

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH OF EMERSON**  
**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Executive Session (Closed)**  
**Budget Workshop**  
Tuesday, January 17, 2006  
8:00 PM Regular Meeting  
Council Chambers-Borough Hall  
Municipal Pl.  
**EMERSON, NEW JERSEY 07630**

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This meeting was called to order at 8:14 pm. Michael Cimino led the Salute to the Flag followed by a moment of silence.

Mayor Setteducati read the Open Public Meetings Statement announcing that the meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of **January 17, 2006** was included in a list of meeting notices sent to the Bergen Record and Ridgewood News on December 15, 2005 and advertised in said newspapers on December 17th & December 23, 2005; respectively, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on December 17, 2005 and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk of the Borough Hall.

**ROLL CALL OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilman Carlo Camporeale-Present  
Councilwoman Carole Costantin-Present  
Councilman Christopher Heyer-Present  
Councilman Kenneth Hoffman-Present  
Councilman Frank Milone-Present  
Council President Brian Todd-Present  
Mayor Steven Setteducati-Present

Also present was Borough Administrator, Joseph Scarpa, Borough Clerk, Carol Dray and Borough Attorney, William Smith.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The approval of the minutes of the **Regular Meeting of December 13, 2005** and the **Reorganization Meeting of January 3, 2006** were adjourned by request of Council President Todd with no objection by the other members of the Council.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mayor Setteducati announced that copies of the correspondence are on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

#06-01 letter dated 12/30/05, re: Expression of Gratitude, J. Burns, III

#06-02 letter dated 12/27/05, re: Thank you, C. Henry

#06-03 letter dated 1/03/06, re: 5 Oakland Ave., Job & Job

#06-04 letter dated 12/20/05, re: Iozzia, Job & Job

#06-05 letter dated 1/12/06, re: Russell Berrie Award for Making a Difference, Hon. Senator G. Cardinale

#06-06 letter dated 1/11/06, re; Municipal Incentive Program Sewer Connection Fee, BCUA

#06-07 letter dated 1/13/06, re: Hackensack Golf Club "Dam" Restoration

## **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

None

## **APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONNEL CHANGES-**

### **1. Appointments:**

#### **a. Council Liaisons:**

**Environmental Commission** Councilman Hoffman

**Ambulance Corps** Councilmen Heyer & Camporeale

**Recreation Commission** Councilmen Camporeale & Heyer

Councilman Hoffman questioned the proposed appointments commenting that he had discussed the liaisons with Councilman Camporeale who had agreed to be the liaison to the Environmental Commission while Councilman Hoffman would continue as the liaison for the Recreation Commission. Mayor Setteducati recalled that Councilman Hoffman had protested his liaison appointments last year and thought that Councilman Hoffman preferred the Environmental Commission appointment. Councilman Hoffman disagreed with Mayor Setteducati's recollection of what had occurred last year adding that the Recreation Commission Presiding Officer had also requested that he remain as the liaison for that board.

☞ **Motion to confirm Mayor Setteducati's appointment of Councilman Hoffman as the liaison to the Environmental Commission, Councilmen Heyer and Camporeale as liaisons to the Ambulance Corps and Councilmen Camporeale and Heyer as the liaisons to the Recreation Commission** was moved by Council President Todd, seconded by Councilwoman Costantin and carried on roll call vote of 5-1.

### **Roll Call: Council members**

Milone-yes

Costantin-yes

Camporeale-yes

Heyer-yes

Todd -yes

Hoffman-no

#### **b. Recreation Commission: Steve Belloise for the term ending 12/31/10**

☞ **Motion to approve the appointment of Steven Belloise to the Recreation Commission for the term ending 12/31/10** was moved by Councilwoman Costantin, seconded by Councilman Milone and carried unanimously.

### **2. Professional Appointments:**

- a. Resolution No. 10-06** Borough Prosecutor for the term ending 12/31/06

☞ **Motion** to appoint Christopher Martin as the Borough Prosecutor for the term ending 12/31/06 was moved by Councilman Camporeale, seconded by Councilman Heyer and carried by roll call vote.

**Roll Call: Council members**

Milone-yes  
 Costantin-yes  
 Camporeale-yes  
 Heyer-yes  
 Todd -yes  
 Hoffman-yes

**b.** Resolution No 12-06 Second Alternate for the term ending 12/31/06  
 There was no action taken. The person considered was appointed as a Judge in Westwood and his appointment as an alternate prosecutor would, therefore, be conflicting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**3. ORDINANCES**

- a) 1st Reading-Introduction-None
- b) 2nd Reading-Public Hearing and Adoption

**ORDINANCE NO 1300-06**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 274-50 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON ENTITLED, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SCHEDULE XIV: NO PARKING**

☞ Councilman Camporeale **moved** to open the meeting for public comment on this ordinance only, seconded by Councilman Heyer and carried.

