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REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY MARCH 23, 2022

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, 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 hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
Litigation, Contract Negotiation
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 Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Discussion on potential litigation and contract negotiation. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:30 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck. Absent: None. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Schwager announced that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, duly announced, advertised and posted in the Municipal Building. The meeting will adjourn at 10:00 pm unless a majority of the Councilmembers that are present vote to extend the time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager advised that March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The Borough is going to have a Memorial Day Parade and a ceremony in Veterans Park. Tuesday March 29th is Vietnam War Veterans Day and there will be a ceremony at 10 am. There will be a presentation on Station Park tonight. There is a new program in Bergen County for Seniors to help manage household bills. The services is called Silver Bills and is free to Bergen County resident Seniors.

RECOGNITION PW CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAM:

Mayor Schwager read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the Oakland Pee Wee Braves won the 2021 Northern Bergen County Junior Football League Super Bowl Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Pee Wee Braves finished with a final record of 9-1 during the 2021 season; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Pee Wee Braves lone loss was to Ramsey on opening weekend in a defeat of 6-0; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Pee Wee Braves then won nine straight games including an exciting semi-final playoff win vs. Montville; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Pee Wee Braves won a rematch against the #1 seed undefeated Ramsey in the Super Bowl Championship with a 13-6 win to secure the title.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on behalf of the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, I hereby congratulate the Oakland Pee Wee Braves on their Championship season and wish you all success in the future.

Mayor Schwager and Councilman Van Eck presented certificates to the players and coaches. Councilman Van Eck told the players that Oakland is so proud of the team's accomplishments. He thanked the parents for their sacrifice.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Van Eck, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, this portion of the meeting be opened for public comment.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Nancy Krause, 22 Hickory Drive and member of the Shade Tree Commission, advised that this is the third year that Oakland is accredited with the NJ Community Forestry Program. She advised that less than 50% of Shade Tree Commissions are accredited. She stated that mature trees can increase property value and trees can cut cooling costs. She asked for the Council to support the Shade Tree Ordinance that the Commission has presented. Ms. Krause advised that Arbor Day will take place April 28th and saplings will be given out.

Tom Connolly, 1 Winding Ridge, spoke of the progress of the Station Park Committee. The Committee has met twice so far and the purpose is to make Station Park a reality as soon as possible. Mr. Connolly advised that the best source of funding would be to obtain a Bergen County grant. He spoke of plans for a flag pole and a clock and turning it into a green area passive park. He explained that Ed Clark presented drawings to the group which he will be revising. The formal application for the grant is due May 6th. The Station Park Committee will be back on April 27th to make a formal presentation. The project will be done in three phases. The first will be electrical service for light to the flag pole and clock as well as irrigation. The second phase will be getting rid of the asphalt. The third phase will be to enhance the parking on the south side of the Enterprise building. A green space will be created by planting Oak Trees. The rough cost of the project will be \$ 300,000. The committee would like to use a 501c3 to help raise funds until the grant money can be received and they asked the Mayor and Council to fund the cost of the electrical work.

Vivian King, 113 Hiawatha Blvd. and member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, spoke of an incident on November 29, 2021 where another board member called her disparaging names. It was reported to the Borough Administrator and an investigation was done. Ms. King received a letter stating that disciplinary action would be taken for that person. She was surprised that the person was still on the Board. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that the Borough conducted an investigation. The findings were reviewed. The findings are confidential. Appropriate action was taken.

Deb Mutter, 101 Walnut Street, stated Ms. King should not be calling anyone else names but she does the same thing on the Board of Education.

Ed Clark, 6 Morton Place and member of Shade Tree Commission, spoke about the replacement schedule for commercial and residential properties. He explained that there were 635 trees removed in 2020 and 640 removed in 2021. He explained a 12" oak tree is 48 years old. If all those trees were alive, there would be 12 acres of tree canopy. The Shade Tree Commission is trying to mitigate the loss. Of the 635 trees removed in 2020, only 7 were replaced and only 6 of the 640 trees removed in 2021 were replaced. Mr. Clark advised that for the first 36 inch tree, there is no replacement needed. It requires a one and a half inch tree for every 12" of tree after. He asked the Council to support the shade tree ordinance and thanked them for their time.

