

BOROUGH OF OAKLAND
Borough Council Meeting
MEETING MINUTES

Municipal Court/Council Chambers
10 Lawlor Drive
Oakland, N.J. 07436

December 21, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Saliani, 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 herein after specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a. Negotiations – Radix Capital/Hovan Tract
 - b. Affordable Housing
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: Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski.

Meeting of the Borough of Oakland Mayor and Borough Council opened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. in the Oakland Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, N.J. 07436.

Mayor Linda H. Schwager presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Linda H. Schwager, Councilmembers Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski.

Also Present: Borough Administrator Richard Kunze, Borough Clerk Michael Carelli, Borough Attorney Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Engineer John Yakimik.

Absent: Talamini.

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, Councilman Talamini be excused.

ALL IN FAVOR.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Linda H. Schwager announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place, and agenda.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor Schwager thanked the Access for All Committee for organizing the Santa Tour event at the Danny D'Elia Building. The Mother's Club of Oakland and Oakland Elks Lodge donated the refreshments. The Indian Hills High School Interact Club also donated their time to help with the event. It was announced that anyone who is interested in joining the Access for All Committee is welcomed to file a Citizen Leadership Form. The Borough Holiday Lighting Showcase took place on December 20, 2022. Mayor Schwager attended the Bergen County Police Academy Graduation to congratulate Karley Greulich and welcome her to the force.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, to open for public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Justin Lee and George Lutfey of 7 Bannehr Street, Oakland, N.J. 07436, commented that their Cannabis Cultivation Business is wanted by the residents and has met all of the qualifications set forth by ordinance. A petition was provided to the Mayor with over 500 signatures in favor of their business license. It was noted that 50 signatures were from Oakland residents. Mr. Lutfey introduced the owner of Precision PC, a company that assists with compliance. It was noted that 67% of residents voted in favor of marijuana. Mr. Lutfey commented that Kusala Care LLC. has

arranged to outsource their water. Mr. Lutfey commented on the protest that took place at Councilman John McCann's home.

Jason Thomas, owner of Precision Quality Compliance, introduced himself and his company, which assists with compliance and control in the cannabis industry.

Gregory Lutfey commented that a Tort Claim has been filed against the Borough of Oakland for damages against their business. Mr. Lutfey commented that Kusala Care LLC. has been paying rent for five (5) months. Mr. Lutfey added that Kusala Care LLC. has satisfied all of the requirements set forth by the ordinance and the application was submitted in September 2022. The State has deemed that Kusala Care LLC. is qualified per Mr. Lutfey. Mr. Lutfey added that the motion to table has delayed their efforts and will force their timeframe to expire with the State. Mr. Lutfey added that if the Borough continues to table, Kusala Care LLC. must take the appropriate legal actions. Mr. Lutfey urged the Governing Body to embrace capitalism and to move forward with the endorsement.

Deborah Mutterer of 101 Walnut Street, Oakland, N.J. 07436, commented that the 50 signatures from Kusala Care LLC. is minimal compared to the 12,700 plus residents in the Borough. Ms. Mutterer asked on the status of the sinkhole in front of her driveway. Mr. Yakimik advised that he would circle back with Ms. Mutterer on the issue.

Chopper Russo of 58 Minnehaha Boulevard, Oakland, N.J. 07436, announced the winners of the 2022 Holiday Lights Decorating Contest. The winners announced were as follows:

Manito Section:

1. 60 Manito Avenue
2. 25 Glen Grey Road

Heights Section:

1. 32 Lehigh Way
2. 35 Princeton Terrace

Dogwood Section:

1. 64 Walnut Street
2. 47 West Sheffield Street

The overall 1st place winner announced was 49 Manito Avenue. Mr. Russo thanked all of the residents for their participation and spirit.

Mr. Russo thanked all those that participated in the Access for All Santa event. It was announced that the Access for All Committee will have two (2) hours for next year's Carnival.

Mr. Russo commented on the Cannabis Cultivation Business License. Mr. Russo commented that Kusala Care LLC. has met all of the requirements and their business would be in a prime location. It was added that this operation would be a financial benefit to the Borough of Oakland.

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Saliani, to close public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTION:

22-290: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR CLASS 1 CANNABIS CULTIVATION LICENSE IN THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND

Mayor Schwager asked for a motion to remove Resolution #22-290 from the table. There were no motions put forth to remove from the table.

MOTION REMAINED TABLED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

December 7, 2022

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Saliani, to approve the above listed minutes as modified by Mayor Schwager.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski
Nays: None
Abstain: Kulmala
(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

December 7, 2022 Executive Session

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Slasinski, to approve the above listed minutes as modified by Mayor Schwager.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski
Nays: None
Abstain: Kulmala
(4 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA:

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

22-317: AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR TELEVISION INSPECTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland requires, at various times, TV inspection services; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and the Borough Administrator have reviewed the proposal of Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (NBCUA) to provide such services on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the Shared Service Agreement forwarded to the Borough by the Executive Director of the NBCUA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Borough of Oakland is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Shared Service Agreement for the provision of sanitary sewer cleaning for the Borough of Oakland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Oakland will pay to NBCUA the sum of 89 cents (\$.89) per linear foot in 2023 and the sum of 92 cents (\$.92) per linear foot in 2024, and an equipment charge of \$500 per day, for such services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Contract with NBCUA shall be maintained in the Borough Clerk's office for public inspection.

**22-318: AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN COUNTY
UTILITIES AUTHORITY FOR SANITARY SEWER CLEANING**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland requires, at various times, jetting services of sanitary and storm water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and the Borough Administrator have reviewed the proposal of Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (NBCUA) to provide such services on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the Shared Service Agreement forwarded to the Borough by the Executive Director of the NBCUA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Borough of Oakland is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Shared Service Agreement for the provision of sanitary sewer cleaning for the Borough of Oakland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Oakland will pay to NBCUA the sum of 65 cents (\$.65) per linear foot in 2023 and the sum of 68 cents (\$.68) per linear foot in 2024, and an equipment charge of \$500 per day, for such services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution and the Contract with NBCUA shall be maintained in the Borough Clerk's office for public inspection.

**22-319: AUTHORIZE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AMENDED GREEN ACRES PROJECT AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program ("State"), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has previously obtained a grant of 3,525,000.00 from the State to fund the following project(s):

#0242-04-055 Borough of Oakland Open Space and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State and the Borough of Oakland intend to increase Green Acres funding by \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the State's funds in accordance with its rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an Amendment of the Agreement with the State for the above-named project;

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

1. The Mayor of the above named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment thereto with the State known as Borough of Oakland Open Space and Recreation Plan and;
2. The applicant has its matching share of the project, if a match is required, in the amount of \$4,025,000.00; and
3. In the event the State's funds are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, and;
4. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project;
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

22-320: AUTHORIZE TRANSFER BETWEEN BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to expend funds in excess of the amounts approved in the Calendar Year 2022 budget of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, there exist certain budget expenditures with funds available in excess of the amounts approved in the Calendar Year 2022 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 Calendar Year 2022 Current Fund budget:

<u>Current Fund</u>		From	To
2-01-25-240-014	Police Overtime	\$ 20,000.00	
2-01-25-240-019	Police Court Appearance	\$ 5,000.00	
2-01-31-446-001	Natural Gas – Public Buildings	\$ 3,000.00	
2-01-31-446-002	Natural Gas – Fire	\$ 2,000.00	

2-01-26-310-011	Bldg & Grnds – Permanent Full Time	\$ 10,000.00
2-01-26-305-011	Grbge & Trash – Recycling Coord	\$ 10,000.00
2-01-31-440-001	Telephone – Public Buildings	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Sub-total		\$ 60,000.00

2-01-31-430-001	Electricity – Public Buildings	\$ 15,000.00
2-01-43-490-028	Mun Ct – Professional Services	\$ 5,000.00
2-01-31-435-000	Street Lighting	\$ 20,000.00
2-01-26-290-011	St & Roads – Permanent Full Time	\$ 15,000.00
2-01-26-315-011	Veh Maint – Permanent Full Time	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Sub-total		\$ 60,000.00

<u>Water Fund</u>		From	To
2-05-55-502-078	Water – Rate Stabilization	<u>\$ 28,000.00</u>	
Sub-total		\$ 28,000.00	
2-05-55-510-000	Water – Other & Liability Insurance		<u>\$ 28,000.00</u>
Sub-total			\$ 28,000.00

22-321: AUTHORIZE GRANT SUBMITTAL TO BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CDBG FY2021-2022 UNPROGRAMMED FUNDS GRANT PROGRAM FOR SENIOR CENTER REFURBISHMENTS

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant CDBG Unprogrammed Funds Application in the amount of \$43,905.00 has been proposed by the Borough of Oakland for the Oakland Senior Center Refurbishments in the municipality of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality, and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Division so that implementation of the project may be expedited.

**22-322: AUTHORIZE GRANT SUBMITTAL TO BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CDBG FY2021-2022 UNPROGRAMMED
FUNDS GRANT PROGRAM FOR BIRCH AND GRANDVIEW AVENUES
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, a Bergen County Community Development Block Grant CDBG Unprogrammed Funds Application in the amount of \$52,000.00 has been proposed by the Borough of Oakland for the Birch and Grandview Avenues Drainage Improvement Project in the municipality of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the citizens of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, this resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality, and is intended solely to expedite expenditures of the aforesaid Community Development funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Division so that implementation of the project may be expedited.

