## BOROUGH OF OAKLAND

# Borough Council Meeting MEETING MINUTES

Municipal Court/Council Chambers 10 Lawlor Drive Oakland, N.J. 07436

## August 17, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

#### **MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on roll call vote:

**WHEREAS,** Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of action upon the herein after specified subject matter.
- 2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
  - a. Affordable Housing.
- 3. The Mayor and Council shall release and disclose to the general public the discussion and actions taken on the subject matter of the above mentioned closed session once the Mayor and Council has arrived at a final decision on the specified subject matter.

#### **CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the Executive Session be adjourned.

ROLL CALL: Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.

The Regular Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Mayor and Borough Council opened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Oakland Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.I. 07436.

Mayor Linda H. Schwager presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Linda H. Schwager, Councilmembers Kulmala,

McCann (via phone), Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.

Also Present: Borough Administrator Richard Kunze, Borough Clerk Michael

Carelli, Borough Attorney Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Engineer

John Yakimik.

#### ALL IN FAVOR.

#### SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Schwager announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place, and agenda.

## **MAYORS REPORT:**

Mayor Schwager mourned the loss of former Mayor J. Peter Kendall, who passed away in Arizona after an illness. A memorial will take place on Saturday August 20, 2022 at OLPH Church. Former Mayor Kendall will be buried in Ponds Cemetery. Mayor Schwager announced the Senior Center BBQ on August 18, 2022. Mayor Schwager encouraged the public to attend the next Special Meeting of the Planning Board as they hear testimony on a new development off McCoy Road. There will be 151 single-family market rate townhomes, in addition to several affordable housing units. Councilman Kulmala requested that the Communications Commission record the public hearing. Mayor Schwager announced a Special Borough Council Meeting on Monday August 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, to discuss and present updated information on PFOS/PFOA in Oakland's water system. A Styrofoam Drive was announced for September 24, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Borough Hall. It was also announced that the COVID-19 Testing Center at the Oakland Senior Center has closed due to licensing requirements for the vendor. A Veterans Recognition Program was also announced, which will honor Oakland Veterans who were honorably discharged. Participants will be featured on the Borough Website, LED Sign, and the Borough Social Media Channels. Applications are available on the Borough website or in person at the Borough Hall.

#### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, to open for public comment.

### ALL IN FAVOR.

Kevin Heffernan of 40 Grove Street, Oakland, N.J. 07436, commented on the critical need to revitalize the Central Business District. Mr. Heffernan encouraged that the Downtown be transformed to its Victorian architectural heritage. Mr. Heffernan suggested that a deteriorated downtown results in lower home values within the Borough. Mr. Heffernan lauded the Bush Plaza Park Ad-Hoc Committee and their work to develop a revitalization plan for the area. Mr. Heffernan

also lauded the initiative to designate the area as an area in need of rehabilitation. Mr. Heffernan acknowledged the many moving parts to properly revitalize the Central Business District.

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, to close public comment.

#### ALL IN FAVOR.

#### **SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTER:**

Mayor Schwager sworn in Cole Kuffel as a new member of the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 20, 2022

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Saliani, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes:

Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Talamini

Navs:

None

Abstain:

Slasinski

(5 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

July 20, 2022 Executive Session

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Saliani, to approve the above listed minutes as read.

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes:

Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Talamini

Navs:

None

Abstain:

Slasinski

(5 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/APPOINTMENTS/RAFFLES/REQUESTS:

## **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION WILLIAM MILES:**

Mr. Miles was not present. Upon reviewing the project information, the Borough Council consented and agreed to proceed with the Eagle Scout Project.

#### **EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PRESENTATION BRIAN SEIBEL:**

Brian Seibel presented his Eagle Scout Project, which entails building a fishing and safety box at Potash Lake. The box will feature fishing line, a life preserver, and a measurement tool. Councilman Pignatelli suggested an emergency phone number listed on the box. The Borough Council consented and agreed to proceed with the Eagle Scout Project.

## REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SIGN BY FRANKLIN LAKES/OAKLAND ROTARY CLUB:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the Franklin Lakes/Oakland Rotary Club be permitted to install a temporary sign in Bush Plaza Park for the Oakland Car Show from August 25, 2022 to September 25, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Nays: None Abstain: None

(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

#### APPOINTMENT TO SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

Mayor Schwager appointed Brian Laforgia to the Oakland Shade Tree Commission for a five (5) year unexpired term, with a term expiration date of December 31, 2025.

#### APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Saliani, Alison Fleeson be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an Alternate II for a two (2) year unexpired term, with a term expiration date of December 31, 2023, Jeffrey Pereira be moved from Alternate II to Alternate I, with a new term expiration date of December 31, 2022, and Joseph Kurz be moved from Alternate I to a regular four (4) year unexpired term, with a new term expiration date of December 31, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Nays: None Abstain: None

(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

#### APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF HEALTH:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, Joan Check be appointed as a Board Member for a three (3) year unexpired term, with a term expiration date of December 31, 2022.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Nays: None Abstain: None

(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

RL1428: APPROVE RAFFLE #RL1428 FOR HAWTHORNE CUBS FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION FOR OFF-PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE ON DECEMBER 3, 2022

LOCATED AT 155 RAMAPO VALLEY ROAD, OAKLAND, N.J. 07436

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Slasinski, to approve Raffle License #RL1428.

#### ALL IN FAVOR.

RL1429: APPROVE RAFFLE #RL1429 FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5846 FOR OFF-PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE ON DECEMBER 16, 2022

LOCATED AT 7 COURTHOUSE PLACE, OAKLAND, N.J. 07436

Councilman Saliani set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, to approve Raffle License #RL1429.

#### ALL IN FAVOR.

RL1430: APPROVE RAFFLE #RL1430 FOR REED FOUNDATION FOR AUTISM FOR

OFF-PREMISE RAFFLE FOR MERCHANDISE ON JANUARY 5, 2023

LOCATED AT 25 POTASH ROAD, OAKLAND, N.J. 07436

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Saliani, to approve Raffle License #RL1430.

#### ALL IN FAVOR.

RL1431: APPROVE RAFFLE #RL1431 FOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION OF OAKLAND

FOR OFF-PREMISE 50/50 RAFFLE ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2022, SEPTEMBER 17, 2022, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022, OCTOBER 1, 2022, OCTOBER 8, 2022, OCTOBER 15, 2022, OCTOBER 22, 2022, AND OCTOBER 29, 2022 AT 24 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, N.J. 07436

Councilman Talamini set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Slasinski, to approve Raffle License #RL1428.

#### ALL IN FAVOR.

APPROVE SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMIT FOR THE OAKLAND ELKS LODGE #2167 FOR THE OAKLAND ELKS LODGE OCTOBERFEST ON OCTOBER 1, 2022

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, to approve the above listed Social Affair Permit.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Nays: None Abstain: None

(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

## **RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA:**

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Slasinski, the following resolutions by consent be introduced, adopted, and duly passed by a roll call vote:

### 22-234: ESTABLISH ARTS IN OAKLAND COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland support and encourage the arts within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Oakland has a vibrant cultural life, including Municipal sponsored events such as movies, concerts, art shows, film festivals, book readings, school sponsored concerts, musicals, dramas, and art festivals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland have determined that it is necessary and beneficial to provide and promote the arts within our community by hosting culturally enriching programs and activities for the citizens of the Borough of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts increase prosperity and economic development, such as property values and cultural tourism and support a flow of commerce to other sectors via the creative economy; and

**WHEREAS,** the arts provide an opportunity to gather and engage all community members in shared experience by fostering creativity and innovation to transform individual lives and communities:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Arts in Oakland Committee be created. The duties of the Committee shall consist of engaging and encouraging cultural and artistic exhibitions, events, and all related activities. The duties of the Arts in Oakland Committee are as follows:

- 1. Make recommendations to the Mayor and Borough Council and other Borough agencies with respect to any matters relating to the advancement of the arts in the Borough. These recommendations may include, but shall not be limited to, the advancement of the following:
  - a. Visual arts, including but not limited to, sculpture, painting, drawing, architectural design, photography, motion pictures and television;
  - b. Literacy arts, including but not limited to, writing of prose, poetry, drama, and choreography;
  - c. Performing arts, including but not limited to, music, dance, poetry-reading, and theatre;
  - d. The collection and display of art objects;
  - e. The preservation and commemoration of the culture and history of the Borough of Oakland;
  - f. Other activities which the Committee defines as advancing the creativity or culture in the Borough of Oakland.
- 2. Act as Liaison between the Borough Council and other Federal, State, and County bodies involved in promoting, funding, or presenting cultural, visual, and performing arts in the community.
- 3. Host cultural and artistic activities and exhibition events that encourages creative and place making by the utilization of artistic members of the community and furthers growth of arts within the community.
- 4. The membership of the Committee shall be a minimum of five (5) voting members, who shall be residents of the Borough of Oakland or representatives of businesses within the Borough of Oakland and who shall represent a cross section of community interests, as appointed by the Mayor and Borough Council and shall serve without compensation.
- 5. The Arts in Oakland five (5) Committee members shall serve a one (1) year term on an annual basis.
- 6. The Mayor and Borough Council may appoint a Borough Council Member as a Liaison to the Committee.
- 7. The term of the Arts in Oakland Committee shall be unlimited subject only to its termination or a future resolution of the Governing Body.

### 22-236: AUTHORIZE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PROMOTION

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the endorsement of Department of Public Works Superintendent, Anthony Marcucilli, hereby approve the following promotional recommendation and salary increase effective August 22, 2022:

Jason Duncan - to Supervisor - \$78,963.00

22-238: REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER POLICE BIKE PATROL DEDICATED DONATIONS AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29

**WHEREAS,** permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 provides for receipt of funds from gifts, bequests, and donations by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Borough of Oakland's Police Bike Patrol Donations are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirements,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The Mayor and Council hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to place funds received for the Boroughs Police Bike Patrol in a specified fund to be considered a dedication by rider to the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 for Police Bike Patrol programs.
- 2. The Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Oakland is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.
  - 22-239: REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FIREFIGHTER TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT DEDICATED DONATIONS AS REQUIRED BY N.I.S.A. 40A:5-29

**WHEREAS**, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12A states that all monies collected under N.J.A.C. 5:70-2.12 pursuant to this section shall be placed in a special municipal trust fund to be applied to the cost of the municipality of firefighter training and/or new firefighter equipment; and

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Borough of Oakland's Firefighter Training and Equipment Penalties are hereby anticipated as revenue and are

hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Mayor and Borough Council hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to place funds received for the Borough's Firefighter Training and Equipment Penalties in a specified fund to be considered a dedication by rider to the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 for Firefighter Training and Equipment Projects.
- 2. The Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Oakland is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

## 22-241: AUTHORIZE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH DFLP VAN VOREEN, LLC. FOR BLOCK 3203 LOT 2

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, adopted a resolution approving a development by DFLP Van Voreen, LLC. for the property located at Block 3203 Lot 2, commonly known as 101 Plaza Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the resolution was conditioned upon the developer entering into a Developer's Agreement with the Borough of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS,** such Developer's Agreement has been executed by DFLP Van Voreen, LLC, which has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Attorney.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Developer's Agreement with DFLP Van Voreen, LLC.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Borough Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to maintain a copy of this resolution in the Office of the Borough Clerk, for public inspection, pursuant to law.

## 22-242: AUTHORIZE REFUND OF RECREATION FEE

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Oakland has received a request for a refund for a Recreation Fee for Recreation Soccer in the amount of \$80.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 requires Governing Body approval for said refund;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, hereby authorize a refund to:

Kim Family 44 Dogwood Drive Oakland, N.J. 07436 Recreation Soccer \$80.00

## 22-243: AUTHORIZE CHAPTER 159 FOR CDBG-CV3 GRANT AWARD FOR SENIOR CENTER CHAIR REPLACEMENTS

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Oakland has been awarded an CDBGCV Grant in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the purpose of replacing furniture in the Senior Center, and wishes to amend its 2022 budget to include this amount as a revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby request the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written
Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and
Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
CDBGCV Award Senior Center Chairs

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a like sum of \$11,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Appropriations Offset by Revenues:
CDBGCV Award Senior Center Chairs
Other Expenses - \$11,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

