

**CALL TO ORDER AT 8:00 PM**

**PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:**

Mayor	James Barsa
Councilman	Tom Brizzolara (arrived 8:20 p.m.)
Council President	Barry Scott
Councilman	Anthony Guercio
Councilwoman	Dolores Senatore
Councilman	Edward Condoleo

**ABSENT:**

Councilman	Michael Knigin
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Mayor Barsa convened the meeting at 8:00 PM and asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public.

Mayor Barsa announced that a Special Budget Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

A motion to open the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Guercio with all Council Members present voting in favor of the motion.

Phyllis Key, 401 D'Ercole Court, referred to a previous Borough Engineer report concerning the protection of brooks and streams and voiced her opinion that this should be the governing body's major concern rather than additional construction for ratables. She also referred to the use of ATV's in the Fox Hill area, the large amount of trash that is constantly behind the nursing home and questioned if any action could be taken to correct these issues. Mr. Scott explained that there is an ordinance prohibiting the use of ATV's on Borough property and that the DPW removed all the runs from the area. Mr. Guercio commented that it is very difficult for the Police to access the area and enforce the ordinance. Mayor Barsa suggested that the Police Department be called when ATV usage is observed; and Mr. Scott will ask the Property Maintenance Officer to investigate the trash behind the nursing home.

Ms. Key thanked the Borough officials and members of the DPW for cleaning up the Fox Hill Woods.

Greg Salerno, 401 D'Ercole Court, asked for clarification concerning the Police Department phone recording informing of the road closing from Broadway to Blanch Avenue and was informed by Mayor Barsa that it was due to CSX upgrading the railroad crossings.

No other member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Ms. Senatore with all Council Members present voting aye.

**Items for discussion:**

Ordinances re vacation of streets

Mayor Barsa advised that in the absence of the Borough Attorney this item would be adjourned to the March 28, 2007 Work Session.

Amending Chapter 85 re dog licensing fees

Mr. Guercio explained that newly adopted legislation permits local Boards of Health to raise dog licensing fees to a maximum of \$21.00. He advised the State receives \$1.50 for every license issued and that the Board of Health has recommended the fee be raised to \$10.00 beginning with the year 2008. The Administrator/Clerk informed that the Board of Health should work in conjunction with the Chief Financial Officer since the dog trust account is always running in the red.

Request from Rockleigh Community Group re excess inventory sale Windows, Walls and More, 100 Oak Street

Mayor Barsa referred to request for the Rockleigh Community Group to conduct a sale at Windows, Walls and More with the proceeds to benefit the Rockleigh Volunteer Fire Department and the Alpine Home School Association. Motion to grant permission was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Condoleo and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

Inter-religious Fellowship for the Homeless request to travel through the Borough for its Fourteenth Annual Bike Bergen on Sunday, May 6, 2007 beginning at 1:00 PM

Mayor Barsa explained that this request is received every year and that the route is always the same. Motion to grant permission was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Guercio and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present. A resolution of approval will be placed on the April 3, 2007 Public Meeting.

Church Parking/Summit Street

Mayor Barsa was informed by Mr. Brizzolara that Immaculate Conception Church officials have raised concern with the ordinance prohibiting parking on Summit Street and have requested that the prohibition apply only when school is in session so that congregants can park during Sunday services. Mr. Scott reminded that the library parking lot directly across the street from the Church can be utilized. After a brief discussion, Mrs. Senatore recommended that the ordinance be amended to read no parking Monday through Friday. The Council was in agreement with Mrs. Senatore's recommendation. The Borough Attorney was authorized to prepare this amendment.

**Borough Attorney Report:**

In the absence of the Borough Attorney, no report was given.

**Borough Administrator Report:**

Mrs. McMackin requested Council approval for the placement of direction signs at the corner of Walnut and Broadway for a seminar that Dr. Stanley Levenshus is conducting at the Cho Dae Church. No objections were voiced.

Mrs. McMackin informed that she attended a seminar at the Municipal Clerks' Conference last week given by the Administrator/Clerk of Old Tappan, Mr. Greg Hart, regarding paperless packets. She explained the process by which all Council Members would have to have lap tops and remote access to the Borough's file servers. Each Council Member would be able to view folders containing the meeting agendas and other related information. The way that Old Tappan has set up this system is by using a computer software call Laser Fiche. This is a State Archival program for document imaging and records management. Different folders are established and the Council would have access to all Borough folders. The system requires numerous hours to set it up but once done, there would be a huge reduction in copying and paper usage. She explained that the remote desk top is already available and that all Council Members have their own folders. Mayor Barsa once again asked the Council to consider relinquishing the annual phone allowance to be used toward the purchase of lap tops.

Mrs. McMackin explained that she is experiencing problems with the website. The contract with Crystal Techs expired and a new contract was entered into with Lunar Pages. She has been unable to download the web folder from Crystal Tech. The IT person has been in contact with Lunar Pages to no avail and a conference call will be attempted tomorrow since she would be more comfortable with the IT person performing this function. She does not know if the entire website has been lost since the old contract with Crystal Tech has been severed.

**Borough Administrator cont'd:**

Mrs. McMackin informed that Bill S17 provides that after January 1, 2008, judges and attorneys will no longer be permitted to be enrolled in the pension system.

Mrs. McMackin recommends that the Personnel Manual be reviewed and brought up-to-date to comply with new laws. She advised that one area that needs to be addressed is cell phone usage and will reach out to the Chairman of the Personnel Committee.

Mrs. McMackin explained that for the November General Election the voting machines will have the capability of printing out individual ballots which the voter can review. The vote will not be cast until the voter hits the cast vote button. Mr. Scott voiced his opinion that this will add time to the voting process, will increase lines and will discourage voting.

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked if any Council Member wished to discuss an item.

Mr. Brizzolara referred to the ordinance prohibiting parking on Summit Street and the apprehension voiced by Immaculate Conception Church. Mayor Barsa explained that earlier in the meeting it was the consensus of the Council that the Borough Attorney be authorized to amend the ordinance to permit parking on the weekend.

Mr. Condoleo informed that the Board of Education has asked for an additional light in the Library parking lot. Mr. Brizzolara reminded that the Police Department should make a recommendation to the Council as to whether there is a safety issue.

Mr. Condoleo referred to the concerns presented by the Borough Engineer regarding the Riverside Cooperative, specifically, the road improvement program and the fact that the engineer did not do the design phase of the work. The Administrator/Clerk advised that the next Riverside Cooperative meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday, March 21, 2007 and Mike Neglia plans to attend the meeting with her. Ms. McMackin explained that a plan has to be in place in January so that the costs can be given to the Cooperative in March for the contractor to finish by November.

Mr. Condoleo referred to the Broad Street Improvement program and questioned what is intended for the area during the construction. Mrs. McMackin explained that there was a pre-construction meeting today and sometime in April Broad Street will be closed one day until 12 Noon for milling and one day until 12 Noon for paving. All the millings will be used for Jay Street and the business owners will be given substantial notice of the road closing.

Mr. Condoleo referred to a memo he received regarding request from Cho Dae Church to use Kennedy Field for a service on Easter Sunday and their need for a loudspeaker system. After a brief discussion, Mayor Barsa advised he would speak with the Elders of the church concerning this request. The Administrator/Clerk informed that Cho Dae Church did not pay the \$25,000.00 in lieu of taxes for last year.

Regarding the use of fields, Mr. Guercio suggested that Spartan Baseball make a presentation to the Mayor and Council regarding their annual request for the use of fields to run a baseball camp and voiced his opinion that the fields should not be utilized for a private business.

**General Public Comment:**

At this time, Mayor Barsa asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. The motion was made by Ms. Senatore, seconded by Mr. Brizzolara with all Council Members present voting aye.

Murray Bass, 331 Piermont Road, referred to the Borough Administrator's report and voiced his opinion that the Borough of Old Tappan is one of the most sophisticated and progressive towns in the area. He voiced his opinion that the Borough should use them as a model in televising Council meetings and making the use of grant monies a priority.

No other member of the public wishing to be heard, a motion to close the meeting to the public was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by Ms. Senatore and declared carried upon the affirmative vote of all Council Members present.

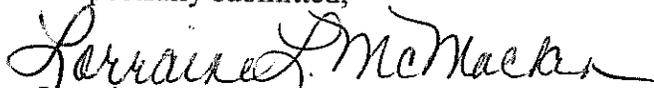
**Resolution 07:65 Authorizing the Mayor and Council to convene into closed session to discuss Tiner Land Swap**

In the absence of the Borough Attorney, Mayor Barsa advised that this Resolution would be removed.

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:06 PM was made by Ms. Senatore and seconded by Mr. Scott with all Council Members present voting aye.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine L. McMackin, RMC, CMC  
Administrator/Clerk