

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
WEDNESDAY MAY 27, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:31 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Visconti. Absent: Councilman Talamini. 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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Councilman Talamini entered the meeting at 7:33 pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Memorial Day Parade and ceremony was held this past Sunday in remembrance of those who served our country. She thanked the American Legion and Ron Beattie for organizing the ceremony. Mayor Schwager advised that there is a new roof at the Van Allen House and painting is being done. The Ramapough Conservancy, who leases the property from the Borough, has applied for funding for these projects without using taxpayer money. She thanked Judith Sullivan for all her efforts. Mayor Schwager advised that Oakland received a grant from the DEP for \$ 27,000 for Clean Communities. She advised that Great Oak Park is just about ready to open. Borough Attorney Chewcaskie advised that he is working on amending some provisions of the rules and regulations in the Borough's code. Mayor Schwager advised that the Mayor and Council are approving trail names in the Park tonight. She explained that a lot of work has gone into the Park and it is led by the Park Committee, Mike Guadagnino, Councilman Visconti and the Boy Scouts. She thanked James Jensen for his Eagle Scout project which is centered around the Great White Oak Tree. He installed benches and a sign. James led a team of boy scouts to do the physical labor. Mayor Schwager advised that the annual Baseball and Softball parade will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> and is sponsored by the Recreation Commission, Public Events Committee, Sports Association, and Community of Commerce. At that ceremony, Steve Wagoner will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. There will also be the official grand opening of the walking trail. This is an example of how everyone works together for the betterment of the town. Mayor Schwager reminded everyone that June 10<sup>th</sup> is student government night.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Dave Richardson, 320 Ramapo Valley Road, commented that a safety barrier should be put in front of Starbucks. There is nothing protecting the people sitting in those outside tables. Mayor Schwager commented that someone should talk to the Police. She also commented that people are also making lefts into the parking lot when they are not supposed to. Mr. Richardson commented that poles should be installed to protect the tables. Councilman Kulmala advised he is meeting with the Chief tomorrow. Mr. Kunze advised he will talk to the Chief at the staff meeting tomorrow.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

**RESOLUTION 15-138 AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENT TAX APPEAL-BLOCK 3902, LOT 1**

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

WHEREAS, Fleet National Bank, located at 15 Yawpo Avenue, Block 3902, Lot 1, has filed real property tax appeals for the years 2012 through 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 Fleet National Bank vs. the Borough of Oakland, wherein for tax years 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, the taxpayer will withdraw the complaints, and the assessments of \$1,039,400 will remain intact; and for tax year 2016, the assessment will be reduced from \$1,039,400 to \$1,000,000.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-139 REFUND TAXES DUPLICATE PAYMENT BLOCK 5203 LOT 18**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request from the property owner for a refund of a 2015 duplicate payment; and

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

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 refund as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5203/18	Janis, Jeremy L. & Erica M.	\$2,054.20

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

**RESOLUTION 15-140 SUPPORT TRANSPARENT TAX ACT**

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

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. A-4325 supplementing Chapter 4 of Title 54, R.S. 54:4-65 and designated the "Transparent Tax Act of 2015" is being considered for adoption by the New Jersey State Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the amendment would permit the local jurisdiction to print separate tax bills to each taxpayer, one showing the amount of property taxes due and payable for municipal tax purposes, the other shall state the amount of property taxes due and payable for county purposes, school purposes, fire district purposes, and for the purposes of any other special district on behalf of which the municipality collects property taxes; and

WHEREAS, both bills shall include a brief tabulation showing the distribution of the total amount to be raised by taxes; and

WHEREAS, A-4325 would require the municipal tax collector to send notice of the pro rata share, if any, of the property tax appeal refunds paid by the municipality during the tax year to the county, school districts and fire districts for inclusion in their annual budgets; and

WHEREAS, in the following tax year in which the refunds were paid, the municipal tax collector is then required to deduct the applicable pro rata share of the property tax refund from the amount to be paid to the county, and each school and fire district; and

