

Township of South Hackensack
Bergen County, New Jersey
December 23, 2008 7:30 P.M.
Special Meeting
MINUTES

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

Also present:
John M. Carbone, Esq., Municipal Attorney
Mary Terraccino, Deputy Clerk

Call of Meeting to Order

Mayor Romano called the Special 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 roll.

New Business

Entertainment License-John F. Mazzola – Players/Club 213

As requested by J. Carbone the Deputy Clerk read the letter received on December 17, 2008 from Det./Sgt. Robert Kaiser regarding his recommendation on Mazzola's application for an entertainment license. Carbone indicated that the committee should take formal action on this matter because of the violations that exist with this individual. If the committee decides to deny his license, the applicant will be offered an opportunity to a public hearing.

Roman motioned and Anzevino seconded to deny John F. Mazzola his application for an entertainment license and to send a letter to the applicant advising him of his right to a hearing.

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

Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 161 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK ENTITLED "PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

Anzevino motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2008-12.

Since no public comments were offered, Anzevino motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2008-12.

Anzevino motioned; Maceri seconded to adopt Ordinance 2008-12. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anzevino, Eckel, Maceri, Roman, Romano

ORDINANCE NO. 2008-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 52 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH HACKENSACK ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT"

Roman motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to open the public hearing on Ordinance 2008-13.

Kim Reirich - 51 Dyer Avenue – expressed her concern that this ordinance would allow the police department to run with too many chiefs and no indians. She felt that a test should be given for these promotions, and Gene's vote would be a conflict of interest and that Greg's vote regards nepotism.

Jim & Walter wanted to respond and J. Carbone indicated to them that the meeting was only open now for public comments.

Roman motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to close the public hearing on Ordinance 2008-13.

Jim expressed his concerns about the cost affects and the moral with the creation of the new composition of the police department. He questioned Gene that he never requested a Deputy Chief while on the force and that it is unusual that this committee hold a special meeting 2 days before Christmas. The Chief should define the responsibilities and job descriptions of the new position.

Eckel expressed his concerns about the duties of the Deputy Chief. Gene responded that the Deputy Chief will oversee the Chief and the Detective Bureau.

Roman motioned; Maceri seconded to adopt Ordinance 2008-13. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Maceri, Roman, Romano Nays: Anzevino, Eckel

Public Comments

Roman motioned; Anzevino seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to open the meeting to the public.

Pat Spadavecchia – 12 Park St – Stated that the school project was millions and dollars and that this committee is bickering over nickels and dimes regarding the promotions.

Roman motioned; Maceri seconded and the Committee unanimously agreed to close the meeting to the public.

Committee Reports

No report from Anzevino, Eckel, Maceri, or Roman.

Romano indicated that she met with Joe Rutch and Ester Sorez from the county regarding the Senior Housing project to contact the developer and get the process moving on this project. Eckel requested that the committee should be more informed of these meetings. A special meeting will be held on December 29th with the Planning Board and Township Committee to hold a hearing on the Master Plan/Housing Element to meet the deadline requirements for COAH's third round.

Adjournment

Anzevino motioned; Maceri seconded and the committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Ferraccino
Deputy Clerk