



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

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: December 11, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 6:35 PM

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Joseph C. Parisi, Jr.
Council President	Joe Favaro
Councilman	Ramon Ferro
Councilwoman	Nora Jobson (<i>arrived at 6:55pm</i>)
Councilwoman	Gloria Oh (<i>arrived at 6:45pm</i>)
Councilwoman	Melanie Simon
Councilman	Ed Aversa

ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	E. Carter Corrison
Borough Engineer	Bernie Mirandi
Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi (<i>arrived at 6:45pm</i>)
Municipal Clerk	Lisette M. Duffy
Tax Appeal Attorney	Steven Muhlstock

ABSENT:

Superintendent DPW	Mark Neville
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MUNICIPAL 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.

The Mayor stated that the Council would go into closed session once everyone was present at meeting.

The Mayor asked if everyone received tonight's agenda and if the changes to the minutes were reviewed.

Councilman Ferro discussed his request to change some of the wording on the minutes. The Councilman felt the minutes did not reflect the new location of the siren.

Both the Mayor and the Council President said the resolution on the sirens stated all the facts regarding the location. In addition, the Mayor also stated the minutes should not reflect an individual bias.

THE MAYOR STATED:

“IF ANYONE WISHES TO ADD ANY ADDITIONAL ITEMS OR COMMENT ON WHAT IS ON THE AGENDA, THEY MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME.”

APPOINTMENT: Appoint Lisette M. Duffy as Municipal Clerk as of 12/11/13 *Resolution 149*

CORRESPONDENCE: Steven Muhlstock, Esq.

MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL: Caucus & Regular Minutes of November 13, 2013
Special Meeting November 25, 2013

THE DEPARTMET HEAD REPORTS FOR __November 2013__ WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS WERE SIGNED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD November 14, 2013 through December 11, 2013

Upon review, the Mayor asked if there were any questions on the resolutions to be adopted at tonight’s meeting. There was no additional discussion.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

RESOLUTIONS 2013:

Consent Agenda

- 150 - Cancellation of 2013 Checks
- 151 - Authorize Mayor to Sign the Forestry Management Plan
- 152 - Tax Appeal - 111 Sylvan Avenue
- 153 - Liquor License # 0216-33-001-004 Transfer of Person-to-Person
- 154 - Temporary Appointment of an Electrical Sub-Code Inspector
- 155 - Authorize Mayor to Sign 2014 Employee Assistance Program with the County of Bergen
- 156 - Authorization to Cancel Balances to Surplus
- 157 - Authorization to Cancel Unexpended Balances
- 158 - Authorization to Transfer of Current Fund Appropriations

The Mayor spoke on the Ordinances offered for Public Hearing tonight.

The Borough Attorney went over the Councilman Aversa’s concerns and clarified Ordinance 13-14.

There was no additional discussion on the Ordinances.

THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES WERE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

ORDINANCES 2013: PUBLIC HEARING

- 13 - Amend and Supplement Chapter IX “Building and Housing”
- 14 - Amend and Supplement Chapter VI “Alcoholic Beverage Control”
- 15 - Refunding Bond Ordinance

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS:

THE MAYOR STATED:

“IF THERE WAS ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS or NEW BUSINESS AT THIS TIME”

The Mayor will inform everyone at the Regular meeting that the Sine Die and Reorganization is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7 at 6pm.

Council Favaro will bring up at the Regular meeting parking concerns on John Street. Residents have complained that tractor trailers park on residential streets and eat at the corner deli.

Chief Cioffi has also been informed by residents about the truck parking situation on John Street. There is nothing on our ordinances precluding tractor parking on John Street.

The Mayor and Clerk confirmed that all Council members and Council-elect, received the disc with the RFQs.

It was requested that all Council members including the Councilmen-elect, provide the Mayor with their recommendations on the RFQ's, appointments, and committees. The Mayor reminded everyone, that it is “Advise and Consent”. Current Council will meet with the Mayor individually. The Clerk will arrange for a meeting with Mr. Liang and Mr. Consalvo.

Mayor Parisi asked Mr. Consalvo who was in the audience if he understood and if he could please inform Mr. Laing. Mr. Consalvo agreed.

Councilwoman Jobson arrived at 6:55pm

PUBLIC PORTION:

On a motion by Councilwoman Simon, seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

A resident (no name given) asked if could go get his notes and return to the public portion. The Mayor agreed to allow the resident speak at a later time.

Councilman Aversa moved the public portion be closed. Motion was seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously.

On a motion by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilwoman Simon, the Council went into closed session.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Ferro, Jobson, Favaro, Oh, Simon, Aversa

CLOSED SESSION: Resolution 13- 148

RESOLUTION 13-148

Closed Session

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists; and

WHEREAS the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

CLOSED SESSION:

- Litigation
 - Tax Appeal(s)

Minutes will be kept and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes can be made public

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting.

On a motion by Councilwoman Simon, seconded by Council President Favaro carried unanimously, the Council came out of closed session.

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh, seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously, the meeting was re-opened a second time for the resident to speak.

Dave DiGregorio 165 Charlotte Place, the resident requested that the playgrounds be updated with different texture and more innovation. Mr. DiGregorio also asked if the Council would look into drop-off recycling center and if all residents could be afforded e opportunity to borrow books in the BCCLS system.

Councilman Aversa informed the resident that midyear, the Council applied for a grant for both our playgrounds.

Although in agreement with the resident, Councilwoman Simon informed the resident of the amount of out of town drop offs left by outside residents. When our recycling area was open all day, our DPW could not keep up with the cleanup. Our DPW will gladly pickup items that are left curbside.

The Borough Attorney said State Statute mandates that based on our assessed value, our contribution to the system would be in excess and in addition to the \$2000,000 we pay Englewood library. The Mayor added that back in 2002, BCCLS wanted an additional \$700,000 from our town.

After ample opportunity had been given for public discussion, Councilwoman Simon moved the public portion be closed. Motion was seconded by Council President Aversa and carried unanimously.

Seeing and hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisette M. Duffy- Acting Municipal Clerk, Administrator

ATTEST:



Lisette M. Duffy, Borough Clerk

APPROVED:



Joseph C. Parisi, Jr. Mayor