Tom DeScisciolo, 64 Dyer Ave., appreciated that the ordinance had been introduced.

Helen DeScisciolo, 64 Dyer Ave., thanked the Council for taking care of the matter so as not to have to listen to her husband talk about it any longer.

☞ Seeing no other hands, Councilman Camporeale **moved** to close the meeting for public comment, seconded by Councilman Heyer and carried.

☞ **Motion** to adopt Ordinance #1300-06 was **moved** by Councilman Milone, seconded by Councilman Heyer and carried by roll call vote.

**RC: Council members:**

Milone-yes  
 Costantin-yes  
 Camporeale-yes  
 Heyer-yes  
 Todd-yes  
 Hoffman-yes

Mayor Setteducati announced that Ordinance No. 1300-06 was duly adopted by a vote of 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Discussion of the 2006 Municipal Budget (Workshop Session)**

**a) Emerson Volunteer Fire Department**

Ronald Berg and Tom Carlos of the Emerson Volunteer Fire Department were present to present their operating budget and capital requests to the Mayor and Council. Their priority on the capital request was the replacement of the 1983 rescue truck. After a question and answer period with the Council, Mayor Setteducati responded that the Fire Department's capital requests would be further considered. Mr. Carlos requested that the washing machine be placed back in the budget, an allocation he had been unaware of and would save the borough money. The Council had allocated that money to the Fire Department last year but it had not been spent. They also requested a \$50 increase in the clothing allowance for each member. Mr. Scarpa reported that there had been no increase in the clothing allowance for 10 years. Mr. Berg and Mr. Carlos respectfully thanked the Mayor and Council for their time.

**b) DPW**

DPW Superintendent, Joseph Solimando, presented his operating budget and capital requests to the Mayor and Council. The governing body discussed both the Grounds and DMF/DMS capital requests to begin. Under Grounds, the Mayor and Council considered the request to replace two out of the four wooden doors with insulated fiberglass doors at \$8,000. Under DMF/DMS, the number one request was for a new sewer jet. The proposed purchase would be shared with Montvale and Park Ridge and Emerson would be the lead agency. The two other municipalities had no objection to the equipment being stored in Emerson and the County may be another source of funding for that piece of equipment. A sinkhole problem and underlying pipe on Randolph Ave. was also discussed. The Council also considered Mr. Solimando's request for another employee.

**2. Oil tank Remediation-Resolution No. AO1-06**

Mr. Scarpa reported that the oil tank cleanup would need to be budgeted for in the sum of \$14,785. Sprint had already covered \$25,000 of the work and vouched for the company who was the lowest bidder.

☛ **Motion** to approve the expense of the remediation of the oil tank in the DPW yard by Environmental Services of Vernon, NJ for \$14,785 was moved by Councilman Camporeale, seconded by Councilwoman Costantin and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

**RC: Council members:**

Milone-yes  
 Costantin-yes  
 Camporeale-yes  
 Heyer-yes  
 Todd-yes  
 Hoffman-yes

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilman Milone reported that the Memorial School principal had retired and they were actively searching for a new one.

Councilperson Costantin reported that the Library Board was still searching for a trustee and to confirm a date for the Library Breakfast. After polling the Council, four out of seven could attend the event on February 4.

Councilman Camporeale gave the Finance and Revenue Report for the month and was on file.

Councilman Heyer gave the Emerson Volunteer Fire Department Report for the month of December.

Council President Todd reported that as a result of the new police shift schedule only 39.25 overtime hours were logged in the first two weeks of January compared to 213 hours in all of January last year. Furthermore, it appeared to him that another police officer was not needed.

Councilman Hoffman reported that at the recent Shade Tree Commission Reorganization meeting Jim Wagner was reappointed as the Chairman and Joe Solimando as Vice Chairman. Both were reappointed as tree inspectors. The Arbor Day celebration was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> with a tree planting somewhere on borough property for Tree City status.

Mayor Setteducati believed that the Redevelopment Plan by Joseph Burgis was ready and expected that it would be seen at the next Planning Board by the board members; but, that it would not be deliberated until the meeting two weeks from now for lack of having had time to review it by the board members. Mayor Setteducati expected, now that the plan was completed, that the course to beautify Emerson and ease the tax burden on the residential taxpayer would now accelerate towards that goal.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Scarpa reported that:

- PSE &G received a street light survey prepared by the Police Department in response to requests for increased street lighting borough-wide and Mr. Scarpa was awaiting the monthly charge for the proposal of eight more street lamps.
  - The quarterly safety meeting was held as required by JIF.
  - \$5,604 was received for the sewer connection fee prop ram voted on by the Mayor and Council.
  - The Recycling calendar went out to all the residents.
  - A mandatory JIF seminar in regard to employment practices and workman's compensation was scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> for all department heads.
- Councilman Heyer requested that attendance sheets be used.

The **Borough Clerk's** had no report.

The **Borough Attorney** had no report to give in open session.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Before opening the meeting for comments from the public, Mayor Setteducati reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones, keep their comments as brief as possible and try to limit them only to governmental issues of concern to an Emerson resident. He further requested that if a subject matter was addressed and answered, to please refrain from repeating it unless they had something new to contribute. A five-minute rule was in effect for each speaker at the discretion of the Council. Mayor Setteducati asked that everyone do their part to be civil, to the point and respectful of another's point of view and opinion. He further warned that speaking out without recognition would not be tolerated and a second warning could result in ejection from the council chambers.

☞ Councilman Camporeale **moved** to open the meeting for comments from the public, seconded by Councilwoman Costantin and carried unanimously.

Tom DeScisciolo, 64 Dyer Ave., remembered that Mr. Scarpa had done a tremendous job acquiring grant money while he was a councilperson and suggested that he apply for funding through Homeland Security for the Fire Department.

Ron Berg, 234 Palisade Ave., concurred in regard to the flooding problem on Randolph Avenue briefly discussed during the DPW budget and asked the Council to consider the matter seriously.

Helen DeScisciolo, 64 Dyer Ave., complained about the height of the podium and council members who do not speak into the microphones.

Bob Belli, 57 Longview Dr., suggested the purchase of recycling pails once again for new borough residents. Mr. Scarpa explained that the BCUA used to give a lot more money but that over a course of few years, if allowed, the town could put those funds aside so as to have enough to purchase the pails for distribution to the residents.

Helen DeScisciolo, 64 Dyer Ave., suggested that residents buy their own can, and identify it as recycling to save tax dollars.

☞ Seeing no other hands, **motion** to close the meeting for comments from the public was moved by Councilman Camporeale, seconded by Councilwoman Costantin and carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA-Resolution No. 34-06

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 34-06, Consent Agenda, was moved by Councilman Todd, seconded by Councilman Camporeale and carried by roll call vote.

**RC: Council members**

Milone-yes

Costantin-yes

Camporeale-yes

Heyer-yes

Todd-yes

Hoffman-yes

ca35-06	Approve Investments
ca36-06	Approve Transfers within the 2005 municipal budget
ca37-06	Authorize Mayor Setteducati to execute CDL Random Alcohol and Drug testing Program Agreement for \$61.25 per CDL holder
ca38-06	Authorizing Grant Agreement for the purpose of using \$14,795 Open Space Trust Funds for playground equipment at Washington Park
ca39-06	Authorizing Mayor Setteducati to enter into agreement with the County of Bergen for 911 Emergency Notification Services

- ca40-06 Approving the realignment of term expirations on the Emerson Library Board due to more than two terms expiring in same year  
ca41-06 Approve Bill List

**CLOSED SESSION-Resolution No. 42-06**

☞ **Motion** to close for an executive session to discuss matters exempt from the public as duly noticed by Resolution No. 42-06 was moved by Councilman Camporeale, seconded by Council President Heyer and carried unanimously.

06-1/17-03 Litigation-Iozzia

06-1/17-04 Personnel- Tax Collector, Building Department, Police

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

**Motion** to reconvene to the open meeting was moved by Councilman Camporeale, seconded by Councilwoman Costantin and carried unanimously.

☞ **Tax Collector-Resolution No. AO2-06**

Mayor Setteducati requested a motion based on the recommendation of the Borough Administrator and consensus of the Council to hire Barbary Kozay at a salary of \$12,000 to fulfill the statutory duties as Tax Collector for the Borough of Emerson and to be present at the offices of the borough hall two evenings as week between the hours of 5:30 p.m. through 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith inquired if Ms. Kozay would be signing off to indicate her agreement to her precise terms of employment. Mr. Scarpa's response was indistinct. The **motion** was moved by Councilwoman Costantin, seconded by Councilman Heyer and carried by roll call vote.

**RC: Council members**

Milone-yes

Costantin-yes

Camporeale-yes

Heyer-yes

Todd-yes

Hoffman-yes

**Deputy Borough Clerk-Resolution No. AO3-06**

☞ Councilman Camporeale **moved** to advertise a search to fill the position of a Deputy Borough Clerk, seconded by Councilwoman Costantin and carried by roll call vote.

**RC: Council members**

Milone-yes

Costantin-yes

Camporeale-yes

Heyer-yes

Todd-yes

Hoffman-yes

Ordinance Introduction

Mr. Scarpa suggested introducing the ordinance to change the hourly rate of pay for police officers engaged in traffic control for outside companies at the next meeting of the Mayor and Council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

☞ With no more business to discuss, **motion** to adjourn was moved by Councilman Camporeale, seconded by Council President Todd and carried unanimously at 10:30 p.m.

Carol Dray, RMC

February 3, 2006