

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 411 Ridgedale Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey.

The Clerk called the meeting to order.

Present: Councilmen Tedesco, Jocher, DeRosa, and Mayor Pannullo

Absent: Council President Jandoli

Also Present: Township Attorney Matthew O'Donnell, Administrator Joseph Tempesta, Jr., Clerk Marilyn Snow, and Deputy Clerk Paula Massaro

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 **September 2, 2009** Minutes:

Motion by Councilman Tedesco, seconded by Councilman DeRosa to adopt said minutes.

Ayes: Councilmen Tedesco, Jocher, DeRosa, and Mayor Pannullo

OLD BUSINESS:

None

PUBLIC INPUT:

1. Lois Sullivan, 4 Courter Lane, addressed a concern with regard to children rollerblading at Lurker Park. She raised a serious safety issue since none of the children were wearing helmets, and also, a liability concern for the Township. The Administrator will check into this with the Superintendent of Recreation.

2. Al Farese, 53 Surrey Lane, was pleased that the traffic light on Canfield and River Roads was finally adjusted. Also,

he requested that the light signal at River Road and Route 10 be readjusted.

3. The following residents addressed an ongoing situation in the Young Court development. James Messineo, 8 Young Court; James Bright, 7 Young Court; and Ernie Klepetz, 94 Cedar Street appeared before the Council at the July 6th meeting at which time they requested clarification of a Township ordinance pertaining to vehicles parked on the road. It was established at that meeting that Young Court was in fact a private road that has not as yet been deeded to the Township.

In order to provide clarification of the ordinance, Councilman DeRosa said that the ordinance specifically stated, "the owner of the property must sign a summons against an individual that is in violation for parking on the street at any time of the day." Mr. Bright was very angry and frustrated that the ordinance was not properly enforced since he did sign summonses, which were dismissed by Judges Scala and Maenza in municipal court. Councilman DeRosa suggested that Mr. Bright go to the County Prosecutor's office to file an ethics complaint as to why the case was dismissed twice in municipal court.

4. Herman Marmon, 108 Tanglewood Drive, gave a personal experience he had regarding a citizen's complaint that he filed. As he concluded the story, Mr. Marmon did not conduct himself in a civilized manner. The Mayor asked Mr. Marmon to refrain from using profanity when addressing the Council hereafter.

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

Ayes: Councilmen Tedesco, Jocher, DeRosa, and Mayor Pannullo

COUNCIL INPUT:

Councilman Jocher reported on a meeting that was held with Atlantic Healthcare and St. Claire's in regard to emergency medical services. He again urged the need for First Aid Squad volunteers. Councilman Jocher commented on the Fusella Group, a business on DeForest Avenue that has been operating illegally for three years. This ongoing situation was being handled by the Construction/Zoning Department and municipal court.

Councilman Jocher commented on the lack of public trust with elected officials. He expressed his desire to have East

Hanover move forward and become a model municipality for reform. In this regard, Councilman Jocher submitted two proposed ordinances for the Council's review and discussion at the next meeting. The Mayor stated that the ordinances would be taken under consideration. However, he clearly indicated that the Township already conformed to state regulations and he firmly believed in open door government.

Councilman Tedesco gave a Recreation Department report and especially noted that the department was in dire need of coaches and sponsors. He then spoke in regard to grading permits and was of the opinion that the \$1,500 fee was excessive and the ordinance should be looked into. The Mayor directed the Attorney to research the ordinance. Councilman Tedesco also requested an update regarding temporary signs for garage sales and real estate open house. Mr. O'Donnell apprised that the matter was pending at this time because of litigation. Lastly, Councilman Tedesco extended thanks to the EH Italian American Club for sponsoring the annual Columbus Day Parade in the community.

Councilman DeRosa gave a monthly Police Department report and also a Hanover Park Safety Committee report. He stated that October was Cancer Awareness Month and urged the public to donate in this endeavor. Councilman DeRosa commented on a letter submitted by Chris Manak, Chairman of the Environmental Commission, with regard to purchase of the Frohling property for open space. He believed that this property would be beneficial only if the Township could acquire it with County open space funds. This property and the airport site were briefly discussed.

Councilman DeRosa questioned the Administrator as to the change in provider for employee health benefits. Mr. Tempesta explained that health insurance has significantly increased. From the six proposals he received, United Healthcare Oxford was the best option that provided equal or better coverage and the prescription plan would be provided by GSPOPS, both effective November 1st. Both Councilmen DeRosa and Tedesco voiced concerns with the transition. A brief discussion followed in this matter.

Mayor Pannullo reported on a meeting with the new Superintendent of Hanover Park High School. He extended accolades to the EH Italian American Club for a successful Columbus Day Parade. Also, the Mayor thanked Councilman Jocher for his efforts concerning the First Aid Squad.

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 Tedesco, seconded by Councilman Jocher to remove Resolution No. 94-2009 from the agenda.

Ayes: Councilmen Tedesco, Jocher, DeRosa, and Mayor Pannullo

- 89 -2009 - Resolution Re: Annual Report of Audit for 2008
- 90 -2009 - Resolution Re: Membership in Auxiliary Fire Department (Louis Russoniello)
- 91a-2009 - Resolution Re: RL:1402 - PTA East Hanover
- 91b-2009 - Resolution Re: RL:1403 - PTA East Hanover
- 91c-2009 - Resolution Re: RL:1404 - PTA East Hanover
- 91d-2009 - Resolution Re: RL:1405 - St. Rose of Lima Church
- 91e-2009 - Resolution Re: RL:1406 - St. Rose of Lima Church
- 91f-2009 - Resolution Re: RL:1407 - St. Rose of Lima Church
- 91g-2009 - Resolution Re: RL:1408 - Just Cheer All Stars Inc.
- 91h-2009 - Resolution Re: RL:1409 - HSA Trinity Academy
- 91i-2009 - Resolution Re: RL:1410 - HSA Trinity Academy
- 92 -2009 - Resolution Re: 2010 State Health Services Grant for the Influenza A-H1N1 Virus (\$62,214)
- 93 -2009 - Resolution Re: Membership in Auxiliary Fire Department (Vito Pascarella)

Motion by Councilman DeRosa, seconded by Councilman Tedesco to adopt the foregoing resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmen Tedesco, Jocher, DeRosa, and Mayor Pannullo

COMMUNICATIONS & DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

The Council had questions in regard to several bills. Councilman Tedesco requested a new format for the bill list next year; a running tally for the month.

Motion by Councilman DeRosa, seconded by Councilman Tedesco to pay bills in the amount of \$3,063,961.91.

Ayes: Councilmen Tedesco, Jocher, DeRosa, and Mayor Pannullo

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Councilman Tedesco, seconded by Councilman Jocher to adjourn meeting.

Ayes: Councilmen Tedesco, Jocher, DeRosa, and Mayor Pannullo

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

MARILYN J. SNOW
Township Clerk

Submitted by: _____
PAULA A. MASSARO
Deputy Township Clerk

We attest these minutes to be true and correct:

_____ MAYOR PANNULLO

_____ COUNCILMAN DEROSA

_____ COUNCILMAN TEDESCO

_____ COUNCILMAN JOCHER