



**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF EMERSON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**July 23, 2013
7:30 P.M.**

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



I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colina called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 were Ron Mondello, Esq. substituting for Borough Attorney Scott Mooney and Borough Administrator Joe Scarpa.

III. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS – There were no proclamations or citations.

IV. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

- Emerson Municipal Court
 - Violations Clerk Sarah Henderson - Permanent Appointment
 - ☞ **Motion** to approve the permanent appointment of Municipal Court Violations Clerk Sarah Henderson was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.
 - RC: Council members:**
 - YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Paino**

V. CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Colina announced that copies of the correspondence were available in the office of the Borough Clerk.

- Letter dated June 5, 2013 from Governor Chris Christie; Re: FY 2014 State Budget and state fiscal health
- Letter received June 21, 2013 from PSEG; Re: Street Light Outages webinar
- Letter dated June 24, 2013 from NJSLOM; Re: 16th Annual Elected Officials Hall of Fame nominations
- Letter dated July 2, 2013 from NJSLOM; Re: Innovation in Governance Awards – request for submissions
- Letter dated July 5, 2013 from Peter Grefrath, Westwood Charity Golf Outing Chairman; Re: Upcoming Golf Outing Thursday, September 5th
- Letter dated July, 2013 from Woodbridge Twp. Mayor John McCormac; Re: NJ Senior Olympic Games September 6-8, 2013
- Letter dated July 8, 2013 from Richard Loveless, Acting Manager, Bureau of Local Aid, NJDOT; Re: Executed agreement by NJDOT for High Street Section 2 in amount of \$126,000

- Letter dated July 9, 2013 from Governor Chris Christie; Re: NJDOT FY 2013 State Aid programs
- Letter dated July 12, 2013 from Robert Garrison, Executive Director, BCUA; Re: BCIA financing services

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was no unfinished business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Interstate Waste – Mr. Scarpa reviewed recent issues with garbage collection. Interstate Waste had put together a correction action plan. Mr. Mark Van Weelden, New York Operations General Manager of Interstate Waste, addressed recent complaints and apologized to the Council and residents for lacking service. The Corrective Action plan included increased training, more supervisory personnel, and visiting Borough Hall periodically to check for missed pickups.
- Solid Waste Contract Renewal – Mr. Scarpa said that the current solid waste contract would expire on December 31st. He asked for authorization to proceed to go out to bid with the same specifications – same type of pickup as well as a summer/winter schedule. Council consensus was for Mr. Scarpa to proceed.

VIII. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

First Reading:

Mayor Colina announced that Ms. Dray would read the following ordinance by title and it would be further considered at a Public Hearing to be held on August 6th, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall, Municipal Place, Emerson, N.J. and published in the July 26th, 2013 edition of the Ridgewood News by summary. He added that the ordinance was 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.

1461-13 AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON ENTITLED "ASSESSOR"

☞ **Motion** to introduce Ordinance #1461-13 on first reading was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Paino

IX. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES – No ordinances were adopted.

X. REPORTS

- Mayor and Council

Mayor Colina reported that Borough Architect Anthony Iovino had begun his study of the Borough Hall by interviewing employees and studying the structure. The quote from Strike Guard, the lightning detection system vendor was being reviewed to adjust the quote due to the fact that the **Department of Public Works** would be doing the installation. A meeting was scheduled to identify the actual costs and a report was scheduled for the next meeting.

Councilman Paino gave the June report of the **Building Department**.

Council President Rivers gave the June report of the **Police Department**.

Councilman Knoller reported that the **Recreation Commission** had a special meeting to discuss camp directors and counselor salaries since camp was extended from four to six weeks this year. The salary increases were approved unanimously. A change would be made to the salary ordinance at the next meeting.

Councilwoman DiPaola said the **Historic Preservation Commission** proposal to Arcadia Press was accepted and they were working on a draft of the picture book about Emerson. A walk through of Emerson Wood's restoration project was scheduled for the next day. The **Shade Tree Commission** had a successful joint meeting with eight other towns where they brainstormed various topics. The **Historic Preservation Commission** display in Stop and Shop would be up through the end of the summer. She referenced an invasive species model ordinance from Rutledge, PA and that she had met with Mr. Scarpa and Construction Official Mike Sartori about. She said no one was inclined to pass this legislation but the model she offered would be the best one if they did adding that they should not get involved in neighbor to neighbor disputes. She suggested that if the Governing Body wanted to move forward with the proposed ordinance to place on the next agenda. Mayor Colina asked the Governing Body to come prepared to the next meeting to discuss it including Mr. Mooney's draft. Mr. Mondello volunteered to share some information with Mr. Mooney about similar ordinances in other towns.

Councilman Worthington gave the **Emerson Volunteer Ambulance Corps** report for June.

Borough Clerk Carol Dray had no report.

Attorney Ron Mondello had no report.

Borough Administrator Joe Scarpa said there was an appropriate authority report and referenced that Chief Rossi had brought up three issues related to parking. He detailed restrictions requested for Etna Avenue and outlined parking issues and recommendations related to a report on streets surrounding Villano School. He discussed setting up designated spaces for commuter parking on Emerson Plaza East as well as fees and fines. Council President Rivers asked that these be written up for first reading so that they would be on the books before school started with a sunset provision based on police monitoring. Members of the Governing Body emphasized that the primary issue was the safety of children. Mr. Scarpa also reported that:

- Damaged street signs were being replaced.
- Nimando Place sewer relining was completed.
- He referenced an issue with a sewer back-up at a resident's home during the above captioned sewer repair that led to holding up a \$16,000 payment to En-Tech Corp.
- FEMA had reimbursed the Borough about \$80,000 for damages from emergencies.
- Shred Day had taken place the previous week
- He attended an incident command system training.
- The borough had received reimbursement for the senior kitchen and senior activities from Community Development.
- The Borough was proceeding with the DOT project on High Street.
- The BOE was doing work on a gas line under High Street. Repaving may take place but then the road might have to be dug up. He was going to try to get this project moved up on PSEG's list.

- The state sent notice that the Borough would be receiving another \$126,000 for the second phase of doing High Street.
- Continued meetings and discussions are taking place regarding Kinderkamack Road. NJT still had not approved the necessary plans.
- A pre-construction meeting for the road resurfacing project with the Pascack Valley towns would take place soon.
- The 9-11 dedicated trust fund was officially approved by the state.
- There had been a walkthrough at the Emerson Woods project.
- Total donated funds for the 9-11 Memorial were about \$3,500. He had reached out to businesses for donations and asked to proceed with an open space grant to match funds with a deadline of August.
- Mr. Scarpa asked to officially approve the DPW temporary help.

☞ **Motion** to approve hiring Donald Fusco and Dominick Rouse as temporary summer DPW workers with the salary rate set forth in the DPW contract of \$10.00 per hour, was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Paino and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Paino

XI. 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 at 8:20 p.m.

Seeing no 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 Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried.

XII. RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA NO. 137-13

Councilwoman DiPaola requested a point of order to pull two items from the bill list. Mr. Mondello explained that a motion would have to be made to remove those two items from the consent agenda, a second received and then a vote taken. Councilwoman DiPaola explained that she wanted to pull off Mr. Mooney's check for \$7,981.50 and the Rem Zeller, LLC payment of \$1,790.77. Mr. Mondello asked if there was objection to pulling them from the bill list with the understanding that the Council could subsequently vote on those two items independently.

The Council consensus was to pull those two items on the bill list from the consent agenda. Mr. Mondello advised that those two items be voted upon at the conclusion to the motion to approve the consent agenda.

☞ **Motion** to approve Consent Agenda Resolution #137-13 without the two items specified by Councilwoman DiPaola was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Worthington and carried by roll call vote of 5-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, DiPaola, Worthington, Rivers, Paino

Ca 138-13 Bill List

Ca 139-13 Award PV Cooperative 2013 Road Paving Contract

Council President Rivers asked to have the two items separated for separate votes.

There was no motion to approve Mr. Mooney's bill.

☞ **Motion** to approve the Rem Zeller bill was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by roll call vote of 4-1.

RC: Council members:

YES: Knoller, Worthington, Rivers, Paino

NO: DiPaola

Mayor Colina said that the matter of Mr. Mooney's billing would be carried over.

XIII. 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 Councilwoman DiPaola and carried at 8:24 p.m.

9/17/13

Municipal Clerk

Date