

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Present: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

Absent: Councilman Musso

Also Present: Administrator C. Richard Paduch and Township Attorney Matthew J. O'Donnell

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman DeRosa gave the Invocation.

Mayor Pannullo read the Public Announcement in which he stated that the meeting had been advertised, the press notified, and the notice posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Adoption of **January 9, 2008** Minutes:

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeRosa to adopt said minutes.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

Adoption of **February 4, 2008** Minutes:

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman DeRosa to adopt said minutes.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

Abstain: Councilman Colasurdo

PROCLAMATION: American Red Cross Month

The Mayor read the proclamation declaring the month of March 2008 as *American Red Cross Month* in the community and urged all citizens to participate in American Red Cross activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2-2008 - Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 2-2008, entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK."

The Mayor stated they would now hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 2-2008.

Motion by Councilman Colasurdo, seconded by Councilman DeRosa that the public hearing be closed.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman Colasurdo that Ordinance No. 2-2008 be adopted on second and final reading.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Mayor advised that Ordinance No. 2-2008 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 3-2008 - Amend, Revise and Supplement Chapter 26 to Establish Registration and Permit Fees for Life Hazard Uses

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 3-2008, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, ESTABLISHING REGISTRATION AND PERMIT FEES FOR LIFE HAZARD USES."

The Mayor stated they would now hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 3-2008.

Motion by Councilman Colasurdo, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli that the public hearing be closed.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

Motion by Councilman Colasurdo, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli that Ordinance No. 3-2008 be adopted on second and final reading.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Mayor advised that Ordinance No. 3-2008 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

Introduction: 2008 Municipal Budget

Mayor Pannullo announced that notice was received today from the state that \$186,000 in aid would be cut. Prior to this revelation, the Mayor said there was zero increase in the budget on the municipal level. However, he indicated that with no state aid and with no cuts in township services, there would be only half a cent in tax increase. He was optimistic that the Governor's proposed cuts would not be passed.

Township Auditor Steven Wielkocz gave an overall view of the Governor's proposed budget cuts, specifically the elimination of three state aid programs that would affect the Township. He explained that the programs cut were municipal property tax assistance program, municipal homeland security grant program, and legislative block grant program. Mr. Wielkocz believed that the Governor's proposed budget this year was probably the most contentious process that has taken place in a long time, and essentially, the Council must hold off budget adoption pending the state's resolve for municipal aid cuts.

Tax Resolution:

Be It Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2008; the total amount for general appropriations is \$19,800,018.65.

Be It Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Hanover Eagle in the issue of March 13, 2008.

The Governing Body of the Township of East Hanover does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2008.

Motion by Councilman DeRosa, seconded by Councilman Colasurdo to approve the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2008.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Mayor announced that public hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution would be held on April 1, 2008.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Rocco Nisivoccia, 5 Tremont Drive, presented a newspaper article relating to solar panels installed on school roofs in an effort to conserve energy and reduce growing utility costs. The Mayor said that he had requested input from the Environmental Commission in this regard and advised that this would be discussed at a future meeting.

Motion by Councilman Colasurdo, seconded by Councilman DeRosa to close the public input.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman DeRosa gave the monthly Police Department report. He attended the Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby and praised resident Mario Accumanno for his efforts with the *Operation Phone Home* fund-raising drive. He also attended the Firemen's gala and retirement party for Township DPW employee Ron Morgan and acknowledged his thirty plus years of service. Councilman DeRosa commented on the budget and said that half or three quarter of a cent increase was commendable in light of a new administration. Lastly, he thanked Mr. Nisivoccia for his input on solar panels and felt that the Council should definitely explore this new concept.

Councilwoman Jandoli announced that the first annual Chinese New Year event held on February 10th was successful and well received in the community. She reported on an informative League of Municipalities meeting that she attended with Councilman Colasurdo. Councilwoman Jandoli congratulated Ron Morgan on his retirement and also the Hanover Park Hornets for their victorious season. Lastly, she was pleased to announce that Township resident Louis Mascola has achieved Region 3

Wrestling Championship and would be contending in the state finals in Atlantic City.

Mayor Pannullo stated that the Council has been working diligently since January 1st and felt there has been progress even in this short period of time. He likewise congratulated retired employee Ron Morgan as well as the firefighters that he swore into office at the Firemen's gala.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been referred to members of the Township Council for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Township Council with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by Council action and placed on the regular agenda under new business.

- 22-2008 - Resolution Re: Change Order No. 1 for Re-Roofing of DPW Building (Oradell Construction)
- 23-2008 - Resolution Re: Award of Contract to International Fireworks for July 4 Fireworks Display
- 24-2008 - Resolution Re: Award of Contract to LaGuardia & Associates for Provision of Entertainment for the Summer Concerts
- 25-2008 - Resolution Re: Transfer of Funds
- 26-2008 - Resolution Re: Tax Lien Redemption (39 Balsam Avenue)
- 27-2008 - Resolution Re: Tax Appeal Settlement/The Realty Associates Fund VI, LP (100 Eagle Rock Avenue)
- 28-2008 - Resolution Re: Tax Appeal Settlement/SLJ Partners C/O Boston Market (332 Route 10)
- 29-2008 - Resolution Re: Tax Appeal Settlement/Amax Specialty Metals C/O Phelps Dodge (5 Ridgedale Avenue Rear)
- 31-2008 - Resolution Re: Release of Performance Guarantees from PetSmart, Inc.

Motion by Councilman Colasurdo, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to adopt the foregoing resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

COMMUNICATIONS and DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Discussion Re: East Hanover Partnership (SID)

The matter would be carried to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Introduction: Ordinance No. 4-2008 - Amend and Supplement
Chapter 45 (Recreation)**

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 4-2008, entitled "*AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 45 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER (RECREATION).*"

Motion by Councilman Colasurdo, seconded by Councilman DeRosa that Ordinance No. 4-2008 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk's office, and set down for public hearing on April 1, 2008.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Mayor stated the ordinance would be published according to law.

30-2008 - Resolution Re: Closed Session

Motion by Councilman DeRosa, seconded by Councilman Colasurdo to adopt said resolution.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

The Council went into Closed Session at 7:25 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 7:50 P.M.

Present: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Councilman Colasurdo, seconded by Councilman DeRosa to pay bills in the amount \$4,284,827.89.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilman Colasurdo to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Councilmembers Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

MARILYN J. SNOW
Township Clerk

We attest these minutes to be true and correct:

_____ MAYOR PANNULLO
_____ COUNCIL PRESIDENT JANDOLI
_____ COUNCILMAN DEROSA
_____ COUNCILMAN COLASURDO