**22-323: AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT MODIFICATION WITH NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS
DESIGN FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council previously adopted Resolution #21-92 authorizing an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for preliminary design phase of the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Project in the total amount of \$70,201.98; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation wishes to modify the agreement and authorize additional funding in the amount of \$43,914.80 for the final design stage of the Safe Routes to Schools Grant Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council hereby authorize an agreement modification with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for additional funding in the amount of \$43,914.80 for a total agreement amount of \$114,116.78;

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

22-324: AUTHORIZE AUCTION OF BOROUGH SURPLUS VEHICLES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36, the Borough of Oakland may sell any personal property; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland have determined that the property listed in this resolution is no longer needed for public use and wishes to divest said property;

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

1. The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted online using Municibid (www.municibid.com) pursuant to New Jersey Local Finance Notice 2008-9. Terms of the agreement are available on the vendor's website and available in the Borough Clerk's Office.
2. The surplus property to be sold is as follows:

<u>YEAR:</u>	<u>MAKE/MODEL:</u>	<u>VIN:</u>	<u>MILEAGE:</u>
2000	Seagrave Trk.	1F9F838JXYCST2006	13,668
2001	Ford F-250	1FTNF21L01ED82690	107,796

3. The surplus property as identified shall be sold in 'as is' condition without express or implied warranties.
4. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:10-9.1, the certificates of ownership for former police vehicles shall state that the motor vehicles were used as police patrol vehicles and notice is provided that the buyer shall continue to so state on each subsequent sale or transfer
5. The successful bidder will be required to pay in cash or certified check made out to the Borough of Oakland at the time of pickup of the vehicle. The Borough will not deliver the vehicle to the successful bidder.

The vehicle is to be transferred and taken off the site within 10 business days after approval of the sale by the Governing Body.

22-325: AMEND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BOSWELL ENGINEERING FOR WATER AND SEWER ENGINEER

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council awarded a contract for 2022 Water & Sewer Engineer to Boswell Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the contract by an additional \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the award of 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 #2-05-55-502-028;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the 2022 contract for Boswell Engineering for Water & Sewer Engineer is increased by \$10,000.00 for a new total of \$35,000.00.

**22-326: AUTHORIZE RENEWAL OF SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH
BERGEN COUNTY FOR HEALTH SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland had entered into a one-year Public Health Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen Department of Health Services to assist the Borough with its public health obligations; and

WHEREAS, the agreement with the County of Bergen Department of Health Services is due to expire December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen is going to renew the agreement for an additional year pursuant to the fees attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract from appropriation in the FY2023 and FY2024 budget, subject to adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council authorize the renewal of the Public Health Shared Services Agreement with the County of Bergen Department of Health for a four (4) year period to expire December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Borough of Oakland.

**22-328: AMEND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BOSWELL
ENGINEERING FOR CHAPEL HILL LSRP SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council awarded a contract via Resolution #21-248 adopted on July 14, 2021 for the removal of an underground storage tank at the Chapel Hill Sewage Treatment Plant to Boswell Engineering in the amount not to exceed \$13,500.00; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the contract by an additional \$381.40; and

WHEREAS, the award of 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 #C-08-56-817-101;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the contract with Boswell Engineering for the

Chapel Hill Sewage Treatment Plant Underground Storage Tank Removal is increased by \$381.40 for a new total of \$13,881.40.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **None**
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Schwager questioned why the block and lot was listed on the resolution. Borough Clerk Michael Carelli advised that the resolution is a template that is used for all types of refunds and that it would be corrected moving forward.

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

22-327: AUTHORIZE REFUND OF RECREATION FEES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request (attached) for a refund of recreation fees in the amount of \$357.00; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-17 requires Governing Body approval for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has verified that the amount is due and that funds are available in account Tax Refund #CF-01-55-998-006;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby authorize a payment to be made in the amount of \$357.00 to:

Stasiak Family	Block 5203
28 Wenonah Avenue	Lot 31
Oakland, N.J. 07436	

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **None**
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

Councilman Talamini questioned if the property is bank owned. Borough Administrator Richard Kunze advised that the Borough sends out bills for the maintenance and that the property owner is notified multiple times prior to placing a lien.

