

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
December 19, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Kurpis, Council Members: Acaster, Gray, Jensen, Kerner, Salazer
Schulstad, Borough Administrator Shenkler, Municipal Clerk Convertini,
Borough Attorney Huntington

ABSENT:

PRESIDING: Mayor Kurpis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; Borough Clerk
Convertini read the following statement:

PUBLIC NOTICE: "Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter
231 of the laws of 1975, has been given by posting a notice of the scheduled dates of all regular
meetings of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Saddle River on the bulletin board in the Municipal
Building and in the office of the Borough Clerk and by emailing notice thereof to the Herald News and
The Record on January 4, 2016." Also on the official Borough website and E-notify.

NOTIFICATION OF FIRE EXITS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AWARDS AND CEREMONIES:

**Proclamation Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2016 Year End Holiday
Crackdown**

Mayor Kurpis read this proclamation at this time.

Presentation of Mayor's Annual Community Service Award

Mayor Kurpis presented resident Patricia Nazzaro with a plaque and thanked her for her service,
dedication and service to the Borough of Saddle River.

Recognition of Council Member Corinne Kerner

Mayor Kurpis and Council President Jensen presented Council Member Kerner with a plaque and
commended her for hard work and dedication during her three-year term as a Council Member.

AGENDA

MAYOR KURPIS:

Northwest Bergen Mayor's Meeting: Mayor Kurpis stated that the meeting was not held but he
did attend a dinner with this Mayor's group and discussed objectives for 2017.

County League of Municipalities Meeting: Mayor Kurpis stated that he attended this meeting and
topics included homelessness and the Winter Wonderland program at Van Saun Park. He further stated
that he had a meeting with County Executive Tedesco regarding lowering the speed limits in Saddle
River.

Tree Lighting: Mayor Kurpis stated that the Tree Lighting, held on December 9, 2016, was a great success.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Saddle River Residents Only)

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court stated that the Municipal Alliance renewal is on the Consent Agenda. She thanked the Mayor and Council for the Community Service Award.

Amy Atkinson, 19 Westerly Road asked if any of the Council Members were members of the Joe Jefferson Club. Attorney Huntington stated that this is not an appropriate question. She further stated that there are Confederate flags flying on this property and she finds this offensive.

Joan Ireland, President of the Home and School Association, Wandell School read a letter regarding the recently constructed cupola and clock at the entrance of Wandell School to commemorate their centennial anniversary. She thanked the Mayor and Council for their generous offer to fund same and stated that it is no longer necessary as private funding has been fully procured.

Marilyn Goldfischer, 124 West Saddle River Road commended Corinne Kerner on her dedicated service as a Council Member in the Borough of Saddle River.

WORK SESSION: (continued)

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

The Saddle River Boom: Administrator Shenkler stated that the footings have been poured and the boom will be installed shortly.

Tree Lighting: Administrator Shenkler stated that the Tree Lighting was very successful and thanked the Valley Club for all their hard work.

Open Space Grant: The County has approved an Open Space Grant and the Borough will be installing an irrigation system on Field C in Rindlaub Park.

ENGINEERING REPORT: Borough Engineer Martin Spence gave the Engineering Report as follows:

- **Reduction of Speed Limits on County Roads:** A letter was sent to the County Engineer regarding traffic accidents on these roads in order to further evaluate the Borough's request.
- **Streetscape III:** This project is almost complete, with the sidewalk extended onto East Saddle River Road.
- **EMS Flooring Modification:** The slab will be constructed in January. The EMS workers will need to relocate for approximately three to five days. Alternative temporary locations were addressed.
- **Street Resurfacing Program:** The roads to be addressed will be determined in early 2017.
- **Suez Water Infrastructure:** There is some interest regarding water leasing and this will be discussed further in 2017. The effects on the aquifer were discussed. Council Member Kerner questioned why this project is being considered as most of the residents are not in favor of this.
- **Saddle River Grand Water Issue:** Individual meters have been installed in several residents in order to mediate this matter.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY: Attorney Huntington stated that he appeared before the County Division of Taxation to address the upcoming revaluation schedule to be performed in 2018.

MUNICIPAL CLERK:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: There were none.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 16-925-16

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 175 "Signs"

Resolution #213-16 was offered by Council Member Schulstad
Seconded by Council President Jensen

Motion to Open to the Public by Council President Jensen
Seconded by Council Member Gray
Voice Vote: All AYES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard.

Motion to Close the Hearing to the Public by Council President Jensen
Seconded by Council Member Schulstad
Voice Vote: All AYES

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Ordinance No. 16-926-16

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 134 "Licenses and Permits"

Resolution #214-16 was offered by Council Member Schulstad
Seconded by Council Member Kerner

Motion to Open to the Public by Council Member Schulstad
Seconded by Council Member President Jensen
Voice Vote: All AYES

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard.

Motion to Close the Hearing to the Public by Council Member Schulstad
Seconded by Council President Jensen
Voice Vote: All AYES

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Resolution #215-16-16 Offered by Council Member Kerner
Seconded by Council Member Gray

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RESOLUTIONS

All matters listed hereunder are considered routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any Council Member may request that an item be removed for separate consideration. Considering approval of minutes, a yes vote will indicate a vote in favor of approval of the minutes of each meeting at which the Council Member was present and an abstention with respect to the minutes of meetings at which such Council Member was not present.

Resolution Offered by Council President Jensen
Seconded by Council Member Gray

Explanation of Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Minutes:	Work Session Meeting:	Nov. 2, 2016
	Executive Session:	Nov. 2, 2016
	Special Meeting:	Nov. 14, 2016
	Special Meeting- Executive Session:	Nov. 14, 2016
	Regular Meeting:	Nov. 14, 2016
	Executive Session:	Nov. 14, 2016

B. Resolutions:

- R# 216-16 Authorization to file Tree City Application**
- R# 217-16 Policy for Medical Benefit Waiver**
- R# 218-16 Annual Renewal of Municipal Alliance**
- R# 219-16 Authorization to Execute Business Associate Agreement with IDA**
- R# 220-16 Transfer Resolution**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: No one wished to be heard

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

COMMITTEE & COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Board of Health: Council Member Salazer gave the report for November 2016.

Landmarks Committee: There was no report at this time.

Bishop House Committee: There was no report at this time.

COAH: Council President Jensen stated he had no public update at this time.

Planning Board: Council President gave the report for December, 2016.

Saddle River Museum Committee: Council Member Acaster gave the report for November 2016 and stated that requests for proposals were solicited for the interior lighting. Council Member Schulstad stated that Council Members should not be involved in the bidding process. Council Member Kerner was in agreement and further stated that the Administrator and QPA should also be involved in this process.

Const. & Zoning Enforcement: Council Member Acaster gave the report for November 2016.

Public Works: Council Member Acaster gave the report for November 2016.

Zoning Board: Council Member Gray gave the report for November 2016.

Environmental Committee: Council Member Schulstad stated that the Tree City Designation application for Saddle River must be filed by December 31, 2016. Additionally, he addressed the hiring of a Borough Forester.

Board of Education: Council Member Schulstad gave the report for November.

Parks and Recreation: There was no report at this time.

Wildlife Management: Council Member Schulstad stated that the committee has not met but Chairman DeCrosta has asked that funding be available in 2017 to conduct an aerial survey to access the deer population. Additionally, he would like Dr. Cerf to submit a proposal for non-lethal deer control.

Ordinance Review Committee: There was no report at this time.

Information and Transparency Committee: Council Member Schulstad addressed the redesign of the Borough website, focusing on the Site Map.

Department of Public Safety:

Fire Report: Council Member Acaster gave the report for November 2016.

Police Report: Council Member Gray gave the report for November 2016.

EMS Report: Council Member Kerner gave the report for October and November 2016.

Finance Report: Council Member Kerner gave the report for November, addressing the upcoming bond offering, the 2017 municipal budget and the revaluation proposed for 2018.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Marilyn Goldfischer, 124 West Saddle River Road stated that she is not in favor of leasing Borough water. Additionally, she addressed the boom installation.

Patty Nazzaro, 3 Westwind Court stated that an additional evergreen should be planted on the front lawn of the Borough Hall. Additionally, she addressed the County-owned drone that is available to the Borough at no cost in order to perform a deer count. Council Member Schulstad was in agreement.

Amy Atkinson, 19 Westerly Road asked about the availability of ordinances in advance of the meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

At this time, a resolution was read to go into Closed Session.

Resolution # 221-16 Offered by Council President Jensen

Second by Council Member Schulstad

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Unanimous

At this time, a motion was made and seconded to return to the Regular Session of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini
Municipal Clerk