

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
WEDNESDAY MAY 25, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:01 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. Absent: None. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Nylema Nabbie, Borough Attorney; John Yakimik, Borough Engineer.

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.

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager spoke about the tragedy in Texas. Oakland has been doing its best for security with the Police and the schools. There were some difficulties with the Borough's shredding event. The next one will run better. Mayor Schwager thanked Mame Schwarzfischer for organizing the Memorial Day Parade for Sunday at 1 pm. On June 3, there will be Coffee with a Cop from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> will be the Fever Pitch parade from 9 am to 12 noon. Bergen County will hold its 24<sup>th</sup> Homeowners Fair on June 11<sup>th</sup> with a raindate of June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Carnival will be held June 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. The Carnival will open one hour early on Saturday for those with special needs. She thanked the Access for All Committee. A Borough-wide tree inventory will be taking place.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

# APPOINTMENT OF FIREFIGHTER

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to Thomas Chojnacki.

## CERTIFICATES FOR LOUIS BAY SCHOLARSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

Mayor Schwager advised that the NJ State League of Municipalities sponsored a scholarship program. Mayor Schwager presented certificates to the students from Oakland that submitted an essay. One student, Angela Marcucilli, was a State finalist.

## RESOLUTION 22-157 FILL COUNCIL VACANCY

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

WHEREAS, Grant Van Eck resigned as a Council member on April 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2022 the Republican County Committee submitted the names of three nominees for a successor to fill Mr. Van Eck's vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland has considered the nominees and desire to make an appointment in accordance with N.J.S.A.40A:16-11;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that John McCann is hereby appointed Council person for the Borough of Oakland as successor to Grant Van Eck; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that John McCann shall serve on the Borough Council for the remainder of the unexpired term which expires December 31, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be provided to the Committee members and shall be kept on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

Assemblyman Robert Auth administered the Oath of Office to Councilman McCann. Assemblyman Auth presented a plaque to Councilman McCann's wife for her work in healthcare during Covid.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 9, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING

On motion of Councilman Saliani, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Special meeting of May 9, 2022 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski.  
Abstain, Councilmembers McCann, Talamini.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 11, 2022

On motion of Councilman Saliani, seconded by Councilman Slasinski, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of May 11, 2022 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.  
Abstain, Councilman McCann.



# APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MAY 11, 2022 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilman Saliani, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of May 11, 2022 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.  
Abstain, Councilman McCann.

## APPOINTMENTS:

### ACCESS FOR ALL:

Mayor Schwager appointed Doreen Ryan and Paul Mutterer to one-year terms on the Access for All Committee. The terms will expire December 31, 2022.

## RECREATION:

Mayor Schwager advised that Recreation Commissioner Brian Hagerman resigned. She appointed Steve Catalano to fill the unexpired term. The term will expire December 31, 2025.

## PUBLIC EVENTS COMMITTEE:

Mayor Schwager brought forth the nomination of Dan D'Elia for appointment to the Public Events Committee to an unexpired term.

### Motion to Consent:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the Council consented to the appointment of Dan D'Elia to the Public Events Committee. The term will expire December 31, 2023.

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

## APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1426:

On motion of Councilman Slasinski, seconded by Councilman Talamini, approval be granted to Raffle License RL1426 for the John Robert Walker Memorial First Aid Squad to hold an off-premise raffle for merchandise on September 5, 2022 at 285 Ramapo Valley Road.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, McCann, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.  
Abstain, Councilman Pignatelli.

## RESOLUTION 22-158 APPROVE BONDING FOR FUNDS FOR BLOCK 1901, LOT 14

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

WHEREAS, on July 8, 2015, pursuant to In re N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), the Borough of Oakland ("Oakland") filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint in the Bergen County Superior Court, Law Division, (the "Declaratory Judgment Action") seeking, among other things, a judicial declaration that its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan satisfies its "fair share" of the regional need for low and moderate income housing pursuant to the "Mt. Laurel doctrine"; and

WHEREAS, a Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement Agreement") by and among the Borough of Oakland and the Fair Share Housing Center was executed as of August 11, 2020, was the

subject of a fairness hearing held before Hon. Christine A. Farrington, J.S.C. on December 1, 2020 and was memorialized by an Order dated December 16, 2020 entered by Hon. Christine A. Farrington, J.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Settlement Agreement, the Borough agreed to develop, as a municipally-sponsored project, 10 units of age-restricted affordable housing on Block 1901, Lot 14 (the "Project") to be financed using funds contributed to the Borough's affordable housing trust fund by the developer of the Bi-County development located at Block 3001, Lots 1, 4, 15 and 18; and

WHEREAS, the Project is included in the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan endorsed by the Borough Council by Resolution No. 21-140 adopted on March 24, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement requires that the Borough adopt the necessary bonding for the Project to cover any shortfall whether due to inadequate funding or for any other reason.

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

1. The Borough Council does hereby agree that, in the event that there is insufficient funding available in the Borough's affordable housing trust fund and no funding source is found for the Project, the Borough Council authorizes the issuance of debt to fund any shortfall for the Project that may arise whether due to inadequate funding from other sources or for any other reason.

2. The Borough may repay the debt using funds from the Borough Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

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

#### RESOLUTION 22-159 AUTHORIZE REFUND TAXES-BLOCK 1501, LOT 2

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, 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 refund of taxes in the amount of \$ 1,266.37 for Block 1501, Lot 2; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has verified that the amount is due and that funds are available in Account Tax Refund 2-01-55-998-002;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize payment in the amount of \$ 1,266.37 for Block 1501, Lot 2 to David Maniaci, 195 Browertown Rd., Woodland Park, NJ.

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



# RESOLUTION 22-160 AUTHORIZE REFUND RECREATION FEES

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, 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 Recreation fees; 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:

Rogers Family, 199 Manito Ave, Oakland, NJ, amt. \$ 50 (Community Garden)

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

# RESOLUTION 22-161 CHAPTER 159 FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT

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. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has been awarded an NJDEP Fire Assistance Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of wild land fire equipment and wishes to amend its 2022 budget to include this amount as a revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:  
 Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written  
 Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and  
 Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:  
 Fire Assistance – Wild Land Equipment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$5,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:  
 (A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"  
 Public and Private Appropriations Offset by Revenues:

Fire Assistance – Wild Land Equipment  
Other Expenses - \$ 5,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

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

RESOLUTION 22-162 AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING-MINOR SUBDIVISION-BL. 4303, L 9  
On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland wishes to proceed with a minor subdivision for Block 4303, Lot 9; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is in need of engineering services for the project;  
and

WHEREAS, Neglia Group has submitted a proposal dated April 14, 2022 is not to exceed \$ 13,660 broken down as follows; and

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| 1. Boundary and Topographic Survey | \$ 5,610 |
| 2. Minor Subdivision Plan          | \$ 4,800 |
| 3. Corner Markers 6 @ \$250        | \$ 1,500 |
| 4. Reimbursable expenses           | \$ 1,750 |

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account # 2-01-20-110-044;

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

WHEREAS, the award of the contract is for a professional service for which no public bidding is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Neglia Group to perform the engineering services for the minor subdivision for Block 4303, Lot 9 at a cost not to exceed \$ 13,660; 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 Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 22-163 AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING-BOUNDARY SURVEY BL.3301, L 11  
On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland wishes to proceed with a Boundary Survey for Block 3301, Lot 11 and



WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is in need of engineering services for the project;  
and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has submitted a proposal dated April 4, 2022 and the cost is not to exceed \$ 5,250.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account # 2-01-20-110-044;

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

WHEREAS, the award of the contract is for a professional service for which no public bidding is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Boswell Engineering to perform the engineering services for the Boundary Survey for Block 3301, Lot 11 at a cost not to exceed \$ 5,250.00; 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 Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 22-164 AUTHORIZE ENGINEERING-GENERATOR SOONS FIELD  
On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland wishes to proceed with backup generator for the Soons Field Pumping Station; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is in need of engineering services for the project;  
and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has submitted a proposal dated April 21 2022 and the cost is not to exceed \$ 12,000 broken down as follows; and

Task 1 Preliminary Design	\$ 3,000
Task 2 Final Design Documents	\$ 4,000
Task 3 Construction Inspection	\$ 5,000

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account # C-06-01-001-003;

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

WHEREAS, the award of the contract is for a professional service for which no public bidding is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Boswell Engineering to perform the engineering services for the backup generator at Soons Field Pumping Station at a cost not to exceed \$ 12,000.00; 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 Kulmala, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.

#### RESOLUTION 22-165 APPOINT ACTING MUNICIPAL CLERK

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

WHEREAS, the position of Municipal Clerk will be vacant as of June 1, 2022 due to a retirement;

BE IT RESOLVED, that Michael Carelli be appointed as Acting Municipal Clerk for a one-year appointment effective June 1, 2022 at an annual salary of \$ 70,000, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A: 9-133.

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

#### RESOLUTION 22-166 APPROVE PROMOTION-C. OBERHEIM

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, 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 May 26, 2022:

Craig Oberheim, to Assistant DPW Superintendent, \$ 99,000

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

#### RESOLUTION 22-167 APPROVE PROMOTION-T. FARLEY

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, 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 May 26, 2022:

Terry Farley, from Supervisor, Class A to Supervisor, Class B, \$ 87,279

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



RESOLUTION 22-168 APPROVE PROMOTION-K. TIRSERIO

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, 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 May 26, 2022:

Kevin Tirserio, from Supervisor, Class A to Supervisor, Class B, \$ 87,279

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

RESOLUTION 22-169 APPROVE PROMOTION-V. DIES

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to promote Vincent Dies from his current title of IT Technician;

BE IT RESOLVED that Vincent Dies be appointed as IT Coordinator at an annual salary of \$ 90,000 effective May 26, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION 22-170 APPROVE PAY ADJUSTMENT-D. BENIGNO

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

WHEREAS, based on market conditions and job performance, the Mayor and Council have determined it in the best interest of the Borough of Oakland to award a salary adjustment to the Tax Collector, Debra Benigno;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that effective May 26, 2022, Debra Benigno's salary will be \$ 75,000.

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

RESOLUTION 22-171 RESOLUTION URGING OPRA REFORM

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

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA), N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq., enacted in 2002, has been in effect long enough to review the impact on Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is the position of the Bergen County League of Municipalities (BCLOM), which represents all 70 municipalities in Bergen County, that OPRA can and must be improved upon to make it less onerous on municipalities and protect the safety and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, municipal staff and budgets are increasingly utilized to accommodate the requestors and commercial entities who bombard municipalities with public records requests to the extent that in some instances, additional personnel are hired primarily to handle such requests; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are already required by state law to post and provide certain information and documentation on their municipal websites, including but not limited to, annual budgets, annual financial statements, annual audits, public meeting notices and meeting minutes; and

WHEREAS, under existing law, OPRA fees are woefully inadequate for the amount of time and effort needed to search for documents; it takes valuable time away from staff — not only in the Clerk's office — but also among other departments that may be involved in the same request; and

WHEREAS, OPRA has become broadly construed in favor of access and the requestor and, a requestor who prevails in any proceeding in appealing a denial of access is permitted to collect exorbitant attorney's fees; conversely, however, the resources and guidance available to record custodians and municipal counsel tasked with responding to such requests has narrowed drastically in the ever-changing OPRA arena, muddled by subsequent, voluminous and often-conflicting court decisions that contradict the original intent of the law and will continue to do so in the absence of necessary legislative reform; and

WHEREAS, OPRA law allows outside businesses, and activist groups to utilize municipal time and services for marketing leads or private commercial gain, and for litigants to use OPRA as a method of discovery; and

WHEREAS, a clear distinction needs to be made between individual and commercial and discovery requests; and

WHEREAS, serious concerns about breaches or misuse of personal information exist along with the potential for OPRA to be exploited and abused by requestors, as a threat, harassment, or retaliatory measure to bury local governments in hundreds of requests, not necessarily because the requested records are of any particular interest, but merely because they can and have been emboldened by the courts to do so, to the significant detriment of all other municipal business; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, OPRA must be reformed to enable municipalities, their respective record custodians and legal counsels to protect the safety and welfare of the general public;

WHEREAS, over the years, court decisions have chipped away at the reasonable expectation of privacy provision of the law, thus allowing the law to be molded and wielded as a tool that severs any sensible balance of transparency, and instead, now perpetuates rampant and dangerous degrees of for-profit data-mining, unsolicited marketing and uncontrolled publications of records on internet search engines specifically designed to circumvent and bypass what few protective measures currently exist under OPRA, and all while allowing the requestor to remain cloaked in anonymity, should they choose to exercise that option; and



WHEREAS, the pandemic has resulted in a startling and exponential rise in fraud and identity theft, crimes that were already notoriously difficult to investigate, track and prosecute; OPRA, left unchecked and unreformed, continues to add fuel to this already dangerous fire; and

WHEREAS, in a most reprehensible instance in the midst of the pandemic, the unthinkable happened when the young son of a U.S. District Court Judge was senselessly killed by an individual who had managed to compile a dossier of personal information about the Judge including a home address, ushering in the passage of Daniel's Law; and

WHEREAS, while this law as intentioned provides for necessary strides and long overdue amendments to OPRA, the scope of protection provided is critically deficient, the implementation creates challenges for custodians and municipal officials that remain unaddressed by law, with limited channels for guidance, while the vast remainder of the Open Public Records Act continues to be left recklessly unreformed, potentially leaving any officials not covered under Daniel's Law or even, the general public at-large exposed to the whim of any nefarious OPRA requestor lurking in the shadows of those demanding transparency at any cost;

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill No. 4894, introduced January 17, 2019, calling for the creation of a study commission to review OPRA, to-date, has been left negligently stagnant and, to-date the legislative approach to addressing the dangers of OPRA have been fragmented, haphazard and contradictory at best, leading to a dire need for streamlined overhaul and reform, which, at a minimum should include the following:

- Immediate creation of a study commission on OPRA.
- Uniformity under the law: municipalities shall not be subject to any provision under OPRA that the legislature or other state agencies are, by contrast, exempt from.
- Provide a universal platform for clear and concise guidance for records custodians. Such guidance should be in place prior to any laws that impact OPRA going into effect.
- Require that official OPRA Request forms be used in order to be considered valid, including certifications by the requestor of (1) non-conviction of an indictable offense and (2) that information obtained will not be used for profit, solicitation, marketing or commercial gain, or published as part of a separate internet database or search engine.
- Prohibit OPRA requestors from remaining anonymous.
- Require that requestors provide a State of New Jersey address in order to be valid (OPRA should not apply to out-of-state requests).
- Prohibit requests for commercial purposes.
- Exempt email addresses (also serves as a deterrent to spoofing, phishing and other cyber scams and crimes).
- Exempt information maintained for emergency notification purposes.
- Exempt any information related to minor individuals, disabled persons and senior citizens as well as classes of citizens who are vulnerable to exploitation of their information.
- Exempt personal identifying information from Motor Vehicle Accident Reports, including driver's license numbers, dates of birth (DOBs), home addresses, VINs and registration/plate numbers, unless the requestor is a subject of the record, or their designated legal or insurance representative.
- Exempt pet license information to a need-to-know basis only (health department, police department, veterinarian of record, hospital, bite victim) to deter rising pet thefts and potential for targeted thefts of non-large-breed dog owners.

- Reaffirm exemption of unlisted telephone numbers, including personal cell phones.
- Exempt property owner names, CAMA Data and reaffirm the exemption of property record cards.
- Protections afforded under Daniel's Law should be afforded to all government officials, employees, volunteers and members of the general public as the threats from the disclosure of personal information is not unique to those rightfully protected under Daniel's Law.
- Provide a carve out for fee-shifting where a municipality in good faith and without clear guidance through Statute or case law denies a request or redacts information which could reasonably be interpreted as not subject to disclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland finds it imperative that the New Jersey Senate and Assembly review and reform the New Jersey Open Public Records Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution are sent to all New Jersey State Legislators, the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the New Jersey Municipal Clerks' Association, the Bergen County Municipal Clerks' Association, the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police and the Bergen County Police Chiefs' Association.

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

RESOLUTION 22-172 AMEND RESOLUTION 22-08 ANIMAL CONTROL ACCOUNT  
On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-08, which was adopted January 12, 2022, designated Lisa M. Duncan as custodian of the Animal Control Account; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Duncan is retiring and Michael Carelli will be the Acting Municipal Clerk effective June 1, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution 22-08 be amended to name Michael Carelli as custodian of the Animal Control Account effective June 1, 2022.

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

RESOLUTION 22-173 AMEND RESOLUTION 22-09 ASSESSMENT SEARCH OFFICER  
On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Saliani, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-09, which was adopted January 12, 2022, designated Lisa M. Duncan as the Assessment Search Officer; and

WHEREAS, Lisa Duncan is retiring and Michael Carelli will be the Acting Municipal Clerk effective June 1, 2022;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution 22-09 be amended to name Michael Carelli as Assessment Search Officer effective June 1, 2022.

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

#### RESOLUTION 22-174 APPOINT COMPOST FACILITY OPERATOR

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

BE IT RESOLVED that George Conway be appointed as Compost Facility Operator at an annual stipend of \$ 9,000 effective May 26, 2022.

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

#### RESOLUTION 22-175 APPOINT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Carol Tyler and Kim Nangle of Tyco Animal Control be named as the Animal Control Officers for 2022 for the Borough of Oakland.

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

#### RESOLUTION 22-176 DETERMINE TERMS OF NJEIT NOTE

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

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Oakland (the "Local Unit"), in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, has determined that there exists a need within the Local Unit to acquire, construct, renovate or install a certain project which consists of the decommissioning and conversion of the Skyview-Hibrook, Chapel Hill and Oakwood Knolls sanitary sewer treatment plants to pumping stations and the construction of force mains to connect to the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority ("NBCUA") treatment system (the "Project"), and it is the desire of the Local Unit to obtain financing for such Project through participation in the environmental infrastructure financing program (the "Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program") of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the "I-Bank");

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit has determined to temporarily finance the acquisition, construction, renovation or installation of the Project prior to the closing with respect to the Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program, and to undertake such temporary financing with the proceeds of a short-term loan to be made by the I-Bank (the "Construction Loan") to the Local Unit, pursuant to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program of the I-Bank (the "Water Bank Construction Financing Program");

**WHEREAS**, in order to (i) evidence and secure the repayment obligation of the Local Unit to the I-Bank with respect to the Construction Loan and (ii) satisfy the requirements of the Water Bank Construction Financing Program, it is the desire of the Local Unit to issue and sell to the I-Bank its "Sewer Utility Note Relating to the Water Bank Construction Financing Program



of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank” in the principal amount of up to \$7,800,000 (the “Note”);

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Note to the I-Bank pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the “Local Bond Law”), and other applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 28 of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9 allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

**Section 1.** In accordance with Section 28 of the Local Bond Law and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9, the Local Unit hereby authorizes the issuance, sale and award of the Note in accordance with the provisions hereof. The obligation represented by the Note has been appropriated and authorized by bond ordinances of the Local Unit, finally adopted on November 7, 2018, December 9, 2020 and February 9, 2022, respectively and respectively entitled: “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEERING PHASES OF THE DECOMMISSIONING AND CONVERSION OF VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS TO PUMP STATIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FORCE MAINS TO CONNECT TO THE NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY TREATMENT SYSTEM IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS”, “BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE DECOMMISSIONING AND CONVERSION OF VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS TO PUMP STATIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FORCE MAINS TO CONNECT TO THE NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY TREATMENT SYSTEM IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS” and “BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$2,000,000 FOR THE DECOMMISSIONING AND CONVERSION OF VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS TO PUMP STATIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FORCE MAINS TO CONNECT TO THE NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY TREATMENT SYSTEM IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS”, at which times quorums were present and acted throughout, all pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.



**Section 2.** The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit (the "Chief Financial Officer") is hereby authorized to determine, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof, (i) the final principal amount of the Note (subject to the maximum limitation set forth in Section 4(a) hereof), and (ii) the dated date of the Note.

**Section 3.** Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Note by the parties authorized pursuant to Section 4(h) hereof.

**Section 4.** The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Note shall be as follows:

- (a) the principal amount of the Note to be issued shall be an amount up to \$7,800,000;
- (b) the maturity of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank, and the Note may be renewed from time to time as may be determined by the I-Bank;
- (c) the interest rate of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (d) the purchase price for the Note shall be par;
- (e) the Note shall be subject to prepayment prior to its stated maturity in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note;
- (f) the Note shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered "NJWB-CFP-22-1";
- (g) the Note shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owner thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and
- (h) the Note shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Local Unit Clerk.

**Section 5.** The Note shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**Section 6.** The law firm of Rogut McCarthy LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Note, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank for the Water Bank Construction Financing Program, to arrange for same.

**Section 7.** The Authorized Officers of the Local Unit are hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers or the Local Unit Clerk, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit and after further consultation with the I-Bank and its representatives, agents, counsel and advisors, to be executed in connection the issuance and sale of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Water Bank Construction Financing Program, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Water Bank Construction Financing Program.

**Section 8.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 9.** Upon the adoption hereof, the Local Unit Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Rogut McCarthy LLC, bond counsel to the Local Unit, David Zimmer, Executive Director of the I-Bank, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-177 HIRE CAMP STAFF**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the hiring of Summer Camp staff at their respective rates as per the attached list effective Monday June 27, 2022.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-178 ADJUST COMPENSATION-ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR**

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

WHEREAS, Michael Carelli who holds the title Assistant to the Administrator will become Acting Municipal Clerk effective June 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carelli will still perform the duties of Assistant to the Administrator and will still hold that title;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Carelli's compensation for the title of Assistant to the Administrator shall be paid an annual stipend of \$ 7,000.

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

**RESOLUTION 22-179 AMEND RESOLUTION 22-156 DPW SUMMER HELP**

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

WHEREAS, Resolution 22-156 to Hire Seasonal Laborers for the Department of Public Works was adopted on May 11, 2022 with the incorrect salary amount and must be amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the hiring of the following seasonal laborer for the Department of Public Works:

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
Thomas Bolognini	May 16, 2022	\$ 15.00/hour
William Kilpatrick	May 16, 2022	\$ 15.00/hour
Michael Kilpatrick	May 16, 2022	\$ 15.00/hour
James Hickey	May 16, 2022	\$ 15.00/hour



ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.  
Abstain, Councilman McCann.

# RESOLUTION 22-180 HIRE PART-TIME FIRE INSPECTOR

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a part-time Fire Inspector for the Construction Office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council that Thomas Martin be hired as part-time Fire Inspector at an hourly rate of \$ 25 per hour effective May 26, 2022.

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

# INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 22-CAPITAL 885 2022 CAPITAL PURCHASE

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 22-Capital-885 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 22-Capital-885 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 \$4,765,250 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH - \$1,470,153, FROM THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND BALANCE - \$400,000 AND FROM VARIOUS GRANTS - \$2,895,097"

On motion of Councilman Slasinski, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, 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 \$4,765,250 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Capital Improvement Fund Of The Borough - \$1,470,153, From The General Capital Fund Balance - \$400,000 And From Various Grants - \$2,895,097, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on June 8, 2022 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:00 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before May 30, 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, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 22-CAPITAL-886 2022 WATER CAPITAL

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 22-Capital-886 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 22-Capital-886 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 \$690,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE WATER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH – \$577,000 AND FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT GRANTS - \$113,000"

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, 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 \$690,000 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Water Utility Capital Improvement Fund Of The Borough – \$577,000 And From Various Government Grants - \$113,000, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on June 8, 2022 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:00 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before May 30, 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, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 22-CODE-887 AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 22-Code-887 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 22-Code-887 entitled: " AN ORDINANCE REVISING, AMENDING AND REENACTING PARAGRAPH 1,3, 4 and 8 OF ORDINANCE NO-21-CODE-861 TITLED "THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENTITLED "SALARIES OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES"

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



BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Revising, Amending And Reenacting Paragraph 1,3, 4 And 8 Of Ordinance No. 21-Code-861 Titled "The Code Of The Borough Of Oakland, County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, Entitled "Salaries Of Municipal Employees", be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on June 8, 2022 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:00 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before May 30, 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, McCann, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini.

#### WORK SESSION:

##### RIVER ROAD STOP SIGN:

Borough Engineer John Yakimik advised that the stop sign at River Road must be certified by the Engineer. He believes the stop sign is warranted there so he will prepare the certification. The code must also be amended. Councilman Talamini questioned if there are other stop signs that need to be certified. Mr. Yakimik does not know at this time.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Kulmala stated a meeting was held with the Planner and Engineer to review the downtown plan. Our Master Plan does not have any architectural guidelines. He wants to do a resolution to suggest the Planning Board create a subcommittee to come up with guidelines. Mayor Schwager stated that the Community of Commerce needs to have input.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Saliani stated he was approached by several people about the new traffic patterns being discussed on Route 202. He asked if this can be revisited at a future meeting. Mr. Yakimik advised that he had discussion with the County this morning. There is going to be a temporary trial to prohibit the left turn on Yawpo Avenue. People can make a left turn at Maple or Oak Street. The County advised what they want to see from this study. The goal is to get this in place before school ends. Councilman Pignatelli asked how long the trial would be. Mr. Yakimik stated the best hope is for a week before school ends.

Mayor Schwager advised that she has spoken to the Fire Department about their concerns. Councilman Pignatelli stated there is a concern from the businesses in that shopping center. Councilman Saliani advised he was also approached by some of the business owners. Councilman Kulmala has also heard from business owners. He stated this is going to be disruptive so this really has to be announced to the residents. Mr. Yakimik stated that the County suggested posting on the website well in advance. The County also has a sign that can be used. Councilman Pignatelli stated that the electric sign is important to get the word out.

Councilman Saliani asked if this can actually be done before school ends in a few weeks. He would rather not rush the trial. Mr. Yakimik stated if the timeline does not work, the trial will have to be done in the fall. The County has put off paving Ramapo Valley Road until next year. Mr. Yakimik advised that construction will begin in a few weeks to put a force main downtown. He stated that might be a reason to push this trial to the fall. Councilman Talamini stated that the



schools should be contacted and send messages out as well when the trial is set to take place. Councilman Pignatelli stated that the traffic officer should speak to the business owners. Mr. Kunze stated that pushing this to the fall would allow the Borough to distribute information.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman McCann: He thanked the Mayor and Council for the privilege to serve the community. He served his old community for nine years and it requires a lot of work and dedication. He thanked Assemblyman Auth for acknowledging his wife and healthcare workers.

Councilman Kulmala: The Recreation Commission met Monday. The deadline to sign up for summer camp is June 10<sup>th</sup>. Two pickleball courts will be available in a couple of weeks. Football, soccer and cheer signups are ongoing. Fever Pitch will be held June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Green Team met yesterday. The June 4<sup>th</sup> Styrofoam drive is postponed to the fall. The FLOW Green Team film festival will feature an EV car show. The Oakland Arts festival will be held June 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> at Vets Park. The Green Team and Environmental Commission will give out bags at the carnival June 15<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>. The Green Team has submitted 480 points for silver certification. The Police will hold Coffee with a Cop on June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2:30 to 4:30 pm at Columbia Bank. There were four car burglaries in various park facilities. The valuables were in view. The Police Department reminds residents to lock cars and put valuables away. The Fire Department took delivery of the new ladder truck this week.

Councilman Pignatelli: The Board of Health and Environmental Commission met last Tuesday. The Board of Health discussed temporary CCO's. Mr. Kunze brought the parties together to come to a consensus. The Environmental Commission discussed the GIS program. They had a successful Team Up to Clean Up event. Councilman Pignatelli advised that Memorial Day is to honor those who gave their lives in various wars. The Planning Board discussed the Master Plan and the need to review it. They discussed the units on the Fanale tract. That development is not subject to the new Shade Tree ordinance. The Senior Citizen Club will meet tomorrow at 12 pm.

Councilman Talamini: He stated that thoughts and prayers are with the families in Texas. Dr. Coffaro thanked the Police Department for all the help they have given the schools the last few years and for today. The Memorial Day Parade will be held Sunday at 1 pm. He thanked Mame Schwarzfischer for spearheading this project. Fever Pitch will be held June 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a great event. The Carnival will be held June 15 to 18<sup>th</sup>. The hours will be 6 to 10 pm on Wednesday and Thursday, 6 to 11 pm on Friday and 5 to 11 pm on Saturday. The carnival will open one hour early on Saturday for those with special needs. Wristbands are available and will be \$ 30 for Wednesday and Thursday and \$ 35 for Friday and Saturday.

Councilman Slasinski: The materials for the Decommissioning project are being kept at the temporary storage yard on Lakeside Blvd. The work is scheduled to begin on or about June 13<sup>th</sup> at the railroad crossing. The NJDEP is currently reviewing the permit submission for the PFAS project. He spoke about various programs at the Library in June.

Councilman Saliani: He reminded the public to report potholes to the Department of Public Works. The Shade Tree Commission will meet on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Bush Plaza Committee is making good progress. He is sad to see Brian Hagerman leave the Recreation Commission but has worked with Steve Catalano who is a great person.

Councilman Kulmala stated that the Patriots Way Bridge remains safe for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. The detailed inspection will take place next month. The Borough has applied for funding. The current cost to replace the bridge is \$ 7 million.



OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

Mike Guadagnino, 34 Hopper Street, advised that Matt Goodrich and the DPW do a great job with the shredding event. It is a free event for residents and therefore can get a little hectic. The Fever Pitch parade will be held June 4<sup>th</sup>. He spoke about the tennis courts and pickleball courts. He thanked Borough Clerk Lisa Duncan for her service.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

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: Yeas, Councilmembers Kulmala, Pignatelli, Saliani, Slasinski, Talamini. Abstain, Councilman McCann.

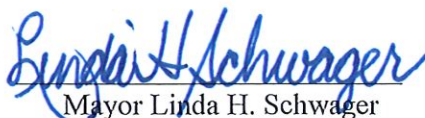
The Mayor and Council presented Borough Clerk with a certificate and crystal plaque for her retirement. She served as Borough Clerk for 21 years and was with the Borough for 32 years. The Council members and Mr. Kunze voiced their well wishes. Former Fire Chief Robert Knapp presented Ms. Duncan with a plaque from the Fire Department and Chief Dies.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

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

  
Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

  
Mayor Linda H. Schwager

June 8, 2022  
Date Approved