## 22-244: AUTHORIZE PERSON TO PERSON LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER

WHEREAS, the application has been made to transfer Person-to-Person, Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0242-33-007-012 presently in the name of PCJJ, LLC. heretofore located at 20 Elm Street, Oakland, N.J. 07436 to the corporation known as D&A Restaurant Ltd. located at the same address; and

**WHEREAS**, an application for such Person-to-Person Transfer has been published in The Record on August 2, 2022 and August 9, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of Alcoholic Beverages Control has requested that a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council approving such transfer complying with N.J.A.C. 13:2-7.10; and

**WHEREAS**, the said applications have been filed along with the required fee of \$200.00 for said license with the Borough and a \$200.00 check made payable to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, Trenton, N.J., and

**WHEREAS**, the necessary background checks have been completed by the Oakland Police Department and the Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Clearance Certificate (Transfer) from the State of New Jersey, Department of the Treasury, Division of Taxation has been received.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** said Person-to-Person Transfer is approved effective August 17, 2022, and the Borough Clerk be directed to send a certified copy of this resolution to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, Trenton, New Jersey together with a \$200.00 check made payable to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

#### 22-245: AUTHORIZE REFUND OF TAXES FOR BLOCK 3804 LOT 2

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request (attached) for a refund of taxes in the amount of \$2,836.96; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 requires Governing Body approval for said purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has verified that the amount is due and that funds are available in account Tax Refund CF-01-55-998-002.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize a payment to be made in the amount of \$2,836.96 to:

Christopher M. Wallace

**Block 3804** 

18 Bannehr Street

Lot 2

Oakland, N.J. 07436

## 22-246: AUTHORIZE CHAPTER 159 FOR FEMA DISASTER ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD FOR ALLERMAN BROOK REPAIRS

**WHEREAS,** N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount, and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Oakland has been awarded a FEMA Disaster Recovery Grant in the amount of \$104,282.06 for the purpose of repairing embankment loss along Allerman Brook, and wishes to amend its 2022 budget to include this amount as a revenue,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written
Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and
Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY ALLERMAN BROOK

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a like sum of \$104,282.06 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"
Public and Private Appropriations Offset by Revenues:
FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY ALLERMAN BROOKE
Other Expenses - \$104,282.06

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Borough Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

#### 22-247: AUTHORIZE VEHICLE AUCTION

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 40A:11-36, the Borough of Oakland may sell any personal property; and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland have determined that the property listed in this resolution is no longer needed for public use and wishes to divest said property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland as follows:

- 1. The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted online using Municibid (www.municibid.com) pursuant to New Jersey State Local Finance Notice 2008-9. Terms of the agreement are available on the vendor's website and available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
- 2. The surplus property to be sold is as follows:

YEAR:	MAKE/MODEL:	<u>VIN/SERIAL</u>	LICENSE PLATE:
2005	Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71WX5X112269	15516MG
N/A	Bobcat Backhoe Attachment	68900	N/A
N/A	Karcher Power Washer	27850	N/A
N/A	Billygoat Brush Cutter	0090496089	N/A
N/A	Stone Cement Mixer	465067	N/A
2007	Toro Grounds Master	260000132	N/A
2001	Ford F250	1FTNF21L11EB700087	MG45881

- 3. The surplus property as identified shall be sold in 'as is' condition without express or implied warranties.
- 4. In accordance with NJSA 39:10-9.1, the certificates of ownership for former police vehicles shall state that the motor vehicles were used as police patrol vehicles and notice is provided that the buyer shall continue to so state on each subsequent sale or transfer
- 5. The successful bidder will be required to pay in cash or certified check made out to the Borough of Oakland at the time of pickup of the vehicle. The Borough will not deliver the vehicle to the successful bidder.

The vehicle is to be transferred and taken off the site within 10 business days after approval of the sale by the Governing Body.

# 22-248: AUTHORIZE DEDUCT CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR RAMAPO VALLEY ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Oakland awarded a contract to D.S. Meyer Enterprises, LLC., 2 North Street, Suite 2A, Waldwick, N.J. 07463 in the amount of \$613,871.00 for the Ramapo Valley Road Sidewalk Project; and

WHEREAS, the following Deduct Change Order has been requested:

Deduct Change Order #1 "Reduce Scope of Work" (-\$570.50)

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland authorize a Deduct Change Order in the amount of -\$570.50 for a new total contract amount of \$613,300.50.

#### 22-249: AUTHORIZE LIEN ON 64 YAWPO AVENUE

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Oakland Property Maintenance Officer has advised that the property located at 64 Yawpo Avenue and identified as Block 3903 Lot 10 on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of Oakland was in violation of the Borough's property maintenance code; and

**WHEREAS,** the property owner of the premises was notified by the Borough on several occasions respecting the condition of the property and the need to remedy same consistent with the requirements of the Borough's property maintenance code 10-3.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough was compelled to provide labor and expend significant costs totaling \$1,190.88 in order to clean up the property at 64 Yawpo Avenue; and

**WHEREAS**, the property maintenance code of the Borough of Oakland permits the imposition of the lien in the nature of additional taxes in such case; and

**WHEREAS**, a report dated July 8, 2022 detailing the work performed and expenses incurred has been provided to the Borough Administrator who has approved the cost and expenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Tax Collector be and is hereby directed to charge as additional real property taxes to the

owner of the property located at 64 Yawpo Avenue the sum of \$1,190.88 being the amount due pursuant to the report dated July 8, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of the report and this resolution approving the expenses and costs shall be certified by the Borough Clerk and filed with the Tax Collector of the Borough, who shall be responsible for the collection of same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of the report, along with a certified copy of this resolution, shall be sent to the owner of the property of 64 Yawpo Avenue by certified mail, return receipt requested.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tax Collector shall take whatever actions are necessary and reasonable in accordance with statutory law.

#### 22-250: AUTHORIZE LIEN ON 81 LAKEVIEW TERRACE

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Oakland Property Maintenance Officer has advised that the property located at 81 Lakeview Terrace and identified as Block 2518 Lot 16 on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of Oakland was in violation of the Borough's property maintenance code; and

**WHEREAS,** the property owner of the premises was notified by the Borough on several occasions respecting the condition of the property and the need to remedy same consistent with the requirements of the Borough's property maintenance code 10-3.1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough was compelled to provide labor and expend significant costs totaling \$1,028.20 in order to clean up the property at 81 Lakeview Terrace; and

**WHEREAS,** the property maintenance code of the Borough of Oakland permits the imposition of the lien in the nature of additional taxes in such case; and

**WHEREAS,** a report dated August 2, 2022 detailing the work performed and expenses incurred has been provided to the Borough Administrator who has approved the cost and expenses.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Tax Collector be and is hereby directed to charge as additional real property taxes to the owner of the property located at 81 Lakeview Terrace the sum of \$1,028.20 being the amount due pursuant to the report dated August 2, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of the report and this resolution approving the expenses and costs shall be certified by the Borough Clerk and filed with the Tax Collector of the Borough, who shall be responsible for the collection of same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of the report, along with a certified copy of this resolution, shall be sent to the owner of the property of 81 Lakeview Terrace by certified mail, return receipt requested.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Tax Collector shall take whatever actions are necessary and reasonable in accordance with statutory law.

## 22-251: ADOPTING AN AMENDED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN AS A SUB ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), on July 6, 2015, the Borough of Oakland (hereinafter the "Borough") filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint in Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division seeking, among other things, a judicial declaration that its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP"), to be amended as necessary, satisfies its "fair share" of the regional need for low and moderate income housing pursuant to the "Mount Laurel Doctrine"; and

WHEREAS, the Borough simultaneously secured a protective order providing Oakland immunity from all exclusionary zoning lawsuits while it pursues approval of its HEFSP, which is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Court also appointed Elizabeth McManus, PP, AICP (successor to Elizabeth McKenzie, PP, AICP) as the Special Court Master (hereinafter the "Court Master"), as is customary in Mount Laurel matters adjudicated in the courts; and

WHEREAS, with assistance from the Court Master, Oakland and Fair Share Housing Center (hereinafter "FSHC") engaged in good faith negotiations, which resulted in the entering into a Settlement Agreement between the Borough and FSHC on August 11, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** a fairness hearing was held on December 1, 2020, at which time the FSHC Settlement Agreement was approved, and said approval was later memorialized by an Order entered by the Court on December 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** as per the terms of the August 11, 2020 FSHC Settlement Agreement and the Court's December 16, 2020 Order, the Borough's planner prepared a HEFSP, which was reviewed by the Planning Board and is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS,** upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the HEFSP on February 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted the HEFSP on March 11, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of Oakland wishes to endorse the HEFSP and seeks approval of the HEFSP from the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Oakland endorsed the HEFSP on March 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, as part of the compliance process, the Borough Planner prepared an amended HEFSP; and

**WHEREAS,** upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the HEFSP on July 26, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board adopted the HEFSP on August 11, 2022, a true copy of the resolution of the Planning Board adopting the HEFSP is attached as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Oakland wishes to endorse the amended HEFSP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland:

- 1. That it hereby endorses the amended HEFSP, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, as adopted by the Oakland Planning Board via the Planning Board resolution that is attached hereto as Exhibit B.
- 2. That it authorizes and directs its professionals to file with the Court (i) the HEFSP; (ii) the resolutions of the Planning Board adopting and the Borough Council endorsing the amended HEFSP; and (iii) any additional documents the professionals deem necessary or desirable.
- 3. That it authorizes its professionals to seek Court approval of the amended HEFSP at a properly noticed compliance hearing.
- 4. That it reserves the right to amend the amended HEFSP, should that be necessary.

## 22-252: AUTHORIZING LITIGATION ON BLOCK 3101 LOT 10

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Oakland is the owner of certain property located in the Borough and identified as Block 3101, Lot 8 on the tax map of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the owners of a neighboring property located at 110 Breakneck Road, Oakland, New Jersey, 07436 and identified as Block 3101, Lot 10, on the tax map of the Borough of Oakland have, without notice to the Borough, caused portions of their improved yard, driveway and ancillary structures to be placed on portions of the Borough's property, excluding the Borough from using a portion of its property and entered onto the Borough's property and removed trees and other vegetation from the Borough's property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has demanded that the owners of 110 Breakneck Road remove the improvements to the extent that they encroach on the Borough's property and to restore the property to its original condition; and

**WHEREAS**, despite such demands, the owners of 110 Breakneck Road have yet to restore the property and continue to encroach upon the Borough's property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to take any action necessary and appropriate to protect and enforce the Borough's rights as owner of the Property identified as Block 3101, Lot 8 on the tax map of the Borough of Oakland including instituting litigation against the owners of 110 Breakneck Road related to their encroachments on the Borough's property and their removal of trees and other vegetation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appropriate Borough representatives are hereby authorized to execute any documents related to said litigation or otherwise necessary to enforce the Borough's rights.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes:

Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the following resolution by consent be introduced, adopted, and duly passed by a roll call vote:

#### 22-240: RESOLUTION DELINEATING AN AREA IN NEED OF REHABILITATION

**WHEREAS**, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1, et seq. (the "Redevelopment Law") provides a mechanism to empower and assist local governments to promote the advancement of community interests through programs of redevelopment for the expansion and improvement of commercial, industrial, residential, and civic facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment Law empowers the Borough of Oakland (the "Borough") by and through its Mayor and Council (the "Governing Body"), to delineate an area within the Borough as an area in need of rehabilitation if the area qualifies under one of the criteria enumerated under N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14; and

WHEREAS, Borough Planner, Steven M. Lydon, PP/AICP, of Burgis Associates, Inc., has been directed to investigate whether a portion of the commercial corridor located along and around a stretch of Ramapo Valley Road (the "Study Area") qualified as an area in need of rehabilitation pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lydon prepared a report entitled "Area in Need of Rehabilitation Report" dated April 26, 2022 which is attached hereto as exhibit A (the "Study Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Study Report concludes that because (a) a significant number of structures are in a deteriorated or substandard condition; (b) over 50% of the dwellings are over 50 years old; and (c) the water supply infrastructure is over 50 years old, the Study Area qualifies as an area in need of rehabilitation under the Redevelopment Law; and

**WHEREAS,** on July 20, 2022, the Governing Body referred the Study Report and this resolution in draft form to the Planning Board for review and comment; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 11, 2022, the Planning Board returned this resolution and Study Report with a recommendation that the Study Area be delineated as an area in need of rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds it to be in the best interest of the property owners and business owners within the Study Area to delineate the Study Area as an area in need of rehabilitation, and that, based upon the Study Report and the Planning Board's recommendation, finds that the Study Area meets the criteria of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14 of an area in need of rehabilitation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Based upon the facts reported in the Study Report and the recommendation of the Planning Board, the Mayor and Borough Council find that the Study Area, consisting of a portion of commercial corridor located along and around a stretch of Ramapo Valley Road, meets the eligibility of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14 for designating as an area in need of rehabilitation in that

- (a) a significant number of structures are in a deteriorated or substandard condition; (b) over 50% of the dwellings are over 50 years old; and (c) the water supply infrastructure is over 50 years old. The Mayor and Borough Council further find that the designation of the Study Area as an area in need of rehabilitation is expected to prevent further deterioration and promote the overall development of the Borough of Oakland in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14.
- 2. The Mayor and Borough Council hereby delineates the Study Area and all of the properties therein as an area in need of rehabilitation (hereinafter, the Study Areas shall be the "Rehabilitation Area"), which delineation allows the Mayor and Borough Council to, among other things, adopt redevelopment plans for all of part of the Rehabilitation Area, enter into redevelopment agreements with redevelopers within the Rehabilitation Area, and adopt an ordinance pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-14, et seq., authorizing short term tax exemptions and/or abatements to properties located within the Rehabilitation Area.
- 3. The Mayor and Borough Council hereby directs the Borough Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs in accordance with the Redevelopment Law.
- 4. All Borough Officials and employees are hereby authorized and directed to take all action necessary and appropriate and effectuate the terms of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the following resolution by consent be introduced, adopted, and duly passed by a roll call vote:

22-237: AUTHORIZE GRANT SUBMITTAL TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR TURNOUT GEAR WASHING MACHINE

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Oakland desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for \$5,000.00 to carry out a project to purchase a Turnout Gear Washing Machine for the Oakland Fire Department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey does hereby authorize the application for such grant; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Borough of Oakland recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Borough of Oakland and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in collection therein.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Nays: None Abstain: None

(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

## **ORDINANCES**:

#### ORDINANCE 22-CODE-890

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED, "ADMINISTRATION", SECTION 2-5, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", AS TO AMEND THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION TO ADD THE POSITION OF CLASS III SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER"

The Borough Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 22-Code-890 and read by title for its first reading.

The Borough Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 22-Code-890 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED, "ADMINISTRATION", SECTION 2-5, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", AS TO AMEND THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION TO ADD THE POSITION OF CLASS III SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER"

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 ENTITLED, "ADMINISTRATION", SECTION 2-5, ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT", AS TO AMEND THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION TO ADD THE POSITION OF CLASS III SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER", be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a Borough Council Meeting on Wednesday September 14, 2022 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. at 7:00 p.m.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before together with notice of this introduction and of the time and place for further consideration for final passage, and that the Borough Clerk post a copy of said Ordinance in the Municipal Building and make copies available to the public.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Nays: None Abstain: None

(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

## **ORDINANCE 22-CODE-891**

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT, AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, LAND USE, CHAPTER 59 ENTITLED "LAND USE AND ZONING""

The Borough Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 22-Code-891 and read by title for its first reading.

The Borough Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 22-Code-891 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT, AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, LAND USE, CHAPTER 59 ENTITLED "LAND USE AND ZONING""

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Slasinski, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED, that an Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT, AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, LAND USE, CHAPTER 59 ENTITLED "LAND USE AND ZONING"", be introduced;

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**ROLL CALL:** 

Ayes:

Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Navs:

None

Abstain:

None

(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

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That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a Borough Council Meeting on Wednesday September 14, 2022 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. at 7:00 p.m.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before together with notice of this introduction and of the time and place for further consideration for final passage, and that the Borough Clerk post a copy of said Ordinance in the Municipal Building and make copies available to the public.

**ROLL CALL:** Ayes:

Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

### **ORDINANCE 22-CODE-889**

# "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ENCOURAGING ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE) AND MAKE-READY PARKING SPACES"

The Borough Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 22-Code-889 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Borough Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND ENCOURAGING ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE) AND MAKE-READY PARKING SPACES"

#### **OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Saliani, this portion of the meeting be opened for public comment.

#### ALL IN FAVOR.

No public comment.

#### **CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

On motion of Councilman Saliani, seconded by Councilman Talamini, this portion of the meeting be closed to public comment.

#### ALL IN FAVOR.

**ROLL CALL:** 

Ayes:

Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

(6 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

#### **WORK SESSION:**

No work session items.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Councilman Kulmala reported that the Mayor, Council Liaison, and Borough Administrator discussed the proposed Recreation Field Advertising Program and have recommended fees and an application process for review and approval. Borough Administrator Richard Kunze advised that the banners will have a standard template and will be supplied by the Borough. An ordinance memorializing the fees will be brought forth at the September 14, 2022 Council Meeting. Mayor Schwager thanked Recreation Commissioner Steven Catalano for his work on the program. The Borough Council agreed to pass a resolution at the September 14, 2022 Borough Council Meeting formally approving the program.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Pignatelli asked that a prior circulated draft ordinance addressing short terms rentals be put on for work session at the next Borough Council Meeting. The Mayor and Borough Council consented to same.

#### **COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

**COUNCILMAN KULMALA:** Councilman Kulmala shared a message from the Police Chief encouraging residents to lock their vehicles during the night.

COUNCILMAN MCCANN: No report.

**COUNCILMAN PIGNATELLI:** Councilman Pignatelli invited residents to the Annual Senior Center BBQ on Thursday August 18, 2022. The Board of Health will resume their meetings in September. The public was encouraged to attend the upcoming Planning Board Public Hearing on August 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakland Senior Center on the new development off McCoy Road.

**COUNCILMAN SALIANI:** Councilman Saliani thanked Peter Kikot for his service to the Shade Tree Commission. Councilman Saliani read tree related statistics from the Borough Forester. It was reported that the Bush Plaza Park Ad-Hoc Committee is awaiting results from their recent grant submission to the Bergen County Park Improvement Fund. The public was reminded to report potholes and street light outages to the Department of Public Works.

**COUNCILMAN SLASINSKI:** Councilman Slasinski reported that there will be a Project Meeting on the Sewer Decommissioning Project on August 30, 2022, and installation will be completed on or before August 24, 2023. It was reported that Boswell Engineering is working with the contractor for the Iroquois Pump Station Upgrade Project to confirm material delivery, and installation is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2022. It was further reported that Boswell Engineering has received comments from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on the plans and specifications for the PFOS/PFOA Treatment Systems Project. A Public Community Meeting has been scheduled for Monday August 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Oakland Senior Center, 20 Lawlor Drive, to discuss and present updated information on same. It was reported that a preconstruction meeting was held on July 21, 2022 for the Soons Wellfield Backup Generator Project, and delivery of the generator is expected in the Spring of 2023. The Oakland Public Library held a successful summer reading program.

**COUNCILMAN TALAMINI:** Councilman Talamini reported that volunteers are needed for the Public Events Committee. All Recreation coaches were encouraged to attend the upcoming Rutgers Safety Clinic.

Councilman McCann left the meeting via phone at 8:13 p.m.

## **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, to open for public comment.

#### ALL IN FAVOR.

Thomas "Chopper" Russo of 58 Minnehaha Boulevard, Oakland, N.J. 07436, reminded the public that the Borough is hosting the Annual Halloween Parade on October 29, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the Oakland Public Library. The Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for December 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at Veterans Park. Mr. Russo encouraged the public to attend the Public Hearing on August 22, 2022 on the new development off McCoy Road. Mr. Russo expressed concerns on the amount of units within the parcel and encouraged the Fire Department to provide comments on the layout.

Councilman Kulmala set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, to close public comment.

#### ALL IN FAVOR.

## **BILLS TO BE PAID:**

On motion of Councilman Slasinski, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the following bills be submitted for payment:

## (See following pages)

**BE IT RESOLVED,** that the foregoing bills be paid and charged to their respective accounts when the funds are available.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes:

Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini

Nays:

None

Abstain:

None

(5 ayes - 0 nays - motion carried)

## ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the meeting be adjourned.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 8:24 p.m.

APPROVED BY:

Linda H. Schwager, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael E. Carelli, Borough Clerk