

March 25, 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 25th day of March, 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."

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2008-9

**AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS STREETS AND THE
NECESSARY FUND TO PAY THE COST THEREOF:**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Secaucus, in the County of Hudson, New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Various improvements to various streets are hereby authorized.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated \$250,000 of funds available from the following source:

STATE OF NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR 2008 \$250,000

SECTION 3. The funds hereby appropriated are authorized to be expended by the proper officers for the purpose hereby authorized when obligations to expend said funds have been created in forma and manner as permitted by law.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance with the law applicable thereto.

Mayor Elwell stated that the exact streets have not been determined yet.

Mayor Elwell asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing ordinance.

Mayor Elwell called on Sam Maffei.

Mr. Maffei spoke about an accident near Hagan Place and Schopman Dr. He asked if anything is being done there.

Mayor Elwell explained that the Town is trying to get a stormwater project on Schopman Drive and that is why it has not be named yet.

There being no one else requesting the floor, Councilman Gonnelli moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

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Councilman Shinnick moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Kane.

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

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2008-10

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127-35 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF
SECAUCUS
ENTITLED "SCHEDULE XIII: BUS STOPS"

SECTION 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Section 127-35-"Schedule XIII: Bus Stops" shall be amended as follows:

1. Along Seaview Drive Extension, eastbound, on the southerly side thereof between:
 - a. New County Road and venture Way (Mid-Block) beginning 1,612 feet west of the westerly curb line of New County road and extending 135 feet westerly therefrom (at address 200 Seaview Drive Extension a Medical Supply Company).
2. Along Seaview Drive Extension westbound, on the northerly side thereof between:
 - a. New County Road and Venture Way (Mid-Block) beginning 1,980 feet west of the westerly curb line of New County Road and Extending 135 feet westerly therefrom (across address 180 Seaview Drive Extension)

SECTION 2

SEVERABILITY

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this ordinance are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words or parts of the regulation or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included herein, and if such persons or circumstances, to which this ordinance or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempted therefrom.

SECTION 3

REPEALER

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4

EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Mayor Elwell asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing ordinance. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Reilly moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilman Kane.

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

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Councilman Reilly moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Gonnelli.

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

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2008-11

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

SECTION 1

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Section 127-58B-"Designation of Locations at or Near Private Residences" shall be amending by deleting the following location:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Eighth Street	West	West side of Eighth Street for a distance of 22 feet in front of 675 Eighth Street

SECTION 2

SEVERABILITY

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this ordinance are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words or parts of the regulation or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included herein, and if such persons or circumstances, to which this ordinance or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempted therefrom.

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4

EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Mayor Elwell asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing ordinance. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Jeffas moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

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

Councilman Shinnick moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

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

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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. 2008-47

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS AND RIVERSIDE COURT CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC., IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.0 et.seq.

WHEREAS, the Riverside Court Condominium Association filed a lawsuit against the Town of Secaucus seeking to obtain compliance with N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.2, et.seq.; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit was settled based upon the understanding that a Municipal Services Agreement would be entered into between the parties to fulfill the Town's obligations to provide municipal services to the condominium; and

WHEREAS, an agreement has been reached in which the Town will provide for the following: the continued collection of recyclables and solid waste from the condominium in the same manner it has been providing, reimbursement of lighting costs for 11 street lights in the development at a rate provided by PSE&G for usage costs; and reimbursement of snow removal costs for 158.4 of linear feet of its private roads that would otherwise qualify as public roads; and

WHEREAS, the agreement satisfies the municipal requirement to provide services to a qualified private community pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.2 et.seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the Municipal Services Agreement between the Town of Secaucus and Riverside Court Condominium Associations, Inc. is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Municipal Services Agreement in the form annexed hereto.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-48

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS OPPOSING THE STATE'S REDUCTION IN STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES

WHEREAS, one of the primary sources of revenue included in every municipal budget in the State of New Jersey for the last five decades has been Municipal Aid provided in the State's Budget for each municipality.

