

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2017

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Biale, 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:
White Collar & Blue Collar Negotiations, Personnel
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, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini.

Discussion over negotiations for the Blue Collar and White Collar unions. Discussion of various personnel matters.

Mayor Schwager entered at 6:55 pm.

No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the Executive Session be closed.

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:38 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini. Absent: None. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Nylema Nabbie, 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.

PRESENTATION OF AED UNIT:

Maureen Boulanger from Atlantic Health Systems presented an Automated External Defibrillator unit to the Borough of Oakland for use at the Recreation fields. Mike Guadagnino, Recreation Chairman, thanked Atlantic Health for their donation. The Recreation Commission had wanted three AED units in the Recreation complex. The Altana family donated one and now Atlantic Health has donated a unit. The Recreation complex will be fully armed. Mayor Schwager thanked Ms. Boulanger and Atlantic Health Systems on behalf of all the residents.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager congratulated Councilman Talamini and Pat Pignatelli for winning the Election. She commented that although she lost the Senate race, she is so happy to be Mayor of Oakland. As she was campaigning, she got to visit other towns in District 39. She saw things that other towns are doing and has new ideas she wants to present for Oakland. Mayor Schwager advised there will be a Shred It event on December 2nd from 8 am to 12:00 pm in the Borough Hall parking lot.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Ryan Schwertfeger, 58 Andrew Ave, reminded residents about the craft show fundraiser for the dog park. It will be held November 12th from 10 am to 4 pm at the Knights of Columbus.

Mayor Schwager reminded residents that Saturday November 11th is Veterans Day. There will be a ceremony in Veterans Park at 11:00 am.

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, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini.

WORK SESSION:

AMEND TRAFFIC CODE:

AMEND TRAFFIC CODE-DOGWOOD DRIVE:

Mr. Kunze advised that the Police Department has recommended two changes to the traffic code in order to address a safety issue and improve traffic flow near Dogwood school in the afternoon. Left turns from Dogwood Drive into the entrance of Dogwood School would be prohibited from 2:30 to 3:30 pm except for school buses. Also, parking on the north side of Dogwood Drive from Hickory to the school entrance would be prohibited from 2:30 to 3:30 pm as well. Traffic Officer Fiore advised that this is a safety issue. Cars park along the curb and then parents who are waiting to turn into the school sit next to the parked cars. It forces cars coming down Dogwood Drive to go into the wrong lane. He advised that anything we do at the schools is for the safety of the children.

Councilman Kulmala asked when this would go into effect. Officer Fiore responded it would be effective when the schools open after Christmas break. Councilwoman Coira asked if parents are going to be able to park on Dogwood further up the hill. Officer Fiore responded they would be able to. Councilman Knapp suggested these changes should be communicated to parents as soon as possible. Councilman Kulmala agreed.

An ordinance will be listed for introduction at the next meeting.

DCA PROPOSAL TO EXEMPT CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION PERMITS:

Mr. Kunze advised that the Department of Community Affairs has made a proposal that would exempt certain work from construction code permits. The League of Municipalities and the NJ Building Officials Association have expressed concerns over safety impacts of the proposal. Borough Construction Official Dan Hagberg advised he served on the DCA Code Advisor Board and he recommended this proposal not be adopted. He explained that the DCA wants to reduce enforcement by 30%. He explained that items considered ordinary maintenance would not require a permit. It removes prior approval and removes the UCC from those requirements. He spoke about concerns for the Borough of Oakland in regards to floodplain requirements. He explained that if someone is working outside the NFIP regulations, we could be in violation for our CRS program. Mr. Hagberg explained that three towns have petitioned the DCA for a public hearing on this proposal. The hearing will be held November 29th but Mr. Hagberg advised he has heard this proposal will be adopted. Councilman Biale expressed concerns over safety issues. Mayor Schwager asked if we are allowed to have stricter enforcement. Mr. Hagberg advised that the town would not be able to supercede the Uniform Construction Code. Councilman Kulmala questioned if the Fire Department can still call if they find an issue or a hazard in a house. Mr. Hagberg said they can still call him, but he would have no enforcement powers if a permit is not required.

Mr. Hagberg advised that the Building Department lets the tax assessor know when work is being done so an assessment can be made. If permits are not required, the tax assessor won't get the information. Mayor Schwager asked what we can do. Mr. Hagberg asked the Council to consider doing a resolution opposing the proposal. Councilman Biale commented that the number one issue is safety. Councilman Kulmala asked Mr. Hagberg if the State will make exemptions for areas in the floodplain. Mr. Hagberg responded that the State does not look at each town's needs. Councilwoman Coira asked if this is pending legislation or regulations. Mr. Hagberg responded it is regulation. Councilwoman Coira is concerned with non-cosmetic work

not requiring permits but agreed with some of the points. Mr. Hagberg advised he is concerned about flood properties.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 25, 2017

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of October 25, 2017 be approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 25, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of October 25, 2017 be approved.

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

APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Mayor Schwager brought forth the nomination of Isabel Restivo for appointment to the Public Events Committee.

Council Consent:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Biale, the Council consented to the appointment of Isabel Restivo to a term on the Public Events Committee to expire December 31, 2020.

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

APPROVE SIGN AT BUSH PLAZA:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, approval be granted to post a sign at Bush Plaza advertising the Shred It and Shed It event to be held December 2, 2017.

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

RAFFLE LICENSE RL 1319

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License #RL1319 for the Oakland Elks to hold a Tricky Tray on November 18, 2017 at 33 Ramapo Valley Road.

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

RESOLUTION 17-315 AWARD CONTRACT-SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL 2018, 2019

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

WHEREAS, the current Oakland solid waste disposal contract expires on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff, as the lead agency for the Wyckoff, Oakland, Franklin Lakes Cooperative Purchase Group Number 176-WCGPJ, was authorized to competitively procure solid waste disposal services for the Township of Wyckoff, Borough of Oakland and Borough of Franklin Lakes; and

WHEREAS, four bids were received on October 3, 2017 and, after review of the bid proposals, it was determined that Covanta, 445 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960 was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the years 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff, as lead agency for the Wyckoff, Oakland, Franklin Lakes Cooperative Purchase Group, awarded a contract to Covanta for solid waste disposal services at the following prices inclusive of all taxes including the \$ 3.00 per ton State of New Jersey Recycling Tax:

2018	\$ 65.38 per ton
2019	\$ 66.36 per ton

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes that participation in this joint bid is in the best interests of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds will be available in Account #8-01-26-305-082 and from appropriation in the 2019 budget, subject to adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that they do hereby award the contract for solid waste disposal services to Covanta at the prices specified in the bid award and noted above, for a period commencing January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall mail a certified copy of this resolution to Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff.

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

RESOLUTION 17-316 AWARD CONTRACT-SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL 2020,2021,2022
On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the current Oakland solid waste disposal contract expires on December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff, as the lead agency for the Wyckoff, Oakland, Franklin Lakes Cooperative Purchase Group Number 176-WCGPJ, was authorized to competitively procure solid waste disposal services for the Township of Wyckoff, Borough of Oakland and Borough of Franklin Lakes; and

WHEREAS, four bids were received on October 3, 2017 and, after review of the bid proposals, it was determined that Gaeta Recycling Inc., 278-292 West Railway Ave, Paterson, NJ 07503 was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff, as lead agency for the Wyckoff, Oakland, Franklin Lakes Cooperative Purchase Group, awarded a contract to Gaeta Recycling Inc. for solid waste disposal services at the following prices inclusive of all taxes including the \$ 3.00 per ton State of New Jersey Recycling Tax:

2020	\$ 67.10 per ton
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2021 \$ 67.50 per ton
2022 \$ 67.90 per ton

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes that participation in this joint bid is in the best interests of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds will be available from appropriation in the 2020, 2021 and 2022 budgets, subject to adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that they do hereby award the contract for solid waste disposal services to Gaeta Recycling Inc. at the prices specified in the bid award and noted above, for a period commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk shall mail a certified copy of this resolution to Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini

RESOLUTION 17-317 AUTHORIZE REFUND REDEMPTION MONIES-LIEN 13-00013
On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Oakland Tax Collector has received funds from a property owner or other party of interest for redemption of a Tax Sale Lien 13-00013, Block 1901, Lot 39, better known as 34/24 Bailey Avenue on October 26, 2017;

WHEREAS, lien holders are entitled to payment for redemption of the Tax Lien upon receipt of funds by the Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$14,942.03 payable to Lacatena, Angelo V. & Powderley, Ruth, c/o J. Fenners, 756 Sunset Terrace, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$14,942.03 to the aforementioned lien holder.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini

RESOLUTION 17-318 AUTHORIZE PROMOTION-J. CONTRINO
On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and 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 Monday, November 13, 2017:

John Contrino from Senior Public Works Repairer to Assistant Supervisor, Public Works, \$57,869 as per contract.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini

RESOLUTION 17-319 HIRE SEASONAL SNOW PLOW OPERATORS

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire seasonal snow plow employees for the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the seasonal snow plow employees will be paid the snow rate as specified in the Blue Collar Labor Agreement for which the current snow rate of \$31.00 per hour;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the hiring of the following seasonal snow plow employees for the Department of Public Works effective November 13, 2017:

Dave Hutsebaut
Tim Trainor
Jeffrey Pereira
Jeff Kimmel
Jake Morgan

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini

RESOLUTION 17-320 APPOINT RIGHT TO KNOW COORDINATOR

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Terence Farley be appointed as the Right To Know coordinator for the Borough of Oakland at an annual stipend of \$4,000 effective November 13, 2017.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini

RESOLUTION 17-321 REJECT BID-CELL TOWER

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

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2017, a bid was received from Capital Telecom by the Borough of Oakland for a lease of the property known as Block 1901, Lots 1 and 2 and the construction cell tower thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland have reviewed the recommendations made by the Borough Attorney, and the Borough Administrator relating to that bid; and

WHEREAS, after review of the bid and the project, the Mayor and Council have made a determination to the bidder did not conform with the bid requirements and rejected the bid.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the bid received for the lease of the property and construction of a cell tower be and the same are hereby rejected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any bid bonds or certified checks received from the bidder be returned to the bidder.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini

RESOLUTION 17-322 BUDGET TRANSFER

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

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to expend funds in excess of the amounts approved in the Fiscal 2017 budget of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, there exist certain budget expenditures with funds available in excess of the amounts approved in the Fiscal 2017 budget of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits the transfer of such funds during the last two months of the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that based on the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, the following transfers be made to the Fiscal 2017 budget:

<u>Current Fund</u>	From	To
Streets & Roads 7-01-26-290-026	\$ 7,500.00	
Sub-total	\$ 7,500.00	
Buildings & Grounds 7-01-26-310-026		\$ 7,500.00
Sub-total		\$ 7,500.00

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini

RESOLUTION 17-323 APPROVE CHAPTER 159-DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT GRANT

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

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 was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland in the County of Bergen, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$ 1,368.75 which is now available from the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$1,368.75 is hereby appropriated under the caption of Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds due to the Borough of Oakland in the amount of 1,368.75

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini

RESOLUTION 17-324 APPROVE CHAPTER 159 BODY ARMOR GRANT

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

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 was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland in the County of Bergen, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2017 in the sum of \$ 2,428.28 which is now available from the Body Armor Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$2,428.28 is hereby appropriated under the caption Body Armor Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds due to the Borough of Oakland in the amount of \$2,428.28

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini

RESOLUTION 17-325 AUTHORIZE REFUND REDEMPTION MONIES-LIEN 16-00036

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

WHEREAS, the Oakland Tax Collector has received funds from a property owner or other party of interest for redemption of a Tax Sale Lien 16-00036, Block 2517, Lot 2, better known as 13 Ramapo Valley Road on October 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, lien holders are entitled to payment for redemption of the Tax Lien upon receipt of funds by the Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$15,335.23, payable to FNA NJ, LLC, 120 N. LaSalle Street, suite 1220, Chicago, IL 60602;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$15,335.23 to the aforementioned lien holder.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini

RESOLUTION 17-326 AUTHORIZE REFUND OF FEE FOR LEAGUE CONFERENCE

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request for a refund of a payment made for the League of Municipalities Conference hotel registration fee; 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 do hereby authorize a refund from Account # 7-01-21-185-042 as follows:

John Morris, 28 Lehigh Way, Oakland, NJ 07436 \$ 155.00

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

WORK SESSION:

SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN COUNTY-OEM EQUIPMENT:

Mr. Kunze advised that the agreement that is being offered by the County would allow us to borrow both emergency and non-emergency equipment for short periods of time, subject to the equipment being available. There would generally be no cost to the Borough except for fuel and repairs. This arrangement would provide us with another option for dealing with emergency situations if needed. A resolution to authorize the agreement will be listed on the next agenda.

