

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20, 2017

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, 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:  
Contract 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, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini (via telephone).

Discussion ensued over personnel matters and contract negotiations  
Councilman Talamini entered at 7:20 pm.  
No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:37 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini. Absent: Councilwoman Coira. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; 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 Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the absence of Councilwoman Coira be excused.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager advised that she and Mr. Kunze met with the Ramapo River Reserve Board members and Attorney. They have issues with the roads and signage. She understands the need for the yellow line down Ramapo River Trace and that will be made a priority. Mayor Schwager will have the Traffic Officer check the signs. She advised that regular meetings will be held with the Board. Mayor Schwager received notification from Congressman Gottheimer that Mike Guadagnino is receiving the hometown hero award for Oakland.

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE FIGHTER:

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to Peter J. Rocco as a firefighter for the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Dave Richardson, 320 Ramapo Valley Road, spoke of the danger at the intersection of West Oakland Avenue and Ramapo Valley Road. He commented that the garbage can outside of Starbucks is not being emptied. Mayor Schwager advised that the Property Maintenance Officer will look into this. Mr. Richardson asked why the lights are on at the kid playground until 10:00 pm when no one is going to use the playground. Councilman Kulmala explained that when soccer was in season at night, the lights would just shut off and there was no light for egress to the parking lot. The lights by the playground were put on for that safety issue.

Don Burns, 22 Whittier Lane, read an email he sent to the Mayor and Council expressing his dissatisfaction with their decision to move to twice per week garbage pick up. Mayor Schwager explained that she got phone calls and people coming in to her office saying they wanted twice per week pick up.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 6, 2017**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Levy, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of December 6, 2017 be approved as amended on page 1.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 6, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of December 6, 2017 be approved as amended.

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

**APPROVE AMENDMENT TO RAFFLE LICENSES:**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, approval be granted for the amendment of Raffle Licenses RL1314 and RL1315 for Indian Hills High School PTSO for a change of date from January 23, 2018 to January 25, 2018.

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

**APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1320**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, approval be granted to Raffle License RL1320 for Manito School PTO to hold a tricky tray on February 9, 2018 at Portobello, 175 Ramapo Valley Road.

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

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 17-BOND-761 CAPITAL BOND ORDINANCE**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.17-Bond-761 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,690,000 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."

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

No comments made.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

Councilman Kulmala commented that he needs clarification. He is concerned with the amount of \$400,000 for the Fire Department garage. He commented that the amount is 25% of the Library project. He asked what the use is, what the square footage will be, and how it will be constructed. Councilman Knapp responded that \$ 400,000 is double the amount that is actually needed. Mr. Kunze had increased the number for soft costs. If the money is not used, it can be canceled. He explained it is for a three-bay garage. One bay is for the Suburban, one bay is for storage of the boat, and one bay is for the OEM truck. Councilman Kulmala asked how many square feet the garage will be. Councilman Knapp responded it was going to be 24x40 or 960 square feet. Councilman Kulmala asked if anyone solicited bids. Assistant Fire Chief Dies advised that three companies gave quotes. The quotes received were between \$ 72,000 and \$ 100,000. However, prevailing wage drives the cost up.

**MOTION TO TABLE:**

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the adoption of Ordinance 17-Bond-761 be tabled.

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

Councilman Knapp explained that the Fire Department did not ask for that amount. That number was put in by the Borough Administrator as a safety net. He does think the entire amount will be spent. Borough Engineer Rebecca Mejia advised that a meeting was held on October 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the garage. She explained that the building needed to be heated, there needs to be a fire suppression system, drainage, plumbing and a gutter system. She came up with the estimate based on a similar project done in another municipality. Councilman Kulmala asked about the scope of the project. He would like a presentation done by the Fire Chief and the Borough Engineer at the next meeting. Mayor Schwager asked why this was not brought up when the ordinance was introduced. Mr. Chewcaskie advised that this bond ordinance is an authorization to borrow money. The actual expenditure of the project would be authorized separately by the Governing Body. The bond ordinance requires an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Governing Body. He reiterated that the ordinance is merely an authorization not a vote on an expenditure and the amounts in the bond ordinance are based on estimates. The Borough Engineer advised that the Council can change the scope of the project if needed. Mr. Chewcaskie advised that if this ordinance is not adopted tonight, it would need to be reintroduced next year and may hold up other Department's projects.

**MOTION TO ADOPT:**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on a 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 Communication And Signal Systems Equipment In, By And For The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$2,690,000 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 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.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy, Talamini.  
Nay, Councilman Kulmala.

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO.17-CODE-764 RECREATION FEES**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 17-Code-764 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND CHAPTER IX, RECREATION FACILITIES AND RECREATION AREAS, SUBCHAPTER 9-2.3, ENTITLED "FEE SCHEDULE FOR ACTIVITIES," TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF FACILITIES AND THE FEE SCHEDULE THEREOF."

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

No comments made.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Talamini, 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 The Revised General Ordinances Of The Borough Of Oakland Chapter IX, Recreation Facilities And Recreation Areas, Subchapter 9-2.3, Entitled "Fee Schedule For Activities," To Provide For The Use Of Facilities And The Fee Schedule Thereof., 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.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy, Talamini.  
Nay, Councilman Kulmala.

#### RESOLUTION 17-347 APPROVE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is in receipt of the Report of Audit for the period ending December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland formally accepted said audit document On December 6, 2017; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to develop and obtain Mayor and Council approval of an Audit Corrective Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, said plan must be approved and filed within sixty days of formal notice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that the required Audit Corrective Action Plan, having been prepared and submitted by the Chief Financial Officer, is hereby approved and further that said plan document be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

#### RESOLUTION 17-350 AWARD SOLID WASTE COLLECTION BID

Councilman Talamini would have liked to have pick up for paper and plastic on the same day. He advised there are trucks that are split to accommodate the different materials. He suggested maybe in the next contract. Councilman Levy asked if we have discussed the feasibility of doing what Franklin Lakes does by having containers for the residents to bring their recycling. It might be cheaper for the contractor. Councilman Kulmala commented that we need to look now to the next contract.

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

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, the Borough of Oakland received one bid with respect to the collection services of solid waste, inclusive of recyclable materials; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined to select Solid Waste Alternate #1 which will provide for garbage collection twice a week; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined to select Recycling Alternate #1 which will provide for dual stream recycling collection once per week; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure a smooth transition from single stream recycling, dual stream recycling will begin February 2018; and

WHEREAS, after review, it has been determined that Suburban Disposal, Inc. submitted a responsive and responsible bid; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has further determined to award the contract for solid waste and recycling collection for a period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 in the total amount payable as follows:

	<u>Garbage</u>	<u>Recycling</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 520,000	\$ 453,000	\$ 973,000
2019	\$ 530,000	\$ 462,000	\$ 992,000
2020	<u>\$ 542,000</u>	<u>\$ 474,000</u>	<u>\$1,016,000</u>
	\$1,592,000	\$1,389,000	\$2,981,000

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # X-01-26-305-078 and Account #X-01-26-305-081 from appropriation in the 2018 budget and future budgets, subject to adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the contract for the collection of solid waste, inclusive of recyclable materials is hereby awarded to Suburban Disposal, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign a contract with Suburban Disposal, Inc. for the collection and disposal of solid waste, inclusive of recyclable materials in the amount of \$2,981,000 for a period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and directed to maintain a copy of this resolution and the contract for public inspection.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy.  
Nay, Councilmembers Kulmala, Talamini.

#### RESOLUTION 17-351 CANCEL STALE CHECKS AND OUTSTANDING BALANCES

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has carried on its book balance stale checks and outstanding balances in the amount of \$3,208.79, which are in excess of twelve months old; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to cancel these stale checks and outstanding balances in order to place these funds into fund balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that the following stale checks and outstanding balances are hereby cancelled:

Net Payroll Account

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Various 2015 & Earlier Checks	\$ 233.97
30724	\$ 808.56
31125	\$1,246.77
31355	\$ 919.49
Total	\$3,208.79

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

**RESOLUTION 17-352 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE POLICE UTILITY INTERCEPTOR**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is in need of purchasing a 2018 Ford Police Interceptor Utility All-Wheel Drive vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New Jersey has NJ Contract #88728 for the Police Interceptors Utility Vehicle as per the specifications desired; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the vehicle is \$25,892.00 with the desired options; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #7-01-25-240-051;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order to Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, New Jersey for the purchase of a 2018 Police Interceptor Utility vehicle at a total cost of \$25,892.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 17-353 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE 2018 DODGE DURANGO**

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is in need of purchasing a 2018 Dodge Durango Special Service AWD vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Hertrich Fleet Services Inc., is part of the Cranford Police Cooperative Pricing System -47-CPCPS as per the specifications desired; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the vehicle is \$25,720.00 with the desired options; and



WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #7-01-25-240-051;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order to Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc. of Milford, Delaware for the purchase of a 2018 Dodge Durango Special Service AWD vehicle at a total cost of \$25,720.00.

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

#### RESOLUTION 17-355 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUND

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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 Recreation/Travel Basketball Registration Fees in the amount of \$224.00; and

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

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

Glen Spinella, 19 Rutgers Drive, Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$224.00.

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

#### RESOLUTION 17-356 AUTHORIZE REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT BL 3801, LOT 33

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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 taxes due to an overpayment; 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 advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a refund as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3801/33	Mary Louise DeBlasio	\$721.07

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

#### RESOLUTION 17-357 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE REPLACEMENT PICK UP TRUCKS

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works wishes to purchase three (3) Ford F350 Pick-Up Trucks; and

WHEREAS, Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, NJ has State Contract #A88758,T2101 for the vehicles desired at a cost of \$34,693.00 per vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #C-04-56-760-400;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the purchase of three Ford F350 Pick-Up Trucks at a total cost of \$ 104,079.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 17-358 AUTHORIZE ARCHITECT-RECREATION BATHROOM RENOVATIONS**

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 for preparation of bid documents and construction administration for the Recreation Bathroom Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Dressel, RA submitted a proposal dated December 14, 2017, for the services to include Design, Bidding and Construction Administration at a total cost not to exceed \$ 19,520.00; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Dressel, RA has submitted all paperwork to comply with the Borough of Oakland's Pay-to-Play requirements; and

WHEREAS, this is a professional service for which no public bidding is required; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # C-04-56-761-110, subject to the adoption of Ordinance 17-Bond-761 and completion of the estoppel period;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize a contract with Daniel Dressel, RA in an amount not to exceed \$19,520.00 for the Recreation Bathroom Renovation Project as specified in their December 14, 2017, proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute the agreement with Daniel Dressel, RA on behalf of the Borough.

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

**RESOLUTION 17-360 CANCEL CAPITAL BALANCES**

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

**WHEREAS**, certain General Capital Improvement Authorization balances remain dedicated to projects which have been completed; and

**WHEREAS**, the balances are no longer necessary for the purposes originally created.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that the following balances of unexpended General Capital Improvement Authorizations be cancelled as follows:

<u>Ordinance</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Balance</u>
#08-586	OEM Siren	\$ 4,168.00
#08-586	Police – Admin Costs	\$ 1,324.25
#12-663	DPW Building	\$ 8,854.52
#12-670	2012 Sidewalk Program	\$ 500.00
#13-684	DPW Building – Supplemental	\$ 146.60
#13-689	Police – Weapon Replacement	\$ 221.02
#13-690	Flood Control – Admin Costs	\$ 57.54
#14-704	Fire – Turnout Gear	\$ 10.40
#14-704	2014 NJDOT Grant – Admin Costs	\$10,000.00
#14-704	2014 NJDOT Grant – Construction Costs	\$39,474.32
#14-704	Senior Center – Admin Costs	\$11,500.00
#14-704	Senior Center – Construction Costs	\$ 2,547.46
#14-704	Fire Suppression System	\$ 200.00
#15-718	DPW Backhoe – Admin Costs	\$ 6,500.00
#15-717	Fire – Turnout Gear	\$ 60.00
#15-717	Fire – Hoses/Nozzles	\$ 251.00
#15-717	Fire – Pages	\$ 455.00
#16-741	Admin – Audio/Visual	\$ 62.00
#16-741	DPW – Pick-Up Trucks	\$ 2,534.00
#16-741	DPW – Utility Truck	\$ 954.52
#16-741	DPW – Asphalt Box	\$ 3,404.00
#16-741	DPW – Mower	\$ 2,931.60
#16-742	Fire – Gas Meters	\$ 86.00
#16-742	Fire – SCBA Bottles	\$ 44.14
#16-742	Fire – Turnout Gear	\$ 195.00
#16-742	Police – Metal Detector	\$ 35.00
#16-742	Police – License Plate Reader	\$ 378.70
#16-742	Police – Speed Limit Signs	\$ 161.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$97,056.07</b>