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Filomena LaForgia, 54 Saratoga Drive, spoke of a new podcast for Ramapo Indian Hills Board meetings. This Monday the Board will hold a preliminary budget hearing.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 9, 2022

On motion of Councilman Van Eck, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of March 9, 2022 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

APPOINTMENTS FLOOD COMMISSION:

Mayor Schwager brought forth the nomination of William Woolford and Stephen Farley for reappointment to three-year terms on the Flood Commission.

Motion to Consent:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Slasinski, the Council consented to the reappointment of William Woolford and Stephen Farley for three-year terms on the Flood Commission to expire December 31, 2024.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

APPOINTMENTS ACCESS FOR ALL:

Mayor Schwager appointed Filomena LaForgia and Audrey Souders to two-year terms on the Access for All Committee. The terms will expire December 31, 2023. Mayor Schwager appointed Kathleen McCarthy to a one-year term on the Access for All Committee. The term will expire December 31, 2022.

APPOINTMENT SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

Mayor Schwager appointed Dean LaForgia to an unexpired term as Alternate 2 on the Shade Tree Commission. The term will expire December 31, 2025.

BUDGET:

Councilman Van Eck stated he had issues with the funding of the Green Team. He stated he does not want to increase the secretary stipends from \$ 1200 to \$ 1500. Mr. Kunze responded that it is easy to change the budget that is being introduced. Councilman Van Eck reiterated that he wants to remove funding for the Green Team and wants to keep the Board and Commission secretary stipends at \$ 1200. Councilman Slasinski stated he was fine with Councilman Van Eck's recommendations.

Councilman Kulmala asked what the \$ 5,000 budget for the Green Team was for. Mr. Kunze responded that \$ 1500 or \$ 1200 would be for a secretary. The budget included a request for rain barrels for the community garden. Councilman Van Eck stated the community garden raises money from the plots. Mr. Kunze stated the original intent of that money was for maintenance of the garden. Councilman Van Eck sees no need for the Green Team to have money.

Councilman Kulmala asked how the Green Team is funding the Arts Amble because that was a very successful program last year. Mr. Kunze advised that some of the money was taken out of general funds. The amount last year was \$ 400. The revenue received from the community garden is \$ 1,000. The Green Team is looking for money for additional Styrofoam collection drives and for educational programs. Councilman Kulmala stated that the Arts Amble program was wonderful. He would cut the request back a little but would leave in funding. Councilman Pignatelli appreciates the Finance Chairman's recommendation but the Green Team needs some funding because there is value for what they do.

Mayor Schwager asked Mr. Kunze where the money has come from that the Green Team has needed previously. Mr. Kunze responded that there have been expenditures from other dept. budgets. He advised that the community garden was built with grant money and the registration fees were meant for maintenance of the garden. Mayor Schwager asked where the money came from for last year's Arts Amble. Mr. Kunze responded it came from the General services line. Mayor Schwager stated that this would be taking the money from one budget and allocating it directly to the Green Team. Councilman Pignatelli commented that by giving them a budget, we can be assured they can track their expenses. They have to have some money to do their additional programs. Councilman Van Eck stated that the Green Team can get funding through the State. They shouldn't use Oakland taxpayer dollars. Mayor Schwager stated that we are already using budget money for the Green Team. This is just reallocating money so they can track the expenses.

Councilman Talamini asked if any other groups have a secretary. Mr. Kunze stated that most Boards and Commissions have a secretary. Councilman Van Eck stated the Green Team must be authorized by Resolution each year they are not authorized by Statute like other Boards and Commissions. Councilman Talamini feels the secretary is overkill and that there are things the volunteers need to do on their own. However, he can see giving them some budget. Councilman Slasinski is now wavering about giving them a budget. Councilman Saliani commented that the Green Team does not need a secretary. He asked Mr. Kunze how much they spent last year so we can put that in their budget and track the expenses. Councilman Talamini stated it is just reallocating the money from one budget to another. Councilman Van Eck stated that once it is put in the budget, it becomes permanent. He stated this organization has been a problem for years. There is no purpose for the Green Team because we already have an Environmental Commission and Shade Tree Commission. It is a mistake to give them money.

