premium of \$ 100.00 be paid to Wilco Realty LLC, 27 Joshua Drive, Ramsey, NJ 07446.

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2006-11

Date: November 9, 2006

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-159 AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF CERTAIN LITIGATION ENTITLED PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTIC AND GAS V.

**BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY V. TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK
ET.AL AND THE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SAME**

WHEREAS the Township of South Hackensack is party to a certain lawsuit captioned as Public Service Electric & Gas v. Borough of Little Ferry v. Township of South Hackensack et.al venued in Bergen County under Docket No. L-004625-05; and

WHEREAS the Township Committee has reviewed the facts and circumstances surrounding this matter and has received the advice of the township attorney related to the same; and

WHEREAS based upon said review and advice the Township Committee deems it to be in the best interest of the Township to settle the matter as the costs of defending the same would exceed the amount requested in settlement

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack that the Mayor and Township Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to settle the aforementioned suit for the sum of \$7,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any such settlement documents shall be in a form acceptable to the township attorney and that the township treasurer be and is hereby authorized to release the aforementioned sum in settlement of the matter.

Consent Agenda Resolution No. 2006-11

Resolution No. 2006-160 Approve Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of South Hackensack, County of Bergen, New Jersey that the following minutes be and are hereby approved as submitted.

October 5, 2006 - Worksession

Consent Resolution No. 2006-11

Date: November 7, 2006

November 9, 2006 – Regular Meeting