

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Monday, March 12, 2007 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 Tietjen, Jandoli, and Mayor Agnellino

Absent: Councilman Vitiello

Councilman Musso took his seat at 7:08 P.M.

Also Present: Administrator C. Richard Paduch and Township Attorney Joseph J. Bell

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Jandoli gave the Invocation.

Mayor Agnellino 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 **February 13, 2007** Minutes:

Motion by Councilwoman Tietjen, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to adopt said minutes.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, and Mayor Agnellino

**PROCLAMATIONS:**

• **Knights of Columbus Council No. 6504**

The Mayor read the proclamation declaring April 19<sup>th</sup> thru April 22<sup>nd</sup> as *God's Special People Days* and urged all citizens to assist in obtaining funds for this charitable endeavor.

• **American Red Cross**

The Mayor read the proclamation recognizing the American Red Cross and its essential humanitarian role in the community, and proclaimed the month of March as *American Red Cross Month*.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 2-2007 - Accept Donation of Property Designated as Lot 12, Block 1 for Open Space**

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 2-2007, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS LOT 12, BLOCK 1 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER."

The Mayor stated they would now hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 2-2007.

Motion by Councilman Musso, seconded by Councilwoman Tietjen that the public hearing be closed.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, Musso, and Mayor Agnellino

Motion by Councilwoman Tietjen, seconded by Councilman Musso that Ordinance No. 2-2007 be adopted on second and final reading.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, Musso, and Mayor Agnellino

The Mayor advised that Ordinance No. 2-2007 has been duly adopted and a notice of same shall be published according to law.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Ron Montrose, 11 Beach Street, questioned an article in the newspaper with regard to a county project for the realignment of Ridgedale Avenue. The Mayor advised that this pertained to improvements to the curve on Ridgedale Avenue near the airport property. Mr. Montrose also addressed a safety concern at the stop sign on DeForest Avenue and River Road.

Motion by Councilman Musso, seconded by Councilwoman Tietjen to close the public input.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, Musso, and Mayor Agnellino

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

Councilwoman Jandoli congratulated the Hanover Park Wrestling Team for achieving District 9 Championship. She provided information for a new community website that would be implemented and requested input from residents.

Councilwoman Tietjen was pleased that a proclamation was presented to the American Red Cross and advised that their gala event would be held in April. She reported on the Yellow Ribbon Committee, First Aid Squad Dinner, Relay For Life, and Health Department clinics. Councilwoman Tietjen also praised the "Godspell" production that was held at Hanover Park High School.

Councilman Musso gave a Recreation Department report and congratulated the girls' basketball team for attaining Group II Northern Championship.

Mayor Agnellino read a letter from a resident who commended the township's transportation services for senior citizens.

**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.

Motion by Councilman Musso, seconded by Councilwoman Tietjen to add Resolution No. 44 and 45-2007 to the agenda.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, Musso, and Mayor Agnellino

- 30 -2007 - Resolution Re: Redemption 1997-1/Block 1, Lot 12
- 31 -2007 - Resolution Re: Redemption 1994-10/Block 186, Lot 4
- 32a-2007 - Resolution Re: RL:1257 - HSA Lincoln School
- 32b-2007 - Resolution Re: RL:1258 - PTA Hillside Elementary
- 32c-2007 - Resolution Re: RL:1259 - PTA Hillside Elementary
- 32d-2007 - Resolution Re: RL:1260 - Vero Amici For Charity
- 32e-2007 - Resolution Re: RL:1261 - Band Parents HPHS
- 32f-2007 - Resolution Re: RL:1262 - Band Parents HPHS
- 33 -2007 - Resolution Re: Designate Month of March as  
"Women's History Month"

