

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2016

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, 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 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 hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:  
Potential Litigation, Affordable Housing Update
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.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

Discussion ensued over potential litigation and the Attorney gave an update on Affordable Housing.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Jensen, the Executive Session be closed.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:40 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini. Absent: Councilman Visconti. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Schwager announced this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law duly announced and included in the schedule of regular meetings.

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MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the absence of Councilman Visconti be excused.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager advised that former Councilman Jack Tauber passed away. He was the Senior Citizen Club President and was very active in Municipal Alliance and in the community and at the County. There will be a memorial service on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Senior Center. Mayor Schwager is looking for volunteers for the Mayors Wellness Challenge that is currently being planned. She explained that they are getting gyms in Oakland and surrounding towns involved for this challenge. Mayor Schwager is also looking for volunteers for the Green Team and the Access for All Advisory Committee that was established last year. She advised there is an opening on Flood Commission as well. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. The Carnival will be held from June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup>. The FLOW area Municipal Alliances will hold a program called In Plain Sight on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Indian Hills High School. At that program, there will be a mobile drop box for expired and unused medication. There will be a Fashion Show at the Senior Center on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. Bergen County has a program for homebuyers. There will be an Art show and reception on Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 4 pm at the Library. The artists are all members of the Senior Center. Mayor Schwager advised that a meeting was held last Thursday at the Public Safety Center to see the facilities for dispatch services. It was an informational meeting only. There will be another meeting of the Public Safety Committee next Thursday to discuss this further. Mayor Schwager gave a tour of Borough Hall yesterday to a group of cub scouts.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Jensen, this portion of the meeting be opened for public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

No comments.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 10, 2016**

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Biale, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of February 10, 2016 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 10, 2016 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of February 10, 2016 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1264**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1264 for Indian Hills High School PTSO to hold an on-premise 50/50 raffle on March 17, April 28, April 29, April 30, and May 6, 2016 at Indian Hills High School.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1265**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1265 for Sports Association of Oakland to hold an off-premise 50/50 raffle on April 15, 2016 at Knights of Columbus, 7 Courthouse Place.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1266**

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Biale, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1266 for New Friends of the Library to hold an on-premise 50/50 raffle on March 18 and 19, 2016 at the Oakland Library.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1267**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1267 for New Friends of the Library to hold an on-premise raffle for merchandise on March 18 and 19, 2016 at the Oakland Library.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:**

Mayor Schwager brought forth the nomination of Matthew Helfant for appointment to an unexpired term as Alternate 2 on the Board of Adjustment.

**MOTION TO CONSENT:**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the Council consented to the appointment of Matthew Helfant to the unexpired term as Alternate 2 on the Board of Adjustment. The term will expire December 31, 2017.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE:**

Mayor Schwager brought forth the nomination of Matthew Helfant for appointment to a one-year term on the Public Events Committee.

**MOTION TO CONSENT:**

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the Council consented to the appointment of Matthew Helfant for appointment to the Public Events Committee for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2016.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**RESOLUTION 16-67 TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT-3 STONY POINT**

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

WHEREAS, Steven and Camille Gatto, the owners and/or taxpayers of property known as Block 901, Lot 3, located at 3 Stony Point Road, has filed real property tax appeals for tax years 2014 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, Borough Appraiser and Tax Appeal Attorney have recommended a settlement of the litigation, which is in the best interests of the Municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that the Tax Appeal Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary, in order to effectuate a settlement of the appeals entitled Gatto vs. Oakland, wherein for tax year 2014, the assessment of \$1,114,900 will be reduced to \$1,000,000, and for tax year 2015, the assessment of \$1,114,900 will be reduced to \$1,050,000, resulting in a refund of \$4,730; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid settlement is predicated upon waiver of payment of interest on any refund.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

**RESOLUTION 16-68 REFUND 2013 TAXES-BLOCK 301, LOT 2**

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

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on January 15, 2016, in the matter of Dewey Electronics Corporation v. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 001907-2013, reducing the assessment of Block 301, Lot 2, 27 Muller Road, to \$4,689,200 for the Tax Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2013 property taxes is now due to Dewey Electronics Corporation, in the amount of \$20,515.17;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to Dewey Electronics Corporation, c/o Jeffer, Hopkinson & Vogel, attorneys, in the amount of \$20,515.17.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 16-69 REFUND 2014 TAXES-BLOCK 301, LOT 2

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

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on January 15, 2016, in the matter of Dewey Electronics Corporation v. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 007638-2014, reducing the assessment of Block 301, Lot 2, 27 Muller Road, to \$4,589,200 for the Tax Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2014 property taxes is now due to Dewey Electronics Corporation, in the amount of \$23,485.95;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to Dewey Electronics Corporation, c/o Jeffer, Hopkinson & Vogel, attorneys, in the amount of \$23,485.95.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 16-70 REFUND 2015 TAXES-BLOCK 301, LOT 2

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

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on January 15, 2016, in the matter of Dewey Electronics Corporation v. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 007639-2015, reducing the assessment of Block 301, Lot 2, 27 Muller Road, to \$4,489,200 for the Tax Year 2015; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2015 property taxes is now due to Dewey Electronics Corporation, in the amount of \$26,646.67;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to Dewey Electronics Corporation, c/o Jeffer, Hopkinson & Vogel, attorneys, in the amount of \$26,646.67.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 16-71 REFUND 2013 TAXES-BLOCK 2601, LOT 2

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

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on January 15, 2016, in the matter of Charles Francis Drago v. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 016350-2013, reducing the assessment of Block 2601, Lot 2, Ramapo Valley Road, to \$80,000 for the Tax Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2013 property taxes is now due to Charles Francis Drago, in the amount of \$513.20;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to Charles Francis Drago, c/o Robert E. Spiotti, Esq. in the amount of \$513.20.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

**RESOLUTION 16-72 REFUND 2013 TAXES-BLOCK 2601, LOT 3**

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

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on January 15, 2016, in the matter of Charles Francis Drago v. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 016348-2013, reducing the assessment of Block 2601, Lot 3, Ramapo Valley Road, to \$80,000 for the Tax Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2013 property taxes is now due to Charles Francis Drago, in the amount of \$513.20;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to Charles Francis Drago, c/o Robert E. Spiotti, Esq. in the amount of \$513.20.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

**INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 16-CODE-730**

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 16-Code-730 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 16-Code-730 entitled: " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XX ENTITLED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, SECTION 2 ENTITLED "IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter XX Entitled Stormwater Management, Section 2 Entitled "Improper Disposal Of Waste" Of The Code Of The Borough Of Oakland., be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on March 9, 2016 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before February 28, 2016 together with notice of this introduction and of the time and place for further consideration for final passage, and that the Clerk post a copy of said Ordinance in the Municipal Building and make copies available to the public.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 16-CODE-729**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 16-Code-729 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII ENTITLED TRAFFIC, SECTIONS 7-15 ENTITLED "PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND.

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, this portion of the meeting be open for public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

Don Burns, 22 Whittier Lane, asked how the Police are going to enforce a new ordinance if they don't have the manpower to enforce the old ordinances. He stated that to change the students' habits, they should be ticketed or towed. Mr. Burns stated that at the last meeting, a member of the school board came on his own in good faith and Councilman Jensen jumped all over him. Mayor Schwager responded that he was speaking as a resident of Wyckoff not representing the school board. Mr. Burns commented that the man came in good faith and should have been treated with more respect. He feels that the old ordinances should be enforced before the town spends money on new signs. Mayor Schwager responded this is the only way the school board would be forced to do anything.

Howard Rubenstein, 7 West Court, commented that the last time this ordinance was introduced, he was against the way it was written. He also objects to the way this ordinance is written. He feels the streets all the way down to Grove Street should be included or else students will just park further away and the problem will be shifted to those residents. Then those residents will be complaining just like the people on West Sheffield. He feels the ordinance should be done correctly the first time. Mr. Rubenstein advised he had met with the Mayor, Councilman Kulmala and the Police Chief and he proposed taking the no parking signs down on one side of Raritan Road. Traffic Officer Fiore advised that Raritan Road needs to have no parking on the entire street in order for the trucks to get through.

Joseph Hoffman, 33 Spear Street, supports the ordinance. He stated that although some people are saying there should be parking because the streets are public, there are streets around town that have no parking signs. He drove through the neighborhood between 7 and 11 and counted the number of cars. Every week, it gets worse with more cars. It is a safety issue. The students

have to walk in the street to get to school and it is dangerous if cars are coming. The DPW cannot properly brine the streets with all the cars parked in the neighborhood. No other streets in town are used as a parking lot. This has been a continuing problem.

Louis Cuomo, 38 Spear Street, also stated this is a safety issue and the problem is getting worse. The school has no regard for the safety of the students. The students should be more considerate. There is litter everywhere. This situation will be a negative factor for future homebuyers. This is a safety issue for the students as well as the kids residing in the neighborhood. He wants the ordinance adopted.

Lorraine Antonucci, 33 Lehigh Way, understands the residents' concerns. She asked how students who have jobs will be able to get to work if they cannot drive to school. She advised that she went to the school board meeting and they seemed willing to come up with some parking spaces and had some carpooling solutions. She asked the Mayor and Council to hold off on adopting the ordinance. She stated the majority of the students are not disrespectful. Mayor Schwager responded that if the ordinance is adopted tonight, it will not go into effect until September. That gives the school board time to take action. She explained that the Borough has been dealing with the school board for several years on this issue. Their attitude is that they don't have to do anything because the Mayor and Council have not taken any action. The residents have been complaining about this for a long time. The Mayor and Council are helping the residents with their property and safety issues. During the snowstorms, the DPW cannot get through the streets when the students are parked. The residents have problems getting out of their driveway. This will force the school board to take action. Mayor Schwager advised that even if the ordinance is passed, the Borough will continue to badger the school board. Councilman Kulmala advised he followed up with school board member Mr. Porro. Mr. Porro said he is looking at having the security officer re-evaluate the parking to see if they can gain more spots. This issue is also being referred to the school board's facilities committee.

Grace Antonucci, student, commented that driving is a necessity to some kids because they need to drive to get to work.

Alissa Weiss, 16 Oswego, sympathizes with the residents. She did attend the school board meeting. She explained that the one reason her family moved to Oakland was that it was family friendly and child friendly. That is a draw to homebuyers and especially to live near a school. She advised that there should be more enforcement and students should be ticketed if they are not following the law. Oakland is a great community and we should support the schools and the students.

Joe Valenti, 18 Whittier Lane, attended the school board meeting as well. He went to the school on various days and counted open parking spots. He explained there are 201 spots in the teachers' parking lot and there are 146 employees. That does not include the spaces by the tennis courts. Mr. Porro from the school board understands the gravity of the issue. Mr. Valenti explained that Ramapo has 84 spots more than Indian Hills does. There should be parity. He advised that the school board seemed like they were willing to come up with a solution. Mayor Schwager responded that parents have not gone to the school board until now. Now the school board has to do something. Mr. Valenti spoke about the rights of parents and the students to park on the streets. Councilman Jensen asked why the students should get preferential treatment to park on the streets. Mayor Schwager advised that the Borough has been trying to get the school board to address the problem for three years. Now that there is an ordinance ready to be put on the books, they may be willing to act. If the ordinance is passed, Mayor Schwager reiterated that the Borough will still be pushing the school board. Councilman Jensen commented that if the



Mayor and Council do not pass an ordinance, there is no incentive for the school board to do anything. Councilman Biale commented that this ordinance gives the Borough leverage to force the school board to do something. He wishes the Mayor and Council weren't put in this position. Mr. Valenti would like to be involved with the meetings with the Board of Education if possible.

Ernest Steinmetz, 74 West Sheffield, advised he has submitted pictures to the Mayor and Council showing the students blocking the driveways. The current ordinance discriminates against a group of homeowners. Franklin Lakes issue an ordinance ten years ago for no parking around Ramapo High School. The parents need to work with the Board of Education for transportation solutions. He spoke of issues with students making u-turns in driveways. This needs to be fixed to address the homeowners being discriminated against. The student transportation issue belongs with the Board of Education.

Alissa Weiss, 16 Oswego, would rather see enforcement than an ordinance passed tonight. She does not want the students to suffer because they are trying to get to school. She suggested there should be more of a police presence. Police Chief Kasper advised that Traffic Officer Fiore is there every morning. There are other forms of enforcement besides ticketing including education. Councilman Jensen asked how the students are suffering. He commented that he walked three miles to school and that students should walk to school.

Louis Cuomo, 38 Spear Street, reiterated this is a safety issue. It is not a safe environment.

Howard Rubenstein, 7 West Court, is in favor of a parking ordinance but he just doesn't like how this ordinance is written. He asked the Police Chief's opinion about his Raritan Road suggestion. Chief Kasper responded that Raritan Road is not wide enough to handle the tractor trailers if there are vehicles parked on the side of the road. There are no sidewalks so it would be a danger to students. That would be a liability and safety issue. Mayor Schwager questioned if the school board ever approached the building owners in that area to see if they can get parking for the students. Mr. Rubenstein would like to see the ordinance reintroduced correctly.

Joseph Valenti, 18 Whittier, asked how many summonses were issued to enforce the laws as currently written. Mayor Schwager spoke about the inexperienced drivers blocking residents' driveways.

Debbie Meeker, 6 Laurel Court, spoke of cars speeding on Walnut Street and advised it is not safe for students to walk long distances to school.

Ernest Steinmetz, 74 West Sheffield, thought that the Borough had previously discussed phasing in parking signs. Chief Kasper responded that they didn't think there would be a problem past Dogwood. However, the ordinance can be revisited if there is a problem.

#### CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, this portion of the meeting be closed to public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter Vii Entitled Traffic, Sections 7-15 Entitled “Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours On Certain Streets” Of The Code Of The Borough Of Oakland., be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published by title in The Record in the manner provided by law.

Discussion ensued. Councilwoman Coira commented that she has been vehemently opposed to the ordinance because she thinks it discriminates against the students. She does sympathize with the residents and she did receive an email from Mr. Steinmetz. However, the streets are public and anyone can park on public streets. She thinks it is true what Mr. Rubenstein stated that kids will just shift where they will park. Safety will be a bigger issue if the kids park further down and have to walk further to school. She thinks this ban on parking will be a detriment to the school so she hopes the school board will address this. She feels the only leverage the Borough has with the school board is to recall the members or to vote new members in. Once this ordinance is adopted, the school board won't do anything because they already made it clear they won't do something. Councilwoman Coira expressed disappointment with the regional school board. She thinks this ordinance should be the last resort. There are other options such as enforcement, buffer zones, etc. This ordinance will harm the school and the students and is premature.

Councilman Jensen commented he does not want to adopt the ordinance but if it is not adopted, the situation will only get worse. Doing nothing is the worst option. He feels if this ordinance is adopted, the school board will be forced to act. There is no other option. Councilman Kulmala explained that they have worked long and hard. They have researched options and investigated every angle before agreeing this ordinance needed to be done. He explained he took a ride in the neighborhood with the Fire Chief and the Fire Chief stated the students' cars hinder firefighting operations. Councilman Kulmala stated that the Borough has done its due diligence. Councilman Biale thinks that a compromise can be reached but this ordinance is the tool needed to reach a compromise.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.  
Nay, Councilwoman Coira.

Mayor Schwager advised she will call the Superintendent to set up a meeting.

#### WORK SESSION:

##### BERGEN COUNTY FIRE TRUCK LOANER PROGRAM:

Mr. Kunze explained that Bergen County has initiated a Fire Truck loaner program that would provide municipalities with access to County-owned fire trucks to serve as front line apparatus on a temporary and emergency basis. Municipalities would be able to borrow the equipment for up to eight weeks free of charge. Daily rates would apply for any time over eight weeks. We have previously discussed ways for local governments to share equipment and we currently have an agreement with Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff for cross-sharing DPW equipment. This agreement, which would run for 10 years, is another way to share resources to meet our needs. The Borough Attorney reviewed the agreement and has recommended we ask for one small change regarding when the County can ask for the equipment to be returned. Councilman Kulmala advised the vehicles are part of the Academy's fleet. There is no downside to be able to borrow a truck if needed.

**CHANGE ORDER-WALNUT STREET BOOSTER PUMP STATION:**

Mr. Kunze explained that the Walnut Street Booster Pump Station project is complete and requires a small change order in the amount of \$ 2,574 to cover a field change to the electrical installation. There are sufficient funds remaining in the bond ordinance to cover the additional work. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Coira: Baseball and softball signups have concluded. There are three capital projects scheduled for the spring. The Sports Association donated a scoreboard for Field 8 and the Fathers Club will install the scoreboard. Fields 3 and 9 will receive new dugouts which were purchased with grant money. There will be 20 trees planted at the Recreation complex. The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held Monday February 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm.

Councilman Jensen: The next Planning Board meeting will be held March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center.

Councilman Biale: The Senior Center will hold a Coloring for Seniors program every Wednesday at 11 am. The Senior Center will hold a Fashion Show on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The Senior Club will hold a St. Patrick's Party on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Biale will meet with the Seniors on the third Friday at 11 am. He explained that once per quarter, he will spend the day with the Seniors. He advised about a scam for Seniors regarding Medicare. He offered condolences to the Tauber family. Councilman Biale attended a meeting of the Municipal Pipeline Group. The next meeting will be March 15<sup>th</sup>. The group is trying to get more communities involved. The Water and Sewer Committee met Tuesday. We will meet with the DEP and the Highlands to further efforts for Sewers.

Councilwoman Kulmala: The OCC met last Wednesday. They are in desperate need for volunteers. The OEM will meet tomorrow. The Mayor and some Councilmembers went to the First Aid Squad to view the new lifting device for the stretchers. That will really help our volunteers. Last Monday, the Fire Department did an ice rescue drill at Crystal Lake. Councilman Kulmala explained that on February 16<sup>th</sup>, members of the Public Safety Committee, Fire Department, Police Department, First Aid Squad and OEM met at the Police Academy Dispatch center to get an overview of the technology and to take a tour of the center. There are questions that have to be answered so another meeting is scheduled for next week.

Councilman Talamini: The Public Events Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. The raindate is Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. There was a meeting of the bylaws committee and another meeting needs to be scheduled. The tour of the Dispatch facility was amazing. The Board of Health spoke about the wellness program and issues with e-cigarettes and vaping at their last meeting. The Finance Committee met and was presented with a draft budget. He advised that budget meetings will need to be scheduled with the department heads. Mr. Kunze asked everyone to send their availability to schedule 2 or 3 meetings from mid-March to mid-April.

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Jensen, this portion of the meeting be opened for public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

No comments made.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Biale, this portion of the meeting be closed to public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

On motion of Councilman Talamini, 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: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 pm.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.

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Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk  
March 9, 2016

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Mayor Linda H. Schwager

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Date Approved