

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
20 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:33 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, Visconti. 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.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray Road, commented that P.S. E. &G patched the holes on Thackeray. He spoke of the tree trimming done by Rockland. Councilman Biale advised that both he and Councilwoman Coira complained to Rockland. Councilwoman Coira explained that there are new regulations and that everything above the wires must be trimmed. Mr. Monaco spoke about the situation with Recreation and a football coach. He thinks an apology is owed to the coach. Mayor Schwager advised that a meeting had been held with coach and Councilman Kulmala and Councilwoman Coira to help resolve the issue. She feels that the Borough should have advance notice from Rockland so the residents are aware when they will be trimming the trees.

Ryan Schwertfeger, 58 Andrew Ave., advised that there is a fundraising committee being set up for the dog park. There will be a fundraiser on September 15th at the Senior Center.

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray Road, commented he is not receiving the Suburban News.

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, Visconti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 26, 2017

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of July 26, 2017 be approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 26, 2017 EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of July 26, 2017 be approved.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1304

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1304 for Ramapo Bergen Animal Refuge to hold an off-premise raffle on February 9, 2018 at 2 Shelter Lane.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1305

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1305 for Ramapo Youth Soccer Association to hold a 50/50 raffle on September 3, 2017.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1306

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1306 for Reed Academy to hold an off-premise raffle for merchandise on January 4, 2018 at 25 Potash Road.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1307

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1307 for Knights of Columbus to hold an off-premise 50/50 raffle on December 15, 2017 at 7 Courthouse Place.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1308

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1308 for Indian Hills High School PTSO to hold an on-premise raffle for merchandise on October 7, 2017 at 7 Courthouse Place.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1309

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1309 for Indian Hills High School PTSO to hold an on-premise 5050 raffle on October 7, 2017 at 7 Courthouse Place.

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

REQUEST BY OAKLAND SMITH PROPERTIES TO WORK ON SATURDAYS

A request was received from Oakland Smith Properties to work on Saturdays at Smith Pond Estates on Ryerson Ave. Borough Attorney Nylema Nabbie advised that there have been complaints from neighbors and summonses have been issued. Councilman Kulmala commented that Mr. Smith should come before the Council.

MOTION TO TABLE:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the request be tabled until the next Council meeting.

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

APPROVE SIGN REQUEST

On motion of Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Biale, approval be granted for Community of Commerce to place a sign at Bush Plaza to advertise the Car Show to be held September 24, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION 17-230 HIRE DPW LABORER

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has a vacant position in the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Superintendent of Public Works recommend that Brian Morrisroe be appointed to fill the full-time vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes such action to be in the best interest of the department and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough does hereby hire Brian Morrisroe as a laborer in the Department of Public Works effective Monday August 14, 2017 at an annual salary of \$33,435.00.

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

RESOLUTION 17-231 AUTHORIZE PROMOTION-T. FARLEY

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, 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, September 4, 2017:

Terry Farley, from Assistant Supervisor to Supervising Public Works Repairer, \$ 68,586 as per contract.

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

RESOLUTION 17-232 SUSTAINABLE LAND USE PLEDGE

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

WHEREAS, land use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality; and

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to and increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, well planned land use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walkable communities, preserve open space, provide for adequate recreation, and allow for the continued protection and use of vital natural resources; and

WHEREAS, given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland resolve to take the following steps regarding municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making the Borough of Oakland a truly sustainable community. It is the Borough intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and re-examination report and to update our land-use zoning, natural resource protection, and other ordinances accordingly:

Regional Cooperation – Oakland pledge to reach out to administrations of our neighboring municipalities concerning land-use decisions, and to take into consideration regional impacts when making land-use decisions.

Transportation Choices – Oakland pledges to create transportation choices with a Complete Streets approach by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects and reviewing development applications. Oakland will reevaluate parking with the goal of limiting the amount of required parking spaces, promoting shared parking and other innovative parking alternatives, and encouraging structured parking alternatives where appropriate.

Natural Resource Protection – Oakland pledges to take action to protect the natural resources of the State for environmental, recreational and agricultural value, avoiding or mitigating negative impacts to these resources. Further, Oakland pledges to complete a Natural Resources Inventory when feasible to identify and assess the extent of natural resources and to link natural resource management and protection to carrying capacity analysis, land-use and open space planning.

Mix of Land Uses – Oakland pledges to use zoning power to allow for a mix of residential, retail, commercial, recreational and other land use types in areas that make the most sense for Oakland and the region, particularly in downtown and town center areas.

Housing Options – Oakland pledges, through the use of zoning and revenue generating powers, to foster a diverse mix of housing types and locations, including single and multi-family, for-sale and rental options, to meet the needs of all people at a range of income levels.

Green Design – Oakland pledges to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings to the extent feasible and when updating site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings.

Municipal Facilities Siting – Oakland pledges, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, greater access to public transit, proximity to other land-use types, and open space when locating new or relocated municipal facilities.

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

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

RESOLUTION 17-233 AUTHORIZE APPRAISAL-SANDY BEACH PROPERTY

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is interested in obtaining an Appraisal Report for the Sandy Beach Property, Block 2302, Lot 1; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has obtained a quotation from Joshua D. Mackoff, LLC in the amount of \$2,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to retain the services of Mr. Mackoff for this purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that the Borough does hereby retain Joshua D. Mackoff, LLC in order to prepare an Appraisal Report for Block 2302, Lot 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough shall pay Mr. Mackoff the sum of \$2,500.00 for this appraisal, in accordance with the proposal annexed hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator shall prepare a contract for the services to be performed by Mr. Mackoff for this professional service, for which no public bidding is required; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Mackoff has complied with the Borough of Oakland's Pay-to-Play requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #T-18-56-286-000; and

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

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

RESOLUTION 17-234 AUTHORIZE CONTRACT-AGNOLI ENGINEERING

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is in need of engineering services for the Improvement of the Community Rating System; and

WHEREAS, Agnoli Engineering submitted a proposal dated May 5, 2017, for the services required; and

WHEREAS, Agnoli Engineering has complied with the Borough of Oakland's Pay-to-Play requirements as outlined in Ordinance 12-CODE-669 adopted July 11, 2012; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #7-01-20-155-028;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby award a contract to Agnoli Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00; and

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

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

RESOLUTION 17-235 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUND

On motion of Councilman Biale, 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 for a refund of Summer Camp Registration Fees in the amount of \$225.00; 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:

Lisa Ciappi, 61 Walton Avenue, Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$225.00

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

RESOLUTION 17-236 PARTICIPATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT OFFICE PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland Police Department wishes to participate in the LESO 1033 Program; and

WHEREAS, this program allows local law enforcement agencies to obtain, at little or no cost, surplus federal property and equipment originally intended for use by the US Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, participation in the 1033 program allows local units to obtain equipment that they might not otherwise be able to afford, and to prepare for, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism and natural disasters, such as hurricanes and severe floods; and

WHEREAS, equipment is provided through the 1033 program at no cost, the Borough of Oakland is responsible for costs associated with the maintenance, fueling and upkeep of this equipment, and for specialized training for its operation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, the Borough Council hereby authorized the Police Department to participate in the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO) 1033 Program.

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

RESOLUTION 17-237 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE MDT REPLACEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the Police Department is in need of purchasing six (6) MDT Replacements; and

WHEREAS, GTBM, Inc. 351 Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, NJ 07073 has State Contract #A81300 for the equipment desired; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the six (6) units and accessories totals \$46,889.66; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #C-04-56-711-212 \$45,000 and Account #7-01-25-240-059 \$1,889.66;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the purchase of the MDT Replacement units; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Purchasing Agent is authorized to issue a purchase order to GTBM, Inc. in the amount of \$46,889.66.

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

RESOLUTION 17-238 CHANGE ORDER-LIBRARY PROJECT-SPRINKLER SYSTEM

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

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to Daskal LLC in the amount of \$ 1,353,951.00 for the Library Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS the following Change Order 6 has been requested:

Redesign and addition of sprinklers	\$ 11,704.70
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WHEREAS, the Change Order has been reviewed and recommended by the Borough's Engineer, Boswell McClave Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #C-04-56-714-201;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby authorize Change Order 6 for an increase of \$ 11,704.70 for a total contract amount of \$ 1,390,855.20.

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

RESOLUTION 17-239 TAX BILL GRACE PERIOD

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

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen delayed certification of the Borough of Oakland's 2017 tax rate; and

WHEREAS, this delayed the issuance of tax bills until August 18, 2017 and

WHEREAS, State Law requires a twenty-five (25) day period from the date of mailing before payment is due;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Oakland establishes a no interest grace period for the third quarter tax payment until September 15, 2017. Payments remitted after that date will accrue interest as of August 1, 2017, as mandated by the State of New Jersey.

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

RESOLUTION 17-240 AUTHORIZE REFUND REDEMPTION MONIES-LIEN 16-00017
On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, 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 16-00017, Block 1606, Lot 16, better known as 64 Truman Boulevard on June 22, 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 \$12,970.21 payable to Tower Fund Services/Cust Ebury, Twr as CST for Ebury Fund 1 NJ, P. O. Box 37695, Baltimore, MD 21297

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$12,970.21 to the aforementioned lien holder.

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

RESOLUTION 17-241 AUTHORIZE REFUND REDEMPTION MONIES-LIEN 16-00070
On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, 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 16-00070, Block 4701, Lot 30, better known as 97 Minnehaha Boulevard on June 26, 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 \$12,106.47 payable to Effect Lake LLC, 1350 Beverly Road, Suite 115-316, McLean, VA 22101;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$12,106.47 to the aforementioned lien holder.

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

RESOLUTION 17-242 CANCEL OUTSTANDING CHECKS

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

WHEREAS, there exists certain outstanding checks from Borough bank accounts that have remained outstanding for over six months;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that, based on the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, the following outstanding checks be voided and the funds returned to the cash account of the applicable fund:

Current Fund Bank Account

• Check Number 85948	04-23-14	\$ 368.00
• Check Number 86113	05-28-14	\$ 80.00
• Check Number 86550	09-02-14	\$ 2,730.71
• Check Number 87139	10-22-14	\$ 143.52
• Check Number 87721	03-25-15	\$ 2,196.51
• Check Number 88585	09-30-15	\$ 39.95
• Check Number 88921	11-24-15	\$ 5,342.64
• Check Number 89026	12-09-15	\$ 100.00
• Check Number 89121	01-06-16	\$ 325.00
• Check Number 89142	01-06-16	\$ 145.00
• Check Number 89143	01-06-16	\$ 465.29
• Check Number 89480	03-24-16	\$ 179.83
• Check Number 89504	03-24-16	\$ 3,082.75
• Check Number 89541	03-22-16	\$ 25.70
• Check Number 90070	07-27-16	\$ 61.00
• Check Number 90073	07-27-16	\$ 450.00
• Check Number 90414	09-23-16	\$ 30.00
• Check Number 90434	09-28-16	\$ 120.59
• Check Number 90497	10-11-16	\$ 50.00
• Check Number 90540	10-11-16	\$ 35.00
• Check Number 90593	10-26-16	\$ 55.00
• Check Number 90745	11-22-16	\$ 411.00
• Check Number 90800	11-22-16	<u>\$ 271.93</u>

Total to be returned to Current Fund \$ 16,709.42

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

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 17-CODE-757-TABLED

Councilwoman Coira explained that this ordinance had been tabled because she had concerns that the ordinance is unconstitutional as it applies to Oakland. The ordinance includes critical land use and the whole Borough is sole source aquifer. The net effect is the same as the other pipeline ordinance and in her opinion, is unconstitutional. She would like an answer to her concerns without having to pay the attorney who drafted the ordinance. Borough Attorney Nabbie explained that her office did not draft the ordinance and they did not do research on it so she is reluctant to give an opinion. It seems to be a form ordinance.

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, Ordinance 17-Code-757 be removed from the table for final adoption.

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

Mayor Schwager broke the tie and voted nay. The ordinance remains tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Talamini advised that the Public Events Committee is deciding whether to have another date scheduled for fireworks. They were thinking about having the event on a Friday night. There are costs involved such as the cancellation fee to the fireworks vendor and costs for Police and DPW personnel to work the event. He asked if a survey could be put on Facebook to ask the residents if they want to have the fireworks. Councilman Biale asked what the cost will be to the vendor. Mr. Kunze advised there is a small charge because the vendor showed up onsite the day the fireworks were cancelled. He explained that we can reschedule the fireworks at no additional fee. If we cancel entirely, there is a cancellation fee of 50%. The fireworks cost is \$ 11,000 plus the cost of Police and DPW personnel to work the event. Councilman Talamini explained that Public Events already paid for Police and DPW for the carnival and would have to pay them again if the fireworks were rescheduled. Councilman Visconti thinks it is a good idea to ask the public. Mr. Kunze suggested that we can wait for Public Events to hold their meeting on Monday.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini: The Public Events Committee is getting ready for Halloween.
Councilman Talamini, Councilman Biale and Councilman Knapp met with some members of the School Board as well as the Superintendent of Schools and School Business Administrator regarding the School Election. The Board of Ed is waiting for the report from the State Committee. He advised that February is the latest we can wait to move the School Election to November. Councilman Biale commented that there are rumors that after January, all school elections will be moved to November. They are waiting for a new Governor to make a change.

Councilman Kulmala: He commented it is good to be back from his trip. He brought information back for Councilman Biale regarding LED lighting.

Councilman Biale: The Senior Center will hold Bingo on August 17th at 1 pm. There will be root beer floats on August 21st at 1 pm. The Oldies Night concert will be held on Breakneck Road on August 24th at 6:30 pm.

Councilman Visconti: There was no Flood Commission meeting. The Library construction is still on schedule. There was no quorum for the Park Committee meeting this month. He met with Engineer Gary Ascolese regarding Station Park.

Councilwoman Coira: She spoke to an arborist regarding the tree work being done by Rockland Electric. The regulations have changed and they now have to clear everything above the wires. If the tree dies because of what they cut, Rockland is responsible to replace the tree.

Councilman Knapp: No report.

Mr. Kunze advised that the new air conditioning unit for the Senior Center is going to be installed tomorrow. Regarding the VOC issue at the Council Chambers, it is going to be removed tomorrow. We will have to wait a week then retest and then we can get back in there. The Court offices need to address the mold issue before the Court personnel can return.

Mayor Schwager asked about the water testing in the schools. Councilman Talamini advised that the water got the same rating as the testing last year but the State changed the thresholds. The schools have shut off the water fountains that failed and are getting new fountains. Councilman Visconti commented that it could be a problem with the internal plumbing.

Mayor Schwager asked about the Patriot's Way Bridge grant. Mr. Kunze has not heard from the State regarding the grant.

Mayor Schwager advised we will need to hold an Executive Session this evening. She commented that in the past, the Council has cancelled the last meeting in August. Is there any reason we need to have the August 23rd meeting. Mr. Kunze advised that it would be five weeks before we can pay bills. He suggested that the Council can do a quick meeting on August 30th. The consensus was to hold Exec session at 6:30 pm and the regular meeting at 7:00 pm.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray, made a comment.

Ryan Schwertfeger, 58 Andrew Avenue, made a comment.

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, Visconti.

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, Visconti.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

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

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
Negotiations-Bi-County
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, Visconti.

Discussion ensued over Bi-County.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING:

On motion of Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the regular meeting be reconvened.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the meeting be adjourned at 9:06 pm.

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

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

August 30, 2017

Date Approved