



**BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: October 6, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Joseph C. Parisi, Jr.
Council President	Joe Favaro
Councilman	Zhi Liang
Councilman	Ramon Ferro
Councilwoman	Gloria Oh
Councilman	Nunzio Consalvo

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:

Councilman	Ed Aversa
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ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	E. Carter Corrison
Borough Engineer	Bernie Mirandi
Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi
DPW Superintendent	Mark Neville
Municipal Clerk	Lisette M. Duffy

FLAG SALUTE LEAD BY: Council President Favaro

BOROUGH CLERK STATED:

Adequate notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted as required. Date and time of these meetings was legally given as required by the "Open Public Meetings Act." This notice is on file with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public upon the completion of typing and proofreading by the Municipal Clerk.

- **MINUTES:** Caucus Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2014
Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2014

On a motion by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Oh, Caucus and Regular Meeting minutes of September 10, 2014 were approved.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS for September 2014

Finance Department
Municipal Court
Building Department
Fire Department
Police Department
Borough Engineer

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh, seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously, the Department Head Reports for September 2014 were approved.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo

- **CORRESPONDENCE:** Steven Muhlstock, Esq.
Joseph Iannaconi, Jr., CFO

On a motion by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Oh and carried unanimously, correspondence ordered filed:

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo

CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD: September 11, 2014 through October 6, 2014.

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh, seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously the Claims were ordered paid.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo

Open to the Public

PUBLIC PORTION:

The Council President stated "IF ANYONE WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE RESOLUTIONS OR ANY OTHER ITEM OTHER THAN ORDINANCES, THEY MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME."

On a motion by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Oh and carried unanimously, the meeting was open to the public.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo

PUBLIC SPOKE:

Mr. Civan, 129 Hollywood Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is very concerned about large shade tree branches hanging on the power lines of his property.

Council President Favaro responded that only a power company could trim or cut branches that are on power lines.

The Mayor responded to the resident's concern and will have DPW Superintendent contact PSE&G to take care of the situation.

Carrol McMorrow, 7 Ridge Road, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, questioned the Mayor regarding communication in the newspaper and informational letters that were sent to residents.

Andrew Nikow, 54 Elm Street, Englewood Cliffs, NJ said he is concerned as to how many members of the Council took the Fifth Amendment regarding an election issue.

Lauren Eastwood, 4 Willow Drive, Englewood Cliffs, NJ, is concerned that Councilman Aversa and Council President Favaro were not present at the Caucus meeting.

On a motion by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Oh and carried unanimously, the public portion was closed.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo

• **RESOLUTIONS 2014:**

Consent Agenda

149 – Appoint Firefighter R. Duffy

~~150 – Tax Appeal Alps LLC 120 Sylvan Ave -pulled~~

~~151 – Tax Appeal Choi 37 New Street – pulled~~

~~152 – Tax Appeal Bedrook 720 Palisade Ave - pulled~~

153 – Police Equipment Disposal

154 – Sage Grant NJDOT Summit Street Application

155 – Award Bid 2013 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper

156 – Appoint Junior Firefighter B. Duffy

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature and was enacted by one motion. There was separate discussion of these items. If any discussion was desired by the Council, that particular item was removed from the Consent Agenda and was considered separately

A motion was made by Councilman Consalvo, seconded by Councilman Ferro, to carry over tax appeal Resolutions 150, 151, 152 to next month's meeting.

Council President Favaro questioned Councilman Consalvo on the reason he wants the tax appeals carried over.

Councilman Consalvo responded that two Council members were not in Closed Session at the Caucus Meeting.

Borough Attorney responded that he did not go into Closed Session because there were no other issues other than tax appeals so there was no need to attend.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Consalvo

NAYS: Oh – 151 & 152

RECUSE: Oh – 150

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh and seconded by Council President Favaro , Resolutions 149 and 153 through 156 were adopted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo

RESOLUTION 14-149

RE: APPOINT VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER

WHEREAS, the Englewood Cliffs Volunteer Fire Department has recommended the appointment of Ryan P. Duffy as an active member of the Englewood Cliffs Volunteer Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs does hereby approve the membership of Ryan P. Duffy as an active member of the Englewood Cliffs Volunteer Fire Department.

RESOLUTION 14-153

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF UNREPAIRABLE POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Englewood Cliffs Police Department has accumulated various pieces of equipment that can no longer be used for emergency purposes; and

WHEREAS, that this equipment has outlived its usefulness; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Englewood Cliffs Police Department desires to dispose of the outdated and un-used equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Englewood Cliffs Police Chief inventoried all unrepairable equipment and identified those items below; and

<u>Name</u>	<u>Make</u>	<u>Model #</u>	<u>Dept ID #</u>
Portable chargers	Motorola	NTN4633B	3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,16,17,18
Spare batteries	Motorola	NTN4584BR	
3 portable light battery charges	Sylvania		
HT 90 portables	Motorola	477AKE2237 477AKL2484 477AKL2485 477AJE0209 477AJE0210 477AJE0211 477AJE3635 477AJE3637 477AJE3639 477AJE3640	
HT 600 Portables	Motorola	Motorola	17, 18, 19
9 Miscellaneous Portables	Motorola		

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs does hereby approve the disposal of unrepairable police equipment that no longer functions for emergency use, or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired for, and that the equipment has no value, and may be discarded properly.