WHEREAS, the State, through no fault of the municipalities, has come upon extraordinary difficult financial times, and

WHEREAS, the State has determined that significant budget reductions must be effectuated in light of the State's budget; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the State has found itself in significant financial difficulties, but those difficulties are in no way attributable to the annual State Aid provided to municipalities for the past half century; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of State Aid means an equivalent increase in local tax rates and punishes those who have generally speaking, received the smallest quantities of State Support or State expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, in the County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that it wishes to urge the State Legislature to reverse these reductions in State Aid so that Secaucus received no less than the amount of State Aid it received last year.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-49

**CONSENT ORDER AND JUDGEMENT WITH NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
AND PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTPA) has filed a Declaration of Taking certain property located in the Town of Secaucus owned by Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G) in connection with the construction of NJTPA exit 15X; and

WHEREAS, NJTPA and PSE&G have reached an agreement as to the payment by NJTPA to PSE&G for the taking of such property, subject to PSE&G easement; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement between the parties in the form of a Consent Order and Judgement to settle the condemnation proceedings docket as L-6193-07 cannot be finalized without the consent of the Town of Secaucus as such property is subject to taxes imposed by the Town of Secaucus; and

WHEREAS, PSE&G has paid all taxes assessed prior to the filing of the Declaration of Taking and the Town of Secaucus has no further interest in the matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Attorney of the Town of Secaucus is hereby authorized to execute said Consent Order and Judgement.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-50

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INITIATION OF THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING
PROCESS TO SECURE SERVICES OF MUNICIPAL COURT SPANISH INTERPRETER**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus wished to secure the services of a Spanish Interpreter for its Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus, with the advice of counsel, believes that it is desirable and in its best interest to secure specialized goods and services described in P.L. 1999, c. 440 (c.40A:11-4.1) including the services of the above described Municipal Court Spanish Interpreter utilizing the competitive contracting process; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1 (j), competitive contracting may be utilizing by a local contracting unit to secure so long as the \$17,500 bid threshold is exceeded; and

WHEREAS, based upon its prior experience, the Town has concluded that the \$17,500.00 bid threshold will be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, the services of a Spanish Interpreter are not listed among those permitted to be secured by competitive contracting without the express consent of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

WHEREAS, the Town has petitioned the Director contending that the lowest bidder for Municipal Court Spanish Interpreting might not resolution a provider of such services attaining the level of skill as our residents deserve in a court proceeding; and

WHEREAS, the letter dated March 14, 2008 the Director of the Division of Local Government Services granted the town's request to use the competitive contracting method.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a competitive contracting evaluation committee of three (3) person namely the Court Administrator, the Town Administrator and Town Purchasing Agent shall hereby be formed to evaluate all proposals hereinafter solicited and received pursuant to the competitive provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.40A:11-1. Et.seq.), and it is further

RESOLVED, that a notice of a "Request for Proposals" for the selection of a Municipal Court Spanish Interpreter.

RESOLVED , that counsel for the Town immediately draft the "Request for Proposal" document package setting forth the scope of services for the subject contract, contract terms and conditions, proposal requirements, criteria for evaluation of proposals and proposal submission requirements.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-51

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR EMS AMBULANCE SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council advertised for and received the following bid for EMS Ambulance Service on March 18, 2008:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT</u>		
	<u>ONE YEAR</u>	<u>THREE YEAR</u>	<u>FIVE YEARS</u>

Jersey City Medical Center	\$423,475	\$1,389,500	\$2,537,892
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ALTERNATE BID A-second primary ambulance business hours

Jersey City Medical Center	\$671,142	\$2,183,738	\$3,960,926
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WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has reviewed the bids and determined that the sole bid of Jersey City Medical Center is the only responsive bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that a contract for EMS Ambulance Services be awarded to Jersey City Medical Center in the amount of \$1,489,500 for one primary ambulance for three years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Clerk shall be authorized to execute a contract for EMS Ambulance Services with Jersey City Medical Center.

Financial Officers
Certification attached.

