



MINUTES
BOROUGH OF EMERSON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
May 14, 2013
7:30 P.M.
Borough Hall-Council Chambers
Emerson, NJ 07630



I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colina called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and identified the emergency exits.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Colina asked Ms. Dray to call the roll of the Governing Body.

Present: Mayor Colina, Councilwoman DiPaola, Councilman Knoller, Councilman Paino, Council President Rivers, Councilman Worthington

Absent: Councilwoman Garis

Also present was Borough Attorney Scott Mooney. Borough Administrator Joe Scarpa arrived at 7:40 p.m.

III. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS

*Emerson Celebrates National Public Works Week 2013
and the Emerson Department of Public Works
May 19 – 25, 2013*

IV. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

- Emerson Volunteer Fire Department: Probationary Member-Logan Castrovillari
☞ **Motion** to appoint Logan Castrovillari as a Probationary Member of the Emerson Volunteer Fire Department was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried unanimously.
- Emerson Volunteer Fire Department: Active Member-Mark Savino, Jr.
☞ **Motion** to appoint Mark Savino, Jr. as an Active Member of the Emerson Volunteer Fire Department was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried unanimously.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Mayor Colina announced that there was no unfinished business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- BCUA Solid Waste Cooperative Marketing Program – Mr. Scarpa stated that he had a resolution drafted for the next agenda.

VII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

First Reading:

Mayor Colina announced that Ms. Dray would read the following ordinances by title and they would be further considered at a Public Hearing to be held on May 28th, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall, Municipal Place, Emerson, N.J. and published in the May 17th, 2013 edition of the Ridgewood News by summary. He added that the ordinances were on file in the Clerk's Office and posted on the official bulletin board of the Municipal Building where copies would be available to the General Public at no charge.

1457-13 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, A NEW PUMPER FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,450,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE A STATE GRANT, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

☞ **Motion** to introduce Ordinance #1457-13 on first reading was **moved** by Councilman Worthington, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Paino

ABSENT: Garis

1458-13 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 1407-10 OF THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 61, PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION, DEPARTMENT OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON (FEES)

☞ **Motion** to introduce Ordinance #1458-13 on first reading was **moved** by Councilman Knoller, **seconded** by Council President Rivers and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Paino

ABSENT: Garis

1459-13 AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013

Mayor Colina asked Mr. Scarpa to put together a quick plan to get the professional's contracts finalized and approved. Mr. Scarpa recommended that it be discussed at a Closed Session at the next council meeting.

☞ **Motion** to introduce Ordinance #1459-13 on first reading was **moved** by Councilman Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Worthington and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Paino

ABSENT: Garis

VIII. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES - None

IX. REPORTS

- Borough Administrator Scarpa gave his monthly report mentioning a pre-construction meeting with the contractor who won the bid for the DOT project for High Street, an update on the progress of the Municipal Building sub-committee and recent funds received through grants.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are welcome to speak on any topic by coming to the table and stating your name and address for the record. In the interest of time, speakers are limited to five (5) minutes. In consideration of all who may wish to speak, please keep your comments brief and concise.

☞ **Motion** to open the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Council President Rivers and carried.

Joseph DiGeronimo, 70 Washington Avenue informed the Council about a neighbor to neighbor dispute over a tree house and asked what he could expect from the Governing Body.

Thomas Lahey, 95 South Dorchester Road thanked the Council for traffic safety measures put in place near his home. He was opposed to the Council's recent formal action of adopting a resolution in support of the Fix Gun Checks Act stating that it was dangerous and irresponsible and he asked them to consider rescinding that resolution. He also commented on in-fighting among the Emerson Republican Club and stated he was defending Councilwoman DiPaola against mistreatment from the Council and town.

Seeing no more hands, Mayor Colina asked for a motion to close the meeting to comments from the public.

☞ **Motion** to close the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried unanimously.

XI. RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA NO. 98-13

☞ **Motion** to approve Consent Agenda Resolution #98-13 was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Paino

ABSENT: Garis

Ca 99-13	Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriations NJS 40A:4-87 in the sum of \$3638.00 for Community Development Block Grant - Senior Activities
Ca 100-13	Authorizing Recycling Tonnage Grant Application submission to NJDEP
Ca 101-13	Approving Extension of License to Chapter 7 Trustee of Bankruptcy for Liquor License # 0214-33-001-006
Ca 102-13	Renewal of Coin Operated Laundry License – J. Fancy Cleaners
Ca 103-13	Renewal of Coin Operated Laundry License – Ranch Cleaners

- Ca 104-13 Renewal of Coin Operated Laundry License – Emerson Cleaners
- Ca 105-13 Resolution Requesting Approval of Items of Revenue and Appropriations
NJS 40A:4-87 – Clean Communities Grant for CY 2013 in the amount of
\$13,299.30
- Ca 106-13 Resolution Awarding a Contract for Specialty/Hybrid Services to Sidewalk
Safety, Saddle Brook, NJ
- Ca 107-13 Appointing Carol Dray as Acting Local Registrar
- Ca 108-13 Block Party Approval – 96 Eagle Drive – Saturday, June 1st (rain date:
Saturday, June 8th)

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to address, at the request of Mayor Colina, a motion to adjourn was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried at 8:04 p.m.

Carol Dray, RMC/CMC/CMR

Joseph Kolodziej, Borough Administrator/Clerk

DATE: