

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor McPherson at 7:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present:

Councilmember Fecanin
Councilmember Bartlett
Councilmember Keyes

Councilmember Arnold, Councilmember Frazier and
Councilmember Matthews were absent

Councilmember Fecanin asked those present to join him in a salute to the flag followed by a moment of silent prayer.

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Councilmember Fecanin read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law.

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Councilmember Fecanin opened the hearing of citizens. As no citizen wished to speak, Councilmember Fecanin closed the hearing of citizens.

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For **FINANCE**, Councilmember Keyes asked the Mayor to appoint Maria C. Incremona to the position of Chief Financial Officer effective Sept. 15, 2004.

Mayor McPherson said that Ms. Incremona has come highly recommended by our Auditors who have worked with her.

Mayor McPherson appointed Maria C. Incremona to the position of Chief Financial Officer effective Sept 15, 2004 in accordance with Department of Personnel policies and procedures. Confirmation moved by Councilmember Keyes, seconded by Councilmember Fecanin with all members present voting aye.

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Borough Attorney Rizzuto said a bid was awarded to Appraisal Systems, Inc. for the revaluation. She said they have an office in Ridgewood and the principal they are dealing with is Rick Delgurio. Ms. Rizzuto said the maps have been completed and approved by Trenton. She said that she made some final revisions to the contract and the Mayor will execute the contract per the prior approval already of the Governing Body, it will then go to Trenton and they will sign off. The anticipated work schedule calls for initial completion of all the properties in town as of Oct, 2005 and an approval then to be submitted to the Bergen County Board of Taxation for December, 2005.

The Mayor requested that Frank Bucino be advised to update Councilmember Keyes on the status and time frame in terms of what the governing body will need to know.

Administrator Stafford said that Mr. Bucino updates the directors at the weekly standing meeting. He said that he would reach out to Mr. Bucino.

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For POLICE, and under the consent agenda, Councilmember Keyes moved the following resolution, seconded by Councilmember Bartlett with all members present voting aye:

WHEREAS, certain organizations have applied for a Raffle License and have been approved by the Chief of Police and paid the required fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Licenses be issued to:

St. Mary's PTA
RHS Music Booster

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Under the consent agenda, Councilmember Keyes moved permission to block Wheaton Place between Woodland and Marginal Rd for block party Sept. 18th with a rain date of 9/19, seconded by Councilmember Bartlett with all members present voting aye.

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Under the consent agenda, Councilmember Keyes moved approval of a one month leave of absence for Sgt. Louis Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Bartlett with all members present voting aye.

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Under the consent agenda, Councilmember Keyes moved approval to advertise for full time clerk/typist in the Record Bureau, seconded by Councilmember Bartlett with all members present voting aye.

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For PUBLIC WORKS, Councilmember Fecanin asked the Mayor to appoint two heavy laborers and one Supervisor.

Mayor McPherson appointed Chris Seidler to the position of Supervisor of Sanitation in Public Works effective date to be determined by the Administrator subject to the appropriate criminal background investigation, drug and alcohol testing and appropriate salary ordinance to be prepared. Confirmation moved by Councilmember Fecanin, seconded by Councilmember Bartlett with all members present voting aye.

Mayor McPherson appointed Lou Paterno to the position of Heavy Laborer in the DPW effective date to be determined by the Administrator subject to the appropriate criminal background investigations, drug and alcohol testing and appropriate salary ordinance to be prepared. Confirmation moved by Councilmember Fecanin, seconded by Councilmember Keyes with all members present voting aye.

Mayor McPherson appointed Gabe Laudicina to the position of Heavy Laborer in the DPW effective date to be determined by the administrator subject to the appropriate criminal background investigations, drug and alcohol testing and appropriate salary ordinance to be prepared. Confirmation moved by Councilmember Fecanin, seconded by Councilmember Bartlett with all members present voting aye.

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For Human Resources Councilmember Fecanin asked the Mayor to appoint Laura Ward as Early Childhood Education Teacher.

Mayor McPherson appointed Laura Ward to the position of Early Childhood Education Teacher subject to Department of Personnel procedures effective retroactive to Sept. 6, 2004. Confirmation moved by Councilmember Fecanin, seconded by Councilmember Keyes with all members present voting aye.

For Local Assistance Board, Mayor McPherson said that our Social Services Director made arrangements so that the department would be covered with no loss of service during her absence. She said that we owe Kathy Hildebrand a great debt of gratitude for her services in that she made sure that the Social Services Dept. would be covered. She said that the

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department is being covered by a friend of Ms. Hildebrand, Karen Urtnowski, Secaucus Social Services Director .

Borough Administrator said that Ms. Urtnowski has logged 92.6 hours to date. He said that the nature of this job is not 9 to 5 and she has filled in admirably. There was discussion on the method of payment for her services. It was agreed that this would be placed on next week's agenda.

Under the consent agenda, Councilmember Keyes moved that Ms. Urtnowski be compensated for her hours, seconded by Councilmember Bartlett with all members present voting aye.

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Mayor McPherson reminded all that the Grand Opening for Tryon field will be held Sept. 18th at 10:45am. At 11:00 am there will be a ceremony on the 50 yd line.

Mayor McPherson read the following press release:

"I would like to commend the Tryon Field Committee, co-chaired by Councilman George Fecanin and Denise Ross, who have worked very hard to bring this project to its tremendously successful conclusion," said Mayor McPherson. " The committee consisted of representatives from our Recreation Department, Rutherford High School Athletics, Rutherford Junior Football, and Felician College. Their invaluable input led to the final design. We thank Felician College for their commitment to the Borough and its Recreation Facilities and encourage other members of our community to inquire about opportunities to be a part of the Tryon Field renovation project."

The Mayor said the Rutherford **Criterion Bike Race**, New Jersey Bicycling Association's professional/amateur bike race would be held on Sunday, Sept. 19th sponsored by the Downtown Rutherford 1-5pm.

The Mayor said the final documents for the DPW Garage were signed on Thursday. She said that the moving in has begun and she commended Tom Verdino.

Councilmember Fecanin said that friends have asked that some kind of dedication be made for Louis Petronio.

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As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

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Borough Clerk