



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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: March 12, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	E. Carter Corrison
Borough Engineer	Bernie Mirandi
DPW Superintendent	Mark Neville
Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi
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 & Regular Minutes February 11, 2014

On a motion by Councilman Ferro, seconded by Councilman Aversa, Caucus & Regular Minutes of February 11, 2014 were unanimously approved. The Regular Minutes for February 11, 2014 were amended to remove a line from page 3 regarding Councilman Ferro.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

At the request of the Mayor, a motion was made by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Oh, that Caucus and Regular meeting minutes will reflect who spoke, address and the subject matter. The motion was unanimously approved.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Liang Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS for February 2014

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

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh, seconded by Councilman Aversa and carried unanimously, the Department Head Reports for February 2014, were approved.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FOLLOWING WAS READ AND ORDERED FILED:

Steven Muhlstock, Esq.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

Councilman Ferro requested a correspondence received to be placed on the agenda.

The Mayor informed the Council that the correspondence was forwarded to the Borough Attorney.

CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD: February 12, 2014 through March 12, 2014.

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh, seconded by Councilman Aversa and carried unanimously the Claims were ordered paid.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

PUBLIC PORTION:

MAYOR PARISI 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 Councilwoman Oh, seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously, the meeting was opened to the public.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

The following from the public spoke:

Jack Geyer, 34 Toni Drive, Englewood Cliffs, NJ. The resident asked about rights in speaking in a meeting.

Both the Mayor and Borough Attorney advised that anyone, resident or not can speak during the public portion of the meeting.

Mary O'Shea, 12 Irving Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ. The resident spoke about snow plowing and ad for the Board of Health Secretary.

The Mayor stated that with a limits amount of snow, he received only one complaint.

Borough Clerk confirmed the ad for the Board of Health secretary is posted on the bulletin board at the Borough Hall and on the League of Municipalities job site.

Lauren Eastwood, 4 Willow Drive, Englewood Cliffs, N.J. The resident spoke about the police contract and meeting minutes.

Steve Rubinsky, 325 Riverviews Lane, Edgewater, NJ. Mr. Rubinsky spoke about Councilman Ferro's campaign letter, Oath of Office and Resolution 57.

Councilman Ferro had no comment for the resident.

Manny Neutels, 29 New Street, Englewood Cliffs, N.J. The resident spoke about height variances and LG.

The Mayor responded that he supports the design and construction of the new LG building and it will be for the benefit of this town and County. His insurance company does not insure LG.

Carrol McMorro, 7 Ridge Road, Englewood Cliffs, NJ. The resident spoke about rules and police overtime.

The Mayor cannot comment on police overtime due to security reasons.

Ted Tufano, 8 Marjorie Terrace, Englewood Cliffs, NJ. The resident spoke LG and its benefits to the town.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Tufano for his comments.

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, Aversa

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCILMAN FERRO commended Waste Management for their excellent work during this snowy winter.

COUNCILMAN LIANG reported that he has participated in the Board of Health and Recreation Committee meetings. He would like some assistance with the Economic Development Committee since he is still in the learning process.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT FAVARO commended Foreman Sal Miele on a great job while the DPW Superintendent was away. There has been a limited amount of salt this year due to the frequent snowstorms.

COUNCILWOMAN OH reported that the Council and Department Heads met and are still tweaking the numbers for the budget. The Councilwoman is hopeful the budget will be introduced in April.

The Mayor would like to meet again for another budget meeting prior to the April Council meeting. Councilwoman Oh and Lisette Duffy will coordinate the scheduling of this meeting.

COUNCILMAN CONSALVO requested an update on all pending lawsuits.

The Borough Attorney advised the Councilman Consalvo that he may contact him for any updates to the pending lawsuits.

COUNCILMAN AVERSA reported that the Dwight Englewood agreement will be on next month's agenda. Dwight Englewood is in favor of providing additional insurance coverage. We will be provide baseball and softball training at no cost to the Borough. There will be various new programs and events scheduled for the spring which will be placed on the town website. The Council will be vote on the new police contract tonight which will be a benefit to the Borough.

The Mayor recommended that the town distribute one flyer with all the department events.

DPW SUPERINTENDENT NEVILLE reported that we are now fully stocked with salt. It has been a busy 2014 winter season. The 2014 Road Program is progressing.

BOROUGH ENGINEER MIRANDI reported that the level water of Pershing Pond is high due to the amount of snow we had this year. Bergen County Mosquito Control will be contacted to de-water the pond in the spring. There are a few items left to finish on the 2013 Road Program. A proposal for the design of the emergency generators has been submitted. We anticipate the NJDOT will announce the local aid application awards in April. We received the water utility information to begin calculations and are waiting for BCAU information to complete.

POLICE CHIEF CIOFFI received a letter of commendation for police officers, Frank Heckinger and Dimitri Sogiaris for assisting a resident. Drills have been held at the schools. We are waiting for approval at tonight's meeting to appoint a new crossing guard. Accreditation process has been completed and we are waiting for the result. The Bergen County Police Chiefs Association has suggested the towns have clothing bins. The Chief recommended placing two clothing bins at the DPW and Community Center. The town would receive approximately \$1500 per year which would be donated to the juvenile program.