The consensus of the Council was to leave the secretary out of the Green Team budget. Councilman Kulmala stated there is a lot of value for the Arts Amble and the programs the Green Team brings to the community. He suggested a budget of \$ 1,500.

Motion:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the Green Team be given a budget of \$ 1,500.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.
Nay, Councilman Van Eck.

Councilman Van Eck stated that all the other secretaries need to be kept at the \$ 1,200 stipend. The consensus of the Council was to leave the stipend at \$ 1,200. Mr. Young advised the municipal tax would be \$ 15,720,530.73. The total general revenue would be \$ 22,422,470 and the total appropriations would be \$ 22, 422,470.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 22-CODE-879 CAP BANK

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 22-Code-879 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 22-Code-879 entitled: " ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)"

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14), be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on April 13, 2022 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before April 4, 2022 together with notice of this introduction and of the time and place for further consideration for final passage, and that the Clerk post a copy of said Ordinance in the Municipal Building and make copies available to the public.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-105 SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2021 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a) Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b) Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c) Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d) Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e) Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f) Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a) All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
 - b) Items of appropriation are properly set forth
 - c) In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-106 READ BUDGET BY TITLE

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full governing body, providing that at least one week prior to the date of hearing a complete copy of the approved municipal budget as advertised has been posted in the municipal building and copies have been made available by the clerk to persons requiring them; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CY2022 municipal budget shall be read by title only.

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ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-107 INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET

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

Municipal Budget of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen for the Fiscal Year 2022

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in The Bergen Record in the issue of April 6, 2022.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland does hereby approve the following budget for the year 2022.

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, on March 23, 2022.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, on April 27, 2022 at 7:30 o'clock pm at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2022 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-108 AUTHORIZE CDBG GRANT AGREEMENT-ACORN, BIRCH AND FLORENCE AVE. IMPROVEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Bergen County Division of Community Development in the amount of \$113,790.00 for Acorn, Birch, and Florence Avenue Water Main Replacement and Road Improvement Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$113,790.00 in FY2021 Community Development Block Grant funds for the Acorn, Birch, and Florence Water Main Replacement and Road Improvement Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator to be a signatory for the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council hereby authorizes the Borough Administrator to sign all County of Bergen vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland recognizes that the Borough of Oakland is liable for any funds not spent in accordance with the grant agreement; and that liability of the Mayor and Borough Council is in accordance with HUD requirements.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

**RESOLUTION 22-109 TEMPORARY BUDGET EMERGENCY-CLEAN COMMUNITIES
MINI GRANT**

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

WHEREAS, NJSA40A:4-20 of the Local Budget Law provides that in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period prior to the adoption of the budget, the governing body may, by resolution adopted by 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof, make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the adoption of the budget.

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, that the following emergency temporary appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services:

Current Fund

State & Federal Grants

Clean Communities Mini \$ 300.00

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-110 TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT

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

WHEREAS, NJSA40A:4-19.1 of the Local Budget Law provides that if in any local fiscal year for which budget dates have been extended pursuant to section 1 of this act, the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may permit temporary budget appropriations to provide for the period between the date upon which the budget was scheduled for adoption pursuant to N.J.S.40A:4-5 and the actual date upon which the budget was adopted; and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Notice 2021-24 extended the date for adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget from 3/20 to 4/29; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Temporary Budget adopted to provide for appropriations in the 1st quarter of the calendar the Borough will need to provide similarly for appropriations in the 2nd quarter of the calendar year until such time as the final budget is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the total appropriations in the 2021 Budget, less appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvements and public assistance are as follows:

Current Fund	\$17,826,705.00
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$1,828,501.00
Sewer Utility Operating Fund	\$567,145.00

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2021 budget exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvements and public assistance are as follows:

Current Fund	\$4,724,077.00
Water Utility Operating Fund	\$484,553.00
Sewer Utility Operating Fund	\$150,293.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following temporary 2022 appropriations, which do not exceed 26.25% of the appropriations in the 2021 budget exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvements and public assistance, will be added to the temporary appropriations approved on January 26, 2022 and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for his records.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Division of local Government Services.

