

**CAUCUS MEETING
September 3, 2015**

A REGULAR SCHEDULED CAUCUS MEETING of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt was held in the Caucus Room of the Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 7:15 P.M.

Mayor William Roseman asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Mayor Roseman, Councilmen Craig Lahullier, David Stoltz, Richard Bartlett, James Lenoy and Joseph Emerson were present. Councilman Robert Zimmermann was absent.

Mayor Roseman led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Roseman – This meeting has been called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law and in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting having been provided in the annual notice schedule which contained the time, date and location of the meeting, copies of which were sent and advertised in the following official newspapers of Carlstadt: The Record on January 7, 2015 and the Herald News on January 15, 2015 a copy of which is on the Bulletin Board in the Borough Hall and a copy on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

**CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-215**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL
ENTITLED SUN CHEMICAL CORP. V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT
AT 631 CENTRAL AVENUE, BLOCK 8, LOTS 1 & 2
FOR TAX YEARS 2013 THROUGH 2015.**

WHEREAS, Sun Chemical Corp. has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 631 Central Avenue and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 8, Lots 1 & 2 for tax years 2013 through 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Appraiser, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney be hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary in order to settle this matter according to the following proposed terms:

- 1) The total assessment for tax years 2013 and 2014 to be reduced from \$ 13,527,200 to \$ 12,500,000.
- 2) The total assessment for tax year 2015 to be reduced from \$ 13,527,200 to \$ 12,500,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-216

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-22.14, the Chief of Police may appoint Special Police Officers for a term not exceeding one year, subject to the approval of the governing body by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the following individual has been recommended for appointment as Special Police Officer to be included in the Class I SLEO training class:

Ashley Ward

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor, with the consent of the Council does hereby appoint Ashley Ward as Special Police Officer, subject to the requisite background check and psychological evaluations.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt that the expenses associated with such background required to attend the next scheduled class be and are hereby approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-217

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt that the Woman's Club of Carlstadt, Inc. be granted permission to hold a raffle at the First Presbyterian Church, 457 Division Avenue, Carlstadt, New Jersey for which the application and fee shall be forwarded to the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-218

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Carlstadt held a Tax Sale on August 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Anisfeld of SLS 1, bid on a property that was advertised for less than was actually due, so the property that was incorrectly advertised was removed from Mr. Anisfeld' s bidder sheet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anisfeld prepared a payment for the property that was removed from the Tax Sale List in the amount of \$12,284.21.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Carlstadt that a refund in the amount of \$12,284.21 is authorized as the property that was incorrectly advertised was not allowed to be sold and the Tax Collector shall adjust his books accordingly.

The refund check shall be made payable to: SLS 1 and shall be mailed to SLS 1, 21 Robert Pitt Drive,, Suite 207, Monsey, NY 10952.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-219

WHEREAS, one (1) application has been filed requesting renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption License; and

WHEREAS, the regular fee of one thousand seventy-four dollars (\$1,074.00) has been submitted with the application in accordance with the Borough Ordinance governing the same.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey, that the one (1) application for renewal of a Plenary Retail Consumption License is hereby approved. All licenses when granted, will be effective on the First Day of July, 2015 and expire on the Thirtieth Day of June 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to issue the following license for Plenary Retail Consumption.

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION

0205-33-015-007

Grasshopper Also, Inc.

645 Washington Avenue
Carlstadt, NJ 07072

All licenses are issued subject to any special conditions now existing or hereafter imposed by the A.B.C. or the Borough of Carlstadt. All renewals where fees have been paid by uncertified check are subject to said check being cleared for payment on or before June 30, 2015.

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On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to approve the extension of the licensed premises at Redd's Restaurant for 8/26/15, 8/29/15, 9/12/15, 9/20/15, 9/24/15,9/27/15 and 10/11/15.

On motion by Lenoy, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mr. Richard Berger, General Counsel for Russo Development was in attendance. This was in regards to the letter that was sent dated June 1, 2015 which requested consideration of an ordinance regulating parking along Commerce Boulevard between Central Boulevard and Moonachie Avenue. Mr. Berger went into a lengthy discussion with the Mayor and Council regarding this. Mayor Roseman told Mr. Berger we will request the police to go down there and look at it and they will make their recommendation for your request.

FINAL READING

ORDINANCE NO. 15-8

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XIX
ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT, 2002, SECTION 19-8.8
ENTITLED "POOLS"

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to open this ordinance to a hearing of citizens.
On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll of those present.
Mayor Roseman asked if any citizen wished to be heard on this ordinance.
Mayor Roseman said to let the record note that there is no one here to speak on this ordinance.
Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to close this ordinance to a hearing of citizens.
On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Lahullier, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-220

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XIX
ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT, 2002, SECTION 19-8.8
ENTITLED "POOLS"

heretofore introduced, does now pass on final reading and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law.

On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

FINAL READING

ORDINANCE NO. 15-6

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER II "ADMINISTRATION," SECTION 2-22 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT, 2002

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to open this ordinance to a hearing of citizens.
On motion Bartlett, seconded by Lahullier, unanimous on call of roll of those present.
Mayor Roseman asked if any citizen wished to be heard on this ordinance.
Mayor Roseman said to let the record note that there is no one here to speak on this ordinance.
Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to close this ordinance to a hearing of citizens.
On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-221

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER II "ADMINISTRATION," SECTION 2-22 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT, 2002

heretofore introduced, does now pass on final reading and the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law.

On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to approve the bus and a driver for September 19, 2015 for the Turn Hall. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Gregory Polyniak of Neglia Engineering read his report for the month regarding projects that are being done in the Borough of Carlstadt.

Mr. Polyniak mentioned we do not have the funds for the granite marker for the Zimmermann Park project. Mayor Roseman said we can appropriate the funds. We will ask for three quotes not bids by our next meeting and put in the quote we need it by a specific date.

Bobbie O'Connor, President of the Historical Society asked about the plaque for Zimmermann Park. There was a discussion regarding the plaque that is going to be made for Zimmermann Park. Mayor Roseman said the plaque was made but the spelling was wrong. There was only one n in the spelling of Zimmermann. Ms. O'Connor spoke regarding the plaque and Mayor Roseman asked her what she wanted on the plaque.

She wanted it to say given to the children not dedicated because a lot of the children won't connect

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the word dedicated with actually being given something. She also wanted to find out the year it was first given. She also was wondering if it might be nice to rededicate it in 2015. Mayor Roseman said we would have to go through the minutes to find the date in which it was dedicated. Mayor Roseman said he will ask Councilman Zimmermann. Mayor Roseman said he thinks we are aiming for this rededication on October 10, 2015.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion for the Broad Street drainage application to be prepared by Neglia Engineering to send to Community Development for a grant. On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to submit a grant application for Fifth Street, first and Seventh Street, second. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Councilman Emerson made a motion for an assessment to be done for a restroom, concession stand and lighting by the soccer field and softball field, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Eric Yople, a representative of Production Resource Group, 915 Secaucus Road, Secaucus, NJ 07094 gave a presentation for LED lighting for the stained glass window in the Borough Hall.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to go into closed session at 8:05 P.M. to discuss tax appeals, property and personnel. On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, the meeting unanimously went into closed session.

The meeting went back into open session with the following members in attendance: Mayor Roseman, Councilmen Lahullier, Stoltz, Bartlett, Lenoy and Emerson.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to get bids for the lighting in the Borough Hall for the stained glass window. On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to approve not to exceed \$5,000.00 for Pinnacle to do the radiation evaluation by the water tower. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to approve the amount of \$300.00 for the 4th Annual Golf Outing fundraiser for Prospect Transportation. On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to approve the street closing on Third Street between Central Avenue and Division Avenue on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for Marge Escolano of 717 Ninth Street for her daughter's wedding being held at the First Presbyterian Church. There are going to be numerous motorcycles at the event and it is to ensure the safety of those attending.

On motion by Stoltz, seconded Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to accept Matt Welsch's resignation with regrets. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman mentioned the letter that was sent to us from John Clayborne, Court Administrator of the Carlstadt Municipal Court regarding the absorbent amount of money being spent on court interpreters. He is requesting we obtain the service of Language Line Interpreter Service.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to approve this request provided this organization is sanctioned and approved by the court. On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman also mentioned that John Clayborne is asking for a credit card terminal in the Borough Hall. Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to approve this request. On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman mentioned we received correspondence from the Carlstadt Public School PTA. They are hosting a Casino Night on October 8, 2015 at the Fiesta, in Wood-Ridge, NJ. They are asking for the use of the town bus to transport patrons to and from the Fiesta. There will be three pickup locations which will be determined later.

On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Lenoy, Councilmen Lahullier, Stoltz, Lenoy and Emerson voted yes. Councilman Bartlett abstained and Councilman Zimmermann was absent.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD BARTLETT

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

COUNCILMAN CRAIG LAHULLIER

He said he needs to sit down with the Chief Financial Officer, Domenick Giancaspro because he is saying the Borough Mechanic cannot spend any more money until November. There was a discussion on this matter.

COUNCILMAN JAMES LENOY

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

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COUNCILMAN JOSEPH EMERSON

He said four buses are needed to go to a Jets football game. Joseph Crifasi, Operations Manager said we are going to need the Becton buses as well as drivers. On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

COUNCILMAN DAVID STOLTZ

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to amend the minutes of July 9, 2015. On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 P.M. On motion by Lahullier, seconded by Lenoy, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

APPROVED: _____
WILLIAM ROSEMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK