

September 9, 2008

MINUTES of a Regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey held on the 9th day of September, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, N.J.

Present: Mayor Dennis Elwell  
Councilmembers: John Bueckner  
Richard Kane  
Michael Gonnelli  
Gary Jeffas  
John Shinnick  
John Reilly

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The following statement was read by Town Clerk Michael Marra:

"Adequate notice for this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, has been provided by the filing of the notice of Meetings with the Municipal Clerk, the posting of said notice on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and the delivery of same to the Secaucus Home News on January 4, 2008."

This body wishes to advise you that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-11.1, et seq. of the Indoor Air Quality Standards and Procedures for Buildings Occupied by Public Employees, smoking anywhere in this public building is prohibited by law.

In the event of a fire or other emergency, please note that there are two exits in the rear of the Council Chamber which may be used."

Town Clerk, Michael Marra swore in George Schoenrock as Battalion Chief for the Secaucus Volunteer Fire Department.

Battalion Chief, George Schoenrock addressed the Mayor and Council and thanked all for their ongoing cooperation.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2008-27

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127-58B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF  
SECAUCUS ENTITLED "DESIGNATION OF  
LOCATIONS AT OR NEAR PRIVATE RESIDENCES"**

Councilman Bueckner moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Public hearing on the foregoing ordinance will be October 14, 2008.

**CONSENT AGENDA-RESOLUTIONS**

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

The following resolution was read: No. 2008-118

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND  
AN APPROPRIATION OF EQUAL AMOUNT**

Council offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of

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appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2008 in the sum of \$18,064.52 which item is now available as revenue from:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
SOLID WASTE ADMINISTRATION

pursuant to the provisions of the statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$18,064.52 be and the same hereby appropriated under the following caption:

FY2008 CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

The following resolution was read: No.2008-119

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND  
AN APPROPRIATION OF EQUAL AMOUNT

Council offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IF RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus hereby requests the Director of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2008 in the sum of \$5,000.00 which is now available as revenue from:

NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

pursuant to the provisions of the statute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$5,000.00 be and the same hereby appropriated under the following caption:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

The following resolution was read: No. 2008-120

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Downtown Revitalization Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the Town at the direction of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Downtown Revitalization Grant Program, has prepared an application for \$25,000.00 in funds to partially cover the costs of the Summer Concert Series, as well as an alternate application for \$25,000.00 to partially cover the cost of installing sidewalks along Meadowlands Parkway from Route 3 to 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED,

1) That the Town of Secaucus does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and

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2) Recognizes and accepts that New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Downtown Revitalization Grant Program may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Downtown Revitalization Grant Program, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement, and also upon receipt of a fully executed agreement from the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Downtown Revitalization Grant Program, does further authorize the expenditures of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Town of Secaucus and the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission, Downtown Revitalization Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons whose names, titles and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the agreement and any other documents necessary in connection with:

Dennis Elwell, Mayor  
Administrator

David B. Drumeler, Esq.,

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Michael Marra, the Town Clerk of the Town of Secaucus hereby certify that a meeting of the Governing Body held on 9/9/08 the above Resolution was duly adopted.

Michael Marra, Town Clerk

The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-121

**TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus values the health of all of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus supports awareness of certain disease, such as Breast Cancer, which affects the lives of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, the Tie a Ribbon for the Cure campaign, sponsored by the North Jersey Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation ("the Affiliate"), promotes such awareness as well as remembrance for those who have been touched by the disease; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Affiliate is to raise awareness and reach the citizens of the Town of Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus, through the efforts of the Affiliate, will proudly join in the Tie a Ribbon for the Cure campaign in the central retail business district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus does hereby proclaim that October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month to be marked by the tying of pink ribbons in the central retail business district for the period of October 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 Tie a Ribbon for the Cure campaign, in the Town of Secaucus.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-122

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR LEASE OF REAR OF NEW RECREATION  
CENTER FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS MONOPOLE**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council advertised for and received the following bid for the lease of the rear of the new recreation center for a telecommunication monopole on August 21, 2008:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>
Omnipoint Communications, Inc. (T-Mobile)	\$34,080.00 (With Town leasing other positions)



scheduled for this week.

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Councilman Gonnelli reported on the problem on Franklin Street. He addressed Mr. Drumeler looking for a report on the Seaview Drive bus stop.

Mr. Drumeler reported that he received the report on Friday but has yet to review it. He said that he will get it to him by the end of the week.

Councilman Gonnelli asked for a follow up on a pump station on Keiswetter Lane.

Mayor Elwell said there is a meeting set for Thursday evening at the site.

Councilman Gonnelli said that he has received several reports of damage to pavers at Mill Creek Point.

Mayor Elwell said that it will be looked at. He asked Councilman Gonnelli if the NJMC is still doing maintenance there? He said they can discuss it later.

Councilman Gonnelli spoke about the marking on the ground for trees. He said he has received several calls that people were not notified.

Mayor Elwell said that there was a Shade Tree Committee meeting and there was a public meeting and notifications were sent all over Town.

Councilman Gonnelli mentioned door hangers.

Mayor Elwell said that there are door hangers and the reason for the public hearing was for people who did not want a tree. He said there was a phone number to call at the DPW.

Councilman Gonnelli suggested that something be done to get that message out better.

Mayor Elwell said it was handled by the State and he would follow up with John Dubiel.

Councilman Bueckner said they went out in June and explained about a resident who does not want a tree.

Mayor Elwell said that they need to contact the DPW.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Kane spoke about a call received regarding lines on Flanagan Way and the fact that need to be repainted.

Mayor Elwell reported that the sidewalk on Meadowland Parkway has been started. He said the concrete work at the Seventh Street Firehouse is completed. He said that there is a lot of work being done and some projects have been delayed. He spoke about projects in the Town that need to be done. He said that there were comments at the last meeting regarding the Court. He reported that the Court is up in revenue by \$139,691.35. He spoke about the Court closure and explained why the court was closed for a period of time. He also spoke about complaints issued by the residents and the follow up with Construction Code violations.

Mayor Elwell spoke about the Exotica Exposition that was planned at the Meadowlands Exposition Center. He said that the Town was never notified when it was planned in June. He said that a retired police officer picked this up on the internet over the weekend, contacted the Chief of Police who contacted Councilman Reilly who contacted me. He reported that on Tuesday morning, the Town found details that would stop the exposition. He gave some explanation of the Ordinance of the Town. He said the Town went to court, a hearing was granted, but the people running the show decided to move to another location.

Michael Marra announced that on October 14, 2008 the Town Clerk's Office will be open until 9:00pm for voters registration, change of voters address or name change. He stated that this is the deadline to make changes for the November 4<sup>th</sup> election.



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The following correspondence was received.

September 4, 2008

Marra's Pharmacy  
1285 Paterson Plank Road  
Secaucus, NJ 07094

Dear Mayor Elwell,

As per request, Marra's Pharmacy and Bill's Jewelers will be celebrating their 85<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, respectively in business in Secaucus on Saturday October 4 from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. As in the past, the celebration will be right in front of the store located at 1285 Paterson Plank Road.

We are requesting the road between Humboldt Street and Paterson Plank be closed to vehicles during the event.

If you need further information about the event, please feel free to call me at Marra's. The phone number is

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Angelo Marra

Councilman Shinnick moved to approve the foregoing request, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Sam Maffei  
Thomas Troyer  
Joseph Lynch  
Barbara Napierski  
Jules Carricarte  
Peter Weiner  
John Markovich

Councilman Reilly moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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Michael Marra, Town Clerk