Councilman Shinnick moved that the foregoing resolution be approved, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

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

Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Councilman Reilly moved that the following Salary Vouchers and Claims Fund Register be approved, seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 03/07/08	220,842.25
Adm. & Exec	4,648.31
Mayor & Council	9,171.88
Municipal Clerk	2,696.30
Legal Dept.	1,201.15
Treasurer	8,813.93
Tax Assessor	2,652.31
Tax Collector	3,152.44
Municipal Court	8,629.01
Engineering	750.00
Community Shuttle Bus	2,882.29
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	20,110.28
Off. Of Inspect.	3,162.79
Planning Board	541.66
Bd. Of Adjustments	541.66
Public Defender	1,200.00
Comm. & Security Adm.	2,153.73
Fire Department	000.00
Police Dept.	140,058.46
Construction	4,469.41
School Cross Grds.	5,732.95
Office of Emergency Man.	300.29
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	2,086.52
Rd. Repair & Maint.	72,175.02
Sewer System	355.18
Recycling Coord.	6,419.17

Bd.of Health	449.48
Mosquito Control	000.00
Social Services	4,512.90
Pks. & Play Grds.	409.40
Supv. Of Play Act.	15,296.05
Rec. Activities	5,796.66
Pool Oper.	000.00

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CDBG	304.29	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 03/07/08		109,831.27
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 03/14/08		190,220.06
Adm. & Exec	3,989.98	
Mayor & Council	765.25	
Municipal Clerk's Off.	2,679.00	
Legal Dept.	1,201.15	
Treasurer	7,831.95	
Tax Assessor	2,643.55	
Tax Collector	2,611.72	
Municipal Court	6,227.09	
Engineering	000.00	
Community Bus	2,662.49	
Pub. Bldg. & Grds.	14,805.58	
Off. Of Inspect.	2,547.37	
Planning Board	000.00	
B. Of Adjustments	100.00	
Public Defender	1,200.00	
Comm. & Security Adm.	1,694.40	
Fire Department	000.00	
Police Dept.	144,672.90	
Construction	4,434.81	
School Cross Grds.	5,221.20	
Emergency Management	300.29	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	2,086.52	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	45,797.07	
Sewer System	75.05	
Recycling Coord.	4,349.05	
Bd.of Health	324.48	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	3,925.66	
Pks. & Play Grds.	384.00	
Supv. Of Play Act.	23,779.16	
Rec. Activities	5,475.33	
Pool Oper.	000.00	
CDBG	304.29	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 003/14/08		101,869.28
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 03/21/08		192,901.89
Adm. & Exec	5,797.32	
Mayor & Council	1,146.47	
Municipal Clerk's Off.	3,525.36	
Legal Dept.	1,246.79	
Treasurer	8,679.42	
Tax Assessor	3,205.24	
Tax Collector	2,612.95	
Municipal Court	6,502.27	
Engineering	000.00	
Community Shuttle Bus	2,540.25	
Pub. Bldg. & Grds.	15,329.88	
Off. Of Inspect.	2,152.50	
Planning Board	000.00	
Bd. Of Adjustments	000.00	
Public Defender	900.00	
Comm. & Security Adm.	1,831.33	
Fire Department	000.00	
Police Dept.	146,181.89	
Construction	4,678.86	
School Cross Grds.	5,693.19	
Office Emerg. Management	437.21	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	3,037.97	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	47,794.26	
Sewer System	000.00	
Recycling Coord.	5,446.68	
Bd.of Health	472.44	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	4,161.32	
Pks. & Play Grds.	478.66	
Supv. Of Play Act.	15,590.36	
Rec. Activities	4,623.05	
Pool Operations	000.00	
CDBG	319.68	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 03/21/08		101,483.46
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 03/28/08		184,798.44
Adm. & Exec	4,140.57	
Mayor & Council	797.02	

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Municipal Clerk's Off.	2,749.51	
Legal Dept.	1,246.79	
Treasurer	8,110.64	
Tax Assessor	2,692.42	
Tax Collector	2,611.72	
Municipal Court	5,924.03	
Engineering	000.00	
Community Shuttle Bus	2,590.85	
Pub. Bldg. & Grds.	14,887.43	
Off. Of Inspect.	1,688.79	
Planning Board	000.00	
Bd. Of Adjustments	000.00	
Public Defender	1,200.00	
Comm. & Security Adm.	1,705.81	
Fire Dept.	000.00	
Police Dept.	143,875.28	
Construction	5,307.45	
School Cross Grds.	3,757.68	
Emer. Management	311.70	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	2,165.81	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	48,649.04	
Sewer System	338.09	
Recycling Coord.	4,490.08	
Bd. of Health	336.81	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	3,925.66	
Pks. & Play Grds.	392.00	
Supv. Of Play Act.	14,057.55	
Rec. Activities	5,121.90	
Pool Oper.	000.00	
CDBG	319.68	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 03/28/08		98,595.87

Total Amount Claims Check No. 22941-23107 \$1,208,474.30

Recreation Acct. Check No. 1880 \$ 81,290.29

Current Account Check No. 1549-1560 \$ 348,230.52

Trust Account Check No. 1119 \$500.00

Councilman Gonnelli discussed a bill for Dependable Sweeping.

