

October 27, 2009

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 27th day of October, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, N.J.

Present: Mayor Richard Steffens  
Councilmembers: John Bueckner  
Michael Gonnelli  
Gary Jeffas  
John Shinnick  
Dawn McAdam  
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 December 18, 2009."

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 first item on the agenda is as follows:

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2009-18

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 127  
STOP INTERSECTIONS**

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

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2009-19

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

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

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Public hearing on the foregoing ordinances will be on November 24, 2009.

**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. 2009-177

**RESOLUTION AWARDING TWO YEAR CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF ROCK SALT AND  
PRE-TREATED SALT TO INTERNATIONAL SALT COMPANY, L.L.C.**

WHEREAS, ON October 15, 2009, the following bids were received for provision of rock salt and pre-treated salt for two years:

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<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>TWO YEAR BID PRICE FOR ROCK SALT</u>	<u>TWO YEAR BID PRICE FOR PRE-TREATED SALT</u>
ATLANTIC SALT	\$67.00 per ton	N/A
International Salt Company, LLC	\$64.29 per ton	\$81.29 per ton

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has received all of the bid packages submitted and has determined that International Salt Company, LLC is the lowest responsive bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that a contract for the provision of rock salt for a two year period commencing November 1, 2009 be awarded to International Salt Company, LLC.

Financial officers  
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-178

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey awarded the contract for Second Street Road Improvements in the amount of 496,940.00 to 4-Clean Up, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Change Order #1 is needed for additional work needed to install a storm drainage piping and inlet to held alleviate a drainage discharge problem in the rear of a new home currently being constructed on Second Street; and

WHEREAS, 4-Clean Up, Inc., requires \$3,058.00 for this change order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey hereby approves Change Order #1 in the amount of \$3,058.00 to 4-Clean Up, Inc.

Financial Officers  
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-179

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Carol Blondel is hereby appointed to the Tax Collector's Office as a Temporary Clerk to assist in the necessary review of the tax records, effective Wednesday, October 21, 23009 at an hourly rate of \$8.00 per hour.

The following resolution was read: No. 2009-180

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk of the Town of Secaucus was authorized to, and did place advertisement for proposals to be received for videotaping Mayor and Council meetings for subsequent cable television broadcast; and

WHEREAS, proposal were dur to be received on October 21, 2009, but none were received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to re-advertise for the acceptance of proposals for videotaping Mayor and Council meetings for subsequent cable television broadcast.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that proposals shall be received November 19, 2009 at 11:00am.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2009-181

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Kathleen Massei is hereby appointed as a Part-Time Counselor at the Secaucus Day Care Center effective Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at an hourly rate of \$12.00.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2009-182

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 appointed as Assistant Managers and Maintenance Personnel for the Secaucus Ice Rink, effective October 22, 2009, at the following hourly rates:

Assistant Managers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Joseph Territola	\$12.00
Michael Ducsin	\$12.00

Maintenance Personnel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Gregory Van Es	\$12.00
Joseph Abruscato	\$10.00
Joseph Liccardo	\$10.00
Paul Miller	\$9.00
Michael Trombetta	\$9.00
Michael Liccardo	\$9.00
Juan Carlos Tous	\$8.00
John Flanagan	\$8.00
Daniel Primavera	\$8.00
Mark Roarty	\$8.00
James Flanagan	\$7.15
Anthony DeLeo	\$7.15
Robert Liccardo	\$7.15
Robert Bullaro	\$7.15

Councilman Jeffas moved to approve the resolution on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

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

Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 10/2/09	\$ 397,665.52
Adm. & Exec	9,463.56
Mayor & Council	10,266.49
Municipal Clerk	5,777.19
Legal Dept.	2,588.35
Treasurer	17,764.77
Tax Assessor	5,505.98
Tax Collector	4,163.10
Municipal Court	14,046.88
Engineering	808.08
Community Shuttle Bus	4,740.51
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	31,568.91
Off. Of Inspect.	5,323.07
Planning Board	516.66
Bd. Of Adjustments	541.66
Public Defender	600.00
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,541.26
Fire Department	0.00

