

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY JUNE 27, 2018

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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:
CFO Interviews; Personnel; Interstate Outdoor Advertising
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 Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Biale, the Executive Session be closed.

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:31 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.

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:

The Borough has a new Senior Center Director, Arielle Preciado, who already has trips planned for the Seniors. The Oakland Rehab Center is holding free monthly concerts. Mayor Schwager congratulated the Valley Middle School graduates and the Ramapo Indian Hills graduates. Mayor Schwager advised that representatives of the DOT were here last Friday to see the site on 287 where we have many truck accidents. She advised that she also spoke to the DOT about the traffic light by West Oakland Avenue and Ramapo Valley Road regarding the right on red as well as the possibility of putting a green arrow. Mayor Schwager advised that P.S.E. & G. is working on the gas main on Ramapo Valley Road from Franklin Ave. to Navajo. There will be traffic congestion.

RESOLUTION 18-239 APPOINT POLICE OFFICER-PATRICK FITZGERALD

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland has determined the need to authorize the hiring of a police officer for the Oakland Police Department based on a vacancy and the current table of organization; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has recommended the appointment of Patrick Fitzgerald pending the completion of the necessary pre-employment testing and background checks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland that Patrick Fitzgerald be and is hereby appointed as a police officer for the Borough of Oakland, which appointment is effective as of July 2, 2018, and being made in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Personnel Certification of Eligibles for Appointment List, and his salary shall be \$ 40,289 in accordance with the current PBA contract.

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

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to Officer Fitzgerald.

RESOLUTION 18-240 APPOINT POLICE OFFICER-JACOB MARTIN

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland has determined the need to authorize the hiring of a police officer for the Oakland Police Department based on a vacancy and the current table of organization; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has recommended the appointment of Jacob Martin pending the completion of the necessary pre-employment testing and background checks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland that Jacob Martin be and is hereby appointed as a police officer for the Borough of Oakland, which appointment is effective as of July 2, 2018, and being made in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Personnel Certification of Eligibles for Appointment List, and his salary shall be \$ 40,289 in accordance with the current PBA contract.

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

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to Officer Martin.

RESOLUTION 18-241 APPOINT POLICE OFFICER-TIM McDONOUGH

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland has determined the need to authorize the hiring of a police officer for the Oakland Police Department based on a vacancy and the current table of organization; and

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has recommended the appointment of Tim McDonough pending the completion of the necessary pre-employment testing and background checks;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland that Tim McDonough be and is hereby appointed as a police officer for the Borough of Oakland, which appointment is effective as of July 2, 2018, and being made in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Personnel Certification of Eligibles for Appointment List, and his salary shall be at Step 1 \$ 47,788 in accordance with the current PBA contract.

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

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to Officer McDonough.

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.

Kevin Mauro, member of Environmental Commission and Green Team, spoke about an upcoming grant opportunity planning for electric vehicle charging stations. The Green Team will be asking to apply for the grant. Councilman Kulmala had asked a Tesla representative about putting in a supercharge station. Mr. Mauro responded that the supercharge station is cost prohibitive with a cost of \$200,000. A normal Class 2 charger costs between \$ 20,000 and \$ 40,000. Councilman Pignatelli encouraged the Mayor and Council to support the Green Team's efforts. It would help with Sustainability certification. Councilman Kulmala would support this project. Councilman Levy suggested we talk to Capital Alternatives Corporation to see if this could be part of the streetscape grant.

Nancy Krause, 22 Hickory and member of Environmental Commission, spoke about what items are recyclable. She asked for an update on the Sandy Beach property. Mayor Schwager advised it is in the attorney's hands.

Michael Kozak, 24 Cayuga and member of Public Events Committee, was in attendance with Chairman Chopper Russo to give an update on the carnival. He thanked everyone involved. He advised that there was \$107,000 in ticket sales this year. Mayor Schwager thanked Mr. Kozak and Mr. Russo for all their work. Councilman Talamini advised that there is a lot of work that goes into the carnival and Mr. Kozak puts in a tremendous amount of time. He thanked Mr. Kozak and Mr. Russo for everything they do for the carnival. Councilman Pignatelli commented that planning the carnival is a big stress and their devotion to the community is outstanding. Councilman Knapp thought the fireworks on Friday were great. Councilman Biale commented that the fireworks had a great finale. Mr. Kozak explained that with all the costs for the carnival, the Public Events Committee had a net of \$9,000. Mr. Russo advised that they are looking to make some improvements next year such as having vendor parking spots. The goal is to make the carnival better each year.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 9, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Biale, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Special meeting of June 9, 2018 be approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 13, 2018

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of June 13, 2018 be approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 9, 2018 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Levy, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of June 9, 2018 be approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 13, 2018 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Biale, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of June 13, 2018 be approved.

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

APPOINTMENT TO GREEN TEAM:

Mayor Schwager appointed Calli O'Neal to a one-year term on the Green Team. The term will expire December 31, 2018.

REQUEST BY P.S.E. & G. FOR EXTENDED WORK HOURS FOR GAS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM:

Mayor Schwager explained that Public Service Electric & Gas is doing a gas main replacement on Ramapo Valley Road from Franklin Avenue to Navajo Way. They are asking to work Saturdays from 7 am to 5 pm. Councilman Pignatelli advised that in the past, we have had requests to work Saturdays and we have not wanted them to start before 9 am. He would suggest allowing P.S.E & G. to work from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. Councilman Knapp agreed it should be consistent with other requests. Councilman Kulmala suggested we can allow them to work until 7 pm to give them extra hours. Councilman Levy asked how much this will shorten the project. Mr. Kunze responded they want to work Saturdays to ensure they get done before Labor Day.

MOTION TO APPROVE:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Knapp, approval be granted for Public Service Electric & Gas to work Saturdays from 9 am to 7 pm.

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

AD-HOC COMMITTEE:

Mayor Schwager advised that she was approached by some residents who want to have an Oakland Holiday Lights Committee. This is an ad-hoc committee and Michael Rose and Thomas "Chopper" Russo will be co-chairs. Mayor Schwager appointed the following people to the committee: Ann Marie Nucifora, Michelle Rosamond, Dorothy Cosimano, Tracy Klook, Angela Yessis, Nisha Patel.

STATION PARK PRESENTATION:

Station Park Committee Chairman Kevin Heffernen gave a presentation to share the plans for Station Park to the Mayor and Council. The area known as Bush Plaza currently is not visually appealing to the public. The Committee has determined there are no park development impediments and there are not environmental constraints. The Environmental Commission endorses the project including the use of structural soil for tree development, the planting of Northern Red Oak trees and the design to absorb stormwater. He spoke about the design and layout for Station Park which will recall Oakland's 19th century heritage. He spoke about ingress and egress from the parking lot which was approved by the Oakland Police Department. He spoke about streetscape enhancement along Ramapo Valley Road including a new electronic sign at Rotary Park.

Mr. Heffernen advised that the approximate budget for the project is \$ 330,369.38 for Station Park and \$ 533,300 for streetscape enhancements. He advised that no taxpayer dollars will be used as they are applying for grant funding. Mr. Heffernen advised that official support in the form of a letter is necessary for the grant application. He stated that the planning for the downtown revitalization should begin now and not wait until sewers come to town. Mayor Schwager thanked Mr. Heffernen and the Committee for all the work they have done so far.

Ben Cascio, 45 Lakeshore Drive, had two concerns regarding the project. One is allowing a left turn out of the Remax parking lot. He felt that should be right turn only. The second is that the fence along the railroad tracks will negatively impact the Toys for Tots train. He asked that a gate be put in.

Mike Kozak, 24 Cayuga Ave., asked how people would get into the park if they were coming north on Ramapo Valley Road. Mr. Heffernen responded that they can make a left into the parking lot. Discussion ensued over traffic flow.

Mike Guadagnino, 34 Hopper St, advised that the park is 75% aesthetics and 25% usable. People are not really going to be pulling in the parking lot to use the park. Councilman Knapp reiterated the park is for aesthetics.

Councilman Kulmala asked if the park project can stand on its own without the other work to the downtown. Mr. Heffernen responded that the park can stand on its own and the grant being applied for is for the vision for the downtown. Councilman Talamini thanked Mr. Heffernen for his work on the presentation. He suggested that it would be nice to add a time capsule.

**PUBLIC HEARING: BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE GRANT APPLICATION FOR
ROLLER HOCKEY RINK
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.

Mike Guadagnino, 34 Hopper Street, advised that the Borough is looking to do this rink with no taxpayer dollars. He explained that we are taking the time to apply for grants to fund the project. Councilman Kulmala explained that several years ago, we learned the rink is at the end of its life. Everyone knows the residents want this rink completed. Mr. Guadagnino explained that the Borough has a large Roller Hockey program. The rink does get a lot of use. Councilman Talamini asked if the Recreation Commission has contacted the NHL to see if they would donate funds. Mr. Guadagnino advised that Commissioner Vivian King has contacted them. The problem is we are not a low-income town.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Knapp, 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.

RADIO PROJECT:

Detective Docwra advised that the radio committee has been working on the radio project since 2011. The Police Department is currently utilizing low band radio equipment that is over 40 years old. Due to the topography, we have experienced coverage issues. This was addressed with the purchase of repeaters for the police vehicles. These helped with coverage issues but created other issues. For instance, the police vehicle must be on to use, the portable radio must be within ¼ mile of the car to be heard and two officers in the same vehicle cannot hear each other when both portable radios are in use.

