



MINUTES
BOROUGH OF EMERSON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
March 4, 2014
7:30 P.M.
Borough Hall-Council Chambers
Emerson, NJ 07630



I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colina called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Councilman Knoller, Councilman Paino, Council President Rivers, Councilman Worthington

Absent: Councilwoman DiPaola

Also present were Borough Attorney Ron Gordon and Acting Administrator Les Shenkler.

III. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

- Shade Tree Commission
 - ❖ Resignation of Regular Member Robert Bauman effective immediately for the term ending 12/31/16
- Land Use Board
 - ❖ Resignation of Thomas Browne as Class II effective immediately for the term ending 12/31/14
- Historic Preservation Commission
 - ❖ Resignation of William Panza as a Class C member effective immediately for the term ending 12/31/14
- Councilmember
 - ❖ Resignation of Ronald Griffin effective immediately for the term ending December 31, 2016
 - ❖ **Motion** to accept the resignation of Ronald Griffin effective immediately for the term ending December 31, 2016 was **moved** by Councilman Worthington, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried unanimously.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ❖ Adopting Procedure for sending 'Rice Notices' – Mayor Colina announced that this item was being tabled until the next meeting at the request of Councilwoman DiPaola.
- ❖ Municipal and Visitor Parking – Council President Rivers explained that the Building Department had requested that the Council re-consider the parking in the back of the Borough Hall that was currently marked as reserved for residents. He did not recommend making any change to that in that lot based on the recent formal action taken by the Council of assigning paid commuter parking spaces at Emerson Plaza East. There were no other comments.

- ❖ Park Ridge Shared Pistol Range – Council President Rivers said the Police Department shared the Park Ridge pistol range with a number of other towns. Park Ridge had asked for help to facilitate some necessary and mandatory changes to upgrade the facility. He noted that he thought the cost would be minimal to the Borough and was in the Police Department budget. He said that based on the access and cost, it did make sense to proceed with this item. He added that Park Ridge was looking for a letter from Emerson indicating that they would move forward.

☞ **Motion** to proceed with participating in the Park Ridge Pistol Range upgrades was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by roll call vote of 4-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Paino, Rivers, Knoller, Worthington

- ❖ Budget Work Session
 - Emerson Volunteer Fire Department – Fire Chief Dan O'Brien presented the Volunteer Fire Department budget and capital requests including changes to the locking system and a replacement generator.
 - Library Board of Trustees – President Bill Panza, Library Director Camille Valentino and the Board of Trustees presented their budget and capital requests as well as reporting highlights of the past year including an increase in readership.

V. NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business.

VI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

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 March 18th, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall, Municipal Place, Emerson, N.J. and published in the March 7th, 2014 edition of the Ridgewood News by summary. He added that these 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.

First Reading:

1473-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 274 OF THE CODE OF EMERSON ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC ARTICLE VII, SCHEDULE III § 274-39 TITLED ONE- WAY STREETS

☞ **Motion** to introduce Ordinance #1473-14 on first reading was **moved** by Councilman Worthington, **seconded** by Council President Rivers and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Paino, Rivers, Knoller, Worthington

1474-14 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 274-50 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON ENTITLED "SCHEDULE XIV: NO PARKING" TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF ARTHUR AVENUE

☛ **Motion** to introduce Ordinance #1474-14 on first reading was **moved** by Councilman Worthington, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried by a roll call vote of 4-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: Paino, Rivers, Knoller, Worthington

VII. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES – No ordinances were adopted.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

☛ **Motion** to open the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **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 to comments from the public was **moved** by Council President Rivers, **seconded** by Councilman Knoller and carried.

IX. 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 8:09 p.m.

Carol Dray, RMC CMC CMR