CURRENT Q2	S&W	OE
ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE	55,717	1,226
COMMUNICATION COMMISSION	-	2,118
GENERAL SERVICES	176	11,726
MAYOR & COUNCIL	8,915	5,250
MUNICIPAL CLERK	18,333	4,042
ELECTION	376	2,136
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	51,192	6,476
AUDIT	-	7,176
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	-	24,938
TAX COLLECTION	17,140	1,855
TAX ASSESSMENT	15,200	11,340
LEGAL SERVICES	-	32,376
ENGINEERING	-	11,375
PLANNING BOARD		

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	3,175	3,168
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	3,175	1,382
UNIFORM CONSTR CODE	32,510	17,071
INSURANCE	-	829,556
POLICE DEPARTMENT	855,929	35,622
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	1,742	1,750
FLOOD CONTROL COMMITTEE	1,000	262
Contribution to First Aid Squad	-	-
FIRE DEPARTMENT	-	17,500
PROSECUTOR	-	3,676
STREETS & ROADS	93,167	18,419
SHADE TREE	-	19,577
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT	11,928	4,900
GARBAGE & TRASH REMOVAL	12,185	280,000
SNOW REMOVAL	3,500	29,376
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	42,539	28,088
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	18,518	17,500
BOARD OF HEALTH	10,183	31,168
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION	300	228
RECREATION	4,762	56,455
SENIOR CITIZENS ACTIVITIES	14,996	6,335
PUBLIC LIBRARY	75,531	52,913
ELECTRICITY	-	28,938
STREET LIGHTING	-	24,850
TELEPHONE	-	10,500
NATURAL GAS	-	21,323
GASOLINE	-	39,375
Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)	-	526,100

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Social Security	-	107,427
Defined Contribution Plan	-	2,867
Police & Firemen's Retirement (PFRS)	-	983,900
MUNICIPAL COURT	26,198	1,894
PUBLIC DEFENDER	-	1,856
Totals	1,378,388	3,326,003
	Total	4,704,391

Account Description

WATER Q2

WATER - OPERATIONS	169,173	157,362
WATER - UTILITIES	-	47,600
WATER - Social Security	-	44,363
Totals	169,173	249,324
	Total	418,498

SEWER Q2

SEWER - OPERATIONS	-	89,027
SEWER - UTILITIES	-	51,554
SEWER - Social Security	-	-
	-	140,581

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-111 CONTRACT WITH CGPH FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT SERVICES

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland needs to retain a firm to administer its Affordable Housing Program for 2022; and

WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing, 1249 South River Road, Suite 301, Cranbury, NJ 08512, has submitted a proposal to act as Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for the Borough of Oakland for the year 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$ 5,000; and

WHEREAS, Community Grants, Planning & Housing has submitted all paperwork to comply with the Borough of Oakland's Pay-to-Play requirements; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account # T-27-26-286-002;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby award a contract to Community Grants, Planning & Housing to act as Affordable Housing Administrative Agent at a cost not to exceed \$ 5,000; and

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-112 AMEND CONTRACT FOR CANNABIS COUNSEL

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland entered into an agreement for professional services relating to cannabis licensing and law for 2022 with Ronald P. Mondello, Esq.; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that certain amendments are required with respect to non-escrow services which include, but are not limited to suggested ordinance revisions, creation/revision of application forms and consultation with potential applicants not to exceed one hour per applicant; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # 2-01-20-155-028;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the agreement entered into with Ronald P. Mondello, as Cannabis attorney as follows:

- Services rendered by the Cannabis Attorney which are not to be paid from an escrow account shall not exceed \$5,000.00.
- The hourly rate to be charged for services of the Cannabis Attorney shall not exceed \$225 per hour.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Ronald P. Mondello, Esq. and Brian M. Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-113 AUTHORIZE REFUND TAXES-BLOCK 5404, LOT 17

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

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request 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>ADDRESS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5404/17	9 Hopi Ct.	\$ 3,545.54

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the refund be paid to Appellate Land Service, LTD, 6851 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 110, Syosset, NY 11791.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-114 AMEND APPROVED LOSAP LIST FOR FIRE DEPT. FOR 2021

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191, emergency service organizations participating in a Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) shall annually certify to the sponsoring agency a list of all volunteer members who have qualified for credit for the previous year, and;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, did certify the list of Qualified Members on February 3, 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the Approved list was posted for 30 days for membership review as required by law, and;

WHEREAS, David O'Connor did challenge the audited points total and his challenge was reviewed and accepted as accurate by the Oakland Fire Department and the Local Plan Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that David O'Connor be added to the certified and approved list of volunteer members of the Oakland Fire Department & the Oakland First Aid Squad who have qualified for credit under LOSAP for the year 2021..

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ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-115 AUTHORIZE GRANT AGREEMENT NJDEP FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland desires to further public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$5,000.00 to fund the following project:

New Jersey Forest Fire Service – Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the Borough Administrator or the successor of the office of Borough Administrator is authorized to (a) make application for such a grant, and (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State of New Jersey for a grant in an amount not less than \$0.00 and not more than \$10,000.00 and (c) to execute any amendments thereto which do not increase the grantee's obligations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, authorizes and hereby agrees to match 50% of the total project amount, in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that up to exactly 0.00% of the match will be made up of in-kind services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the agreement).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 22-116 REFUND FIRE PREVENTION REGISTRATION FEE

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request for a refund of a Fire Prevention Registration fee; 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:

Rotella Repair, LLC, 50 Edison Ave, Oakland, NJ 07436 \$ 50

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 22-CODE-880 AMEND RECREATION FEES

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 22-Code-880 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 22-Code-880 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."

On motion of Councilman Van Eck, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing 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 introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on April 13, 2022 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before April 4, 2022 together with notice of this introduction and of the time and place for further consideration for final passage, and that the Clerk post a copy of said Ordinance in the Municipal Building and make copies available to the public.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 22-CODE-881 WATER SERVICE FOR BLOCK 4202, LOTS 1, 2 AND 3

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 22-Code-881 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 22-Code-881 entitled: " AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE MUNICIPAL CONSENT OF THE BOROUGH FOR SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY INC., TO PROVIDE WATER SERVICE TO BLOCK 4202, LOTS 1, 2 AND 3 IN THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND AND FOR THE LAYING OF PIPES AND THE INSTALLATION OF OTHER UTILITY FACILITIES AS MAY BE NECESSARY.:

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, Providing For The Municipal Consent Of The Borough For Suez Water New Jersey Inc., To Provide Water Service To Block 4202, Lots 1, 2 And 3 In The Borough Of Oakland And For The Laying Of Pipes And The Installation Of Other Utility Facilities As May Be Necessary, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on April 13, 2022 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before April 4, 2022 together with notice of this introduction and of the time and place for further consideration for final passage, and that the Clerk post a copy of said Ordinance in the Municipal Building and make copies available to the public.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 22-CAPITAL-882 CAPITAL PURCHASE

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 22-Capital-882 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 22-Capital-882 entitled: " CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$333,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE OF THE BOROUGH."

On motion of Councilman Van Eck, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, Capital Ordinance Of The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey Authorizing The Making Of Various Public Improvements And Acquisitions In, By And For The Borough, Appropriating Therefor The Sum Of \$333,000 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The General Capital Fund Balance Of The Borough, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on April 13, 2022 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before April 13, 2022 together with notice of this introduction and of the time and place for further consideration for final passage, and that the Clerk post a copy of said Ordinance in the Municipal Building and make copies available to the public.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 22-CODE-877-TABLED

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 22-Code-877 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 59 ENTITLED "LAND USE AND ZONING", ARTICLE III ENTITLED

**“ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; FEES, SECTION 59-9 ENTITLED “APPEALS”
OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND”**

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Van Eck, this portion of the meeting be opened for public comment.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Tom Connolly, 1 Winding Ridge, stated the Planning Board discussed this ordinance at length. The Planning Board felt it is the Governing Body’s job to protect the residents of Oakland.