Detective Docwra explained that Goosetown Communications had acquired some frequencies and submitted a proposal which was in the range of \$ 1.2 to \$1.7 million. The committee looked into the Bergen County and NJ State radio systems. Coverage tests were conducted on both systems. It was determined that the State radio system best served our coverage needs. Numerous meetings were held with Motorola and the proposal is in the meeting packet. Some of the benefits of the State system are that the infrastructure is maintained by the State, the portable radios do not rely on police vehicle repeaters, the portable radios will have the ability to communicate with surrounding agencies, the coverage area is larger than our current system allows, and we will have an additional channel to communicate with our officers.

The upgrade will replace all radios in the police vehicles, portable radios, the phone and radio recorder as well as update equipment at the police desk. We will need to sign an agreement with the State to utilize their radio system and there will be a yearly fee of \$45 per radio for 58 radios. Mr. Kunze advised that the total cost for the project is \$601,000 and the State is willing to waive implementation fees. Councilman Pigantelli asked how we are funding this project. Mr. Kunze responded we are funding from existing capital bond authorizations. Councilman Biale asked if there are Homeland Security grants available. Councilman Kulmala advised that we looked at the Prosecutor's office but the Borough's grant writer has said there is nothing available at this time. He advised that the committee has done everything possible to get the vendor to reduce the cost to be within budget. He explained that the State will now take care of the infrastructure. Mayor Schwager thanked Detective Docwra and Councilman Knapp and Councilman Kulmala for all their efforts.

RESOLUTION 18-229 CHANGE SIGNATORY-SR. CITIZEN PETTY CASH

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

WHEREAS, Rose Burik was the custodian of the Senior Center Petty Cash Fund; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Borough of Oakland is changing custodians to Arielle Preciado; and

WHEREAS, Arielle Preciado is bonded in the amount of \$ 1,000 by virtue of a blanket bond;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

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

RESOLUTION 18-242 HIRE DPW LABORER-J. PENA

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, 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 Jonathan Pena 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 Jonathan Pena as a laborer in the Department of Public Works effective Monday July 2, 2018 at an annual salary of \$ 35,603.

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

RESOLUTION 18-243 INCREASE HOURS TO FULL-TIME-MARISOL GAITAN

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

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court is in need of a full-time Court Clerk due to an increased case load; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Court Judge and Municipal Court Administrator have requested that the hours of Marisol Gaitan be increased to full-time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council authorize the increase in hours for Marisol Gaitan to full-time Court Clerk at an annual salary of \$ 35,344 effective Monday July 2, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION 18-244 AUTHORIZE TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT-40 POTASH RD.

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

WHEREAS, 40 Potash Associates, LLC, the owner and/or taxpayer of property known as Block 3601, Lot 36, located at 40 Potash Road, has filed real property tax appeals for tax years 2010 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, Borough Appraiser and Tax Appeal Attorney have recommended a settlement of the litigation, which is in the best interests of the Municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that the Tax Appeal Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary, in order to effectuate a settlement of the appeals entitled 40 Potash Associates, LLC vs. Oakland, whereby for tax year 2010, the complaint will be withdrawn, and the assessment of \$13,688,900 will remain intact; for tax years 2011 and 2012, the complaints will be withdrawn, and the assessments of \$12,084,100 will remain intact; for tax year 2013, the assessment of \$12,084,100 will be reduced to \$10,132,600; for tax years 2014, 2015 and 2016, the assessments of \$12,084,100 will be reduced to \$9,584,100; for tax years 2017 and 2018, the complaints will be withdrawn, and the assessments of \$12,084,100 will remain intact, resulting in a total refund of \$250,000; and be it further

RESOLVED that the refund will be made by way of credits, against future tax bills, to be issued in quarterly amounts of \$15,625, beginning August 1, 2018, and continuing until May 1, 2022, without interest to the taxpayer.

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

RESOLUTION 18-245 AUTHORIZE PART-TIME TEMPORARY HELP

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize the hiring of Debra Benigno as temporary part-time help for the Tax Office at a rate of \$ 25.00 per hour, not to exceed 24 hours, effective Monday July 2, 2018.

