

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 8, 2010

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

Discussion ensued over personnel matters and PBA contract negotiations.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilwoman Marcalus, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the Executive Session be closed.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Szabo at 7:35 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Szabo called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Szabo, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti. 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 Szabo 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 Szabo advised that there was a good discussion about Recreation at the last Council meeting. The Mayor and Council have established a meeting with the Recreation Commission next Wednesday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Mayor Szabo attended the OEF Christmas dinner on Saturday. He thanked the OEF for inviting the Mayor and Council and for all their efforts on behalf of the school. Mayor Szabo advised that the tree lighting ceremony was held on Sunday. There was a very nice crowd in attendance despite the weather. He thanked the clergy, Bob Fabrizio and the Public Events Committee and Indian Hills band for their participation.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilwoman Marcalus, seconded by Councilman Visconti, this portion of the meeting be opened for public discussion.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

Mike Guadagnino, 34 Hopper Street and the Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Commission, commented that he is looking forward to the meeting next week. He advised that the Rec Commission listened to some people from the last meeting about problems and they are trying to resolve those problems. Mr. Guadagnino advised there will be a dedication for the Roller Hockey scoreboard on Friday at 7 pm.

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray Road, hopes that the Recreation issue gets resolved to everyone's satisfaction. He asked why the Borough is doing another revaluation because it cost a lot of money. Mayor Szabo explained that it is a reassessment not a full revaluation and the Borough got a good price. The Borough was getting hit hard defending tax appeals so we decided to equalize the valuations. The Council weighed the cost of the reassessment against the cost of potential litigation. Mr. Monaco reiterated that he hopes the Council works out whatever problems exist with the Rec Commission.

Charlie McCormack, 161 Manito Avenue, wants to know the status of moving away from self-funded insurance. Mayor Szabo responded it is being evaluated by the Risk Manager and the Insurance Committee. The Borough shops the insurance every year. A lot of carriers don't bid on the plan but the Insurance Committee evaluates those who do bid every year. Councilman Di Pentima explained that every year, the Borough receives bids for insurance. Not everyone chooses to bid when they see the Borough's portfolio. One of the drawbacks is the number of

retirees on the Borough's plan. Right now, the Borough is doing well with Zurich. The Mayor and Council know where we would like to go with insurance but are in the process of negotiating with all the labor unions. Mr. McCormack commented that the Borough pays too much compared to other towns. Councilman Di Pentima responded that the reason is because those towns are in the State Health Benefits system. Councilman Visconti explained that in order to analyze our costs against other towns, you must compare the historical nature of the labor contracts over the past 20 and 30 years to get an idea of retiree benefits.

Mike Kozak, 24 Cayuga, advised that the Green Team is following the template for Sustainable Jersey certification. They are working on 150 points to get to the first level and hope to be ready for certification soon. He spoke of various municipalities' efforts. He advised that the Green Team is working on a Green fair and a shredding event. Mr. Kozak advised that money is available in clean energy. He gave the idea to create a fund for sustainable efforts. Mayor Szabo explained that if the Borough receives a grant, that money would go to the trust fund and if there were fundraising efforts, that money would go the trust fund. Mr. Kozak commented that he would like to see video streaming of Council meetings. Councilman Di Pentima advised that this has been discussed and is part of the Borough's network project. Video streaming cannot be done until the Borough upgrades its network. The Borough is currently working with NJIT on that process. Mayor Szabo responded that one of the enhancements would be an upgrade to the Borough's website. Mr. Kunze advised that NJIT has submitted the Phase 1 assessment and a draft of the Phase 2. Mr. Kozak advised that the Environmental Commission met last night. They discussed the Heritage Hills site and would like to come up with ideas for that property. Mayor Szabo responded that he has reached out to Rutgers for them to do a project design on that property as well as the Raymond property. He is waiting for their proposal. Mr. Kozak commented that if people were recycling correctly, then trash should not be an issue. People should only have one barrel of garbage. Mr. Kozak commented that the Borough lost about \$ 100,000 last year from people not recycling correctly. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts.

Steve Moss, 42 Oneida Ave., commented that he has been to previous Council meetings about the requirement for tree permits. He feels there is not a tree problem in Oakland. Mayor Szabo responded that there is a concern to protect the tree stock of the Borough. He advised that the Shade Tree Commission is performing an inventory of hazardous trees. Mr. Moss commented that the Council should legislate things that are true issues.

Kathy Fahey, 114 Truman Blvd, commented that she hopes that pros and cons will be discussed at the meeting with Recreation. She advised that Mothers Club will be holding its annual fundraising event which is a basketball game with the Harlem Magic Masters. It will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. She invited the Council to play in the game. She advised that 100% of what the Mothers Club makes goes back to the kids.

Steve Wagoner, 16 Arrowhead Road and the Chairman of the Recreation Commission, advised that the Rec Commission attended the budget meeting last night. It was a good, productive meeting. He hopes the meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> goes that well.

**CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:**

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

#### REQUEST FOR SIGN BY LAKELAND MARINE DETACHMENT

Mayor Szabo advised that the Council received a request from the Marine Corps Lakeland Detachment to place a sign at the Oakland border on Skyline Drive and on Route 202 by the Oakland/Mahwah border. Mayor Szabo commented that he is concerned that approving this request will start a precedent. Mr. Kunze responded that the Council did approve a sign at Breakneck and Long Hill Road. Councilman Pignatelli commented that the Council approved the sign to go on the community board but they put up a freestanding sign. Councilwoman Stagg asked if they are looking for freestanding signs because that would have to be approved by the County. Councilman Burns commented that if the Council starts granting permission to one, they have to grant permission to all. It will open a Pandora's box. The Borough does not have control over areas they are talking about. Councilman Di Pentima thinks that this would be ok from a town perspective but the organization needs to go to the County for approval. Mayor Szabo commented that perhaps the Council should approve the request subject to approval by the County.

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Di Pentima, approval be granted for the Marine Corps Lakeland Detachment to place a sign on Skyline Drive at the Oakland border and on Route 202 by the Oakland/Mahwah border, subject to approval by the County of Bergen.

Discussion ensued. Councilwoman Marcalus does not want a freestanding sign. She thinks there is enough sign pollution. She does not mind one big sign at the entrances but she has a problem with a freestanding sign. Councilman Di Pentima responded that the Borough does not have group signs anywhere but Long Hill Road. Councilwoman Stagg agreed with Councilwoman Marcalus and Councilman Burns that the Council would be opening a Pandora's box. Councilman Visconti spoke of the possibility of putting their sign on the Chamber of Commerce' Welcome to Oakland sign. Councilwoman Marcalus commented that the Council needs to get clarification of what they are asking for. Councilman Di Pentima responded they are asking for the same sign they put up on Long Hill Road. It is a small sign. It is the only group that has come before the Council to ask for a sign. Councilwoman Stagg commented that perhaps this can be deferred to the next meeting so everyone can look at the sign on Long Hill Road.

#### MOTION TO TABLE:

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilwoman Marcalus, the request by the Marine Corps Lakeland Detachment for sign approval be tabled until the December 22, 2010 meeting.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

#### APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1068

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Visconti, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1068 for the Gerard Berman Day School to hold an off-premise raffle for merchandise on February 8, 2011 at 8:30 pm at 45 Spruce Street.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 10-204 AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF SCOTT PACKS

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is desirous of purchasing nine (9) Scott Air Packs for the Oakland Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Scott Air Packs are available for purchase through AAA Emergency Supply Co., Inc., White Plains, New York, through State Contract #A76370; and

WHEREAS, the total price for the Scott Air Packs is \$ 27,346.98; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available through Account #C-04-56-617-202;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Administrator is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order to AAA Emergency Supply Co., Inc. of White Plains, New York for the Scott Air Packs at a total price of \$ 27,346.98.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 10-205 CONFIRM SETTLEMENT OF BEMS LANDFILL LITIGATION

On motion of Councilwoman Marcalus, seconded by Councilwoman Stagg, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is party to a matter entitled N.J. Department of Environmental Protection v. Almo Anti Pollution Services Corp., et. al.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland's interests are being defended through the Environmental Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, the attorney for the Environmental Joint Insurance Fund has recommended a settlement in which the Borough of Oakland would be responsible for the settlement amount of approximately \$8,320.00; and

WHEREAS, this amount would be covered through the indemnification provided by the Environmental Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Borough to approve the settlement as recommended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that the settlement of the above captioned litigation in accordance with the terms set forth herein; in that the settlement amount would be approximately \$8,320.00 as indemnified by the Environmental Joint Insurance Fund is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys for the Borough of Oakland, King & Petracca are authorized to execute any and all documentation in order to settle and terminate this matter in accordance with the terms of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be provided to Matthew R. Petracca, Esq. and Brian M. Chewcaskie, Esq.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

**RESOLUTION 10-206 AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR TREE CITY RECERTIFICATION**  
On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilwoman Stagg, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Shade Tree Commission is interested in making application to the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Community Forestry Program for recertification of Tree City USA status for the Borough of Oakland;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby endorse the application to be submitted again and promises to support the Shade Tree Commission in the efforts to maintain Tree City USA status once recertified.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

**INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 10-CODE-634**

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 10-Code-634 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 10-Code-634 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER IX ENTITLED RECREATION FACILITIES AND RECREATION AREAS SECTION 9.2 MUNICIPAL TENNIS COURT AND ATHLETIC FIELDS TO REGULATE CERTAIN ACTIVITIES ON THE BOROUGH TENNIS COURTS"

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance To Amend And Supplement Chapter Ix Entitled Recreation Facilities And Recreation Areas Section 9.2 Municipal Tennis Court And Athletic Fields To Regulate Certain Activities On The Borough Tennis Courts, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 22, 2010 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 Monday December 13, 2010 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 Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 10-CODE-635

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 10-Code-635 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 10-Code-635 entitled: "CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$49,825 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE BOROUGH"

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, Capital Ordinance Of The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey Authorizing The Making Of Various Public Improvements And Acquisitions In, By And For The Borough, Appropriating Therefor The Sum Of \$49,825 And Providing That Such Sum So Appropriated Shall Be Raised From The Capital Improvement Fund Of The Borough, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 22, 2010 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 December 13, 2010 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: Yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Visconti. Abstain, Councilwoman Stagg.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 10-BOND-636

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 10-Bond-636 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 10-Bond-636 entitled: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,263,338 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION

AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS”

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Making Of Various Public Improvements And The Acquisition Of New Additional Or Replacement Equipment And Machinery, New Communication And Signal Systems Equipment, New Information Technology Equipment And New Automotive Vehicles, Including Original Apparatus And Equipment, In By And For The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$1,263,338 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Make A Down Payment, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds, be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 22, 2010 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 December 13, 2010 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.

Councilman Di Pentima explained that the largest allocation in the ordinance is for sidewalks and road improvements. The radio communication equipment is \$ 210,000. Buildings and Grounds improvements are \$ 156,000. Councilman Burns asked about the items in A & B and if they were for Police or Administration. Mr. Kunze responded that any technology items would be classified as Administration. Councilman Burns mentioned that the Borough is anticipating grants in the amount of \$ 141,000.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Visconti. Nay, Councilwoman Stagg.

RESOLUTION 10-207 INTRODUCTION OF BOND ORDINANCE

On motion of Councilman Di Pentima, seconded by Councilwoman Marcalus, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that the ordinance entitled:

"BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,263,338 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF

**BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."**

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 22nd day of December, 2010, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Visconti.  
Nay, Councilwoman Stagg.

**WORK SESSION:**

**ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES-LIBRARY LITIGATION**

Mayor Szabo advised that we received a proposal from L & C. Councilman Visconti explained that the proposal is for additional services to take the Borough to the next phase of litigation. There is a not to exceed amount. There is additional testimony and a report required. A resolution to authorize the contract will be listed on the next agenda.

**2011 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Discussion ensued over the Oath of Office meeting. Councilwoman Marcalus advised that she will be out of town until January 3<sup>rd</sup> but is willing to be sworn in separately. The Council decided to hold the Oath of Office meeting when Councilwoman Marcalus was back in town. The meeting was set for Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Council Chambers. The Clerk advised that there was a conflict in September due to Rosh Hashana. The Council decided to hold the meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of September. The Clerk advised the Council that the State changed the date of the 2011 School Board Election to April 27<sup>th</sup> which is the night of a Council meeting. The Council decided to hold the meeting on Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> instead. Mr. Kunze mentioned that the second meeting in December would fall between Christmas and New Years and suggested that the meetings in December could be held on the first and third Wednesdays instead. The Council agreed. The meeting schedule will be adopted at the January 4, 2011 meeting.

**JANITORIAL SERVICES BID:**

Mr. Kunze advised that Excellent Building Services was the low bidder with a bid that is \$ 3,100 below their current price. The company agreed to hold their price for a second year. Mr. Kunze is recommending awarding a two-year contract. A resolution will be listed on the December 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda.

**CAPITAL AND TRUST BALANCE CANCELLATIONS:**

Councilman Di Pentima advised that the CFO did an excellent memo. Cancelling old balances is part of actively working to manage the budget and cash management. The CFO recommended canceling \$ 1,952,323.90 from Capital. If approved, it will result an increase in capital surplus, a reduction in the debt level and a reduction in debt service. The BAN issue cost the Borough \$ 600,000 for five years. This would take the 2012 payment down to \$ 60,000. The Finance Committee recommends doing this. Councilwoman Marcalus liked that the CFO said in his memo that annual review is important to business practices and cash management. Councilman

Di Pentima advised that the Borough now has a totally reconciled trust balance. Resolutions for action will be listed on the December 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda.

#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY GRANT APPLICATION:

Mayor Szabo commented that the Borough can realize improvements with these grants and the match can be funded through another grant. Mr. Kunze advised this grant is administered through the State of New Jersey. To get the money, the Borough must partner with a Clean Energy Program. The Borough can get \$ 30,000 from the State. We can get Federal money to use as a match for a total of \$ 50,000. Mr. Kunze met with Lime Energy and they already did an assessment. The money would cover new lighting and room sensors for the Municipal Building, a new HVAC unit for the Municipal Building and new lighting and sensors for the Police Building. Mr. Kunze advised that the Council needs to pass a resolution authorizing this application at the Special Meeting to be held on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### RENEW HEALTH CONTRACTS:

Mr. Kunze advised that the County Health contract for 2011 contains a 1.88% increase. The Board of Health is ok with the contract. The contracts will be awarded at the first meeting in January. Councilwoman Marcalus asked when the contract amount will be based on the 2010 census instead of the 2000 census. Mayor Szabo advised that the census numbers will come out midyear in 2011. Mr. Kunze responded that the County will base the contract on the new census numbers halfway through 2012.

#### ABC LICENSE-TURDO VINEYARDS

Mayor Szabo advised that the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission will be issuing a license for the sampling and selling of wines by the Turdo Vineyards at Tony Brothers restaurant. Councilwoman Marcalus asked if this license was new. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that New Jersey vineyards partner with restaurants that have an unlicensed premise. Then people can purchase wine on premise if it is a New Jersey wine. These licenses promote the winery industry in New Jersey.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Pignatelli: He advised that the Board of Health meets on Monday.

Councilman Di Pentima: The Public Events held the Tree and Menorah Lighting ceremony last Sunday. The new LED lights were donated by the Public Events Committee. These LED lights will save the town \$ 8,000 to \$ 10,000 over the life of the bulbs, which are expected to last at least 5 years. He thanked Starbucks manager Nick Marcalus for donating coffee to the event. Councilman Di Pentima advised there will be a shredding event at Valley National Bank on Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The Finance Committee held budget meetings with larger departments. The Committee is looking at the OE budgets and everything is being held flat. He thanked everyone. He advised that a budget meeting needs to be set up for Water and Sewer. Councilman Di Pentima advised that the State released the results for the Best Practices checklist. Oakland answered enough questions affirmatively so as not to lose any State Aid.

Councilman Burns: He advised on several Municipal Alliance functions. The red ribbon week at Valley Middle School was a big success. The effects of the program Rachel's Challenge are still being felt and it was an extremely successful program. Franklin Lakes Middle School and High School students went to places that sell alcoholic beverages and put stickers on to remind adults not to buy alcohol for anyone that is underage. Long Hill Liquors and Oakland Wine & Liquors participated in the program. Municipal Alliance discussed the curfew for Halloween and Mischief night and they supported Chief Kasper's position that a curfew should be in effect.

Municipal Alliance Chairman Jack Tauber is resigning effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. This is an opportunity for someone to get involved. The Council approved the application for Shade Tree to obtain Tree City recertification. Councilman Burns advised that Ed Clark may be interested in coming back to the Shade Tree Commission. The Community Forestry plan has been completed. Councilman Burns advised that Shade Tree Commission is doing an inventory of dead and dangerous trees. They issue summonses for trees that are a danger to people and property. The fees that are collected for permits are used to plant new trees. Public Service is scheduled to repave Ramapo Valley Road on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>. The special meeting with the Recreation Commission is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Councilwoman Stagg: No report.

Councilman Visconti: No report.

Councilwoman Marcalus: The Planning Board will meet on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center at 7 pm. A C.O. for a business on Fir Court is on the agenda. The next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on January 20, 2011. Indian Hills was presented with a Sportsmanship Banner for exemplary sportsmanship displayed by the school.

**BILLS TO BE PAID:**

On motion of Councilman Di Pentima, seconded by Councilman Visconti, 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 Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

On motion of Councilman Di Pentima, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 pm.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

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Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk  
December 22, 2010

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Mayor John P. Szabo, Jr.

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Date Approved