

Municipal Building
Park Ridge, NJ
January 2, 2008 7:00 p.m.

The Sine Die meeting of the Mayor and Council was called to order by Mayor Ruschman at the above time, date and place. The Mayor led those attending in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Ruschman, Council members: Henning, Levinson, Maguire, Wells, Ciannella and Brouwer
Absent: None
Also Present: Kelley O'Donnell, Acting Borough Clerk
John D'Anton, Borough Attorney
Gene Vinci, Borough Administrator

Mayor Ruschman read the Compliance Statement, as required by Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

AGENDA CHANGES

No agenda changes.

PUBLIC PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mayor Ruschman asks if anyone present wishes to be heard on any matter not scheduled for public hearing.

No one wished to be heard at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Ruschman states that under the resolution for the payment of Monthly Bills the following council members will abstain from voting for the following payments:

Henning: Pascack Community Services

Mayor Ruschman asks if any Councilmember wants to have any resolution placed under New Business. There were none.

A motion was made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella to accept the Consent Agenda with abstentions so noted. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF ESCROW INTEREST

WHEREAS, certain developers of properties in Park Ridge have deposited cash bonds in escrow accounts; and

WHEREAS, the developer's agreement have indicated that the treasurer shall invest the monies and pay the interest generated to the developer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the Treasurer pay interest earned in 2007 to the following developers:

Windward, LLC	175.12
Bear's Nest Associates	2,255.21
Continuum Care	2,107.08
Jane Hespe	960.84
LC Developers	197.37
Powder Hill/North Avenue	1,577.79
Auto Body Express	3,072.58
Eckerd	279.82
Jamm Realty	1,651.97
Borough Park Ridge	18,457.62

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Wells that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

REFUND STATE COURT JUDGEMENTS

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Court entered 2004 and 2005 Judgments; and
WHEREAS, taxes are to be refunded for 2004 and 2005 on the following properties:

103-3	C0243	Antimo Del Vecchio, Esq.	\$ 591.92	2004
		Nally, Richard and Ann	\$ 672.20	2005
		240 Cambridge Oaks		
		Park Ridge, NJ 07656		
103-3	C0276	Antimo Del Vecchio, Esq.	\$ 226.10	2004
		Nancy Shoemate Trustee	\$ 240.00	2005
		276 Hampshire Road		
		Park Ridge, NJ 07656		

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Levinson that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

2006 RESERVE APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, certain unexpended appropriations reserved in the 2006 Municipal Budget are deemed to be needed for possible expenditures during 2008 and should be reserved to avoid lapsing into surplus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following 2006 appropriations be reserved:

Planning Consultant	9,460.00
PLB – Special Studies	3,170.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Levinson and seconded by Councilmember Ciannella that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, certain 2007 Budget Appropriations are in excess of requirements; and

WHEREAS, other 2007 Budget Appropriations are insufficient to pay expenditures contracted before the end of the fiscal year and are payable at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge that the following appropriations transfers be made:

From		To	
Police S/W	1,325.00	Boro Clerk S/W	1,325.00
Police S/W	975.00	Assessor S/W	975.00
Police S/W	1,000.00	Legal S/W	1,000.00
Police S/W	400.00	PLB S/W	400.00
Police S/W	3,200.00	CCO S/W	3,200.00
Police S/W	520.00	Zoning Office S/W	520.00
Police S/W	1.00	Pistol Range S/W	1.00
Police S/W	1,100.00	Fire Prevention S/W	1,100.00
Police S/W	275.00	Public Assist. S/W	275.00
Police S/W	110.00	Public Def. S/W	110.00
Police S/W	125.00	Munic. Alliance S/W	125.00
Police S/W	375.00	Prosecutor S/W	375.00
Emergency Mgmt S/W	2,200.00	Police O/E	2,200.00
Legal O/E	4,000.00	Bldgs & Grounds O/E	4,000.00
Police S/W	10,000.00	Tax Collector S/W	10,000.00
Medical O/E	11,000.00	Tax Collector S/W	11,000.00
Dental O/E	1,000.00	Tax Collector S/W	1,000.00
Legal O/E	26,593.00	Interest Notes	26,593.00
S/S O/E	8,000.00	Tax Collector S/W	8,000.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Ciannella and seconded by Councilmember Wells that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REPORTS OF GOVERNING BODY

Councilmember Brouwer

None at this time.

Councilmember Ciannella

Just wanted to let everyone know that the leaves will be picked up. Due to late fall and early snow has caused some problems with the leaf pick up, but the guys are out and will continue until the leaves are all picked up.

Councilmember Wells

Having completed my first year I just wanted to thank the Park Ridge residents as my fellow Council members and the Mayor, it's been a very exciting year, very rewarding and I look forward to the next year.

Councilmember Maguire

Thank you Mr. Mayor I do want to take an moment to thank the Mayor and Council, Council President for all the support in the past few months it's been an exciting year as Councilmember Wells stated. The council has accomplished a lot and I look forward to working with the Mayor and Council on other issues and initiatives going forward.

Council President Henning

Mayor, I'll just follow up with what Councilmember Maguire said, we asked him to come in under a difficult situation in September and he has filled in admirably for former Councilmember Cangialosi and personally I would just like to thank Councilmember Maguire for stepping in and filling that void and helping us out a great deal. We know Councilmember Maguire is a man of great skills and we look forward to him still serving the Borough in a number of capacities in the upcoming years. Thank you Councilmember Maguire for all your help.

Councilmember Levinson

My only report is that I have known Councilmember Maguire and number of years and I have enjoyed working with him in the council capacity and I know he won't be a stranger to us. I look forward to working with the other council members.

Mayor Ruschman will say a few words about Councilmember Maguire a little later. Thank you all for your reports.

A motion was made by Councilmember Maguire and seconded by Councilmember Levinson to adjourn the meeting Sine Die.

Sine Die meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.