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

RESOLUTION 18-246 AUTHORIZE AGNOLI ENGINEERING-RAMAPO RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT PHASE 1

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is going to undertake a Ramapo River Restoration Project; and

WHEREAS, Agnoli Engineering has submitted a proposal dated June 12, 2018, for engineering services for Phase 1 of the project in an amount not to exceed \$ 6,825.00; and

WHEREAS, Agnoli Engineering has submitted all paperwork to comply with the Borough of Oakland's Pay-to-Play requirements; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account # C-04-56-691-401;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council authorize a contract to Agnoli Engineering for engineering services for Phase 1 of the Ramapo River

Restoration Project in an amount not to exceed \$6,825.00 as specified in their Proposal dated June 12, 2018; 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 Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-247 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUND

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, 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 Summer Camp Registration Fees in the amount of \$430.00; 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:

Angela Schmalz, 4 Ithaca Avenue, Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$430.00

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

WORK SESSION:

RESOLUTION URGING AMENDMENTS TO S-716, S-477, AND S-1766:

Mr. Kunze explained there the League is asking municipalities to pass a resolution urging the Legislature to amend three bills. S-716 creates a rebuttable presumption of workers' compensation coverage for public safety workers. It says if a firefighter gets cancer, it could be covered under workers' compensation. This would potentially increase workers' compensation costs for municipalities. S-477 removes the statute of limitations in certain civil actions for sexual abuse. It extends potential liability to the Borough. There should be some limitation for municipalities. S-1766 would expand the wrongful death act to allow recovery for mental anguish, emotional pain and suffering, loss of society and loss of companionship. Currently, Title 59 only allows for recovery of medical costs. This would result in larger claims against the municipality. A resolution to request amendments to these will be listed on the next agenda.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini: He was unable to attend the Public Events meeting because of a health issue but the Public Events Committee needs new members. He is looking forward the next event which is the Halloween Parade. There will be a meeting held between School Board members and the Mayor on July 16th.

Councilman Kulmala: Tomorrow there will be an induction ceremony for Hank Roth and Chris Maragulia into the Recreation Hall of Fame. Regarding the Library construction, the contractor is starting to work through the punch list now. The furniture is expected to be in by late July. Mayor Schwager advised that she performed the first wedding ceremony in the new beam room. Councilman Kulmala advised that a meeting was held with the DOT last Friday. He thanked Assemblyman Auth for getting them engaged on the Borough's behalf. There have been multiple

accidents on 287. The DOT will revisit the timing of the lights on Ramapo Valley Road. Councilman Kulmala advised there is a problem with Allerman Brook and runoff from the highway. There is a problem with properties downstream washing out. We are expecting an answer back from the DOT.

Councilman Biale: He welcomed Arielle Preciado as our Senior Center Director. She is hitting the ground running getting new programs and trips set up. On July 19, the Seniors will hold Bingo. There will be a trip to Sands Casino on August 2nd. The Senior Club will hold a picnic on July 12th and Summer Derby Day on July 26th. Oakland Rehab Center will hold a free concert on July 19th. The 2018 allocation of LED lights is currently being installed. P.S.E.& G. will be installing a gas main on Ramapo Valley Road from Franklin Ave. to Navajo and the project will ast 6 to 8 weeks. The DPW is inspecting all hydrants and valves. Councilman Biale advised that Roy Bauberger's name was submitted to Congressman Gottheimer for his Hometown Heroes awards.

Councilman Pignatelli: He attended the Green Team meeting last night. There was a great presentation on charging stations. They heard about RGEA which is an energy hub of all Green Teams in Bergen County. It is a joint program with Rockland. This will provide savings on electricity for residents. There was a presentation on recycling of Styrofoam packing peanuts. There are two bills that have been introduced to ban the use of Styrofoam plates. The Green Team is looking for more members for the Green Team. Councilman Pignatelli is unable to attend the Board of Health meeting. They did conduct a hearing of a local establishment who came up with a proactive plan.

Councilman Levy: The Flood Commission will need three new members next year.

Councilman Knapp: The lawn at Great Oak Park was cleared. They need to clear the tree debris and seed the lawn. Girl Scout Katherine Bonini is working on a project which be complete at the end of the month. Councilman Knapp gave the Public Safety reports for May. The First Aid Squad had 70 calls in May for 150 manhours. Year-to-date they have 398 calls and 9,000 manhours. The Fire Department had 45 calls in May for 661 manhours. Year-to-date is 229 calls for 7,000 manhours. The Police Department had a total of 810 calls in May and year-to-date is 9,160 calls. He spoke of various training classes Police officers have taken.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Biale, 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.

No comments.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

Councilman Kulmala asked the Borough Engineer John Yakimik for an update on the Patriots Way Bridge. Mr. Yakimik advised that the plans should be forwarded to the DOT this week. He gave Mr. Kunze a timeline to forward to residents of Ramapo River Reserve. The review by the State will take approximately one month. Then Boswell will make corrections as needed. It will go out to bid late summer. The bid will be awarded in the fall and the construction will take place in winter and early spring. Councilman Levy commented that the Lenape Lane Bridge is bad. Mr. Yakimik advised that the Mayor and Council should start talking about finding funding for that project.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the meeting be adjourned at 9:53 pm.

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

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
July 11, 2018

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved