

OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Raguseo called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Raguseo led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Mauro Raguseo, Council President George Muller, Councilman Ronald Anzalone, Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez, Councilman Thomas Sarlo, Councilwoman Sue Schuck, Councilwoman Peggy Steinhilber
Absent: None

SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Adequate notice of this meeting was approved by resolution adopted by the Governing Body on January 7, 2011, approved unanimously and transmitted to The Record and Star Ledger as provided by the Open Public Meeting's Act. A copy of meeting notice was filed outside of the Borough Clerk's Office and has been posted on the bulletin board outside of the Borough Clerk's Office.

PRESENTATION:

A representative from Rebuilding Together Bergen County came forward to explain this volunteer program which is designed to help homeowners who have an average annual income of \$28,133 and need help with home improvements for safety and accessibility.

Mayor Raguseo spoke about the money that was raised in Honor of Sergeant Matt Fenton, a Little Ferry resident who was killed while serving in Iraq. His memory is kept alive and was honored this past June by the Borough which hosted a 5k run in his honor. The proceeds of this event were contributed to the Fire Department, EMT and Police Department. The Police Department donated their proceeds to "Make A Wish Foundation". Mayor Raguseo said Sergeant Fenton will always be honored and remembered in Little Ferry.

REPORTS:

COUNCILWOMAN HENRIQUEZ reported that the Finance Committee approved all bills for payment. She gave the First Aid report for the month of September. The First Aid responded to 105 calls in September. She gave the break down of the emergencies.

COUNCILWOMAN SCHUCK reported progress on policy and personnel.

COUNCILMAN ANZALONE gave the DPW report. He said in addition to regular weekly duties the DPW is still cleaning up after the storm. He said the DPW has begun to rebuild the inside of the Safety Building so that the First Aid Corps can return home. The DPW will be spreading 100 yards of top soil around the building to level out the ground and fill in many sink holes that developed after the storm. The DPW is doing as much work "In House" to save as much money as they can. The roof work is 80% completed. The DPW filled the cracks in the playing surface of the hockey rink. There are many depressions and pot holes to fill. The DPW will get to them as soon as possible. The DPW now has to travel to Fairview to get the black top. Councilman Anzalone said that Ryan Portela is on leave from the Hook and Ladder Company and he will be leaving for Afganistan. He asked everyone to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

COUNCILWOMAN STEINHILBER reported that the Pumpkin Pick would be held at Memorial School this year.

COUNCILMAN SARLO gave the Police Report for the month of September. He said the Police Department answered 2,116 calls. The department assisted at 79 first aid calls and 38 fire calls. The department responded to 41 accident reports and a total of 470 summonses were issued. The department responded to 2 domestic violence calls and (19) 9-1-1- calls. They responded to 98 calls for service to Teterboro. Councilman Sarlo thanked Mayor Raguseo for making Family Fun Day a success.

COUNCILMAN MULLER also commended Mayor Raguseo for making Family Fun Day a success.

KEN JOB, BOROUGH ENGINEER, reported that the County will be starting the Washington Avenue/Liberty Street signalization project within the next couple of days. He said the pre-construction meeting for the 2011 Road Program has also been scheduled.

JOSEPH MONAGHAN, BOROUGH ATTORNEY, spoke about some of the false election advertisements which were in the newspaper. He also spoke about the lawsuits of Donald Nuckel against the Borough. He said Mr. Nuckel's ad was as wrong as any ad could possibly be.

MAYOR RAGUSEO reported that there is a Development Committee which he had set up and it has met many times. This committee includes people of different political parties. He said the waterfront development project has been as open and transparent as you can possibly get. He said the committee has met with the public and spent a lot of time and effort to go over all recommendations and to meet with the public. He said Family Fun Day was a successful day and none of the taxpayers' money was used for this event. Mayor Raguseo reported that the efforts to change the Meadowlands Tax Sharing Formula has gotten the attention of the Meadowlands Commission and is starting to move in the right direction.

CITIZENS HEARING:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Open Citizens Hearing.

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

George Stauble, 9 Chapman Drive, came forward to speak. He complained about trying to make a left hand turn onto Liberty Street at the intersections of Velock Drive and Eckel Road due to excess traffic. Mayor Raguseo said he would have the request for placing "do not block intersection signs" brought to the County. He also wanted to know what the schedule was for the Eckel Road sewer repair. Mr. Job said it will probably begin this winter or spring depending on the weather. He also wanted to know the status of the legislation in reference to creek cleaning. Mayor Raguseo said he wrote a letter to the Governor three weeks ago and asked him to revisit this legislation.

Since no one else wished to speak, Mayor Ragueo entertained a motion to close Citizens Hearing.

Motion by: C/M Muller

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

ORDINANCE FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

ORDINANCE NO. 1339-24-11

Clerk Read Ordinance By Title Only:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY AND CREATING A CHAPTER THEREOF REQUIRING A REFLECTIVE SYMBOL ON STRUCTURES USING ENGINEERED LUMBER.

Mayor Raguseo entertained Motion to Open Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1339-24-11.

Motion by: C/M Anzalone

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

All ayes

Since no one wished to speak, Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to Close Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 1339-25-11

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Anzalone

All ayes

Mayor Raguseo entertained a Motion to Vote on Final Adoption of Ordinance No. 1339-24-11 with notification of said adoption published in The Record.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Schuck

Roll Call: Ayes: Muller, Anzalone, Henriquez, Sarlo, Schuck, Steinhilber

Nays: None

Absent: None

PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to add Resolution No. 342.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/M Anzalone

All ayes

Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to vote on Proclamation, Resolutions 318 through 342 and Ordinance for Introduction No. 1340-25-11.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

Roll Call: Ayes: Muller (except abstained on 335), Anzalone (except abstained on 335), Henriquez, Sarlo, Schuck (except abstained on 335), Steinhilber

Nays: None

Absent: None

PROCLAMATION:

Community Planning Month

RESOLUTIONS:

318. Authorization of \$7,000.00 for Temporary Contract for Collection of Grass Clippings

319. Award of Contract to Crossroads Pavement Maintenance, LLC for 2011 Road Program

RESOLUTION(S) Continued:

320. Approval of Minutes
321. Authorizing Borough Clerk to Advertise and Receive Bids for Collection of Grass and Vegetative Waste
322. Authorizing Borough Clerk to Advertise and Receive Bids for Disposal of Grass and Vegetative Waste
323. Authorizing the Execution of a Developer's Agreement Between the Borough of Little Ferry and Pollo Operations, Inc.
324. Authorizing Redemption of Certificate 99-9 - Robert Rothman
325. Authorizing Redemption of Certificate 98-5 - Robert Rothman
326. Entering into Grant Agreement with the County of Bergen for Willow Lake Park Improvements
327. Refund of Tax Overpayment due to Allowance of Senior Citizen Deduction - Elaine Simon
328. Refund of Tax Overpayment due to Allowance of Senior Citizen Deduction - Piedad Ramirez
329. Refund of Tax Overpayment due to Allowance of Senior Citizen Deduction - Charles Kent
330. Awarding Proposal for Playground Equipment from Ben Shaffer & Associates Under NJ State Contract # A59065
331. Awarding Proposal for Playground Surfacing from Ben Shaffer & Associates Under NJ State Contract # A59054
332. Refund of Tax Overpayment due to Tax Appeal – Francis Brothers Realty LLC
333. Authorizing Return of Premium to Robert U. Del Vecchio for Certificate 10-00002
334. Refund of Tax Overpayment due to Tax Appeal – Yinel Lora
335. Termination – Dennis Jansen – Member of Little Ferry Fire Department Hook & Ladder Co. #1 – Amending Resolution No. 188
336. Establishing Clothing Allowance as a Compensation Item
337. South Bergen Fire Chiefs' Association Mutual Aid Agreement
338. Rescinding Resolution Approving Renewal of Liquor License No. 0230-33-007-009 – Pinky Little Ferry, LLC for 2011 – 2012 License Term
339. Authorizing Refunds to Family Fun Day Flea Market Vendors
340. Authorizing Borough Administrator to Sign Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission for Services in Regards to Second Phase of the Solar Program
341. Claims Resolution
342. Appointment of Fire Inspector for Fire Prevention Bureau – Tomas Uzzalino
343. Capital Budget Amendment Resolution – (adopted 10/12/11) via telephone poll.

ORDINANCE(S) FOR INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 1340-25-11 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REPAIR OF THE SENIOR CENTER ROOF IN THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY AND APPROPRIATING \$265,000 THEREFOR, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$251,750 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF LITTLE FERRY TO FINANCE THE SAME.

Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 1340-25-11 shall be held on November 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Upon completion of the Public Hearing, the Ordinance shall be considered for final adoption.

Since there was no other business to be discussed, Mayor Raguseo entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by: C/W Henriquez

Second by: C/W Steinhilber

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes transcribed by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia Lazzaro and respectfully submitted by Borough Clerk Barbara Maldonado. I hereby certify the foregoing Minutes to be a true account of the Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held on October 11, 2011.

Barbara Maldonado, Borough Clerk