

**BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES –DECEMBER 3, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall on Monday, December 3, 2012. The Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Thomas Vahalla. The Invocation given by Councilman Wallace and Mayor Vahalla was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor advised that adequate notice of this meeting was provided by an annual notice sent to the Home News Tribune and the Star Ledger and filing a copy with the Borough Clerk within seven days following the annual organization meeting of the body.

Present were Councilmembers Wallace, Rubin, Rasmussen, Muldoon and Grayzel and Council President Cammarano. Councilwoman Elect Inserro was also present.

Also present were Borough Administrator Boerth, Borough Attorney Murphy and Borough Clerk Harris.

**AGENDA SESSION**

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin, with all in favor the agenda session was opened.

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin, with all in favor the agenda session was closed.

**OPEN TO PUBLIC**

Mayor Vahalla opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Dan Natkie(61 Rector Street) asked the Borough Council to consider an Ordinance on the removal of leaves.

Borough Administrator Boerth state that the Borough's current Ordinance already prohibits the placement of leaves at the curb. The County also regulates the placement of leaves in the gutter under Storm Water Management guidelines. Borough Administrator Boerth stated that maybe the Ordinance also addresses the cleanup of said leaves.

The Borough Council directed Borough Attorney Murphy to research this information.

Hearing no one else wishing to comment Mayor Vahalla closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS CONSENT ITEMS**

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin, with all in favor the Communication Consent Item number 3 was approved.

3. Receive and Accept Parking Authority Minutes of August 23 and September 18, 2012.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Councilwoman Rubin thanked the Chamber of Commerce, the Borough Improvement League and the residents for making the Hometown Holiday weekend a huge success.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Councilwoman Rasmussen state that the Environmental Commission met and were helping Mrs. Graziano ascertain what type of remediation needed to be done to the outdoor Learning Center at Edgar School.

**PARKING AUTHORITY**

Councilman Muldoon stated that the Memorandum of Understanding between the Parking Authority and Woodmont Properties regarding the development of the Pearl Street Lot will be finalized this month.

**ARTS COUNCIL**

Councilman Grayzel stated that the Arts Council met and discussed the upcoming events.

#### TV AND TECNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Councilman Grayzel stated that the Committee met and discussed next years activities which include the Cable TV Franchise Renewal Agreement, the vendors contract for the Borough website and the expansion of coverage of school activities by MeTv. The Committee also discussed the recent public survey conducted on the Borough website regarding the publics use of Cable TV and the Borough website.

#### REPORT OF BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Borough Attorney Murphy had no report.

#### REPORT OF BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Borough Administrator Boerth had no report.

#### REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor Vahalla thanked all of the participants and workers that helped to make the Hometown Holiday Weekend a success. Mayor Vahalla reminded everyone that the fireworks would be on December 31<sup>st</sup> at midnight. The firework display is made possible by a generous donation by Metuchen Savings Bank.

#### BEST PRACTISES INVENTORY

Councilman Grayzel asked for clarification of Best Practices Inventory. Borough Administrator Boerth stated that a few years back the State decided to include in its Budget submittal requirements a list of questions that needed to be answered regarding what the State "Best Practice Procedures".

A brief discussion ensued regarding the "Best Practise Inventory"

#### CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin, with all in favor the New Business Consent Agenda items numbered 5 through 7, encompassing resolutions R2012-244 through R2012-246 were approved.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2012-244

#### **RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO.2012-213-CRANFORD CO-OP PURCHASE-TWO (2) POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV'S**

**WHEREAS**, a clerical error and an inability to receive specified goods at the specific cost set forth in Resolution No.2012-213 has required said resolution to be rescinded; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, in the County of Middlesex that Resolution No.2012-213 is hereby rescinded.

Dated: December 3, 2012

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2012-245

#### **CRANFORD CO-OP PURCHASE-TWO (2) POLICE INTERCEPTOR SUV'S**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need to purchase two (2) 2013 Police Interceptor SUV's for the Police Department in the Borough of Metuchen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, this can be purchased through the Cranford Co-Op, of wish the Borough if Metuchen is a member thereof, Contract 101 Item #2; and

**WHEREAS**, the maximum amount of the purchase of (2) 2013 Police Interceptor SUV's for the Borough of Metuchen is \$27,867.75 per vehicle for a total of \$55,735.50 and funds are available in the 2012 Capital Ordinance as evidenced by the Chief Financial Officer's Certification, of which is \$27,867.75 per vehicle for a total of \$55,735.50 is certified from 2012 Capital Funds; and

**WHEREAS**, public bids are not required when the purchase is under a state contract or Co-Op agreement in accordance with 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, in the County of Middlesex as follows:

1. The Chief Financial Officer and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to approve and forward a Purchase Order to **Celebrity Ford LLC, d/b/a Beyer Ford, 170 Ridgedale Ave., Morristown, NJ 07962.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-246**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH MIDDLESEX COUNTY UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Metuchen requires a site to dispose of its municipal solid waste; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities which enter into a three (3) year agreement with the Middlesex County Utilities Authority (MCUA) for the disposal of solid waste are guaranteed a rate not to exceed \$62.50 per ton for 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Metuchen is desirous of entering into an agreement with the Middlesex County Utilities Authority after reviewing other alternatives,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to enter into and execute a solid waste disposal agreement with the Middlesex County Utilities Authority under the terms and conditions as negotiated in the contract.

Dated: December 3, 2012

**BILL LIST**

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin, with all in favor the bill resolution in the amount of **\$227,136.56** was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Vahalla opened the meeting to public comment on any items on the agenda.

Hearing no one wishing to speak the Mayor closed the meeting to public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilman Muldoon, with all in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,