

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

**JANUARY 14, 2008**

The session was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the President of Council, Ralph DiGuseppe.

Council offered a moment of silent prayer.

The Council then proceeded to salute the flag.

Present were:

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Mr. James Lutz	Mr. Patrick Sabatini
Ms. Robyn Trunell	Mr. Leo Plenski, Jr.
Ms. Betty Rodriguez	Mr. Ralph DiGuseppe
Mr. Anthony Muccie	

Absent—Mr. Michael Harris (working)

Also present were:

Mayor Joseph Saxton  
Mr. James Dillon, Borough Manager  
Mr. William Salerno, Borough Solicitor  
Chief Arnold Porter, Police Chief  
Mr. Herbert Slack, Fire Chief  
Mrs. Maria Fields, Municipal Administrator

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public comment at the meeting.

**REGULAR BUSINESS**

Mr. Plenski (Mr. Sabatini) moved to approve the minutes of the Special Public Hearing of December 10, 2007, the Regular Council Meeting of December 10, 2007, the Reorganization Meeting of January 7, 2008, and the Council Work Session of January 8, 2008 as printed. Unanimous

**REGULAR BUSINESS CONT'D.**

Mr. Lutz referred to the Reorganization Meeting of January 7, 2008, Page 2. He attempted to table the appointment of Borough Solicitor after it was approved and the vote had already been taken. Mr. Lutz asked that his vote be recorded as an abstention on the appointment of Mr. Salerno as Borough Solicitor, not that he was going to vote against Mr. Salerno; but he wanted to discuss it at the following evening's work session.

Mr. Plenski (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Police & D.J.'s Report as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Plenski (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Fire Chief's Report as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Plenski (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Borough Inspector's Report as printed. Unanimous

Mr. Plenski (Mr. Sabatini) moved to accept the Planning Commission Report of December 17, 2007 as printed. Unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3. MOTION - APPROVE PRELIMINARY/FINAL MINOR SUBDIVISION  
AND LOT CONSOLIDATION-TAX PARCEL #4-27-48  
AND #4-27-120.**

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Ms. Trunell (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to approve Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision and Lot Consolidation-Tax Parcel #4-27-48 and #4-27-120.

Mr. DiGuiseppe abstained.

The motion was carried 6-0 with 1 abstention.

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

**4. MOTION - APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR POLICE RENOVATIONS.**

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Mr. Sabatini moved to table Item #4 on the Agenda.

Mr. Rago explained the reason for the table.

The motion to table was carried unanimously.

**5. MOTION - AWARD BID FOR POLICE SECURITY SYSTEM TO TRI-STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, THE LOW BIDDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,728.07.**

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Mr. Plenski (Mr. Sabatini) moved to award the bid for Police Security System to Tri-State Telecommunications, the low bidder, in the amount of \$77,728.07.

Mr. Lutz asked if the grant from former Congressman Fitzpatrick were being used for this project.

Chief Porter replied the technology portion will be used from the grant, but not the construction portion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

**6. MOTION - APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM ANGELO RAGO DATED 12-15-07 TO PROVIDE PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR POLICE AND FIREHOUSE RENOVATIONS.**

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Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Sabatini) moved to approve the proposal from Angelo Rago dated 12-15-07 to provide project management services for police and firehouse renovations.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 6-1.

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

**7. MOTION - AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER MOTION FOR POLICE  
AND FIREHOUSE RENOVATIONS.**

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Ms. Trunell (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize the Borough Manager to approve work change orders for the first floor renovation project for up to \$10,000.00 per change order. Unanimous

**8. MOTION - AUTHORIZE MOTION FOR PICTURES FOR POLICE  
DEPARTMENT.**

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Ms. Trunell (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize Photo Exhibit Committee to expend funds for the enlargement and framing of various photographs for the first floor renovation project including the presentation of artifacts, so long as no individual vendor is contracted for more than \$4,000.00 without the required quotes.

It was noted that Mr. Sabatini will be the Council liaison to the Committee.

The motion was carried unanimously.

**9. MOTION - AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 2008 FORD FOCUS TO  
REPLACE 1998 FORD CROWN VICTORIA IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$14,439.00 (STATE BID).**

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Ms. Rodriguez (Mr. Plenski) moved to authorize purchase of 2008 Ford Focus to replace 1998 Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$14,439.00.

Mr. Lutz opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 6-1.

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

10.           **MOTION - AUTHORIZE FILING OF RECYCLING PERFORMANCE GRANT APPLICATION BY HOUGH ASSOCIATES PER PROPOSAL DATED 12-5-07 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00.**
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Ms. Trunell (Ms. Rodriguez) moved to authorize filing of Recycling Performance Grant Application by Hough Associates per proposal dated 12-5-07 in the amount of \$6,000.00.           Unanimous

11.           **MOTION - AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ORDINANCE.**
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Mr. Plenski (Mr. Sabatini) moved to authorize advertising Carbon Monoxide Detector Ordinance.

Ms. Trunell opposed the motion.

The motion was carried 6-1.

12.           **MOTION - AUTHORIZE SALE OF 1998 FORD CROWN VICTORIA AND 2003 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH MINIMUM BIDS.**
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Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Plenski) moved to authorize sale of 1998 Ford Crown Victoria and 2003 Ford Crown Victoria with minimum bids.

Mr. Lutz asked what the minimum bids will be.

Mr. Dillon replied that Chief Porter recommended \$250.00 for the 2003 Ford Crown Victoria after consultation with the mechanic and he does not have the minimum bid figure for the 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, but it will be based on blue book value and the condition of the car.

The motion was carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS CONT'D.**

**13. MOTION - AUTHORIZE PAYMENT SETTLEMENT OF \$17,850.00  
TO REMINGTON VERNICK & BEACH ENGINEERS FOR  
OUTSTANDING BALANCES AND INVOICES.**

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Ms. Trunell (Mr. Plenski) moved to authorize payment settlement of \$17,850.00 to Remington Vernick & Beach Engineers for outstanding balances and invoices as negotiated by the Borough Manager and the Borough Solicitor. Unanimous

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. DiGuiseppe noted there will be a short Executive Session after the meeting this evening regarding real estate and personnel.

Ms. Trunell stated that she had asked for \$12,000.00 to be budgeted in Recreation for the Senior Center and Council agreed. She said the Senior Center will get \$1,000.00 per month for 12 months. Ms. Trunell then presented the first check to Gail Aufschlag of the Senior Center for their needs.

Mr. Lutz congratulated Council for including Items #4, #7, and #8 on the Agenda this evening; Council has taken away the argument he had a year ago and he certainly is very pleased to see these items on the Agenda.

Mr. Sabatini (Mr. Muccie) moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Unanimous