Town Administrator, David Drumeler explained the method of payment.

Councilman Bueckner stated that Dependable Sweeping does not have a contract and asked how he can be paid.

Mr. Drumeler explained the bid threshold and how it works.

Councilman Gonnelli asked if he can abstain on a portion of a bill for Scarinci and Hollenbeck?

Town Attorney, Frank Leanza explained that there is a line veto.

Councilman Gonnelli explained what portion of the bill he is abstaining on as well as a bill for Mr. Leanza.

Mr. Leanza stated that he was unsure what is on the bill and may or may not have a conflict and suggested that he abstain from the entire bill.

Mayor Elwell asked Mr. Leanza to explain his work with the DCA.

Mr. Leanza explained the status of the matter involving the incompatibility of offices pursuant to the regulation of the Local Finance Board and its investigation by the staff. He said that he was asked to provide certain information and that is all he is doing.

Councilman Bueckner asked if the briefs he wrote were included?

Mr. Leanza explained that they were not briefs, rather that he was asked by the Local Finance Board to submit his position. He noted that none of that is included in the bills. He said what Councilman Gonnelli was asking about was a transmission to the Local Finance Board of which there are several issues that are ongoing with them.

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AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell
NAYS: Jeffas on Tom Calvanico and Leanza & Agrapidis
ABSTAIN: Bueckner on Leanza & Agrapidis, Gonnelli on Scarinci &
Hollenbeck, Leanza & Agrapidis, New Jersey Meadowlands
Commission and Secaucus Fire Department, Reilly on Jersey City
Medical Center
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

Councilman Kane moved that the following applications for a Raffle License be approved, seconded by Councilman Gonnelli.

R-1047 Liberty Health Care Systems Foundation Off Premise 50/50

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

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The following correspondence was received:

January 22, 2008

Dear Mr. Voli:

On behalf of the North Arlington School Age Child Care Program (SACC), I am writing to you regarding this summer season. I am requesting that our Summer Camp be granted permission once again to utilize Secaucus Pool two days a week for the month of July and August. We would like to visit your pool during the hours of 10:00 am to 3:30 pm on the following days:

Below you will find the dates we wish to visit the pool:

Tuesday	7/1/08	Friday	7/11/08
	7/8/08		7/18/08
	7/15/08		7/25/08
	7/22/08		7/27/08
	7/29/08		8/08/08
	8/5/08		8/15/08
	8/12/08		

Please confirm receipt of this letter and what the charges will be for the children and adults should be granted use of the Secaucus Pool facility. Should you require any additional information, feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Kaiser, Administrative Director

Councilman Kane motioned to approve the foregoing request, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Reilly gave a police department update as follows:

25 radar summonses issued for speeding
12 warnings for cell phone use
6 summonses for use of cell phones while driving

Councilman Gonnelli asked for Committee chairmen to be named.

Mayor Elwell stated that the Shade Tree Committee will meet to appoint a chairman on the Flood Committee he named Councilman Reilly as chairman for this year.

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Councilman Jeffas reported on the television committee and that he and Mr. Drumeler have been in touch with some services as more information is being gathered and it is progressing. He also reported that the fire truck at the 7th Street Firehouse is outside because there may be some structural problems in the basement of the building.

Mayor Elwell stated that the Town has made contact to try to purchase a piece of street plate that would sit on that floor so that the vehicle could be put back in. He explained some resolutions to the problem. He also mentioned that there was a group of people in his office regarding a donation of the old Washington Hook and Ladder truck. He asked for input from the fire department. He said there is chance of donating it to a country that is desperate for fire equipment.