RESOLUTION 14-154

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE SUMMIT STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Englewood Cliffs formally approves the grant application for the above stated project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as MA-2015-Englewood Cliffs Borough-00289 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs, and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

RESOLUTION 14-155

RE: AWARD BID – (One) 2013 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper or Equivalent

WHEREAS, the Borough of Englewood Cliffs has solicited bids for a 2013 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper or Equivalent for the Borough of Englewood Cliffs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Englewood Cliffs has received one (1) bid for a 2013 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper; and

WHEREAS W.E. Timmerman Co., 3554 Route 22 West, PO Box 71, Whitehouse, NJ 08888, has submitted a bid in the amount of \$180,900; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Municipal Attorney have reviewed said bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council does hereby award the contract for one 2013 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper to W.E. Timmerman Co., 3554 Route 22 West, PO Box 71, Whitehouse, NJ 08888 in the amount of \$180,900 and that Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare the appropriate Agreement pursuant to the bid specifications and the Mayor is authorized to sign same.

RESOLUTION 14-156

RE: APPOINT VOLUNTEER JUNIOR FIREMAN

WHEREAS, the Englewood Cliffs Volunteer Fire Department has recommended the appointment of Brandon Duffy as an active member of the Englewood Cliffs Volunteer Fire Department;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs does hereby approve the membership of Brandon Duffy as an active member of the Englewood Cliffs Volunteer Fire Department.

MAYOR PARISI STATED:

“IF THERE WAS ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS AT THIS TIME

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Oh, and carried unanimously, to create an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss placing an Ilan Plawker sign over Charlotte Place.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN FERRO reported that everything is going well with the Sanitation Department. He questioned the quality control procedure for completed street openings.

Council President Favaro, DPW Superintendent and Borough Engineer clarified the street opening procedure.

DPW Superintendent will followup on recent street openings.

Borough Engineer responded that a bond is kept by the town for two years for all street openings. The bond will not be released until the work is proven acceptable.

The Mayor suggested that Borough Engineer and DPW Superintendent meet with Councilman Ferro for further discussion.

COUNCILMAN LIANG - nothing to report

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FAVARO – nothing to report

COUNCILWOMAN OH read a report from Councilman Aversa, who could not attend the meeting. The newly renovated Witte Field is now completed with great response. Dugouts have been painted with donated funds. The Community Center is open and recreation programs including zumba and yoga are doing well. The Third Annual Trunk or Treat is scheduled for October 26th at Witte Field and everyone is welcome. He thanked DPW Superintendent for doing great work on the Little League field.

COUNCILMAN CONSALVO questioned the Ilan Plawker sign over Charlotte Place.

The Mayor stated we do not have a naming policy in the town.

COUNCILMAN AVERSA was absent. Councilwoman Oh read his report.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT NEVILLE reported that the recycling program has been very successful. Bids for the basketball court renovation at Witte Field will be submitted on Friday, October 24th. The green containers for vegetation are being utilized by the residents. Replacement playground equipment has been ordered. Leaf season is beginning.

BOROUGH ENGINEER MIRANDI thanked the Council for endorsing the Sage Grant application. He spoke about the process for street opening permits.

The Mayor thanked Borough Engineer for the work that has been done at Pershing Pond. The upper level of the pond has been dredged. The lower portion of the pond has more challenges.

POLICE CHIEF CIOFFI reported that Hudson Terrace will be milled on October 28 and October 29 and paving will be done on October 30. The school lockdown drills went very well.. A Safety Meeting was held on September 25. Police officers will be wearing pink caps for the month of October to show breast cancer awareness. Stop signs will be arranged at the corner of Middlesex and Castle to improve safety issues. The CDC recommends that everyone should wash their hands frequently to prevent transmission of ebola and other viruses. We have a limited supply of kits for heroin overdoses but will purchase more.

The Mayor said that all the community hospitals, EMT's, and police officers are involved with ebola preparedness.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY – nothing to report

BOROUGH CLERK – nothing to report

The Mayor said although there may be differences in opinions, we must maintain civility at all times.

The next Council meeting is November 12.

The Mayor wished everyone a good evening and a safe, Happy Halloween.

Seeing and hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisette M. Duffy, RMC Borough Clerk.

ATTEST:



Lisette M. Duffy, RMC Borough Clerk