Police Dept.	293,311.37	
Construction	9,309.08	
School Cross Grds.	9,430.13	
Office of Emergency Man.	000.00	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,496.22	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	100,032.78	
Sewer System	536.92	
Recycling Coord.	10,362.71	
Bd.of Health	699.23	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	9,646.54	
Pks. & Play Grds.	1,256.00	
Supv. Of Play Act.	39,650.48	
Rec. Activities	000.00	
Pool Oper.	3,560.96	
CDBG	670.12	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 10/2/09		\$ 198,952.53
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 10/16/09		\$ 388,384.24
Adm. & Exec	8,805.23	
Mayor & Council	1,859.86	
Municipal Clerk	5,716.99	
Legal Dept.	2,588.35	
Treasurer	17,708.26	
Tax Assessor	5,505.98	
Tax Collector	5,518.31	
Municipal Court	15,727.68	
Engineering	000.00	
Community Shuttle Bus	4,425.79	
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	33,495.17	
Off. Of Inspect.	7,980.87	
Planning Board	125.00	
Bd. Of Adjustments	000.00	
Public Defender	300.00	
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,541.26	
Fire Department	000.00	
Police Dept.	277,151.88	
Construction	10,559.08	
School Cross Grds.	9,936.41	
Office of Emergency Man.	000.00	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,496.22	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	97,023.89	
Sewer System	616.15	
Recycling Coord.	9,864.77	
Bd.of Health	699.23	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	10,137.10	
Pks. & Play Grds.	1,272.68	
Supv. Of Play Act.	45,649.55	
Rec. Activities	000.00	
Pool Oper.	1,375.50	
CDBG	670.12	
Town of Secaucus Escrow Acct. w/ending 10/16/09		\$ 193,291.59
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 10/30/09		\$ 446,792.21
Adm. & Exec	8,805.23	
Mayor & Council	1,859.86	
Municipal Clerk	5,792.24	
Legal Dept.	2,588.35	
Treasurer	17,580.57	
Tax Assessor	5,505.98	
Tax Collector	5,003.13	
Municipal Court	14,344.95	
Engineering	000.00	
Community Shuttle Bus	5,378.30	
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	30,298.65	
Off. Of Inspect.	5,364.59	
Planning Board	100.00	
Bd. Of Adjustments	000.00	
Public Defender	600.00	
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,541.26	
Fire Department	15,600.00	
Police Dept.	277,924.08	
Construction	9,309.08	
School Cross Grds.	10,696.65	
Office of Emergency Man.	000.00	

Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,496.22	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	98,188.07	
Sewer System	769.49	
Recycling Coord.	9,922.95	
Bd.of Health	824.23	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	9,848.66	
Pks. & Play Grds.	1,093.90	
Supv. Of Play Act.	41,872.22	
Rec. Activities	517.50	
Pool Oper.	000.00	
CDBG	670.12	
Town of Secaucus Escrow Acct. w/ending 10/30/09		\$ 141,761.09
<b>Total Amount Claims Check No. 27651-27896</b>		<b>\$ 989,362.32</b>
Recreation Acct. Check No. 1907		\$ 56,726.45
Current Account Check No. 17394-1751		\$1,080,796.44
Trust Account Check No. 1164-1169		\$ 50,466.33

Mayor Steffens pointed out that the contract for Dependable Sweeping has not been renewed.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly  
 NAYS: Bueckner on Thomas Calvinico, Strategic Message Management, MBI Gluckshaw and Dependable Power Sweeping, Gonnelli on Thomas Calvinico, Strategic Message Management, MBI Gluckshaw and Dependable Power Sweeping, Jeffas on Thomas Calvinico, Strategic Message Management, MBI Gluckshaw and Dependable Power Sweeping.  
 ABSTAIN: Reilly on Jersey City Medical Center/Meadowlands Hospital, Steffens on all bills.  
 ABSENT: None Motion carried.

**BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATIONS**

Councilman Bueckner moved that the following applications for Bingo/Raffle License be approved, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

- R-1101 Secaucus HS Marching Band Parents Assoc., On premise 50/50
- R-1102 Secaucus HS Marching Band Parents Assoc., On Premise Draw Raffle
- R-1103 Unico National Secaucus, On Premise Draw 50/50
- R-1104 Unico National Secaucus, Off Premise 50/50

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: None Motion carried

**REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER**

Councilman Jeffas moved to accept and received the Reports and Correspondence report, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens  
 NAYS: None  
 ABSENT: None Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilman Reilly spoke about the issue of the crossing guard at Clarendon School and the hours of the release of the pre-K students. He reported that there was a meeting with the Police Chief and explained that those children are supervised by adults when they are picked up and said explained about the problem with the contract as well as cost of placing a crossing guard. He said that they would approach the Board of Education to see if they would want to hire a crossing guard on their own for the short time period.

Mayor Steffens added that whenever a Pre-k student is released from school they are always released to an adult custodian.

Councilman Jeffas noted that on the Consent Agenda there is a resolution to re-advertise for bids for the Televised Meetings. He noted that no bids were received therefore, re-advertisement is necessary. He said that is why there was no action taken at this meeting.

Mayor Steffens reported that the Finance Committee met last week and said there was some preliminary discussion on the budget. He noted that Chief Financial Officer, Margaret Barkala has sent to Department Heads, the memo asking for the 2010 budget worksheets. He continued to speak about the changes coming regarding activities in the center of the Town. He spoke about the Christmas tree and the plans to have a living tree. He noted there is a committee of himself, Councilman Gonnelli, Councilman Reilly, Police Chief Corcoran, OEM Coordinator Joseph Kickey, Fire Chief George Schoenrock and the DPW Assistant Superintendent John Dubiel. He stated that Richard Damato will do the electric work. The Christmas Lighting will be on December 5<sup>th</sup> and he feels that the work can be done by that time.

Councilman Bueckner spoke about the Raga Muffin Parade and the good turnout. He spoke about the children and asked residents to be mindful during this season and offered some advice on trick or treating.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas asked about trees on County Avenue near Blanche St.

Mr. Drumeler stated that they were trimmed, but not to his satisfaction. He said that he will ask if they can come back to trim it further.

Councilman Gonnelli spoke about a tree blocking the street light on Weigands and Muller Streets. He asked that it be addressed also.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Jeffas appointed Daniel Conroy to the Secaucus Planning Board for a term ending December 31, 2010.

Mayor Steffens appointed Louis Canavari to the Secaucus Housing Authority for a term ending April 30, 2014.

Councilman Gonnelli moved to approve the appointment of Joseph Morano to the Secaucus Housing Authority, seconded by Councilman Bueckner for a term to expire April 30, 2013.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried

Councilman Reilly moved to approve the reappointment of Arlene Kroll to the Secaucus Housing Authority for a term to expire April 30, 2013, seconded by Councilman Gonnelli.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried

Councilman Shinnick moved to approve the reappointment of Michael Harper to the Secaucus Housing Authority for a term to expire April 30, 2014, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried

Councilman Jeffas spoke about the end of Fourth Street on Flanagan Way asked that a bus shelter or a paved surface be placed in the area of the storage facility.

Mr. Drumeler stated that he would speak to Allied Signal for a Bus Shelter first.

Councilman Gonnelli stated that he received a petition from the residents on Lanza Lane asking for it to be paved when Fairview Avenue

is paved. He presented the petition to Mayor Steffens.

Councilman Gonnelli spoke about the contract for Dependable Sweeping and asked when the contract expired?

Mayor Steffens stated that it was at the end of the month.

Mayor Steffens stated that there was a discussion today with Mr. Dubiel and he stated that the Town will start sweeping there on Saturday.

Councilman Gonnelli stated that this should result in a substantial savings to the Town.

REMARKS OF CITIZEN

Thomas Colavito  
Sam Maffei  
Barbara Napierski  
Antony Aiello  
John Markovich  
Jack Reitz

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Shinnick moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

AYES: Bueckner, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, McAdam, Reilly, Steffens  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

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Michael Marra, Town Clerk