The Mayor suggested that the Chief speak to Jack Terhune for more information regarding the clothing bins and make certain the company is legitimate.

The Borough Clerk stated there is a black box already placed at the DPW for clothing but we have not received any money nor do we have a contract with the firm. We would like the children to benefit from the funds.

Councilman Ferro questioned if there has been a background check on the clothing bin firm.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY – nothing to report

BOROUGH CLERK DUFFY – nothing to report

The Borough Clerk read the following Resolutions:

- **RESOLUTIONS 2014:**

Consent Agenda

55 – Advertise for Summer Camp Personnel

56 – Appoint Crossing Guard Alvin Kravitz

57 – Transfer Funds between Appropriation Reserves

58 – Authorize the Mayor to Sign the 2014 PBA Agreement

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

On a motion by Council President Favaro and seconded by Councilwoman Oh, Resolutions 55 through 58 were offered for adoption by Consent Agenda.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

NAYS: Liang-58, Ferro-58, Consalvo- 58

The Mayor asked Councilpersons Liang, Ferro and Consalvo the reason they voted no on the police contract.

Councilperson Ferro responded the police agreement should be for 3 years and not 5 years.

Councilman Liang replied same as Councilman Ferro.

Councilman Consalvo added he felt he was not privy to the agreement.

Councilman Aversa was surprised that the Councilmen voted no. He stated that none of their concerns outweighed the benefit of this police contract. He kept everyone informed and up to date and everyone had a chance to express any concerns then. This contract will save the town over 3 million dollars over the next 10 years.

The Mayor gave his comments on the police contract. He feels that the contract is viable and was negotiated in good faith. Councilman Aversa worked very hard with the union and the police. When the Councilmen voted no, they are basically saying “our police don’t matter” and feels that they do not understand contract negotiations. The Mayor believes the contract is fair on both sides. After listening to everyone’s opinion, the Mayor voted yes to break the tie.

The vote resulted in a tie for Resolution 58; Mayor Parisi cast the tie breaking vote in favor, resulting in a final vote in the affirmative.

RESOLUTION 2014-55

TITLE: AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR SUMMER CAMP PERSONNEL FOR THE NIEL VILL SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs does hereby authorize the Municipal Clerk to ADVERTISE on behalf of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs for SUMMER CAMP PERSONNEL

RESOLUTION 14-56

RE: APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD ALVIN KRAVITZ

WHEREAS, the Borough of Englewood cliffs employs adult school crossing guards, who are under the supervision and direction of the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has ascertained the eligibility of the school crossing guards; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.1, the Governing Body may appoint adult school crossing guards for terms not to exceed one year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Alvin Kravitz, 311 East Johnson Avenue, Bergenfield, NJ 07621 be and is hereby appointed a School Crossing Guard pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-154.1, for a term to run from March 12, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

RESOLUTION 14-57

RE: TRANSFER OF FUNDS BETWEEN APPROPRIATION RESERVES

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs that the following transfers be made:

**2014
Appropriation
Transfers Reserves**

DEBIT

CREDIT

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1451	\$ 6,000.00	Collector of Taxes S/W	1002	\$ 1,289.00	A&E S/W
1562	\$ 28,000.00	Legal	1452	\$ 292.00	Collector of taxes O/E
1652	\$ 15,000.00	Engineering	1502	\$ 35,341.00	Assessment of Taxes O/E
1802	\$ 50,000.00	Planning BD O/E	1552	\$ 4,487.00	Legal Services O/E
1001	\$ 437.00	A & E S/W	1952	\$ 72.00	Construction Official O/E
			2651	\$ 2,463.00	Fire S/W
			2672	\$ 8.00	Fire Hydrants
			2902	\$ 22,554.00	Streets & Roads O/E
			3062	\$ 575.00	Recycling O/E
			3102	\$ 6,747.00	Public Bldg.&Grounds O/E
			3122	\$ 20,000.00	Garbage & Trash
			3132	\$ 3,432.00	Shade Tree O/E
			3752	\$ 1,767.00	Recreation O/E
			1580	\$ 410.00	PERS
	\$ 99,437.00			\$ 99,437.00	

RESOLUTION 14-58

WHEREAS, PBA Local #45 and the Borough of Englewood Cliffs have agreed to a 5 year agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor, Joseph C. Parisi, Jr., is hereby authorized to execute the 5 year PBA agreement on behalf of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs.

MAYOR PARISI STATED:

“IF THERE WAS ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS AT THIS TIME

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor recommended that a motion be made to authorize Police Chief Cioffi, to move forward on the bids for the clothing bins.

A motion was made by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Oh and carried unanimously, to authorize Police Chief Cioffi to move forward on the bids for the clothing bins.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Liang, Ferro, Favaro, Oh, Consalvo, Aversa

Seeing and Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisette M. Duffy, Borough Clerk.

ATTEST:

Lisette M. Duffy, Borough Clerk