



MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF EMERSON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
March 3, 2015  
7:30 P.M.  
Borough Hall-Council Chambers  
Emerson, NJ 07630



I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lamatina called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. and identified the emergency exits.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lamatina asked Ms. Dietsche to call the roll of the Governing Body.

**Present:** Mayor Lamatina, Councilwoman DiPaola, Councilman Knoller, Councilman Paino, Council President Rivers, Councilman Tripodi

**Absent:** Councilman Worthington

Also present was Borough Attorney Daniel Zwillenberg.

III. EXCUSED ABSENCE OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER

- Councilwoman DiPaola for her absence from the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2015

☞ **Motion** to excuse the absence of Councilwoman DiPaola from the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2015 was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Tripodi and carried unanimously.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS

There were no proclamations or citations.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

There were no appointments or resignations.

VI. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- Regular Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2015
- Closed Session Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2015

☞ **Motion** to approve the Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2015 was **moved** by Councilman Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Paino and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller**

**ABSTAIN: DiPaola**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Election polling places – Mr. Zwillenberg read a memo from Mr. Kolodziej noting that he had reached out to the Church of the Assumption to inquire about using their facility as a polling place and was waiting to hear back from Pastor Paolo. Mr. Kolodziej's memo outlined the process for submitting the polling place list to the Board of Elections.

The Governing Body discussed options for polling locations and asked that Mr. Kolodziej be proactive and submit a list of polling places that included the Emerson Public Library and the Senior Center to see if they would be accepted. Councilwoman DiPaola also proposed Temple B'nai Israel as an alternate location. The Governing Body requested that Mr. Kolodziej reach out to both houses of worship to see if they were options. In the meantime, they requested that he submit these sites as well as the Library and Senior Center to the Board of Elections and report back to the Governing Body at the next meeting.

- Moving March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting to March 16<sup>th</sup>

☞ **Motion** to move the Regular Meeting of March 17<sup>th</sup> to March 16<sup>th</sup> was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- Budget Work session
  - Library Board of TrusteesMayor Lamatina announced that the Library Board of Trustees had chosen to postpone their budget presentation to the next regular meeting scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> due to the weather.

IX. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

- Resolution #70-15 Bill List

☞ **Motion** to approve Bill List #70-15 was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Paino and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller**

X. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Lamatina announced that no ordinances were being introduced this evening.

XI. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

**Second Reading & Public Hearing:**

**1496-15** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 274, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC; ARTICLE VII, SCHEDULES, SECTION 274-53, SCHEDULE XVII, TIME LIMIT PARKING

☞ **Motion** to open the meeting to comments from the public on Ordinance #1496-15 was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Lamatina asked for a motion to close the meeting to comments from the public on Ordinance #1496-15.

☞ **Motion** to close the meeting to comments from the public on Ordinance #1496-15 was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Tripodi and carried.

☞ **Motion** to adopt Ordinance #1496-15 on second reading was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller**

## XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

☞ **Motion** to open the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried at 7:55 p.m.

Seeing no hands, Mayor Lamatina 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 Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Tripodi and carried at 7:56 p.m.

## XIII. RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA NO. 71-15

Councilman Knoller made a Point of Order to amend Resolution No. 75-15 to remove a specific funding figure.

☞ **Motion** to approve Consent Agenda #71-15 with the exclusion of Resolution No. 75-15 was **moved** by Councilman Knoller, **seconded** by Council President Rivers and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller**

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 75-15 as amended to omit the dollar amount of \$350,000 and replace it with wording that the allocated dollar amount was to be determined was **moved** by Councilman Knoller, **seconded** by Council President Rivers and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller**

Ca 72-15	Cancellation of Delinquent Tax Interest Charges
Ca 73-15	2015 Temporary Budget Amendment #1
Ca 74-15	Authorization to Purchase Knox Boxes
Ca 75-15	Allocating Funds for 2015 Pascack Valley Cooperative Road Program and Shared Services Group

XIV. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 76-15

☞ **Motion** to go into an executive session to discuss matters exempt from the public as duly noticed by Resolution No. 76-15 was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller**

#15-3/03-8	Litigation – Scarpa v. Emerson	N.J.S.A. 10:4-7
#15-3/03-9	Road Laborer Interviews - DPW	N.J.S.A. 10:4-8
#15-3/03-10	Personnel – Borough Administrator Resumes	N.J.S.A. 10:4-8

Councilman Worthington arrived during Closed Session at 8:06 p.m.

XV. RECONVENE

☞ **Motion** to reconvene was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried at 11:10 p.m.

☞ **Motion** to authorize Mayor Lamatina to execute a retainer agreement with mediator Maurice Gallipoli, Esq. of the firm of Porzio, Bromberg and Newman not to exceed \$4,500 in fees and for Mayor Lamatina to execute that agreement once it was presented was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller, Worthington**

☞ **Motion** to authorize a conditional offer of employment for the DPW Mechanic position subject to background check and drug screening to Maicon Da Silva was **moved** by Councilman Paino, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller, Worthington**

☞ **Motion** to authorize a conditional offer of employment for the DPW Road Department position subject to background check and drug screening to Omar Hernandez was **moved** by Councilman Paino, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller, Worthington**

☞ **Motion** to authorize a the development and advertising of bid specifications associated with a Borough-wide recycling contractor for paper pickup was **moved** by Councilman Worthington, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller, Worthington**

☞ **Motion** to seek quotes for a Borough-wide recycling contractor in the interim was **moved** by Councilman Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Paino and carried by roll call vote of 6-0.

**RC: Council members:**

**YES: DiPaola, Tripodi, Paino, Rivers, Knoller, Worthington**

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to address, at the request of Mayor Lamatina, a motion to adjourn was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried at 11:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Kolodziej, MPA  
Borough Administrator/Clerk