Mayor Elwell stated that the DPW has been working at the Mill Creek fields and they are designing a wall around the concession stand that will make it safer and accessible. He said that he and Mr. Prieto have spoken with the developers at Centex Homes. He said that they are working on getting them to pay to have a section of Mill Ridge Road paved. He said some work can be done in house. He spoke about other work being done throughout the Town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas spoke about an issue from last meeting regarding a press release regarding the secession from the NJMC without his knowledge.

Mayor Elwell gave his opinion of the ability to do a press release and spoke about issues in the Town related to the NJMC.

Discussion regarding the Damascus Bakery and the NJMC continued among the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Gonnelli made a motion to stop all press releases from being made without full Council approval, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

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

Discussion ensued regarding tax sharing and the NJMC.

Councilman Jeffas made a motion that, when the Town take a position on behalf of the governing body, it be approved by the governing body first.

Mr. Leanza stated that he would be opposed to that request as it may cause delays. He explained the rules of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Councilman Jeffas spoke about a letter to the Governor that was sent on behalf of the Council.

Mayor Elwell stated that he explained the necessity of that letter at a previous meeting.

Councilman Gonnelli seconded the motion.

Discussion continued regarding the issue.

Councilman Jeffas withdrew the motion and asked for better communication among the Council.

Discussion continued regarding the issue.

Mayor Elwell made the following reappointments:

Board of Adjustments-Julie Bascom-term from January 1 ,2008 to December 31, 2011

Board of Adjustments-Eduardo Blanco-term from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009 (Alternate member)

Planning Board- The Class III (Council Member)- John Bueckner from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008

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Board of Health-Kathleen Gerbasio-term January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2011

Board of Health-Joseph Kane-term from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2011

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board-Eric Larsen from April 10, 2007 to April 9, 2010

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board-Charles Roussel From April 10, 2007-April 9, 2009

Councilman Gonnelli made a motion to approve the foregoing appointments, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

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

Motion carried

Mayor Elwell appointed William Sallick to the Planning Board for a one year term as well as Thomas Flanagan from 2008 to 2011.

Mayor Elwell appointed Dean Moreira to the Secaucus Municipal Utilities to replace Anthony Iacono.

Mayor Elwell appointed Ralph Del Piano to the Secaucus Library Board for a term from 2008-2012

Councilman Jeffas asked if he is going to be on the Teterboro Committee again this year?

Mayor Elwell said that it is usually moved around.

Councilman Gonnelli thanked Mr. Drumeler for answering concerns regarding the Rec Center. He asked about a job on Marianne Terrace and that a resident complained about work being done.

Mayor Elwell explained that they did try to contact them by ringing the bell but they were in Florida.

Councilman Gonnelli asked that in the future a letter be sent

Mayor Elwell said that the fence was taken down and then replaced.

Councilman Gonnelli mentioned a problem on Julianne Terrace and a cut in the sidewalk. He spoke about Oak and Acorn and the lining.

Mayor Elwell said that with the warm weather that can be taken care of.

Councilman Gonnelli addressed Mr. Drumeler on Meadow Lane and Luhmann Terrace. He said that he know they are being addressed. He said that he would like to see the bus stops addressed.

Mr. Drumeler said that the Town has received the specs back and he expects to award that at the next Council meeting and in the mean time, he expects to have a report for the Council when he recommends the company.

Councilman Kane reported on Turnpike Exit 15X and signage. He asked that it be addressed.

Mayor Elwell said that he expects to have a meeting with NJ Turnpike Authority about other issues and will bring that up at that time. He also mentioned a problem with low lines and asking the utility companies to address that problem.

Councilman Reilly reported on EMS and a second ambulance. He said they met with the JCMC. He said that the it is a costly problem. He explained about the need for funding in order to have the second ambulance available.

Councilman Bueckner spoke about a Town supplier called Contract Supplies and Materials. He noticed on the bill list a low amount for them. He contacted the CFO and she explained that the Town is getting

multiple prices to make sure that the Town gets the best price.

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NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Gonnelli mentioned complaints about Comcast Cable in the Second Ward. He asked for a meeting to be set up with Comcast and notify the residents in the area to see if they would like to attend and ask questions.

Mayor Elwell asked Mr. Drumeler to note that request.

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Joan Greene
Thomas Troyer
Carole Acropolis
Sam Maffei
Barbara Napierski
Marion Merletto
Ralph Merletto

Councilman Reilly moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

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

Motion carried.

Michael Marra, Town Clerk

