

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of East Hanover held on Wednesday, November 12, 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 Musso, Colasurdo, DeRosa, Jandoli, and Mayor Pannullo

Also Present: Administrator C. Richard Paduch, Township Attorney Matthew J. O'Donnell, Township Engineer James Giurintano, and Councilmen-elect Robert Jocher and Angelo Tedesco

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 **October 7, 2008** Minutes:

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

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Jandoli

The Mayor congratulated and welcomed Councilmen-elect Robert Jocher and Angelo Tedesco to the meeting.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Hanover Park High School Safety Committee**

Ed Franko, Principal of Hanover Park High School, first addressed the need for and establishment of a Hanover Park Regional High School Safety Committee. He stated that the necessity became apparent due to a serious accident last year involving a student that was struck by a vehicle while walking along Mt. Pleasant Avenue. This incident was a wake-up call for the school district to take the necessary steps to improve

student safety; thus, the Safety Committee was established. Mr. Franko introduced the members in attendance: Paul Arilotta, Superintendent of Schools; Kim Jensen, parent volunteer; Denise Chaplick, County Planning Division; Stan Hansen, Chief of Police; and Councilman DeRosa.

Essentially, Mr. Franko advised that the committee has been working with the County to improve overall pedestrian safety and accessibility to and from the high school, and lastly, requested the Council's support to move forward in this endeavor.

Denise Chaplick explained that the County would agree to conduct a Walkable Community Workshop with the Safety Committee in order to recommend improvements for pedestrians in the Mt. Pleasant Avenue area. Secondly, as a follow-up to the workshop, her division would then assist the Safety Committee to acquire funding for the improvements. Ms. Chaplick likewise requested the need for the Council's cooperation.

In conclusion of the presentation, Kim Jensen briefly commented and personally thanked Councilman DeRosa for his support and input. As the go-to person, she urged the Council for their support. Ms. Jensen indicated that the Committee was successful in reducing the speed limit to 25 mph and their plan was for flashing signs as well.

**Verbal** motion by Councilman DeRosa, seconded by Councilman Colasurdo to move forward to endorse the endeavors of the Hanover Park Regional High School Safety Committee working in conjunction with Morris County DOT, and Planning and Engineering Departments.

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

• **Certificates for Civic Duty**

The Mayor presented certificates to five youngsters that volunteered to handout informative brochures to residential homes with regard to the PSE&G power lines.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Public Hearing: Ordinance No. 17-2008 - Authorize the Exchange of Lands By & Between the Township & EREH, LLC**

The Clerk announced that she had Ordinance No. 17-2008, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXCHANGE OF LANDS BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER AND EREH, LLC."

The Mayor stated they would now hold a public hearing on Ordinance No. 17-2008.

Lois Sullivan, 4 Courter Lane, commented.

Motion by Councilman DeRosa, seconded by Councilman Colasurdo to **continue** the public hearing on December 9, 2008.

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

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

1. Al Farese, 53 Surrey Lane, expressed concerns with regard to the recent burglaries in the community, the school election, and the disrepair of the gutters on the building at Town Hall. The Mayor advised that repairs to the building facade would soon commence.

2. Bill Rush, 5 Harvest Avenue, a democratic candidate in the recent election, thanked Councilman Colasurdo for his expertise and support during the campaign. He wanted it publicly known that he was appalled by the "dirty" campaign literature sent by resident Herman Marmon that basically slandered his running mate, and was of the opinion that the newly elected Councilmen were cognizant of this mailing.

Secondly, Mr. Rush directed a question to Councilman-elect Jocher regarding a pending court matter. Mr. Jocher stated for the record that a political citizen's complaint had been filed against him, and he was optimistic for a positive outcome. Mr. Rush indicated that the complaint was for criminal harassment to the wife of a resident that was involved in an ongoing dispute with Mr. Jocher. He believed Mr. Jocher should step down in his newly elected position if he was found guilty. These remarks provoked Councilman Musso to voice his opinion simultaneously with loud public comments from the audience.

Mayor Pannullo interjected to put an end to the dispute and said the matter would be resolved through the court system.

3. Vi Martin, 4 Knollcroft Terrace, felt that Mr. Rush was out of line with his comments.

4. John Deep, 3 Gregory Lane, thanked the Council for their support and continued focus with regard to an offensive situation of trash strewn along New Road from Route 280 leading into the Eagle Rock Avenue area. Councilman DeRosa advised that the Morris County SLAP Program would be cleaning up the area before Thanksgiving.