AMEND PLANNER CONTRACT-AFFORDABLE HOUSING WORK:

Mr. Kunze advised that Burgis Associates had previously been awarded a contract to create a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and to assist in Affordable Housing litigation. Since this has been an ongoing issue, a contract amendment of \$ 56,500 is needed to cover both certain services rendered and additional work that is anticipated. The cost of this work would be covered in part by a Highlands Council grant and in part by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund so we do not expect it to impact the current fund budget. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

AMEND ATTORNEY CONTRACT:

Mr. Kunze advised that due to continued work on Affordable Housing litigation and tax appeals, it is necessary to increase the Borough Attorney's contract by \$ 10,000. Funding is available in the legal budget and Tax Appeal reserve to cover the amount. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

CDBG GRANT:

Mr. Kunze explained that the applications for this year's Community Block Development Grant round are due December 8th. The only place we can use CDBG money is for the Senior Center. After considering a number of potential options, we are recommending a project to replace the vinyl siding which is 26 years old and is starting to degrade. Councilman Talamini asked if this is just going to be siding or the whole exterior of the building. Mr. Kunze responded that the roof was replaced several years ago and the doors seem to be in good condition. He will ask the Engineer and DPW if there is anything else to pursue in the grant application. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Schwager advised that she will appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee for Station Park at the next meeting. She would like the Council members to think of who will be liaison to the Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL VACANCY:**MOTION TO TABLE:**

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the appointment of the Council vacancy be tabled.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Talamini.
Nays, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp.

MOTION TO APPOINT:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, Lewis Levy be appointed to fill the Council vacancy.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala.
Nays, Councilman Talamini.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini: He thanked everyone for re-electing him to the Council for another term. He thanked Councilwoman Coira for everything she has done on the Council. The Public Events Committee held their Halloween Parade and it was a great event. Every event gets better and better. Schools are closed tomorrow and Friday. The Finance Committee will meet tomorrow. The Tree and Menorah Lighting ceremony will be held December 3rd at 5 pm. Councilman Talamini congratulated Lew Levy.

Councilman Kulmala. He congratulated Lew Levy on his appointment. The next OCC meeting will be held November 15th. He attended the Touch a Truck event last weekend at the Library. Councilman Kulmala attended the Atlantic Health open house. It is a wonderful facility and an asset to the Borough.

Councilman Biale: The Seniors will hold Bingo on November 16th at 1 pm. Zumba classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays. The Senior Center will be closed Friday in observance of Veterans Day. The American Legion will hold a Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at 11:00 am.

Councilwoman Coira: She thanked everyone who supported her and her running mate, Tom Connolly. She congratulated Pat Pignatelli and Councilman Talamini on their win. She commented that she can help the community in different capacities. The Halloween Parade was a huge success. The Planning Board will meet tomorrow.

Councilman Knapp: He congratulated Councilman Talamini and Pat Pignatelli on their Election victory. He commented that everyone on the Council does what they think is right for the town even if everyone does not agree. He welcomed Lew Levy. Councilman Knapp advised he learned a tremendous amount from Councilwoman Coira. The Fire Department will bring Santa on Saturday December 16th. The Municipal Alliance will meet on December 4th. The Board of Health will meet next month. He is working with Administration on various projects including laptops and ID badges.

Councilman Biale thanked Visions Credit Union. They are contributing \$ 10,000 toward the amphitheater at Great Oak Park. He congratulated Councilman Talamini and Pat Pignatelli and thanked Councilwoman Coira and Tom Connolly.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Tom Connolly, 1 Winding Ridge, congratulated Councilman Talamini and Pat Pignatelli and thanked the voters for the turnout. Councilwoman Coira is an asset to the community.

Pat Pignatelli, 499 Ramapo Valley Road, thanked Councilwoman Coira for her dedication and for leaving her family to give service to the town. The Public Events Committee is always trying to make each event better than the last year. He thanked everyone who ran in the election. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their service to the community.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Biale, 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, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
November 21, 2017

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved