

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY MARCH 28, 2018

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Levy, 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, Negotiations, Personnel
3. The Mayor and Council shall release and disclose to the general public the discussion and actions taken on the subject matter of the above mentioned closed session once the Mayor and Council has arrived at a final decision on the specified subject matter.

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

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Levy, the Executive Session be closed.

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

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

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini. Absent: None. Also Present: Kathlyn Gurney, Deputy Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney and John Yakimik, Borough Engineer.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Schwager announced this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law duly announced and included in the schedule of regular meetings.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager acknowledged the upcoming holidays and wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover. She thanked Chopper Russo, Councilman Talamini and members of Public Events for their participation in a successful Easter Egg Hunt held last Saturday.

Mayor Schwager announced upcoming events in April:

April 4, Seniors in Place Luncheon at 12pm.
April 5, AARP Driver Safety Class at 11am to 4pm.
April 5th – 29th, Annual Art Show Exhibit displayed at the Library. Reception held on Saturday, April 14th 1pm to 4pm.
April 6th – Rutgers Safety Course offered free for residents, \$40 for non-residents.
April 24th – Celebrations for Josefine Berkowicz 103 birthday and Angelo Chiusano being selected as the Goodwill Ambassador.

Mayor Schwager reminded the public that there is a drop-off box at the Police station for the disposal of prescription drugs and that eligible NJ residents will receive new Medicare cards in June 2018. She reported that Spring Clean Up will begin the first week of April and instructed residents to begin collecting limbs and branches downed by the storm and the town will haul away piles no bigger than 4-feet in length and 4-inches in diameter.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

A resident from 94 Andrew Avenue informed Council that he has contacted the town about a hazardous situation on his property where he has lost 10-feet of his property due to erosion. He is unable to erect a fence in that location and fears for his children's safety. He

requested support from the town. It was determined that Mr. Yakimik from Boswell Engineering will meet with the resident after the meeting to discuss options and set up a meeting with Mr. Kunze and Anthony Marcucilli, Superintendent.

Chopper Russo informed Council of Public Events schedule for the next few months:

Memorial Day Parade, Sunday, May 27th

Carnival, June 13th – 16th and Fireworks Friday, June 15th

Ladies Auxiliary Break, Sunday, April 8th

Town Clean Up, Saturday, April 21st

Father's Club, May 4th, 5th and 29th

Town Wide Garage Sale, May 5th

Mr. Russo expressed the need for volunteers and that anyone interested can contact him.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 14, 2018

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of March 14, 2018 be approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 14, 2018 EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of March 14, 2018 be approved.

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

PRESENTATION ON BENEFITS OF CHICKENS AND AMENDING THE ORDINANCE:

Mayor Schwager explained that she and Ms. Abigail Andro met at Borough Hall to discuss her interest in having the current zoning ordinance changed requiring that residents have one acre of property to house chickens. She invited Ms. Andro to attend the next Council meeting and give a presentation on the benefits of changing the ordinance.

Ms. Andro informed Mayor and Council that she is third grader, a member of student council and a girl scout interested in having the current ordinance changed to reduce the lot size requirement to house chickens from one acre to a half acre. She began her research on chickens when her sister became ill with lyme disease and her parents were looking for non-toxic ways to rid ticks from their yard. They decided to acquire some chickens, because they eat a wide variety of insects along with their regular diet. Currently, the Andros have 14 chickens and no roosters. Her mother, Dana Andro, found out about the lot requirements when visiting the Building Department for permits to improve their chicken coups. Mayor Schwager read the current ordinance.

The benefits of owning chickens has taught Ms. Andro a sense of responsibility since she feeds them, cleans their pen and collect their eggs. There are also sustainable benefits which include fertilization for yard plants.

During her research, she collected ordinances from other towns that allow chickens. A discussion ensued concerning towns that have adjusted their ordinance to allow chickens, the specific requirements, standards and setbacks concerning chicken coups. Mayor Schwager explained that the zoning officer will be notified that no further action will be taken until Council has had an opportunity to review their ordinance. Mr. Chewcaskie would review some of the ordinances from the surrounding towns and have something drafted by the next meeting.

Mayor Schwager invited Ms. Andro to become a member of the Green Team.

PRESENTATION ON OPPOSING DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NEW REGULATIONS CONCERNING BEEKEEPING:

Residents of 61 Yawpo Avenue and Mr. John Matarese of Franklin Lakes expressed their concerns with new regulations, drafted for adoption by the Department of Agriculture, on Beekeeping. Mr. Matarese explained that the draft adopted by the assembled Delegates at the 2016 and 2017 State Agriculture Convention, is inconsistent with the direction given by the State Board of Agriculture.

The draft contains a misunderstanding of beekeeping practices, bee behavior and bee biology and reflects a poor understanding of municipal land use planning and regulations in New Jersey. Mr. Matarese went into detail on some of the new regulations which he referred to as “drastic and unnecessary” concerning barriers imposed upon hobbyist and small commercial beekeepers.

Ms. Carol Peterson, 95 Seminole Avenue, informed Council that she is a beekeeper and has a hive on her property. She explained that honey bees are not aggressive bees and that they are responsible for the pollination of 70 to 80 percent of the food we eat. The new law could be a detriment of the future of beekeeping and honey bees.

A discussion ensued concerning their recommendation for support. Incentive programs involving bees were discussed by Mr. Matarese and he requested that the Council form a committee and adopt a resolution opposing the new draft regulations imposed by the Department of Agriculture. Councilman Biale and Councilman Pignatelli were chosen.

APPOINTMENT TO GREEN TEAM:

Mayor Schwager appointed Thomas Chopper Russo to the Green Team for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2018.

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1327

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Knapp, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1327 for Heights School PTO to hold an off-premise 50/50 raffle on May 18, 2018 at Holiday Bowl, 29 Spruce Street.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1328

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Levy, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1328 for Indian Hills PTSO to hold an on premise 50/50 raffle on April 26, 2018 at Indian Hills High School, 97 Yawpo Avenue.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1329

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Levy, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1329 for Indian Hills PTSO to hold an on –premise raffle for merchandise on April 26, 2018 at Indian Hills High School, 97 Yawpo Avenue.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1330

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Levy, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1330 for Mother's Club of Oakland to hold an on premise 50/50 raffle on June 1, 2018 at the American Legion, 65 Oak Street.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1331

On motion of Councilman Levy, seconded by Councilman Knapp, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1331 for Mother's Club of Oakland to hold an on premise raffle for merchandise on June 1, 2018 at the American Legion, 65 Oak Street.

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

RESOLUTION 18-175 HIRE LABORER-RYAN LaCAST

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough does hereby hire Ryan LaCast as a laborer in the Department of Public Works effective Monday April 2, 2018 at an annual salary of \$ 35,603.

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

RESOLUTION 18-176 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUND

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Biale, 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 T-Ball Registration Fee in the amount of \$62.00; and

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

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

Melanie Silletti, 195 Franklin Ave., Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$62.00

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

RESOLUTION 18-177 AUTHORIZE GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of approximately \$ 3,000.00 to fund the following project: NJFS Urban and Community Forestry Program Green Communities Grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that Borough Administrator Richard S. Kunze is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b) if awarded, to execute a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$ 0 and not more than \$ 3,000.00, and (c) to execute any amendments thereto which do not increase the Grantee's obligations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorizes and hereby agrees to match 50% of the Total Project Amount, in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement. The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified. 100% 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 Borough 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 Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-178 AUTHORIZE VALUE RESEARCH FOR APPRAISALS FOR TAX APPEALS

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

WHEREAS, the Borough must prepare trial ready appraisals for three pending tax appeal cases; and

WHEREAS, Value Research Group has submitted a proposal for the appraisal services in the amount of \$ 21,000 broken down as follows:

100 Bauer Drive	Block 3402, Lot 2	\$ 9,000
M&T/Hudson City Bank	Block 1708, Lot 4	\$ 6,000
Wright Way, LLC	Block 3301, Lot 7	\$ 6,000

WHEREAS, the Borough has deemed that Value Research Group is qualified to provide appraisal services for the Borough in defense of these matters and the retention of Value Research Group is in the best interests of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #8-01-55-904-001; and

WHEREAS, the services to be provided by Value Research Group are a professional service which does not require public bidding; and

WHEREAS, Value Research Group has submitted paperwork to comply with the Borough's Pay-to-Play requirements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that Value Research Group is authorized to provide the appraisal services in connection with the above-mentioned tax appeals in an amount not to exceed \$ 21,000; and

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

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

RESOLUTION 18-179 AUTHORIZE AUCTION OF BICYCLES

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland as follows:

1. The sale of the surplus property shall be conducted online using Municibid (www.municibid.com) pursuant to New Jersey Local Finance Notice 2008-9. Terms

of the agreement are available on the vendor's website and available in the Borough Clerk's Office.

2. The surplus property to be sold is as follows:

See attached list

3. The surplus property as identified shall be sold in 'as is' condition without express or implied warranties.
4. The successful bidder will be required to pay in cash or certified check made out to the Borough of Oakland at the time of pickup of the items. The Borough will not deliver the items to the successful bidder.
5. The items are to be transferred and taken off the site within 10 business days after approval of the sale by the Governing Body.

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

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 18-CODE-768

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 18-Code-768 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 18-Code-768 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 Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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 11, 2018 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 2, 2018 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 Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini.

BUDGET:

Appropriations:

Mr. Kunze discussed that the Total Current Fund Appropriations are proposed at \$19,880.93, a decrease of \$1,845,406.65. Other significant appropriation changes were Solid Waste Collection increasing by \$135,000 and Pension obligations increasing by \$104,883. The health benefit budget is decreasing by \$50,000.

Overall funding for salaries and wages in the current fund are projected to increase by 2.7% and money is included to hire two additional employees mid-year and to make a part time position into a full time position. This budget is \$1.1million under the appropriation cap limit.

Revenues:**Non Tax**

Anticipated revenue from the Court would increase by \$16,500 and we propose to double the amount of anticipated from investment income to \$40,000. Recycling revenue is up by \$52,000 as a result of the change to dual stream collection.

Surplus

Surplus utilization is compliant with our surplus policy and would increase from \$1,198,000 to \$1,900,000. The most significant element is that surplus used to support general operations is up by \$352,000.

Tax Impact

As a result of this increased surplus usage, there will be no tax increase this year. In fact, there will be a tax decrease of \$85. It should be noted that the Library Tax Levy is separated from the rest of the municipal levy and is determined by a state formula. The levy is increasing by \$25,789 (32%).

This budget is below the tax levy cap limit by \$295,000.

Capital Bank Introduction**RESOLUTION 18-180 READ BY TITLE**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, 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 CY2018 municipal budget shall be read by title only.

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

RESOLUTION 18-181 INTRODUCTION OF BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, 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 2018

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2018.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said budget be published in The Bergen Record in the issue of April 4, 2018.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland does hereby approve the following budget for the year 2018.

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 28, 2018.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at Council Chambers, on April 25, 2018 at 7:30 o'clock pm at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

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

RESOLUTION 18-183 CERTIFY COMPLIANCE WITH E.E.O.C. REGULATIONS

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance.

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

WORK SESSION:

BOSWELL PROPOSAL-2018 ROAD PROGRAM:

Mr. Kunze advised that Boswell Engineering submitted a proposal for engineering services for the 2018 Road Program. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CDBG PROGRAM:

Mr. Kunze explained that the President has proposed eliminating the CDBG funding program. This program has helped municipalities in Bergen County to provide funding for various improvements. The Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders has asked the municipalities in Bergen County to pass a resolution in support of the CDBG program because of the impact these grants have had on improving the quality of life in Bergen County.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini reported that an email was sent to the state by the Superintendent with regard to changing the date of school board elections and he is still waiting a response. He reminded the public get out and vote April 17th for the school board election. He thanked the volunteers and Chopper Russo with Public Events for a great job organizing the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. He thanked Recreation for the completion of a successful basketball season.

Councilman Kulmala updated the public that funding has been authorized and meetings will begin with regard to the Patriots Way Bridge. He announced that the Library will be closed April 3rd, 4th and 5th due to the renovation. He shared pictures of the Library improvements. He reminded the public if people are interested in coaching, the Rutgers Class for Coaching is being offered at the Senior Center and stressed the need for volunteers.

Councilman Biale reported that the Senior Art Exhibit will be held April 5th through the 29th with a reception to be held April 14th from 1pm to 4pm. Storm related pickup should be wrapping up and spring cleanup begins April 2nd. Remember that collected brush and branches cannot exceed 4-feet in height and 4-inches in diameter. The LED street light plan is almost complete. There will be new fixtures added to Manito, Pawnee and Minnehaha. A meeting has been scheduled with Margaret Hickey to discuss projects involving the Stream House and Van Allen House. The Pilgrim Pipeline group has hired more counsel to help lobby their cause and he will have more to report at the next meeting. At Ramapo College there will be a Food and Water Action educational forum March 29th.

Councilman Pignatelli reported that they addressed two violators at the last Board of Health meeting and next meeting will be held April 17th. There will be an Environmental meeting April 10th. Cleanup at Great Oak Park will be held Saturday, April 21st at 9am.

Councilman Levy reported that the Flood Commission will meet April 12th. Meetings concerning Station Park are making progress. Two different concepts have been presented and a presentation will be given to Mayor and Council. There was a meeting with Marlene Casey to discuss grant opportunities.

Councilman Knapp reported that he will be giving a monthly updates on each Public Safety agency. For the month of February Police had 155 calls of service, 448 motor vehicle stops, 6 statutory checks and 54 school checks. The First Aid Squad had 65 calls. The Fire Department had 29 calls of service and 3 drills. There was a storm debrief meeting to discuss the effects of the storm and how it was handled by Orange and Electric. NW Bergen Mayors Association will hold a conference with all local utility companies. No update on Municipal Alliance and the cleanup event at Great Oak Park will be held April 21st.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Biale, the following bills be submitted for payment:

(see following pages)

BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing bills be paid and charged to their respective accounts when the funds are available.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the meeting be adjourned at 9:32 pm.

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

Kathlyn Gurney, Deputy Borough Clerk

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

April 11, 2018

Date Approved