

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT MEETING  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 24, 2019

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, 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:

Mayor

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:  
Contract Negotiations-Flood Buyouts; 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.

No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, 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 7:30 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: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney.

STUDENT ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Trey Esak; Councilmembers Jasmine Azar, Benjamin Good, Jack Cooper, Krishan Patel, Giacomo Scalici, Vidath Diyabalanage.

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.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

There will be a Styrofoam Recycling collection on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>. The dates for Hazardous Waste collection will be held at Bergen Community College on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup> and at Campgaw in Mahwah on May 11<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Garden Club will hold a plant sale on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Regarding the bathrooms at the Rec Field, the ladies' bathroom at the Danny D'Elia building is ready to open. There are some minor issues with the mens' bathroom that need to be corrected before that can open. There will be a ceremony on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 am to dedicate the Oakland Post Office to former Postmaster Frank Leone. Mayor Schwager thanked Congressman Gottheimer for supporting the bill to dedicate the Post Office.

**OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, 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.

Don Sena, 47 Thackeray Road, commented that only 8 towns in Bergen County have a separate school election in April. He advised that the budget vote is not necessary as long as the budget is within the State guidelines. In 2019, the Board of Education budgeted \$25,000 for the election. In 2018, the Board of Education spent over \$ 21,000 for the school election. There were only 477 votes in the 2019 election and only 354 of those voted for the candidate. This Council has the ability to change the election to November. He hopes the Council will show fiscal responsibility and move the election.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

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

PROCLAMATION: ARBOR DAY

Student Councilman Jack Cooper read the following proclamation:

*WHEREAS, in 1872 J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and*

*WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and*

*WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and*

*WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife, and*

*WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products, and*

*WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and*

*WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal,*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda H. Schwager, Mayor of the Borough of Oakland, do hereby proclaim April 26, 2019 as*

**ARBOR DAY**

*In our community of Oakland, I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and*

*Further, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.*

PROCLAMATION: BERGEN COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION CENTENNIAL

Councilman Pignatelli read the following proclamation:

*WHEREAS, on March 15, 1919, The American Legion was founded in Paris, France, by United States World War I military personnel, members of the American Expeditionary Force, who convened for the first caucus; and*

*WHEREAS, a new organization named The American Legion eventually developed from this historic meeting, whose founders, led by Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt Jr., were dedicated to four pillars of care for veterans, a strong national defense, Americanism, and children and youth; and*

*WHEREAS, today The American Legion is the world's largest veterans' organization, with over two million members worldwide, and over 4,000 members belonging to 41 Posts in Bergen County; and*

*WHEREAS, the Bergen County American Legion organization recognizes 23 "Centennial Posts" that are celebrating their 100 years of service this year, having all been chartered in 1919; and*

*WHEREAS, those Posts are situated in the following municipalities: Bogota, Carlstadt, Cliffside Park, Closter, East Rutherford, Englewood, Fort Lee, Garfield, Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Hillsdale, Leonia, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Maywood, Oradell, Park Ridge, Ridgefield, Ridgefield Park, Ridgewood, Rutherford, Teaneck and Wood-Ridge; and*

*WHEREAS, The Bergen County American Legion Centennial Committee's mission is to bring recognition to the 23 American Legion Posts in Bergen County that were chartered in 1919, and to that end will hold a centennial gala on Sunday, September 29, 2019 at The Elan Catering & Events in Lodi, New Jersey; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the elected representatives and citizens of the Borough of Oakland are pleased to recognize The Bergen County American Legion for their Posts' collective myriad of contributions to the good and welfare of veterans, service members and the communities they serve, and wish its members every success in continuing the legacy of service into its next one hundred years.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the Borough of Oakland on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.*

Mayor Schwager thanked the Veterans and members of the American Legion in attendance this evening. She thanked them for their service.

**APPOINTMENT TO GREEN TEAM:**

Mayor Schwager appointed Gina Bajakian to the Green Team for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2019.

**APPROVE REQUEST TO WORK ON SATURDAY:**

The Valley Health office building at 43 Yawpo Avenue is asking for permission to have their parking lot paved and striped on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:**

On motion of Councilman Levy, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the Council gave approval to 43 Yawpo Avenue to have the parking lot paved and striped on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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

**RESOLUTION 19-138 AWARD BID-FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR**

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

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Oakland seeks to achieve cost avoidances and obtain discount pricing; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Township of Wyckoff, as the lead agency for the WOLF Cooperative Pricing System has requested Franklin Lakes and Oakland join in a procurement to aggregate fire equipment which each municipality intends to purchase in 2019 via advertised competitive sealed bidding to achieve discount pricing; and,

WHEREAS, the Township of Wyckoff is the Lead Agency for Cooperative Pricing System Number 176-WCGCPS-Wolf Group; and,

WHEREAS, this advertised competitive sealed bid procurement combines the purchasing volume for the WOLF Group and as such this procurement establishes unit prices for system members (Franklin Lakes, Oakland and Wyckoff) to utilize in 2019; and,

WHEREAS, a legal notice soliciting sealed competitive bids was published in the 3/1/19 issue of the Ridgewood News establishing a bid opening date of March 21, 2019 which exceeds the state mandated notice period by eleven (11) days; it was , posted on the Township of Wyckoff's web site at "Bids and Jobs" easily accessed from the home page, and specifications were provided free of charge to encourage competition; and,

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2019 at 11:00 am, the bids listed on the attached bid summary were received, opened, and their contents aloud; and

WHEREAS, as per N.J.A.C. 5:30-5-5(b)2, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds appropriated in the 2019 annual budget under the Fire Department-Other Expenses budget.

WHEREAS, items 1A through I of Section 1 of the bid specification are referenced and applicable to this award authorization for the Township of Wyckoff as lead agency and the Borough of Franklin Lakes and the Borough of Oakland as participating members of this Cooperative Pricing System Procurement who shall be issuing their own purchase orders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that they do hereby award a contract for the purchase of new never been used before Fire Fighter Turn Out pants and coats in accordance with the specification for:

1. Globe Firefighting Turn-Out Gear to NJ Fire Equipment Co., 119-131 Route 22 East, Green Brook, NJ 08812 for a not to exceed price in 2019 of \$2,353.66 for both coat and pants set.
2. Lion Firefighting Turn-Out Gear to Witmer Public Safety Group, 104 Independence Way, Coatesville, PA 19320 for a not to exceed price of \$2,520.00 for both coat and pants set.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fire Chief shall purchase the estimated fire equipment items at the awarded unit prices only and only those items required for the 2019 program. The Fire Chief shall meet periodically throughout the year with the Fire Chiefs of Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff to order common items, separately but at the same time for purchasing efficiencies, and to explore standardization of equipment to capture additional savings in future procurements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Municipal Clerk shall mail a certified copy of this resolution to the Franklin Lakes and Wyckoff Administrators for their use in performing their separate governing body authorizations and ordering based on the cooperative pricing system procurement.

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

**RESOLUTION 19-139 HIRE SEASONAL DPW EMPLOYEES**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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 the following seasonal laborer for the Department of Public Works:

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
Edward Lockowitz	June 3, 2019	\$ 12.00/hour
Bradley Hildebrandt	May 28, 2019	\$ 12.00/hour
Brian Morrisroe	May 20, 2019\	\$ 12.00/hour
Nickolais Filingeri	April 29, 2019	\$ 12.00/hour

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

**FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 19-CODE-782**

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.19-Code-782 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019 (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

**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.

No comments made.

**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.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank For Calendar Year 2019 (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14) , 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 Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 19-CODE-783

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.19-Code-783 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER IV, "GENERAL LICENSING", OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND SECTION 4-1 "SOLICITORS, CANVASSERS, PEDDLERS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS"

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, 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.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Biale, 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.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter IV, "General Licensing", Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Borough Of Oakland Section 4-1 "Solicitors, Canvassers, Peddlers And Transient Merchants", 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 Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 19-CODE-784

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 19-Code-784 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2-16 OF THE REVISED GENERAL

ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND ENTITLED "CABLE TV AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION" SECTION 2-16.2 AND SECTION 2-16.3

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Knapp, 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.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2-16 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND ENTITLED "CABLE TV AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION" SECTION 2-16.2 AND SECTION 2-16.3, 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 Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini.

WORK SESSION:

PROPOSED POWER PLANT:

The Council received literature regarding a proposed power plant to be built in New Jersey. They are asked to do a resolution opposing the power plant. Councilman Pignatelli commented that this proposal is to construct a power plant in NJ but the power is going to be used in NY. He is in favor of a resolution to oppose the power plant. Councilman Levy concurred. Councilman Kulmala commented that there is no inherent benefit to NJ so he would support a resolution to oppose the power plant. Councilman Biale recused himself from the discussion. Councilman Talamini does not see the necessity for Oakland to weigh in on the issue but he is ok if the Council wants to send a resolution. Councilman Pignatelli responded that a resolution sends a message to the elected officials in Trenton. Mayor Schwager advised that the Bergen County League of Municipalities and the Northwest Bergen Mayors' group passed resolutions opposing the power plant. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.



**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION:**

Mr. Kunze advised that the memo from the Borough Attorney as well as the statute has been provided in the packets. If the election is moved to November, people will vote for the candidates but would not vote on the budget unless it is over the 2% cap. Mayor Schwager commented that Ridgewood and Clifton moved back from November to April elections. She wanted to know why they chose to move back. Mr. Kunze responded that Ridgewood moved back to April based on input from the public who wanted to vote on the budget. The school board sued them and the Village won the case. The change in Clifton was initiated by the school board. There was a lawsuit involved there as well. They were concerned with the candidates' costs in November as well as the position on the ballot.

Mayor Schwager thinks the State did a disservice by giving choices. They should have made everyone move to November. She advised that the last time the budget was voted down was about 10 years ago. She advised that Oakland is the only town in the FLOW area that has a local school election in April. The regional school board holds their election in November.

Mr. Chewcaskie advised that the Council can adopt a resolution moving the election to November and then the Board of Education could adopt a resolution to move it to April. There are issues with moving to November that affect the board members' terms. There are three ways the school election can be moved to November: petition by the voters, the Governing Body can adopt a resolution or the School Board can adopt a resolution. Mr. Chewcaskie commented that the statute is not extremely workable. There are tensions on this issue between the public, Governing Body and the School Board. Mayor Schwager asked if this could be a ballot question for the voters. Mr. Chewcaskie does not think so but he is not sure.

Mayor Schwager commented that when Clifton's election was in November, they said the candidates were on the bottom of the ballot and people didn't vote. However, they said there was not a big turnout in April either. Councilman Levy asked if anyone has spoken to the School Board. Mayor Schwager responded that she has and the School Board wants to keep the election in April. Councilman Levy thinks the School Board should come explain their reasoning to the Mayor and Council. Councilman Pignatelli commented that the public deserves the right to have the full explanation. He believes in the democratic process. The school election was separated for a reason. He would like the Board of Education to come explain the pros and cons so that the Mayor and Council can make a decision.

Councilman Biale commented that there are only 8 municipalities in Bergen County that have school election in April. It is not fiscally responsible to spend \$45 per person to come vote in April. Councilman Levy agrees but he would like to hear from the Board of Education. Councilman Kulmala thinks it is a major overreach to change the election without having all the details. It is important for citizens to have a voice and he agrees that someone from the Board of Education should come to educate the Governing Body and the public. Mayor Schwager is asking someone from the Board of Education to come to a Council meeting and then the public can hear the reasoning for having the election in April. Mayor Schwager advised that the Oakland schools are wonderful and she appreciates the time given by the School Board members. She is asking them to justify having the school election in April when only 4% of the public votes.

Councilman Pignatelli wished that the Board of Education would do more outreach to the public to get a bigger voter turnout. Councilman Biale advised that 66% of the taxes residents pay go to the schools. Councilman Talamini agreed that everyone complains about their taxes and most of it goes to the schools. Councilman Talamini asked if Mr. Sena has gone to the Board of

Education meeting to speak to them. Councilman Talamini does not think the Mayor and Council should be moving the election. He would rather have the election separate and also retain the right to vote on the budget. Councilman Pignatelli commented that if the Board of Education does not come to a Council meeting, it leaves the decision to the Council. Councilman Kulmala asked Mr. Sena if he went to the Board of Education to bring his concerns. Mr. Sena responded he did not because the Mayor got stone-walled.

#### BANNER SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM:

Mr. Kunze advised that at the last meeting, there was discussion on the new banner sponsorship program. Some renderings of the banners have been done in several color schemes. We are looking for final direction to proceed. Mayor Schwager advised that these banners will have local businesses or organizations on them. The money collected from these banners will be used towards holiday decorations. The big discussion has been the color scheme.

The student officers were asked to give their opinions. Jack Cooper advised that he likes the blue with yellow because it matches Indian Hills' colors. Vidath Diyabalanage also liked the blue with yellow border. Giacomo Scalici thought the blue with gold looked nicer. Jasmine Azar agreed with the blue and gold border. Benjamin Good liked the blue background with the green border because it incorporates all three Borough colors. Krishan Patel likes the blue background with the yellow border because aesthetically it looks the best and makes everything show better.

Councilman Pignatelli agreed with the blue background and yellow border. Councilmembers Levy, Knapp and Biale agreed. Councilman Kulmala liked Benjamin's assessment so he chooses the blue background with green border. Councilman Talamini thinks the blue with gold looks better.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Knapp asked if there was an update on the paving on Route 287 because 287 north at exit 58 is still bad. Borough Engineer John Yakimik responded that the paving is not finished. Mr. Yakimik will reach out the DOT and bring it to their attention.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini (Councilman Patel): The school budget passed. He thanked the voters for their support. The Public Events Committee held another great event with the Easter Egg Hunt. There was a train and refreshments and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The Public Events Committee is always looking for members.

Councilman Kulmala (Councilman Good): Football, Cheerleading and Soccer registrations are now taking place. Visit the Recreation website for more information. The next meeting of the Recreation Commission will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. The bid packet for the roller rink project is still on target to be ready by the first week of May. There are three vacancies on the Communications Commission. The OCC oversees the newsletter committee, bulletin board committee, website and social media committee, and the tv committee. The OCC works with the Borough to help disseminate information to the public. The OCC would like to thank the Mayor and Council for supporting the request to add a junior member. By adding a junior member, the OCC hopes to get a unique perspective. The OCC hopes to work with the schools to encourage students to volunteer. The next OCC meetin will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Biale (Councilwoman Azar): The Senior Center will hold bingo on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm and movie day will be held May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 pm. The Senior Center is now maintaining an email list for monthly updates. There will be a weekly walking club every Tuesday in May and June.

There will be a special guest from the Borough each week. There will be a luncheon presentation from an elder care attorney on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm. The Senior Center will hold a Kentucky Derby Day party on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Borough awarded a \$225,000 contract for renovations to the Van Allen House. The work is scheduled to begin May 7<sup>th</sup> and will last six months. There are additional interior renovations that are needed which will cost approximately \$250,000. The Borough is seeking permission from the State to dismantle the Stream House. A decision should be forthcoming. The Van Allen House renovations will be funded mostly by grants. However, there is no funding in place for dismantling the Stream House. Councilman Biale, Mayor Schwager and Mr. Kunze met with the Historical Society to discuss the future of the building. The Oakland-Franklin Lakes Rotary club has expressed an interest in helping with fundraising.

Councilman Pignatelli (Councilman Diyabalanage): The Green Team met on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are holding a bulk Styrofoam collection at Borough Hall on April 28<sup>th</sup>. On May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, they will be planting tree seedlings that were gotten from the Roots for Rivers grant. The trees will be planted along the banks of the stream that runs through Great Oak Park. Volunteers are needed. There will be a program on butterflies on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Library. Don Torrino will speak about using native plants in a butterfly sanctuary. The Green Team will staff a booth at the carnival along with the Environmental Commission. The Green Team will be collecting toys at the car show which will be distributed to needy children. The Bergen County Utilities Authority will hold their hazardous waste collection events on May 11<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup> and September 14<sup>th</sup> at Campgaw Reservation in Mahwah. The items collected include gasoline, paint and pesticides. There will be separate dates for tires, electronics and paper shredding. They will be June 8<sup>th</sup> and October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Levy (Councilman Cooper): The grant committee is pleased to announce that Columbia Bank will be donating \$25,000 to the Roller Hockey Rink Project.

Councilman Knapp (Councilman Scalici): Fire Department had 42 calls in March for 1230 hours. Year-to-date is 90 calls for 1814 hours. The First Aid Squad had 86 calls in March and participated in an active shooter drill in Allendale. The Police had 58 motor vehicle stops, 71 school checks, 39 alarm calls and 18 radar details in March. Year-to-date, the Police Department has responded to 4,950 calls. May is Bicycle Safety Month. The Police Department advised that people should wear properly fitting helmets and bright clothing and should choose their routes carefully. The Oakland Police Department has been giving out good deed certificates to young residents who are doing good deeds or being a role model. The great lawn in Great Oak Park is progressing. James Construction has completed clearing and the DPW has seeded.

#### OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Don Sena, 47 Thackeray, is happy to hear the Council is going to do a resolution opposing the power plant. NJ will get the pollution from the plant. Mr. Sena suggested that the Council may want to invite someone from the Ramapo Indian Hills Board of Education to participate in the discussion about election.

**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.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

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

(see following pages)

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

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

On motion of Councilman Levy, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the meeting be adjourned at   pm.

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

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Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

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Mayor Linda H. Schwager

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Date Approved