WHEREAS, these amendments, if adopted, will assist the general public to understand the tax bill, the structure of the taxes, and the level of support for each agency, and will further provide a more equitable structure to share the obligation of paying approved tax appeals as the title states, creates transparency in the tax supporting local assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey hereby supports Assembly Bill A-4235 amending Title 54:4-65 to the extent that the taxing entities should share in the tax appeal and tax refund burden and that the municipality be required to deduct any applicable share from the other taxing entities. The Mayor and Council do not, however, support additional tax bills being generated which will add unnecessary costs and burden upon the municipality already faced with the appeals and urges the Legislature to approve and pass the bill for the reasons expressed herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the New Jersey State Assembly, the members of the New Jersey Senate, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey League of Municipalities, the Municipal Clerks' Association of New Jersey and all Bergen County municipalities.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-141 APPROVE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT-VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Borough shall renew the Shared Services Agreement "Lending of Vehicles and Equipment" with the Borough of Franklin Lakes and the Township of Wyckoff, for a five-year term to expire December 31, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the Borough of Oakland.

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

**RESOLUTION 15-142 APPROVE TRAIL NAMES IN GREAT OAK PARK**

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

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of Great Oak Park has been completed; and

WHEREAS, the Great Oak Park Committee has recommended names for the various trails within the park which celebrate events from the Pleasureland past or memorialize other significant contributors to the park; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland has reviewed the suggested names and find them fitting to the facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey hereby approves the following names to the trails within the Great Oak Park as delineated on the aerial map attached hereto: Moramarco Drive - The entrance off of Doty Road and named after the long time owners of the property from the 1950's to mid-1970's. Joe Moramarco has participated in the park's rehabilitation process.

- Louie's Lane - named for Lou Moramarco
- Drago Way - named after the family that owned the park during the 1970's and 1980's
- Uncle Bart's Bridge - named after Bart Moramarco, the small culvert bridge
- Tersigni Drive - named after the co-owners of Pleasureland during the last 1970's and 1980's. Mike Tersigni has been an integral part of the parks rehabilitation.
- Parete Path - named after Carmine Parete a long-time owner of the Wigwam and instrumental in the Oakland Rangers drum and bugle corps.
- White Oak Walk - named after the great white oak tree along the path

- Scout Trial - named for the Oakland boy scouts who have been instrumental in rehabilitating the property
- Ramapo River Walk North and South - The walkway along the river both the north and south side of the C-1 stream

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of Great Oak Park Committee.

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

#### RESOLUTION 15-144 AMEND BOSWELL CONTRACT-LSRP SERVICES-GREAT OAK PARK

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

WHEREAS, Boswell McClave Engineering was issued a contract in an amount not to exceed \$ 30,500 for Licensed Site Remediation Professional Services for Great Oak Park; and

WHEREAS, an underground storage tank was discovered that needs to be removed; and

WHEREAS, Boswell's original contract did not include an allowance for work related to UST removal and therefore needs to be amended by an additional \$ 800; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #C-04-56-607-001;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize that the contract for Boswell McClave Engineering for LSRP services for Great Oak Park be amended by an additional \$ 800.

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

#### RESOLUTION 15-146 AUTHORIZE ACCRUED TIME PAYOUT-GEORGE HARRIET

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

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-15 establishes rules that govern how local government units manage and finance compensation for accumulated absence time for their respective employees, and

WHEREAS, accumulated absence includes any sick days, vacation days, personal days, compensatory time or any other absence time authorized as part of an employer agreement, which is not used by the employee during the allowed period and which is permitted to accumulate over time to the benefit of the employee, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds and authority exists to pay the part of the accumulated absence, as per the attached schedule, to George Harriet for sick, vacation, personal and compensatory time accumulated in the amount of \$ 622.48, and

WHEREAS, the attached certification and documentation are presented to comply with the rules and regulations established by the Local Finance Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the total sum \$ 622.48 composed of 40 hours of vacation time be paid out to George Harriet. Said payment to be paid out of the Accumulated Absence Trust Fund established in 2010 for this purpose.