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

**RESOLUTION 17-361 AUTHORIZE REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES BL 5101, L13**  
On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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 taxes due to a 2017 overpayment; 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 advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a refund as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5101/13	Louis A, Jr. & Donna L., Rocco	\$3,280.00

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

**RESOLUTION 17-362 REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF TAXES BL. 4302, L29**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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 taxes due to a 2017 overpayment; 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 advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a refund as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4302/29	Eric Hunt	\$2,627.88

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

**RESOLUTION 17-363 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF MASON DUMP TRUCKS**

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

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works wishes to purchase a Ford F450 Dump Truck with plow; and

WHEREAS, Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, NJ has State Contract #A88215 for the vehicle and options desired at a cost of \$ 64,187.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #C-04-56-760-400;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the purchase of one Ford F450 Mason Dump Truck at a total cost of \$ 64,187.00.

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

**RESOLUTION 17-364 AUTHORIZE RETURN OF REDEMPTION MONIES LIEN 16-00083**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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 13-00083, Block 5003, Lot 1, better known as 11 Colgate Road on November 2, 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 \$2,936.51 payable to US Bank Cust/PC4 1<sup>st</sup> Trust Bank, Tax Lien Services Group, 50 South 16<sup>th</sup> St-Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$2,936.51 to the aforementioned lien holder.

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

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Schwager advised that she attended a meeting with Congressman Gottheimer. There is equipment that the Borough can get for free. She will forward the information she received to Mr. Kunze.

Councilman Kulmala welcomed a new business in town-the music center in the Copper Tree Mall.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini: He wished everyone happy holidays and happy New Year. The schools will have a minimum day on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be closed until Tuesday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilman Kulmala: The last Recreation meeting of the year was held Monday. It was a wonderful year for Recreation and he thanked all the Commissioners for their hard work. He wished everyone a happy holiday and happy New Year.

Councilman Biale: Senior Bingo will be held tomorrow at 1 pm. The Seniors held their Christmas Party on December 14<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Senior Director Rose Burik for her hard work. Councilman Biale received an email from a resident asking why the town doesn't pick up leaves. He explained that the town would have to invest \$ 1 million in equipment. It would require weekend work for the DPW and would be all overtime. It is out of the question from a financial perspective. Councilman Biale advised that the Stormwater Management Plan is being published in February. The Borough will continue talks with Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Councilman Levy: He wished everyone a happy holiday. He thanked the Council for appointing him. Roy Bauberger and Engineer Frank Rossi did an assessment of the Army Corps of Engineers project to inspect for any damage. There are no real issues. He thanked Councilwoman Coira for her years of service.

Councilman Knapp: He gave kudos to the DPW who received a lot of compliments from the residents on snow removal. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Mayor Schwager reiterated that the DPW does a fantastic job. She advised that Councilwoman Coira will be missed.

**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, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

Ryan Schwertfeger, 58 Andrew Ave, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and happy New Year.

Frank Di Pentima, 6 Mountain Lakes Road, commented that he thought the conversation regarding the bond ordinance was good. He advised that the authorization can always be cancelled.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

Councilman Talamini thanked the Fire Department for bringing Santa around town last weekend.

**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, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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

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Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

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Mayor Linda H. Schwager

January 24, 2018

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Date Approved