

March 11, 2014

MINUTES of the 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 11th day of March, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, NJ.

Present: Councilmembers: Michael Gonnelli
Gary Jeffas
Robert Costantino
William McKeever
James Clancy
Susan Pirro
Mark Dehnert

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 December 26, 2013".

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."

Mayor Gonnelli asked for a moment of silence in honor of deceased firefighter Gregory Barnas.

Michael Marra swore in Father Victor Kennedy as Fire Chaplain.

The first item on the agenda is as follows:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following resolution as read: No. 2014-81

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that the minutes of the Regular Meetings of January 14, 2014, January 28, 2014, February 11, 2014 and February 25, 2014 are hereby approved.

Councilwoman Pirro moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: Pirro on February 25 only; Dehnert on January 28
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read or introduction: No. 2014-6

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

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

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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. 2014-82

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND/CANCEL;LATION OF PROPERTY TAXCES DUE TO REMOVAL OF MOBILE CELL TOWER

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Secaucus has determined that action is required as a result of a certain property not reflected in 2014 Tax Duplicate; and

WHEREAS, Block 58, Lot4 Qualifier T01, had a mobile cell tower located on their property; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property has been informed that their lease with Nextel has been terminated; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector was informed about this cell tower by the Taxpayer and Tax Assessor has confirmed this information and has removed this cell tower from 2014 tax duplicate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel 1st and 2nd quarter 2014 billing totaling \$1,858.33.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Town Tax Collector and Tax Assessor.

The following resolution was read:

No.2014-83

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX OVERPAYMENT REFUND

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Tax Collector that the taxpayer for the property indicated on the attached Schedule "A", totaling \$19,798.18 are entitled to tax overpayment refund(s), for the 1st Quarter 2014; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to have these overpayment(s) returned to the respective taxpayer(s) and/or their agents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the requested overpayment refund(s) be made.

THE Tax Collector is hereby authorized to make overpayment refund(s) and/or apply these overpayments to taxpayer(s) future quarters, as appropriate, in the amount shown to the taxpayer(s), as appears on Schedule "A".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution, along with Schedule "A" be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

The following resolution was read:

No.2014-84

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY REDUCTION(S)

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Secaucus has determined that action is required as a result of the 2009 tax reduction(s) granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the foregoing as well as to the amount of the

Tax Cancellation(s) which is set forth along the block(s) and lot(s) of the taxpayer(s).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the requested Tax Cancellation(s) be made:

**TAX REDUCTIONS GRANTED BY THE
TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY**

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AMOUNT	BLOCK	LOT	QUALIFIER	ADDRESS
159	3.01	C0004		4 Mallard Place
1,110.36				
159	3.01	C0011		11 Mallard Place
2,186.65				
159	3.01	C0025		25 Mallard Place
2,840.60				
159	3.01	C0031		31 Mallard Place
1,512.26				
159	3.01	C0051		51 Mallard Place
5,252.05				
159	3.01	C0053		53 Mallard Place
2,755.45				
159	3.01	C0077		77 Osprey Court
1,903.95				
159	3.01	C0079		79 Osprey Court
3,314.04				
159	3.01	C0110		110 Osprey Court
2,421.67				
159	3.01	C0122		122 Osprey Court
4,754.78				
159	3.01	C0183		183 Blue Heron Drive
2,874.66				

\$ 30,926.47

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-85

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY REDUCTION(S)

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Secaucus has determined that action is required as a result of the 2010 tax reduction(s) granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the foregoing as well as to the amount of the Tax Cancellation(s) which is set forth along the block(s) and lot(s) of the taxpayer(s).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the requested Tax Cancellation(s) be made:

**TAX REDUCTIONS GRANTED BY THE
TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY**

BLOCK	LOT	QUALIFIER	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
159	3.01	C0004	4 Mallard Place	\$ 1,125.35
159	3.01	C0025	25 Mallard Place	2,878.97
159	3.01	C0031	31 Mallard Place	1,532.68
159	3.01	C0051	51 Mallard Place	5,322.98
159	3.01	C0053	53 Mallard Place	2,792.67
159	3.01	C0079	79 Osprey Court	3,358.80
159	3.01	C0110	110 Osprey Court	2,454.37
159	3.01	C0122	122 Osprey Court	4,818.99
159	3.01	C0183	183 Blue Heron Drive	<u>203.67</u>
				<u>\$ 24,488.48</u>

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-86

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY REDUCTION(S)