Councilwoman Jandoli thanked Mr. Deep for his ongoing efforts to clean our community. She informed that she was in contact with Givaudan, the company that would be moving into the NPA building. Councilwoman Jandoli conveyed the concerns of Givaudan regarding the unsightly appearance in front of the building. She felt that Givaudan should address their concerns at a Special Improvement District meeting.

The Mayor likewise expressed gratitude to Mr. Deep for his hard work and dedication to the community.

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

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

**COUNCIL INPUT:**

Councilman Musso announced that the EH Historical Society would hold a holiday event at the Cook House on December 6<sup>th</sup>. He requested a status in regard to the meeting on the PSE&G power lines.

The Mayor first advised that a coalition group was formed of fifteen mayors representing the municipalities involved, together with support from the Highland Group and the Public Advocate's office. The Mayor clearly stated that the government as well as Public Service Electric and Gas have the responsibility to provide residents with good safe electricity and if not, he would continue to fight this crucial issue. Councilwoman Jandoli announced that a meeting would be hosted soon in East Hanover with public officials to focus on the power lines and substation.

Councilman DeRosa advised that he would continue to work with the County in regard to the cleanup project on New Road. He praised the Hanover Park Safety Committee for their efforts in bringing the project to fruition. Lastly, Councilman DeRosa

mentioned the recent burglaries and again emphasized public awareness.

Councilwoman Jandoli gave a Special Improvement District update concerning the upcoming projects. She announced that the Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter would hold a holiday fair from December 6 to the 13<sup>th</sup>, and wished the EH High School Football Team luck in the playoffs. Lastly, Councilwoman Jandoli publicly thanked Councilmen Colasurdo and Musso for their support and efforts during their years of public service.

The Councilmembers each congratulated and welcomed Councilmen-elect Robert Jocher and Angelo Tedesco.

**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.

- 112a-2008 - Resolution Re: RL:1344 - Historical Society EH
- 112b-2008 - Resolution Re: RL:1345 - Historical Society EH
- 112c-2008 - Resolution Re: RL:1346 - PTA Intervale School
- 112d-2008 - Resolution Re: RL:1347 - PTA Intervale School
- 112e-2008 - Resolution Re: RL:1348 - CandleLighters for Retarded
- 112f-2008 - Resolution Re: RL:1349 - CandleLighters for Retarded
- 112g-2008 - Resolution Re: RL:1350 - CandleLighters for Retarded
- 112h-2008 - Resolution Re: RL:1351 - Family Service Morris Co.
- 113 -2008 - Resolution Re: BL:1352 - St. Rose of Lima Church
- 114 -2008 - Resolution Re: Membership in EH Auxiliary Fire Dept.  
(Gerard Centanni & Matthew Nobile)
- 115 -2008 - Resolution Re: Refund Tax 2008 (30 Groah Road)
- 116 -2008 - Resolution Re: Transfer of Funds
- 117 -2008 - Resolution Re: Cancellation of Outstanding Checks
- 118 -2008 - Resolution Re: Interlocal Services Agreement with  
Town of Morristown for Child Health Care Services
- 119 -2008 - Resolution Re: Contract with St. Hubert's Giralda  
for Animal Control Services
- 120 -2008 - Resolution Re: Interlocal Services Agreement with EH  
Board of Education for Provision of Nursing Services

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS and DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Letter from Frank & Silvia DeFilippo Re: Violation (Boat)**

Carried to the next meeting.

- **Discussion: Courter Lane**

Lois Sullivan, 4 Courter Lane, spoke on behalf of the property owners on Courter Lane to petition the Township to maintain the road, which was in dire need of paving. The Mayor advised that the Attorney, Administrator, Engineer, and Director of Land Use would research the matter.

- **Discussion: Resolution 102-2008 Re: Bond Release for Cerdel Construction (Cerbone Villas)**

The Township Engineer recommended that the resolution be carried to the next meeting pending the developer's compliance with improvements agreed upon at their on-site meeting. At that time, Mr. Giurintano would submit a report to the Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**121-2008 - Resolution Re: Closed Session**

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

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

The Council went into Closed Session at 8:20 P.M. The meeting reconvened at 8:35 P.M.

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

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Motion by Councilman Musso, seconded by Councilman Colasurdo to pay bills in the amount of \$4,865,342.86.

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

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MARILYN J. SNOW  
Township Clerk

We attest these minutes to be true and correct:

\_\_\_\_\_ MAYOR PANNULLO  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL PRESIDENT JANDOLI  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNCILMAN DEROSA  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNCILMAN MUSSO  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNCILMAN COLASURDO