

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

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Knapp, 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:

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-Lerch Vinci & Higgins; Sandy Beach; Personnel; Litigation
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.

Discussion ensued over contract, Sandy Beach acquisition, personnel matters and litigation. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Schwager thanked Council President Knapp for presiding over the last meeting. She announced that the Junior Police Academy graduation will be held Friday at 7:00 pm at the Valley Middle School. The tax bills have been mailed late. The grace period has been extended to August 26<sup>th</sup>. The tax bill includes the payment for the municipal tax, county and school taxes. The majority of the bill is for school taxes. Mayor Schwager received a call from a resident who tapes the OLPH mass for Channel 77. It hasn't been played since Don Burns resigned. The Mayor has contacted the Chairman of the OCC as well as the Council Liaison and they are working on the issue. Mayor Schwager spoke about Allerman Brook. On Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup>, the water was rising, there were cracks on the bridge and there was erosion to the gabion walls. The Mayor explained that the Borough needs an access to the brook and is in the process of getting an easement agreement from one of the residents on Lakeshore. Now that the Borough has been made aware of the situation, we are going to do something. There is a resolution on the agenda tonight for an emergency appropriation to temporarily fix the situation while a permanent fix is being determined. Mayor Schwager spoke to the Governor's representative and to Congressman Gottheimer to try to secure funding for the project. The emergency appropriation is being done tonight so the Borough can proceed with the emergency work. The work being done is under the bid threshold so can be done quickly. Mayor Schwager advised that the Borough infrastructure is getting older and there are a lot of capital improvements that need to be looked at. Mayor Schwager is going to establish a Capital Improvements Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Councilman Levy and Councilman Biale. She explained that there are issues with the Patriot's Way Bridge, the Lenape bridge and the sidewalks are falling apart by Great Oak Park. She advised that the Borough Engineer will also need to be on the Committee. She stated that the Borough needs to keep up with infrastructure on an on-going basis.

**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.

Freeholder Tracy Zur was in attendance. She presented the Mayor and Council with a check for the Roller Hockey Improvements project. She explained that investments like this are critical to enrich the opportunities for children. She is excited to be able to continue to work with the Mayor and Council to collaborate with shared services in order to enhance the lives of residents.

Michael Pritchard, 23 Calumet Avenue, was recently appointed to the Flood Commission. He advised that Allerman Brook is the State's problem. He spoke of the research he did and the historical records he looked at especially maps filed in the Bergen County Clerk's office regarding the highway and Allerman Brook. He spoke about ancient water course and how it was modified by the State to build 287. They eliminated two lakes on the brook. He advised that 287 was funded by the Federal Government. He gave case law. Mayor Schwager advised that the Borough has to do this temporary emergency fix.

Councilman Levy advised that the temporary stabilization work will begin Monday or Tuesday. Then we will work on who is going to help with the permanent repair. He spoke about a meeting held with the DOT, DEP and legislators. They showed the DOT the property and the DOT said they did not have jurisdiction. However, the DOT admitted the drainage facility is their property and the erosion there is working toward the exit ramp. Councilman Levy advised that a three phase plan is being put together for Allerman Brook. The first phase is to stabilize the two properties in imminent danger. The second phase is to find a permanent fix and we need time to do the engineering. The third phase is to do light hydrology studies to prove to the State that 208 or 287 is the cause of the exceptional water velocity.

Mayor Schwager advised that there is an easement agreement in place to gain access. Borough Engineer John Yakimik advised that he is hopeful work will start Monday as long as we have all the paperwork in place. Councilman Levy commented that everyone is moving very quickly to get this done. The DEP has granted us an emergency permit to operate. Councilman Biale explained that Allerman Brook is not a new issue but nothing has been done to maintain it. That brook takes water from the State, County, Franklin Lakes and Oakland. Councilman Levy advised that the Borough is working towards making Allerman Brook healthy.

Patty Wilson, 23 Rockaway Ave., and Terri Wilson, 25 Rockaway Ave, expressed concerns with the storm that the DPW did not open the 36 inch pipe. Councilman Levy advised that the DPW operates the 24 inch pipe. The 36 inch pipe is not safe to operate because the area has been undermined. He spoke of the Court order and the procedure to open the gates. He advised that the 24 inch pipe does not have a lot of capacity. He also stated that RML can close the pipe at will after the DPW opens it. Borough Administrator Kunze advised that the DPW has determined there is a sink hole by the 36 inch pipe and it is not safe for the DPW employees to open that pipe. Councilman Levy advised that the decision to open the pipe comes for the NOAA website if there is a forecast for over an inch of rain within 24 hours. Patty Wilson asked if she can reach out to RML to open the pipe and the response was that she can.

Terri Wilson commented that there are trees and debris that block the dam and she asked who is responsible to remove it. Councilman Levy advised that there are two or three trees in the spillway on private property and RML should be responsible to remove it. The gabion baskets should have a nine year maintenance cycle. Ms. Wilson was told by another resident that the Borough was supposed to maintain Allerman Brook. She questioned what is being done with the temporary repair. Councilman Levy responded that they are going to construct an access road from 64 Lakeshore. He advised that the emergency permit has limitations so we are going to see how much work can get done with the emergency permit. Other work will have to be done with the regular permit process. Ms. Wilson asked if some of the sediment will be taken. Mr. Yakimik responded that a lot of sediment will be taken. Councilman Biale gave background on the sediment issue.

Mitchell Weiss, 163 Lakeshore Drive, advised that his house flooded because of work done by his neighbor at 161 Lakeshore Drive. Mayor Schwager asked Mr. Kunze to follow up.

Sheila Boylan, 16 Walnut Street, lives on Winter Brook and there is damage to her property because of a storm drain that was put in. Mayor Schwager asked Mr. Yakimik to look at the issue.

Trudy Derbyshire, 181 Lakeshore, spoke of the concerns each time it rains and the debris going into the lake.

William Woolford, 162 Lakeshore Drive, went to the Building Department and to their knowledge, there are no permits that were issued for the work at 161 Lakeshore.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

On motion of Councilman Levy, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 26, 2019**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of June 26, 2019 be approved.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 10, 2019**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Levy, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of July 10, 2019 be approved.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 26, 2019 EXECUTIVE**

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Levy, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of June 26, 2019 be approved.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 10, 2019 EXECUTIVE**

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Biale, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of July 10, 2019 be approved.

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

**APPOINTMENT:**

Mayor Schwager brought forth the nomination of Callie O'Neal as junior member of the Environmental Commission and member of the Green Team.

Motion to Consent:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Biale, the Council consented to the appointment of Callie O'Neal as junior member of the Environmental Commission and member of the Green Team.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1362:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Biale, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1362 for the Reed Foundation for Autism, Inc. to hold an off-premise raffle for merchandise on January 7, 2020 at 25 Potash Road.

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

RESOLUTION 19-208 ACCEPT SCULPTURE DONATION

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

WHEREAS, Peter Marcalus, a local artist, has offered to donate a sculpture "Swords to Plowshares" to the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marcalus has consulted with the Great Oak Park Committee as to a permanent location for the sculpture; and

WHEREAS, the Great Oak Park Committee has indicated that a location is available for the sculpture and has agreed that same can be installed permanently within Great Oak Park; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council considered the offer made for the donation of the sculpture and deems it in the best interest of the Borough to accept the sculpture; and

WHEREAS, it is intended that once the sculpture is installed in Great Oak Park that the Borough will maintain the sculpture and its seat/wall pedestal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Borough accepts the donation of the sculpture Swords to Plowshares to be installed at Great Oak Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sculpture and its seat/wall pedestal shall be installed at Great Oak Park at no expense to the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once installed the Borough will undertake normal maintenance of the area where the sculpture is located; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Borough acknowledges that the donation of the sculpture does not include any copyright or licensing rights, which copyright and licensing rights shall remain with Peter Marcalus.

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

**RESOLUTION 19-209 REJECT BID-ROLLER HOCKEY RINK**

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 received bids for the Roller Hockey Rink project on July 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the base bid for the one bid received was in excess of the budget and available funding established by the Borough for this project;

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Borough Engineer reviewed the bid and have recommended that the bid be rejected at this time pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(b);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Borough does hereby reject the bid for the Roller Hockey Rink project submitted on July 2, 2019.

Mr. Kunze advised the project will be rebid.

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

**RESOLUTION 19-211 AUTHORIZE ENGINEER-WATER USE & CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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 needs to prepare a Water Use & Conservation Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for engineering services required for the project; and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has submitted a proposal dated June 27, 2019 for the work required in an amount not to exceed \$ 58,000.00 broken down as follows; and

Task 1 Kickoff/Reevaluation of Net Water Availability	\$ 9,000
Task 2 Development of Water use & Conservation Mgmt. Plan	\$ 49,000

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

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # G-02-09-716-001;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Boswell Engineering to perform the engineering services for the Water Use & Conservation Management Plan project at a cost to exceed \$ 58,000.00 as specified in their proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to enter into the agreement on behalf of the Borough.

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

**RESOLUTION 19-212 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUNDS**

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 Recreation fees in the amount of \$ 365.00; 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:

Charlie Forsdahl, 73 Dogwood Drive, Oakland, NJ 07436 amount due \$ 125.00 (Summer softball camp)

Ami Patel, 8 Point View, Oakland, NJ 07436 amount due \$ 240.00 (Summer Baseball camp)

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

**RESOLUTION 19-213 EXTEND GRACE PERIOD-TAX PAYMENTS**

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

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey delayed certification of the Borough of Oakland's 2019 tax rate; and

WHEREAS, this delayed the issuance of tax bills until July 29, 2019 and

WHEREAS, State Law requires a twenty-five (25) day period from the date of mailing before payment is due;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Oakland establishes a no interest grace period for the third quarter tax payment until August 26, 2019. Payments remitted after that date will accrue interest as of August 1, 2019, as mandated by the State of New Jersey.

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

**RESOLUTION 19-214 AUTHORIZE REFUND TAXES-BLOCK 1702, LOT 32**

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 from the former property owner of 56 River Road (Block 1702, Lot 32) for a refund of taxes due to an overpayment; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a refund to be sent to:

Lynn A. Krimmert, 41 Ivers Road, Allendale, NJ 07401, amount due \$ 46.53

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

**RESOLUTION 19-215 AUTHORIZE SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION**

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

WHEREAS, an emergency has arisen with respects to expenses related to the erosion of Allerman Brook and no adequate provision was made in the 2019 budget for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-46 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of emergency appropriations created including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$50,000.00 and three per cent of the total operations in the budget for the year 2019 is \$585,232.02, and

WHEREAS, the foregoing appropriation together with prior appropriations does not exceed three percent of the total current appropriations in the budget for the year 2019,

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

1. An emergency appropriation be and the same is hereby made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-46 for funding of expenses related to the erosion of Allerman Brook in the amount of \$50,000.00.
2. That said emergency appropriation shall be provided in full in the 2020 budget, except if financing of such emergency appropriation shall have been made by authorization of notes or bonds pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-3 or 40A:2-51.
3. That two certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

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

**RESOLUTION 19-217 AUTHORIZE CONSENT TWA APPLICATION-LENAPE GRILL**

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

WHEREAS, an application has been made to the Borough of Oakland by the Lenape Valley Grill for the replacement of a malfunctioning septic system for the facility located at 176 Ramapo Valley Road.



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

The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the necessary consent by Governing Body to be attached to the Treatment Works Application to be filed by Lenape Valley Grill subject to the following:

- A. The construction shall conform to all applicable requirements of the Borough of Oakland and the Board of Health of the Borough of Oakland.
- B. The installation of all sewer lines and appurtenances shall be inspected and approved by the Borough of Oakland and/or the Borough of Oakland Board of Health.
- C. Lenape Valley Grill shall pay for all engineering expenses incurred by the Oakland Board of Health and the Borough of Oakland for all inspections and testing of the sewer lines and/or appurtenances.
- D. Lenape Valley Grill shall pay for the Borough's application fees, legal fees and other applications, administrative, technical or any other expenses relating to review of the project.
- E. Any manholes constructed or modified by reason of this project be fitted with sewer guards to prevent inflow. All manholes constructed must be installed with all required waterproofing measures, including exterior painting and pipe gasket interlock.
- F. Water conserving plumbing fixtures be installed in all new buildings constructed as part of this project.
- G. Lenape Valley Grill shall comply with all conditions imposed by the Oakland Board of Health.
- H. Lenape Valley Grill shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Borough of Oakland, the Oakland Board of Health and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Lenape Valley Grill and the Oakland Board of Health.

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

#### RESOLUTION 19-218 AUTHORIZE LETTER OF AGREEMENT-MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Linda H. Schwager and CFO David Young are hereby authorized to execute the Municipal Alliance Grant Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Oakland.

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

**RESOLUTION 19-219 APPOINT PART-TIME TAX CLERK**

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a temporary part-time Tax Clerk in the Finance Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Pearl Vines be appointed as part-time Tax Clerk at a rate of \$30.00 per hour effective Thursday July 25, 2019.

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

**RESOLUTION 19-220 APPOINT PART-TIME ACCOUNT CLERK**

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to hire a temporary part-time Account Clerk in the Finance Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Olivia Di Mitri be appointed as part-time Account Clerk at a rate of \$30.00 per hour effective Thursday July 25, 2019.

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

**INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 19-CODE-788**

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 19-Code-788 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 19-Code-788 entitled: " AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE CHAPTER XIV OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION"

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance To Repeal And Replace Chapter XIV Of The Code Of The Borough Of Oakland Entitled "Flood Damage Prevention", be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on August 14, 2019 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 August 5, 2019 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.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Talamini commented that the utility companies are setting up programs to give customers rate discounts for running off their generators instead of off the grid. He asked if the Council can pass an ordinance that generators can only be used for emergency purposes. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that he believes the Council can pass an ordinance because generators generally exceed noise decibels. The Borough can regulate the use unless there is a State regulation that would preempt. He will research with the State and BPU.

Councilman Kulmala commented that the welcome signs leading into town are gone but the poles are still up. He asked if we can get new signs. Mr. Kunze explained that the signs were originally purchased by the Chamber of Commerce. He explained that several years ago, we had priced out a replacement and the cost was high. He suggested we can try to identify funding sources.

Councilman Kulmala spoke about signs being put on telephone poles on West Oakland Avenue. Mr. Kunze will send Code enforcement to handle.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini: The Finance Committee met and discussed certain finance issues. We should be receiving the final draft of the 2018 audit. The Public Events Committee needs new members. He congratulated the 9u travel baseball team. They were undefeated during the summer season.

Councilman Kulmala: The OCC needs volunteers. The Recreation Summer Camp is going well. There may be openings for slots for football, soccer and cheerleading. The Library is running a Food for Fines program where people can donate food in lieu of paying their Library fines. The Library held a program called the Birth of Rock and Roll this week. The Library was being used as a cooling center in the extreme heat and the air conditioning broke down. It is now up and running again.

Councilman Biale: The weekly movie at the Senior Center is held Mondays at 1:30 pm. The movie for July 29<sup>th</sup> is Second Act and the movie for August 5<sup>th</sup> is Little. The Seniors will have bingo on August 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be line dancing lessons on August 7<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a program on the Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimers. There will be Name that Tune game show on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The new Arthritis Fitness Class will be held on Fridays. The trip to Paper Mill Playhouse will take place on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The DPW continues the annual fire hydrant flushing program which will run through November. If a hydrant is non-functioning, it will be replaced as soon as possible. The DPW is inspecting all 2248 storm drains and is compiling a list of those in need of cleaning and maintenance. The DPW is asking residents to

report potholes. To date, they have filled 1273 potholes. Councilman Biale thanked Superintendent Marcucilli and the employees of the DPW.

Councilman Pignatelli: The Board of Health does not meet in July and August. He was unable to attend the Green Team meeting. Mayor Schwager advised she met with the Environmental Commission because she wants all the Boards and Commissions to work together. She suggested they come to a Council meeting to give the public environmental tidbits.

Councilman Levy: There will be no Flood Commission meeting in August. The Shade Tree Commission will meet the first Monday in August. The Planning Board has no meeting in August. We are keeping our eye out for the next TAP grant round so we can reapply for Station Park.

Councilman Knapp: The great lawn at Great Oak Park continues to grow. The Police Department did the Click or Ticket campaign in June and they issued 186 summonses for other infractions. The Detective Bureau worked on an armed robbery and arrested three people. They received commendations. In June, the Police Department had 313 Motor Vehicle stops, 13 radar details and 10 traffic details. The Junior Police Academy is taking place this week and the graduation ceremony is Friday. Four officers started the Police Academy July 19<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Department had 27 calls in June and 200 calls year-to-date. The First Aid Squad had 84 calls in June for 1504 hours. Year-to-date, they have responded to 445 calls for 8225 hours. These are volunteers who donate their time so kudos to those volunteers on the Fire Department and First Aid Squad.

Councilman Kulmala advised a resident inquired about the low lying areas in the parking lot of Great Oak Park. He questioned if anything can be done to make it easier to walk. Councilman Knapp responded that we are not allowed to put stone down because of environmental concerns.

**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.

Michael Pritchard, 23 Calumet Ave, has done research on generators and will forward it to the Borough Attorney.

**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 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 Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 pm.

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

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Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk  
August 14, 2019

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Mayor Linda H. Schwager

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Date Approved