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Secaucus has determined that action is required as a result of the 2010 tax reduction(s) granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the foregoing as well as to the amount of the Tax Cancellation(s) which is set forth along the block(s) and lot(s) of the taxpayer(s).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the requested Tax Cancellation(s) be made:

TAX REDUCTIONS GRANTED BY THE
TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY

BLOCK AMOUNT	LOT	QUALIFIER	ADDRESS
26	9.01	79	County Avenue
\$ 5,178.00			700 Penhorn Avenue
46	2.01		
	102,379.41		
57	3	1	Emerson Lane
13,007.14			

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-87

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY DEDUCTIONS

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Secaucus has determined that action is required as a result of the 2011 tax reduction(s) granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the foregoing as well as to the amount of the Tax Cancellation(s) which is set forth along the block(s) and lot(s) of the taxpayer(s).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the requested Tax Cancellation(s) be made:

TAX REDUCTIONS GRANTED BY THE
TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY

BLOCK AMOUNT	LOT	QUALIFIER	ADDRESS
26	9.01	79	County Avenue
\$ 5,467.50			700 Penhorn Avenue
46	2.01		
	36,169.33		
57	3	1	Emerson Lane
31,959.36			

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-88

RESOLUTION APPROVING TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY DEDUCTIONS

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Town of Secaucus has determined that action is required as a result of the 2011 tax reduction(s) granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey.

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has certified to the foregoing as well as to the amount of the Tax Cancellation(s) which is set forth along the block(s) and lot(s) of the taxpayer(s).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the requested Tax Cancellation(s) be made:

TAX REDUCTIONS GRANTED BY THE
TAX COURT OF NEW JERSEY

BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS	AMOUNT
46	2.01	700 Penhorn Ave	\$36,685.33
57	3	1 Emerson Lane	\$50,900.30

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-89

**1TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Fire Department, has the need for to acquire a HIGH PRESSURE BREATHING AIR SYSTEM; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department was not able to obtain comparable QUOTES;

WHEREAS, the "SOLE SUPPLIER" and "EXCLUSIVE" sales and service distributor of Eagle Compressors, Inc. in the State of New Jersey and surrounding regions, is Airpower International, Inc. located in Pennsauken, New Jersey : supporting documentation attached; and

WHEREAS, the Proposal for this High Pressure Breathing Air System is in the amount of \$28,500.00 and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus to award AIRPOWER INTERNATIONAL, INC. the amount of \$28,500.00, for the HIGH PRESSURE BREATHING SYSTEM.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-90

**1TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Police Department has the need for additional Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus Police Department wishes to purchase two Vehicles from Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New Jersey is a New Jersey State Contract vendor; and

WHEREAS, the Vehicles are approved under New Jersey State Contract # 82925; and

WHEREAS, the two Vehicles are in the total amount of \$51,437.00; and

WHEREAS, the funds for the two Vehicles, are to be offset by off-duty work performed by the Police Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, to award Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New Jersey the amount of \$51,437.00 for two (2) Vehicles for the Police Department.

Financial Officers
Certificate attached.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-91

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus, Department of Public Works, had the EMERGENCY need for SNOW REMOVAL & CARTING SERVICES and EQUIPMENT RENTAL; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey declared a STATE OF EMERGENCY, due to the severity of weather and cumulative snow and consecutive storms; and

WHEREAS, the volume of snow removal, necessitated contracting with various vendors to supplement the Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the vendor Adamo Brothers of Ridgefield, New Jersey provided Dump Trucks and Services, in the amount of \$38,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the vendor Hugerich Construction Inc. of Secaucus, New Jersey provided Dump Truck and Bulldozers, in the amount of \$ 26,612.50 ; and

WHEREAS, the vendor H.Faulk of Kearny, New Jersey provided EQUIPMENT and LABOR, in the amount of \$12,600.00; and

WHEREAS, the total services for the Emergency Snow Removal and Services, are at cost to the Town of Secaucus of \$77,712.50; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus to award the payments itemized above, to the vendors listed.

Financial officers
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-92

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendation of John Voli, Recreation Director of the Town of Secaucus, the following persons are hereby approved for a raise as Front Desk Personnel at the following hourly wages and rates, effective February 20, 2014 for the Secaucus Recreation Center:

<u>Front Desk</u>	<u>Employee ID#</u>	
Mary Kate Ernst	2845	Move from \$8.25 to \$8.75
Katrina Tavarez	2920	Move from \$8.25 to \$9.25

The following resolution: No. 2014-93

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendation of John Voli, Recreation Director of the Town of Secaucus, the following person is hereby appointed as a Lifeguard at the Secaucus Recreation Center, effective March 3, 2014 at the following hourly wages:

Secaucus Recreation Center

Lifeguard

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Alie Agolli	\$9.00

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-94

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to auction off vehicles and/or equipment that are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following vehicles and equipment shall be put up for auction at the following minimum bid prices:

<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Minimum Bid</u>	
1) TomTom GPS	\$10.00	
2) Garmin GPS		\$10.00
3) Cabinet lights and bulbs	\$25.00	
4) Create Flex Wave Amp		\$10.00
5) 2 ceramic lawn ornaments	\$5.00	
6) Bosch Drill Bits and Blades	\$50.00	
7) 2 knife sets		\$20.00
8) 9 cell phones		\$300.00
9) Motorola Radios		\$25.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the auction of these vehicles shall occur online on the auction site govdeals.com.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the auction for each item will start on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 8:00am and end on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 6:00pm with all property being sold in an "as-is" condition.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-95

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that pursuant to the recommendation of Lisa Snedeker, Director of Social Services, Anthony Candelario is hereby appointed as a Worker in the Secaucus Food Pantry, effective March 12, 2014, at the hourly rate of \$12.00.

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-96

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that pursuant to the recommendation of John Voli, Recreation Director of the Town of Secaucus, the following person is hereby appointed as an Aftercare Counselor, effective March 17, 2014, at the following hourly rate:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	
Karen Rand		\$8.25

The following resolution was read: Bo. 2014-97

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, pursuant to the recommendation of Kevin O'Connor, Superintendent for the Department of Public Works, that Robert Davis is hereby appointed to the position of Laborer, effective March 12, 2014 with a salary of \$25,000.00

The following resolution was read: No. 2014-98

TOWN OF SECAUCUS RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE RODGERS GROUP, LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF OVERSIGHT AND DIRECT MENTORSHIP OF THE PROCESS OF SEURING NJSACOP ACCREDITATION OF THE SECAUCUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus will benefit by having the Secaucus Police Department obtain NJSACOP accreditation; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town to retain a company that specializes on Oversight and Direct Mentorship of the Process of Securing NJSACOP Accreditation for New Jersey Police Departments; and

WHEREAS, the Rodgers Group, LLC is a "Professional Service" experienced in Oversight and Direct Mentorship of the Process of Securing NJSACOP Accreditation for New Jersey Police Departments; and

Whereas, the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-1 et seq) requires that the resolution authorizing the award of contracts for Professional Services without competitive bids and the contract itself must be available for public inspection.

WHEREAS, the members of both police Department and Police Committee have reviewed this proposal and are in agreement that there services should be awarded; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, and State of New Jersey, that the Rodgers Group, LLC is hereby appointed as "Professional Service" for the purpose of Oversight and

Direct Mentoring of the Process of Securing NJSACOP Accreditation for the Town of Secaucus Police Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the within appointment shall be from the date of passage of this resolution until the completion of the accreditation process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the rate of pay for The Rodgers Group, LLC shall be a fee of \$39,000 payable in 12 monthly payments of \$3,250.00 for all services set forth in its proposal in this matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to execute a contract in accordance with this Resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Town Administrator are hereby authorized to execute any other document and/or take any other action necessary to fulfill the spirit and intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(A) OF THE Local Public Contract Law because the contract is for a service performed by a person authorized by law to practice a recognized profession that is regulated by law (i.e. Pole Accreditation); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a notice of this action shall be printed in a newspaper as required by law.

Financial officers
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2014-99

RESOLUTION APPROVING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE SECAUCUS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Uniform Shares Services and Consolidation Act at N.J.S.A. 40a:65-4 a local governing unit may enter into an agreement with any other local unit to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction; and

Councilwoman Pirro moved that the foregoing resolutions on the Consent Agenda be approved, seconded by Councilman McKeever.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Dehnert, Gonnelli

NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

Councilwoman Pirro moved to approve the foregoing application, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Indian Caucus to use the Mill Ridge area for Holi celebration.

Councilman Costantino moved to approve the foregoing request, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

Councilwoman Pirro approved the Correspondence Register, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Pirro, Dehnert, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Gary Pollack
Tom Troyer

Councilwoman Pirro moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm pm, seconded by Councilman Costantino.

AYES: Jeffas, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Dehnert, Pirro Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried

Michael Marra, Town Clerk
