

March 24, 2008

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD**  
**7:00 PM WORK SESSION**  
**OPEN SESSION immediately following**  
**8:30 PM PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Monday, January 28, 2008**

Councilman Arthur Zeilner	Absent - Ill
Councilman Keith Bachmann	Present
Councilman Joseph Murray	Present
Council President Tina DeLucia	Absent - Ill
Councilwoman Ann Subrizi	Present
Councilman Michael Putrino	Present
Mayor Frank DeBari	Present

Mayor DeBari read the Open Public Meeting and Mission Statements.

**Closed Session:**

1. Police Negotiations
2. Cell Tower

Upon conclusion of the closed session Councilwoman Subrizi made a motion to reopen the work session to the public. Councilman Putrino seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

**Open Session:**

1. Steve Connor – Eagle Scout Project Proposal

Steven Connor addressed the Council and asked permission to build a gazebo on the South Lawn of the Borough Hall for his Eagle Scout project. The Council agreed and advised him to submit his plans to the Building Department for review. He was also advised to investigate the necessary insurance requirements.

2. Regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks, the Clerk advised the Council that River Edge was concerned for their spectator safety since there is now a train running through the area. They have asked if they can have their residents come to New Milford to view the fireworks. The Council agreed that New Milford was prepared to accommodate the extra traffic, but would prefer that River Edge did not advertise the alternate location.
3. The Clerk advised that the Risk Manger had requested the creation of an insurance subcommittee to review future coverage options. Council President DeLucia, Councilman Zeilner, and the Mayor will sit on this subcommittee.
4. The proposed interlocal agreement with Northwest Bergen County Utilities for Televising and Cleaning of Sewers was explained by the Clerk.

5. The Clerk reported on the staffing needs in the Municipal Court and explained the recommendation of the Court Administrator and Judge to promote Sara Reilly to a full-time position.

Councilman Bachmann requested that resolution #2008:53 be pulled out for a separate vote. He additionally suggested that resolution #2008:46 be clarified to state that the promotion was being made on the recommendation of Chief Papapietro.

**Mayor and Council**

**8:30 PM Public Session**

(Actual Start Time 8:34 PM)

Councilman Arthur Zeilner	Absent – Ill
Councilman Keith Bachmann	Present
Councilman Joseph Murray	Present
Council President Tina DeLucia	Absent – Ill
Councilwoman Ann Subrizi	Present
Councilman Michael Putrino	Present
Mayor Frank DeBari	Present

Mayor DeBari called the meeting to order, asked for a moment of silent prayer, and led the flag salute. Mayor DeBari read the Open Public Meeting Law and Mission Statements and pointed out the fire exits in the Council Chambers.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

**CIVILIAN AND POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDS**

Chief Frank Papapietro presented a number of civilian and police department awards. Those recognized were as follows:

New Milford Middle School student, Julio Berrios, was recognized for helping another New Milford resident when she slipped and fell in front of her home.

Lt. John Keine, PO Brian Clancy, and Detective Frank Ramaci were recognized for their efforts in rescuing victims after an explosion at the intersection Henley Avenue and River Road in June of 2007.

Assistant Superintendent of the DPW Michael Calamari, DPW employee Steve DeMauro, Lt. John McGrath, and PO Kevin Morris were recognized for their immediate response in coming to the aid of employee John Stormer after a chain saw accident in July of 2007.

DPW employee Eugene Budziszewski was recognized for coming to the aid of and administering CPR to an employee of the Middle School who had suffered a heart attack and had collapsed.

DPW employee and Volunteer Ambulance Corps driver, Syl Bresa, was recognized for his assistance to the Police Department in January of 2007 when he provided interpretation during a domestic dispute.

Lt. John McGrath was recognized for his twelve years of service on the Bergen County Rapid Deployment Force. It was noted that Lt. McGrath was one of the founding members of the force.

At this time Mayor DeBari read resolution #2008:46, regarding the promotion of Detective Frank Ramaci to the rank of Detective Sergeant, into the record.

Councilwoman Subrizi made a motion to approve resolution #2008:46. Councilman Putrino seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

**PROCLAMATION: UNIT CITATION – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The New Milford Police Department was acknowledged, by way of a Unit Citation, for their work during the April 2007 Nor'easter.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE AUXILIARY, AMBULANCE CORPS**

Members of the Fire Department, Police Auxiliary and Ambulance Corps were recognized for their efforts during the April 2007 Nor'easter. Certificates were presented to the Fire Department by Councilman Michael Putrino. Certificates were presented to the Ambulance Corps by Councilman Bachmann. Certificates were presented to the Police Auxiliary by the Mayor on behalf of Councilman Zeilner.

The Mayor thanked all of the volunteers and acknowledged the work that they do and the pride that they bring to the town.

The minutes from the January 7, 2008 Reorganization meeting were approved on a motion from Councilwoman Subrizi. The motion was seconded by Councilman Murray. All present in favor, none opposed.

**PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY FOR WOMEN**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Given the length of the previous presentations, the Council agreed to forego Council Committee reports. It was noted that all reports would be filed with the Borough Clerk.

**Councilman Arthur Zeilner**

Building and Grounds, Environmental, Police/Police Aux., Public Works

**Councilman Keith Bachmann**

Ambulance Corps, Drug Alliance, Recreation

**Councilman Joseph Murray**

Health & Human Services, Rent Leveling/Tenants Association, Senior Advisory

**Council President Tina DeLucia**  
Chamber of Commerce, Planning Board, Library Board

**Councilwoman Ann Subrizi**  
Board of Education, Historic New Bridge Landing, Public Events

**Councilman Michael Putrino**  
Fire Department, Garbage/Recycling, Historic Preservation, Shade Tree

**Mayor Frank DeBari**  
Community Development

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**INTRODUCE BOND ORDINANCE 2008:01**

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW PUMPER FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$405,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Councilman Putrino made a motion to introduce and approve this ordinance on its first reading. Councilwoman Subrizi seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

The ordinance will be published in the Ridgewood News and a public hearing will be held on February 11, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

- 2008:43 Closed Session
- 2008:44 Payment of Bills and Vouchers
- 2008:45 Approve Change Order #2 for Roadway Improvements to the Boulevard
- 2008:46 Approve promotion of Detective Frank Ramaci to the rank of Detective Sergeant
- 2008:47 Authorize Capital Alternatives to prepare, assemble, and submit application to (FEMA) Federal Emergency Management Agency for the acquisition of real property
- 2008:48 Authorize CPI increase for LOSAP for 2007 Service
- 2008:49 Approve Professional Services Agreement with the County of Bergen as Bloodborne Pathogen Coordinator for 2008
- 2008:50 Appoint Alternate Prosecutor – Ronald Dario, Esq.
- 2008:51 Award Voorhis Avenue Drainage Improvement to M. Ingannamorte & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$103,176.00
- 2008:52 Reject bids received for Cleaning, TV Inspection & Repair of Sanitary Sewers
- 2008:53 Appoint Property Maintenance Officer – Art Castronova

- 2008:54 Approve refunds of 2007 tax overpayments due to reduced assessments being granted by County Board Judgment – Various Blocks and Lots
- 2008:55 Approve 2007 Senior Citizen and/or Veteran's credits for Block 406, Lot 1
- 2008:56 Approve Appropriation Transfers from Reserves for Budget Year 2007
- 2008:57 Introduce 2008 Temporary Capital Budget
- \* 2008:58 Introduce Bond Ordinance #2008:01, Acquisition of new Pumper Fire Engine

The Mayor announced that resolutions #2008:53 and #2008:57 would be pulled for a separate vote. He additionally noted that resolution #2008:46 had already been voted upon.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was opened to the public on a motion from Councilman Putrino, which was seconded by Councilman Murray. All present in favor, none opposed.

Mayor DeBari asked that anyone with flood related comments please hold those questions until the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 2008.

Mr. Tom Crispino, 205 Fulton Street, came forward to address the Council. Mr. Crispino asked about the parking lot that was recently installed behind the Post Office. He questioned why parking was restricted for use by only those people participating in or attending events at Williams Field. He suggested a compromise during off-season and mentioned the increased need for parking due to the popularity of Madison Spine and Physical Therapy. The Council agreed to review the matter with the Police Department to determine if a compromise would be feasible.

The Mayor recognized Steven Connor and announced that he would be building a gazebo on the south lawn of the Borough Hall as his Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Gus Bachmann, Stevens Court, came forward to address the Council. Ms. Bachmann asked how the list of people, who received notice of the flood meeting, was developed. It was explained that the engineer developed the list based upon the people directly impacted by the first phase of work planned for the Hirschfeld Brook Flood Mitigation. He suggested that others should have been noticed to get the greatest amount of input from those compromised by the flooding. The Clerk agreed to look for the list of people who originally volunteered to provide feedback on flooding.

Dolores Weisenbach, Washington Avenue, came forward to address the Council. She stated that many of the people in her neighborhood did not receive notice of the meeting and did not see the notice in the newspaper.

Mr. Bachmann asked if it would be possible to have a copy of the Flood Mitigation study placed at the Library, noting that it is more comfortable there than if you were to review it at the Borough Hall.

As there were no further comments from the public, the meeting was closed on a motion from Councilman Murray. Councilman Putrino seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

## VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Putrino made a motion to approve resolutions #2008:43 through #2008:45, #2008:47 through #2008:52, #2008:54 through #2008:56, and #2008:58. Councilwoman Subrizi seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Putrino made a motion to approve resolution #2008:53. Councilman Murray seconded the motion.

Councilman Bachmann asked to comment on this resolution prior to his vote. Councilman Bachmann acknowledged that the appointment is the Administrator's to make but stated that he had not had the opportunity to review the applicant's resume. He added that the applicant had no experience as a Property Maintenance Officer.

The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

For the motion: Murray, Putrino, DeBari

Against the motion: Bachmann, Subrizi

Abstain: None

Councilwoman Subrizi made a motion to approve resolution #2008:57. Councilman Putrino seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote. All present in favor, none opposed.

Councilwoman Subrizi commented that while she understands the necessity of the temporary budget she does not like having to vote on an approximate budget.

Councilwoman Subrizi stated that she did not believe the position of Property Maintenance Officer was part of the salary ordinance and suggested that it be added.

The Mayor suggested February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM for upcoming budget meetings. The Clerk will check with the CFO and notice the newspapers with the dates and times.

## ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Putrino made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Subrizi seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Demiris  
Borough Clerk