Vivian King, 113 Hiawatha Blvd, asked an explanation of the change. Mr. Chewcaskie explained that the Borough’s ordinance allows a resident to appeal to the Governing Body if they don’t agree with a Zoning Board decision to grant a use variance. This ordinance would remove Council review and would allow the appeal to go to the Courts as with other types of appeals. Ms. King stated the Governing Body was elected to protect the residents.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

MOTION TO TABLE ORDINANCE 22-CODE-877

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Van Eck, the final adoption of Ordinance 22-Code-877 be tabled indefinitely.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Mr. Chewcaskie advised that if the Governing Body wants to reconsider this ordinance, it would have to be reintroduced.

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 22-CODE-878 AUTHORIZE ACQUISITION
OF PROPERTY FOR EASEMENT**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 22-Code-878 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 609 RAMAPO VALLEY ROAD, FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMENCEMENT OF EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS.”

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Van Eck, this portion of the meeting be opened for public comment.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Van Eck, seconded by Councilman Talamini, this portion of the meeting be closed to public comment.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

On motion of Councilman Saliani, seconded by Councilman Van Eck, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed on a roll call vote.

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance To Authorize The Acquisition Of A Portion Of Private Property Located At 609 Ramapo Valley Road, For Public Purposes And Authorizing The Commencement Of Eminent Domain Proceedings, 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: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

WORK SESSION:

OCC SPONSORSHIP:

Councilman Van Eck stated this is a way for OCC to generate revenue and for people to sponsor programming to help pay for the control room expenses. This would allow individuals or families or non-profits to market or advertise. This sponsorship program would help with the expenses for putting cameras at the Senior Center and expanding programming. Mayor Schwager commended the OCC on its extensive application. Mr. Chewcaskie advised this needs to be authorized at the next meeting by resolution.

A-1294:

Mr. Kunze advised that this issue was brought up in a NJ League of Municipalities advisory. Bill A-1294 is pending in committee. This would authorize the conversion of office parks to mixed use developments. This would preempt local zoning so it is a concern. Councilman Van Eck stated it is authoritarian behavior from Trenton. The Council should reject this. The consensus of the Council was to do a resolution against A-1294.

TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE REVISIONS:

Councilman Van Eck stated he has made a commitment to the Shade Tree Commission to bring this ordinance forward. It has been before the Governing Body many times and has been revised many times. He is comfortable with the ordinance that is in front of the Council. Councilman

Saliani thanked everyone for their time spent on this ordinance. This will protect the canopy especially with development. The Council should move forward with the ordinance.

Councilman Pignatelli stated this is an extensive ordinance and covers a lot of areas. He would like to be more specific about the areas of exemption in section 19-8. He feels septic systems should be exempt. A malfunctioning septic system must be fixed for public health. He asked about the \$ 250 replacement fee if the tree only costs \$ 69. Shade Tree member Ed Clark responded that someone must be paid to plant the \$ 69 tree. Mr. Clark advised there is an exemption for septs. He felt if there is an ordinance in place, the septs would be designed differently and maybe put in a different place to not affect the trees. He stated there is an appeal process. Councilman Pignatelli stated that he is ok with the ordinance as long as there is an appeal process and the Shade Tree Commission is going to consider the appeal.

Councilman Pignatelli stated he is concerned with the Bi-County property. He thought they were given a permit for farmland. Mr. Clark responded that Bi-County has an active forest management program. The forest management plan is not set up for clear cutting but Bi-County is supposed to notify the Shade Tree Commission when they are going to start logging. Councilman Kulmala stated that the ordinance has balanced people's rights with the need to protect the canopy. He asked Mr. Clark if the Shade Tree Commission would be opposed to change from a 36" caliper to a 48" caliper. Mr. Clark stated they have already had this discussion and are opposed to this. This ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting.