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

22-329: AUTHORIZE LIEN ON 55 SEMINOLE AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland Property Maintenance Officer has advised that the property located at 55 Seminole Avenue and identified as Block 4806 Lot 32 on the Tax Assessment Map of the Borough of Oakland was in violation of the Borough's property maintenance code; and

WHEREAS, the property owner of the premises was notified by the Borough on several occasions respecting the condition of the property and the need to remedy same consistent with the requirements of the Borough's property maintenance code 10-3.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough was compelled to provide labor and expend significant costs totaling \$1,456.80 in order to clean up the property at 55 Seminole Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the property maintenance code of the Borough of Oakland permits the imposition of the lien in the nature of additional taxes in such case; and

WHEREAS, a report dated November 30, 2022 detailing the work performed and expenses incurred has been provided to the Borough Administrator who has approved the cost and expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Tax Collector be and is hereby directed to charge as additional real property taxes to the owner of the property located at 55 Seminole Avenue the sum of \$1,456.80 being the amount due pursuant to the report dated November 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the report and this resolution approving the expenses and costs shall be certified by the Borough Clerk and filed with the Tax Collector of the Borough, who shall be responsible for the collection of same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the report, along with a certified copy of this resolution, shall be sent to the owner of the property of 55 Seminole Avenue by certified mail, return receipt requested.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector shall take whatever actions are necessary and reasonable in accordance with statutory law.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** **Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **None**
 (6 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

Resolution 22-330 was carried to the next Borough Council Meeting.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE 22-CODE-899

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIII, SECTION 10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "FEE SCHEDULE" AND SECTION 13 ENTITLED, "CHARGES AND FEES""

The Borough Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 22-Code-899 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Borough Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIII, SECTION 10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "FEE SCHEDULE" AND SECTION 13 ENTITLED, "CHARGES AND FEES""**.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ALL IN FAVOR.

No public comment.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, this portion of the meeting be closed to public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, Ordinance 22-Code-899, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XIII, SECTION 10 OF THE BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED "FEE SCHEDULE" AND SECTION 13 ENTITLED, "CHARGES AND FEES""**, be adopted.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes:** Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini
 Nays: None
 Abstain: McCann
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

WORK SESSION:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION/COMMITTEE ANALYSIS:

The work session item has been tabled until after necessary meetings are held.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business reported.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business reported.

Councilman Talamini left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

COUNCILMAN KULMALA: Councilman Kulmala congratulated Karley Greulich on her graduation from the Bergen County Police Academy. It was announced that registrations for Baseball and Volleyball are open. Councilman Kulmala read aloud statistics from the Police Chief. Residents were reminded to shovel their sidewalks after it snows.

COUNCILMAN MCCANN: Councilman McCann advised that he was unable to attend the Access for All Santa event due to his home being under protest by representatives of Kusala Care LLC. Councilman McCann commented further on the protest itself and the fact that small children live in the neighborhood.

COUNCILMAN PIGNATELLI: Councilman Pignatelli encouraged Senior Citizens to get their flu shot this year. Over 9,000 people have died in 2022 from the flu. It was reported that the Senior Center is hosting their annual Noon Year's Eve Party on December 29, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person. It was reported that the Board of Health met on December 20, 2022 and has endorsed the Bergen County Health Services contract renewal. Councilman Pignatelli added that he received a disturbing email from a resident, although 1st amendment rights are in place for residents to contact their local elected officials. Councilman Pignatelli thanked the Borough staff and volunteers for a great year, and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Mayor Schwager read aloud a message regarding roadwork along Ramapo Valley Road in Mahwah. The information has been posted to the Borough website and social media channels.

COUNCILMAN SALIANI: Councilman Saliani thanked the Borough Employees for all their efforts in 2022. Councilman Saliani thanked all the residents who participated in the Holiday Lights Contest.

COUNCILMAN SLASINSKI: Councilman Slasinski reported that the completion date for the Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plants Decommissioning Project remains August 24, 2023. All construction work has been suspended for the holidays until January 8, 2023. It was reported that the Oakland Public Library has added "Mango Languages" to their platform, which is an online language learning service. Councilman Slasinski wished all residents a Happy Holidays.

COUNCILMAN TALAMINI: Councilman Talamini thanked the volunteers of the Public Events Committee for a great year. Councilman Talamini thanked the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer for all their efforts during the year.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, to open for public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Ryan Schwertfeger of 130 Hiawatha Boulevard, Oakland, N.J. 07436, announced the Oakland Television Holiday Schedule. Mr. Schwertfeger thanked the Borough Council for their support.

Councilman Pignatelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Saliani, to close public comment.

ALL IN FAVOR.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilman Slasinski, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, 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: **Ayes:** **Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.**
 Nays: **None**
 Abstain: **McCann**
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the meeting be adjourned.

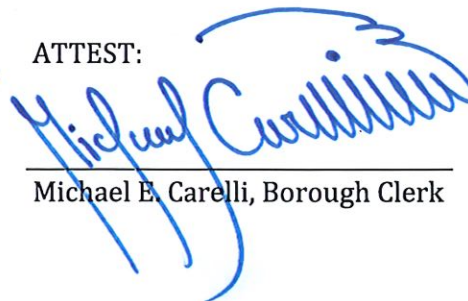
ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED BY:


Linda H. Schwager, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michael E. Carelli, Borough Clerk