



**AGENDA
BOROUGH OF EMERSON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

**January 22, 2013
7:30 P.M.**

**Borough Hall-Council Chambers
Emerson, NJ 07630**



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A meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Emerson, held in the Borough Hall, Municipal Place, Emerson, NJ on January 22, 2013 at 7:31 p.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colina called the meeting to order at 7:32 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, Councilwoman Garis, Councilman Knoller, Councilman Paino, Council President Rivers, Councilman Worthington

Also present was CFO Catherine Henderson.

Absent: Borough Attorney, Scott Mooney and Borough Administrator, Joseph Scarpa

☞ **Motion** to suspend the order of business to go into Closed Executive Session was **moved** by Councilman Knoller, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Garis, Paino

III. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 51-13

#13-1/22-03 Litigation-Hackensack Golf Club Tax Appeal N.J.S.A. 10:4-7

☞ **Motion** to go into an executive session to discuss matters exempt from the public as duly noticed by Resolution No. 51-13 was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Garis, Paino

IV. RECONVENE

☞ **Motion** to reconvene was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Councilwoman Garis and carried unanimously.

As a result of the Closed Executive Session the Governing Body took the following formal action:

Hackensack Golf Club Tax Appeal Settlement

APPROVED FOR RELEASE AND CONTENT

☞ **Motion** to authorize the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, Robert Mancinelli, to inform the Tax Court of the Borough of Emerson Council's agreement to his tax appeal settlement recommendation concerning the Hackensack Golf Club and the settlement details and figures be reduced to writing to be enacted upon at the meeting of the Mayor and Council of February 5, 2013 was moved by Council President Rivers, seconded by Councilman Knoller and carried unanimously by roll call vote of 6-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Garis, Paino

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2013 Annual Departmental Budget Workshop Session

- Emerson Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Chief Joe Castrovillari, Ron Berg and Dan O'Brien presented their department's capital requests for 2013 including the need for a new fire apparatus.
- Historic Preservation Commission – postponed by request of Councilwoman DiPaola
- Shade Tree Commission – Chairman Ken Hoffman and Vice Chair Steve Frassa presented their budget for 2013 requesting an increase for tree maintenance and removal because of the increase cost of contractors.
- Police Department – Chief Donald Rossi with Captain George Buono presented the department's capital requests for 2013 and explained and answered questions from the Council in regard to of the requested increases to Police Department's operation budget.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Resolution No. 50-13 Approval of Bill List

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution #50-13 Approval of the Bill List was **moved** by Councilman Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Worthington and carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Garis, Paino

VII. 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 for comments from the public was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried.

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

☞ **Motion** to close the meeting for comments from the public was **moved** by Councilman Worthington, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried at 9:35 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED FOR RELEASE AND CONTENT

With no other business to address, at the request of Mayor Colina, a motion to adjourn was **moved** by Councilman Worthington, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried at 9:36 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Carol Dray, RMC/CMC/CMR

DATE: _____