ROTARY PARK SIGN:

Mr. Kunze advised that Rotary Club has submitted correspondence with some options for the sign at Rotary Park. They are looking for guidance. Councilman Saliani stated this should be deferred to a future work session and have someone from Rotary Club in attendance.

ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 "CIVIL SERVICE ELIGIBILITY-RESIDENT PREFERENCE"

Mr. Kunze advised that under Civil Service regulations, municipalities can decide residency requirements. He explained that there is a prescribed pecking order for Police. Our ordinance was determined to not comply according to the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Kunze explained without resident preference, the ranking would be statewide which is onerous. This ordinance would recommend resident preference according to the Statute for Police. This does not affect the non-competitive or Department Head positions. Councilman Talamini asked if this is just memorializing what we have already been doing. Mr. Kunze responded it is. Mr. Kunze advised that the list that is out now is statewide. We will ask if the list can be changed after the ordinance is adopted. Councilman Kulmala stated there is value to hiring residents. The Public Safety committee is supportive of the ordinance change in order to give Oakland residents preference. The ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Van Eck toured Allerman Brook last Friday and was shocked at the devastation. The Borough is working on securing funding. Councilman Van Eck had a call with Anthony Sytko at the DOT. The DOT is sending someone to look at the damage. The meeting with FEMA today indicated they will fund 90% of the cost to do certain repairs. Councilman Van Eck would like us to send another letter to DOT asking them to cover the remaining 10%.

Councilman Van Eck stated that we have asked FEMA for additional funding for repair work at 40 Nokomis.

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Councilman Van Eck spoke about removing the debris upstream and the Borough would be responsible for a cash match of up to \$ 40,000. Mr. Kunze clarified that work will take place 50 feet above and 50 feet below. Councilman Van Eck advised the work will take place in the next six months.

Chuck Adams, 38 Nokomis, stated the baskets are all connected. The work cannot just stop at 40 Nokomis because Mr. Adams' basket is connected to that one. He asked if this is the first time the DOT is responding to the Borough. Councilman Van Eck advised he reached out to Mr. Sytko because he personally knows him.

Judy Piretra, Nokomis Ave, reiterated everything is connected. The April rains are coming and other properties will be affected.

Councilman Van Eck asked Recreation Chairman Mike Guadagnino to speak on the tennis court project. Mr. Guadagnino has done some research. He spoke to the Indian Hills Athletic Director and learned they used LAN Engineering for their project. Mr. Guadagnino spoke to other towns who spent less money on their tennis court projects. Mr. Guadagnino spoke to the Recreation Director in Wayne and they did not use an engineer for their project. He has calls into other Recreation Directors. He stated that all aspects need to be looked into to save the town money. Councilman Kulmala asked why we wouldn't buy off the coop. Mr. Kunze stated there is no reason we wouldn't. He stated he had looked at another coop but the way it was structured, our court was too small for them to even quote. Councilman Talamini stated that we need to do our homework. Mr. Guadagnino stated the volunteers can help. Councilman Pignatelli advised that Mr. Guadagnino should coordinate with Mr. Kunze. Mr. Kunze advise he arranged for Neglia Engineering to come on Friday to give a quote.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Van Eck: The Access For All Committee has a meeting on April 6th and there will be a guest speaker from Eastern Christian. Councilman Van Eck attended a breakfast and heard about the group home on Yawpo Ave. Sewer rates were updated for 2022 and letters were sent out on March 15th. The Sewer Bond Anticipation Note is due April 1st and is going to be rolled over to July 1st at which time we will move to change to the IBank loan. The OCC needs volunteers for the newsletter committee. They are moving forward with a welcome packet for new residents. Baseball, softball, golf and summer sports camp registrations are open. There is a late fee if registrations are not done on time. The next Recreation Commission meeting will be in person on March 28th. The Borough is working with State and Federal agencies regarding Allerman Brook. The Borough will be going out to bid on the River Restoration project.

Councilman Kulmala: He thanked Kevin Heffernan, Mike Guadagnino, Tom Connolly and Ed Clark for their work on Station Park. This will be the catalyst to revitalizing the downtown. A study was done by the Planner and it will be presented to the public. The Public Safety Committee met with the Fire Chief. The new truck is on the assembly line now. We discussed auction of the old truck. They met with the First Aid Captain and the First Aid Squad has 3 or 4 members joining. The Police Department had 240 motor vehicle stops and issued 330 summonses in February. There were two car burglaries where the key fob was left in the vehicle. The Police Department reminds residents to take the key fobs and lock their vehicles. The Patriots Way Bridge is safe for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The current cost to replace would be \$ 5.66 million and the next inspection is set for June. Councilman Kulmala attended Congressman Gottheimer's monthly call. He heard Ridgewood received \$2.5 million to deal with PFAS but there was nothing for Oakland and nothing for the bridge. Mr. Kunze responded that

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we were told that all the community projects were left in the bill but all the transportation projects were negotiated out.

Councilman Pignatelli: He couldn't make the Planning Board meeting due to a conflict. Regarding the issue of appeal of Zoning Board decisions, he agreed with both sides of the issue. He stated an appeal to the Governing Body has only happened once in the 15 years since he has been on the Council. The Board of Health met March 15th. A septic installer asked them to appeal their policy. The Environmental Commission will host the town clean up on April 30th. Hazardous Waste Disposal will take place at Campgaw on May 14th, July 16th and September 10th.

MOTION TO EXTEND MEETING:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Van Eck, the meeting be extended for 15 minutes.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Councilman Talamini: The Public Events will host the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th at 10 am in front of the Library.

Councilman Slasinski: A preconstruction meeting was held March 17th for the sewer plant decommissioning project. The contractor is checking the availability of materials. All work for the Skyview lining project will be completed in the next few weeks. Boswell will submit a permit application next week for the PFAS project. The water main work will be completed in the next few weeks. The Water Department employees will start leak detection and inspection of the system on May 1st. The Library of Things is now live. The Library has added more museum passes and will be holding a 3D printing class. The Library will be hosting the Ramapo Valley Chamber Ensemble on April 10th.

Councilman Saliani: He thanked Tom Connolly for the update on Station Park. He thanked Ed Clark and the Shade Tree Commission for all the work they have done on the ordinance. Residents should report potholes to the DPW. Yard Waste collection begins April 11th. The Borough will hold its shredding event on May 14th.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Van Eck, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, this portion of the meeting be opened for public comment.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Vivian King, 113 Hiawatha Blvd, asked where the money comes from for OCC and its programming. She asked if political programming was allowed and if there are rules. Mr. Kunze responded they do have a budget which is paid for by franchise fee revenue. There are rules regarding political programming and rules on how to air programs in their bylaws. Mr. Chewcaskie advised the channel is a public access channel so it is open to submission of all materials subject to FCC regulation. Ms. King asked about not allowing certain religious programs and stated she wants to ensure all programming is aired.

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Sandra Coira, 162 Page Drive, supports getting additional quotes for the tennis courts. She stated that Environmental Commission, Shade Tree Commission and Green Team all do separate things and are not redundant. Those volunteers put in countless hours and do phenomenal work. It is disrespectful to the volunteers to bicker about the Green Team's request for a budget. The Green Team looks to save the town money and the work they do is invaluable. She thinks the Council should support the Green Team and all the volunteers.

Resident from Manito Ave asked if the Green Team has cost the taxpayers money. Mayor Schwager advised that we will compile information and announce at the next meeting.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Van Eck, this portion of the meeting be closed to public comment.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilman Van Eck, 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: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Van Eck, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the meeting be adjourned at 10:18w'''''' pm.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Lisa M. Duncan

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
April 13, 2022

Date Approved

Linda H. Schwager

Mayor Linda H. Schwager