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

#### RESOLUTION 15-147 AUTHORIZE DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT-THE CHILDRENS THERAPY CENTER

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

Discussion ensued. Mayor Schwager commented she read the agreement and had questions. There seemed to be discrepancies and there was not a unanimous vote. Mr. Chewcaskie explained that the issue was with regard to the integrity of the septic system to address the number of people that may be in the facility. Mr. Chewcaskie advised that it appears to be adequate based on his review. However, he suggested amending the resolution to state that no Certificate of Occupancy be issued unless signed off by the Board of Health as to the adequacy of the septic system. Councilman Pignatelli commented that he wished the Board of Adjustment put that stipulation in their resolution. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that it will be in the Mayor and Council resolution and the Construction Official will have to follow it. Councilman Visconti asked if this is a non-profit organization. That would be the fourth non-profit in the Industrial Park. Maybe this needs to be addressed in the Master Plan. He is concerned about the tax base. The Industrial Park carries 10% of the Borough's tax base. As non-profits come in, they are taken off the tax rolls and the tax burden shifts to residents. Councilman Jensen commented it is something that should be addressed in the Master Plan.

#### MOTION TO AMEND:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Adjustment of the Borough of Oakland adopted a resolution approving a development by Cerebral Palsy Center, Bergen County, Inc., d/b/a The Children's Therapy Center, for property located at Block 3601, Lot 40; 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 Cerebral Palsy Center, Bergen County, Inc., d/b/a The Children's Therapy Center which has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Developer's Agreement with Cerebral Palsy Center, Bergen County, Inc., d/b/a The Children's Therapy Center

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until such time as the adequacy of the septic system and building occupancy has been approved by the Oakland Board of Health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is authorized and directed to maintain a copy of this Resolution in the office of the Borough Clerk, for public inspection, pursuant to law.

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

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 15-CODE-716

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No.15-Code-716 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 15-Code-716 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER VII ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 7-41, ENTITLED PERMISSIBLE PARKING DISTANCES FROM INTERSECTIONS OR CROSSWALKS"

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Jensen, 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 Vii Entitled "Traffic" Of The Code Of The Borough Of Oakland, By Adding A New Section 7-41, Entitled Permissible Parking Distances From Intersections Or Crosswalks, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on June 10, 2015 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 June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 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 Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 15-BOND-717

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 15-Bond-717 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No.15-Bond-717 entitled: " CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN,

NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$349,200 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND OF THE BOROUGH.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, " Capital Ordinance Of The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey Authorizing The Making Of Various Public Improvements And Acquisitions In, By And For The Borough Of Oakland, Appropriating Therefor The Sum Of \$349,200 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Capital Improvement Fund Of The General Capital Fund Of The Borough, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on June 10, 2015 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 June 1, 2015 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 Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

**INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 15-BOND-718**

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 15-Bond-718 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No.15-Bond-718 entitled: " BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,566,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making Of Various Public Improvements And The Acquisition Of New Additional Or Replacement Equipment And Machinery In, By And For The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To appropriate The Sum Of \$1,566,500 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds, be introduced;



That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on June 10, 2015 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 June 1, 2015 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 Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

#### RESOLUTION 15-145 INTRODUCTION BOND ORDINANCE

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,566,500 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 10th day of June, 2015, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

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

#### WORK SESSION:

##### ACCESS FOR ALL

Councilman Jensen explained that the idea of Access For All is that the town could take a proactive role to oversee all ADA activity. Mayor Schwager would like to contact Freeholder DeNicola for more information. This item will be carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kunze advised that the Borough applied last year for a grant to repave the portion of West Oakland Avenue that is owned by the State and we were denied funding. Mr. Kunze had a meeting a couple of weeks ago with the County. The County is going to repave Skyline Drive. The County opted to repave down West Oakland Avenue to the Pompton Lakes border except for the tract that is owned by the State. Mr. Kunze asked for a quote to repave that stretch of