- 34 -2007 - Resolution Re: Removal and Dismissal of the In Rem Foreclosure of Tax Sale Certificate No. 495
- 35 -2007 - Resolution Re: Redemption 1991-4/Block 15, Lot 15
- 36 -2007 - Resolution Re: Change Order No. 1 for Reconstruction of Casey Avenue Area Roads, Section 1
- 37 -2007 - Resolution Re: Bond Sale and Issuance of \$7,168,000 General Improvement Bonds
- 38 -2007 - Resolution Re: Award of Contract for Engineering Services for Water Storage Facility (Alaimo Group)
- 39 -2007 - Resolution Re: Award of Contract for Consulting Engineering Services (Schoor DePalma)
- 40 -2007 - Resolution Re: Award of Contract for Professional Planning Services (David K. Maski)
- 41 -2007 - Resolution Re: Award of Contract for Professional Planning Services/Affordable Housing (M. Fullaway)
- 42 -2007 - Resolution Re: Designate Matthew S. Krauser of Integra Realty Resources as Open Space Appraiser
- 43 -2007 - Resolution Re: Appoint Mary Ann Racaniello as Acting Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer (Bond Sale)
- 44 -2007 - Resolution Re: Transfer of Funds
- 45 -2007 - Resolution Re: Confirming the Issuance of \$7,168,000 General Improvement Bonds (Stifel Nicolaus & Co.)

Motion by Councilman Musso, seconded by Councilwoman Tietjen to adopt the foregoing resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, Musso, and Mayor Agnellino

**COMMUNICATIONS and DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

The Council was in agreement to reschedule the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to Monday, April 23, 2007.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Introduction: Municipal Budget for the Year 2007**

Prior to introduction of the budget, Mayor Agnellino first thanked the citizens that volunteered and took part in the budget process. He briefly explained the difficulties that he faced in 2004 with virtually no surplus. However, the Mayor said a positive note was that legal fees were cut by 65% and engineering reduced by two-thirds with the hiring of an in-house engineer. Unfortunately, substantial expenditures were incurred last year with five retirements and state pension payments. Also, the revaluation in 2002 cost the township \$1.5 million in

tax appeal settlements. Notwithstanding these obstacles, the Mayor was pleased to announce that the increase in this year's budget would only be 1.35 cents and stressed that no township services would be cut. Lastly, he thanked the Council for their diligence and support.

**Tax Resolution:**

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2007;

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the Hanover Eagle in the issue of April 5, 2007.

The Governing Body of the Township of East Hanover does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2007; local tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes is \$12,270,167.29.

Motion by Councilwoman Tietjen, seconded by Councilwoman Jandoli to approve the Budget for the year 2007 and Tax Resolution.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, Musso, and Mayor Agnellino

The Mayor announced that public hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution would be held on April 23, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.

**Introduction: Ordinance No. 3-2007 - Amend Chapter 79  
(Fees and Licenses)**

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 3-2007, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 79 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER (FEES AND LICENSES)."

Motion by Councilman Musso, seconded by Councilwoman Tietjen that Ordinance No. 3-2007 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk's office, and set down for public hearing on April 23, 2007.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, Musso, and Mayor Agnellino

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

**Introduction: Ordinance No. 4-2007 - Amend Chapter 26  
(Fire Department)**

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 4-2007, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER (FIRE DEPARTMENT)."

Motion by Councilman Musso, seconded by Councilwoman Tietjen that Ordinance No. 4-2007 be introduced by title, adopted on first reading, placed on file in the Clerk's office, and set down for public hearing on April 23, 2007.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, Musso, and Mayor Agnellino

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Motion by Councilman Musso, seconded by Councilwoman Tietjen to pay bills in the amount of \$4,258,137.54.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, Musso, and Mayor Agnellino

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilwoman Jandoli, seconded by Councilwoman Tietjen to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Councilmembers Tietjen, Jandoli, Musso, and Mayor Agnellino

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

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MARILYN J. SNOW  
Township Clerk

We attest these minutes to be true and correct:

\_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR AGNELLINO

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL PRESIDENT MUSSO

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNCILWOMAN TIETJEN

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNCILWOMAN JANDOLI