

JANUARY 5, 2009

Mayor Cooperhouse called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mayor Cooperhouse read the Presiding Officer's Statement. Present were Council Members Burden, Dodge, Keegan, McGuire and Menapace. Council Member Murphy was absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

Salute to Flag

Mayor Cooperhouse led the Salute to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2008 and December 1, 2008

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the meeting minutes of November 17, 2008 and December 1, 2008. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Council Members Dodge and Keegan who abstained.

RESOLUTION #2009-15 (Step Increase Patrolman Adam Cerminaro)

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution #2009-15 granting a step increase for Patrolman Adam Cerminaro. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Councilman Keegan who abstained.

RESOLUTION #2009-16 (Authorize Contract Renewal for Local Assistance)

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve Resolution #2009-16 authorizing the contract renewal for local assistance. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Councilman Keegan who abstained.

Authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign 2008-2010 Contract w/Local 32

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the 2008-1010 contract with Local 32. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Council Members Dodge and Keegan who abstained.

Authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign 2009 Renewal Contract for Interlocal Public Assistance

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Menapace to approve the 2009 contract for interlocal public assistance. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Council Members Dodge and Keegan who abstained.

Authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign 2009 Renewal Contract for Bond Counsel Services

A motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Dodge to renew a contract for Bond Counsel with John O'Bennett, III, Esq. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Councilman Keegan who abstained.

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Authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign 2009 Renewal Contract for Special Counsel - COAH

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Menapace to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a renewal contract for 2009 with Jeffrey Surenian, Esq. as COAH Counsel. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Councilman Keegan who abstained.

Authorize Mayor and Clerk to sign 2009 Renewal Contract for Animal Warden Contract

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman McGuire to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the 2009 renewal contract for animal warden services with Red Bank. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Councilman Keegan who abstained.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Seaman reminded the Council that there is a seminar for Elected Officials on January 8th in Wall Township. Councilman Menapace attended one in Wall Township in December.

Administrator Seaman reported that the Meadow Drive work is almost complete with just some modification of the traffic signals still required.

Administrator Seaman also reported that Sickles Avenue and West End Avenue paving will be put off until spring. He noted the work on the First Aid generator is in progress. The old generators have been removed and a new generator should arrive in the next three weeks.

Administrator Seaman also reported that the Laurel Street road project has also been postponed until spring.

Reports of Council

Councilman Dodge reported that he had nothing to report, but he was looking forward to this and the year ahead.

Councilman Keegan expressed his gratitude and appreciation for being chosen to sit on the Council, but had no report.

Councilman Burden had no report.

Councilman Menapace questioned on the status of the recycling calendar.

Administrator Seaman responded that it is usually included as an insert with a directory, which will probably go out around the end of February.

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Councilman Menapace reported that they are moving forward with the wash station at the Department of Public Works and the Borough Engineer is confident that they will meet the deadline of April 1st. The last thing heard from Little Silver was that they are not interested in a shared service agreement. They rejected our offer of a shared wash station.

Mayor Cooperhouse indicated that he will be attending a Two River Council of Mayors meeting on Saturday and will bring that up for discussion. He also extended a hardy welcome to Mr. Dodge and Mr. Keegan and thanked them for stepping forward to work with the Borough. In turn they thanked the Mayor for his support.

Councilman McGuire noted that he is delighted to see that the turn light was installed on Meadow Drive. It has been a 40 year wait.

Correspondence

The Mayor reported on current correspondence.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Cooperhouse announced that he received a letter from the NJDOT and was pleased to report that the State Department of Transportation informed the Borough that the priority to address the traffic light on Route 35 and Sycamore Avenue has been moved up. The signal will be upgraded and more responsive to traffic demands. He said it has been approved and he expressed the Borough's appreciation to Senator Jennifer Beck's office in cutting through the red tape with the DOT. He also said that the culvert on White Street is still under discussion and the Borough Engineer is meeting with the DEP next week.

Mayor Cooperhouse also noted that the Borough received the paperwork for COAH. It was approved and as of now the Borough is in full compliance with the court.

Open/Close Meeting to the Public

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman McGuire to open the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes. Seeing no one to speak, a motion was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace to close the meeting to the public. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Menapace to authorize payment of all bills as submitted by the Chief Financial Officer. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes, except for Councilman Keegan who abstained.

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Adjourn to Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilman Menapace, seconded by Councilman McGuire to enter into an executive session to discuss a personnel issue and contracts at 8:00 PM. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Reconvene Regular Meeting

Mayor Cooperhouse reconvened the public meeting at 8:52 PM. Present were Council Members Burden, Dodge, Keegan, McGuire and Menapace. Council Member Murphy was absent. Also present were Borough Administrator Thomas Seaman and Borough Attorney Martin Barger.

Appointment Of Code Enforcement Official

A motion was made by Councilman McGuire, seconded by Councilman Menapace to appoint Frank Woods as the Borough's Code Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$16.00 per hour not to exceed 20 hours a week. The motion was approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM was made by Councilman Burden, seconded by Councilman Menapace and approved by Roll Call Vote with all members present voting yes.

Attest: _____
Lynn A. Spillane, CMC – Municipal Clerk

Approve: _____
Terel J. Cooperhouse, Mayor