property. The cost to repave that section would be \$ 100,000. It is in our best interest to repave that stretch if the rest of the road is being repaved. We can do an amendment to our existing contract for road paving so it can get done in June. Councilman Pignatelli asked if we have deemed that road in need of repair using the standards with the rest of the roads. Mr. Kunze responded he does not know how the road rates but the Borough does receive complaints on the condition. Councilman Pignatelli wants to see a report from the DPW Superintendent using the rating standards. Councilman Visconti questioned why the County is paving Skyline Drive. Mr. Kunze explained that Skyline is a County road. Councilman Visconti commented that the cloverleaf is the State's responsibility. Maybe we should see if the State can reassess the no right turn on Ramapo Valley road at West Oakland Avenue. He suggested that a letter should be drafted from the Mayor and Council. Mr. Kunze explained that there is going to be a stretch of roadway that is not paved. Councilman Pignatelli asked if the capital budget would have to be amended. Mr. Kunze explained that there is enough money to cover the cost. Councilman Kulmala questioned what the State's cycle of paving is to know when the State would be paving that section. Mr. Kunze responded that the State claims they don't own that piece. Councilman Visconti feels a letter should be sent to the State legislators. Councilwoman Coira stated that since part of the area the County is paving belongs to the State, the County should join in the Borough's letter.

Councilman Jensen asked if Great Oak Park can open since we haven't amended the ordinance yet. Mr. Chewcaskie responded he is working on the ordinance and the Park can open.

Mike Guadagnino, 34 Hopper Street, stated he has been told that signage is needed for the rules. Mr. Chewcaskie advised that there are broad based rules in the Borough's code. Mr. Guadagnino stated that they are looking to allow dogs on leashes so that section of the ordinance needs to be amended. Emergency services needs signs put up to be able to enforce ordinances. Mr. Chewcaskie will have an amendment for the next meeting. Councilman Pignatelli asked if a path was cleared for emergency services. Mr. Guadagnino advised that has been done. He stated that the Police did not want parking on Doty Road. Mr. Kunze responded there will be signage.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini: The Memorial Day parade was this past weekend. It was a beautiful day and we honored our veterans. The Carnival will be held June 24<sup>th</sup> through June 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a new vendor this year for the rides. He invited people to join the Public Events Committee.

Councilman Kulmala: The OCC held a meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. They are continuing to work on the Facebook project. They did a walk-through of the bus to work on turning it into a mobile studio. He asked the public to submit tapes to be shown on Channel 77. The Fire Department competed in the Northwest Bergen Field Day on May 16<sup>th</sup>. They won the overall competition for the third year in a row. The Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Fish and Chips dinner on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7:30. Firefighter Steven Longa was awarded the medal of valor for his role in the drowning situation in 2014. Councilman Kulmala explained that shows the dedication of our volunteers.

Councilman Visconti: The Park is really moving along. James Jensen's Eagle Scout project looks fantastic. The next meeting of the Park Committee will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. It has been a great experience to have been there from the beginning of the project. The Library's website and Facebook page has information on their programs. They are working on getting a community presentation together on the Library renovation project. Mayor Schwager thanked Councilman Visconti for all he has done with the Park.

Councilman Pignatelli: The Senior Center is open for activities for those aged 55 and older. The Senior Center is open from 9 to 4 pm Monday through Friday except for holidays. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a program on holistic practice. There will be a meeting tomorrow at 3:30 pm at Borough Hall regarding the Stigma Free program.

Councilman Jensen: The Planning Board will meet on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Councilwoman Coira: The last registration for Recreation football and cheerleading will be held June 1<sup>st</sup>. Summer sports clinics are filling up. For registration information, go to the Recreation website. Soccer sign-ups are ongoing. The baseball and softball parade will be held June 6<sup>th</sup> as well as the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new walking path.

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

Jerri Angermueller, 24 Lakeview Terrace, advised that the Oakland Historical Society is working with other Northwest Bergen Historical Societies on Northwest Bergen History Day. It will be held Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4 and the Van Allen House is one of the sites. Councilman Pignatelli questioned if the scaffolding will be down at the Van Allen House and asked if it is a liability to have the public around the construction site. Ms. Angermueller responded she will make sure the public stays away. Mr. Chewcaskie advised that the construction company needs to secure the scaffolding.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

Councilman Visconti thanked the Public Events Committee for serving a great lunch at the clean up of the Park.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, 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 Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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

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Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk  
June 24, 2015

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Mayor Linda H. Schwager

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Date Approved