MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019  6:30 p.m.

PRESENT:  Mayor Minichetti, Council Members DeBerardine, Durante, Florio and Rotella; Borough Administrator Preusch and Attorney Regan

ABSENT:  Council Members DiMartino & Ditkoff

PRESIDING:  Mayor Minichetti called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the following statement:

PUBLIC NOTICE:  Pursuant to the Open Sunshine Act P.L. 1975, c. 231, proper notice of this meeting has been provided by submitting appropriate notice to The Ridgewood News and The Record on August 20, 2019 by fax and mail in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

Refillable Water Station – Lion’s Park:

Rachel Shames, a junior at Northern Highlands High School and an Upper Saddle River Girl Scout gave a presentation about the benefits of installing a refillable water station at Lion’s Park. The environmental impact of plastic bottles was discussed as well as potential funding ideas for this water station, which will cost approximately $2000. This project will fulfill part of Ms. Shames requirement to receive her Girl Scout Gold Award. The Mayor and Council were in favor of this project.

Website Compliance with the ADA:

Attorney Regan addressed this matter and stated that the Bergen Municipal Joint Insurance Fund is suggesting that municipalities ensure that their websites are ADA compliant. It was suggested that the Borough’s webmaster review the website for compliance immediately.

Apple Ridge Site Update:

Borough Engineer Kevin Boswell gave an update on site conditions at Apple Ridge. The Stop Work Orders, previously issued on the site, were lifted on August 27, 2019 and the additional stabilization methods have been affective to date and stream remediation has also been completed. On September 16, 2019, a tenth round of tests for arsenic levels in surface water was conducted. All ten samples are below the NJ Drinking Water Standard. Mr. Boswell discussed the details at this time.

Oktoberfest:

Oktoberfest 2019 will take place on October 12, 2019 and vendors and prizes were discussed.
RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the members of the Upper Saddle River Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain actions under Section 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the discussions more specifically will involve:

1. Personnel
2. Hillside Avenue
3. Revision of USRFD By-Laws (Personnel)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at 7:07 p.m. the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to exclude the public from discussion; a motion was made and seconded to go into Closed Session.

At 7:50 the Executive Meeting of the Mayor and Council resumed.

Corrective Action Plan – 2018 Municipal Audit:

Paul Lerch, Municipal Auditor reviewed the Corrective Action Plan for the 2018 Municipal Audit with the Mayor and Council. Resolution #94-19, Comments and Recommendations for the 2018 Audit is on the Consent Agenda for adoption during the Regular Meeting.

Agenda Items:

Borough Attorney Regan reviewed the items on the Regular Meeting agenda at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, RMC
Deputy Municipal Clerk