

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE  
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY  
WEDNESDAY MARCH 11, 2009

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Di Pentima, 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:  
Negotiations, Litigation, 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.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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: Deborah Krebs, Deputy Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney; James Mangin, Chief Financial Officer; Borough Engineer Steven Busanic.

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 stated that through the assistance of Congressman Garrett's office, the Borough would be submitting an application to receive financial assistance for Oakland's downtown street improvement project. They have been working with the Environmental Commission in becoming a sustainable and green community. On March 24<sup>th</sup> there will be an open forum presentation held live in the Council Chambers at 7:30 and televised on Channel 77. This initiative is important because the Borough can save money by being more efficient and by being a better caretaker of our environment and homes. In a recently updated recycling brochure it shows we can now recycle almost everything. The more residents recycle, the more money the community will get back in tonnage grants and save money on collection. He commended the OCC for their recent taping of a program discussing these new recycling initiatives hosted by Peter Marcalus with guest speakers Mike Kozak of the Environmental Commission, Ed Clark of the Shade Tree Committee and Recycling Coordinator Eugene McMahon. This program will be aired starting this Thursday.

In regard to the residents who are subscribers of Verizon FIOS, the Borough is in the process of resolving the equipment issues so that they will be able watch the Public Access Channels.

The Borough has been meeting with the Mayors of Wyckoff and Franklin Lakes to discuss ways to combine resources in order to save money. This includes Stormwater Management, sharing Borough personnel and coordinating contracts and purchases. It is critical to work together. On March 19<sup>th</sup>, they jointly plan to attend the Joint Insurance Fund Meeting to present the case to allow municipalities to negotiate their insurance representative fees, which are presently fixed at 6%. They feel this should go out for bid because the fees should be competitive and be what the market will bear.

They are constantly looking for grant funds and as a member of the Highlands Region; they recently received a \$50,000 planning grant. The grant funds will pay for the professional planning fees.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Steve Wagoner, Recreation Commissioner - 16 Arrowhead Road stated there was some concern about the Carnival being held during the Summer Camp Program but it has been resolved. An agreement has been reached with the Carnival Officials. In regards to the scheduling of the fields, the Recreation Commission is solely responsible for this and they try to accommodate everyone. The Recreation Commission has applied for a grant from the Brotherton Foundation for the tennis courts construction. The Foundation will be reviewing the grant next week but they have been assured it will be approved. State Law gives the Recreation Commission the authority to set the fees for programs and they never received any complaints from residents about the fees. Mayor Szabo stated the Commission can recommend the fees but they have to be approved by the Governing Body. All fees charged for Borough Programs have to be set by Ordinance.

Councilman Di Pentima stated he has discussed this with Attorney Muhlstock and what the Mayor has said is correct.

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray - questioned if they have decided on the plan for the Tennis Courts and if the trees cut down at the Blue Star Memorial Garden have been replaced.

Mayor Szabo stated the decision on the Tennis Courts it will be discussed later in the public meeting. The DOT is overseeing the replanting at the garden and there is now a fenced delineated property line.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilwoman Marcalus, seconded by Councilwoman Stagg, this portion of the meeting be closed to public discussion.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 11, 2009

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilwoman Marcalus, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of February 11, 2009 be approved.

Councilman Pignatelli stated he would like to make a correction in the wording on Page 19 – Second paragraph change “commented that the curbing was a matter of safety” to “asked if the curbing was a matter of safety”. Councilman Di Pentima requested that on Page 20 the names of the Scouts be added to the minutes. Councilman Burns requested a correction on Page 7 to show that he abstained on the Roll Call to approve Resolution 09-59 Authorize Agreement – Risk Manager.

ROLL CALL – Approved as amended: All yeas, Councilmembers Burns, Di Pentima, Marcalus, Pignatelli, and Stagg.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 24, 2009

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilwoman Stagg, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of February 24, 2009 be tabled pending Attorney review.

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

RECOGNITION OF PAUL DE LORENZO-25 YEARS SERVICE - FIRST AID SQUAD

First Aid Captain Jeff Marcheso stated Paul De Lorenzo began his service to the First Aid Squad twenty-five years ago. He has held several positions during the twenty five years, mostly as an officer. He has been Captain seven times.

Mayor Szabo presented Paul De Lorenzo with the following Certificate of Recognition quoting humanitarian Albert Schweitzer “*The purpose of human life is to serve and to show compassion and the will to help others*”

The Mayor and Council, on behalf of the community, as well as the infinite number of people you have helped in their time of need, wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for your remarkable twenty-five years as a Member and Officer of the John Robert Walker Memorial – Oakland First Aid Squad.

You are a dedicated public servant, a steadfast volunteer, and, someone who we are proud to recognize as a member of our community.

Councilman Pignatelli also congratulated and thanked Paul De Lorenzo for his dedicated service.

Mayor Szabo announced two Mayor Appointments:

Greg Hanson, 24 Barnard Drive, will replace Jeff Schwartz as a Recreation Commission member effective as of this evening.

Jennifer Matts will replace Gerri Schrier on the Library Board effective as of this evening. He recognized Mrs. Schrier's years of service but wanted to give Ms. Matts the opportunity to serve as well.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

Councilman Pignatelli to read the following Proclamation into the Record, stating it will be posted on the website for public information:

*WHEREAS*, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES) (a division of the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health, NJ Medical School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)) is New Jersey's only certified poison control center; and

*WHEREAS*, NJPIES is celebrating 26 years of service to New Jersey residents; and

*WHEREAS*, unintentional poisoning is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of unintentional injury death nationally; and

*WHEREAS*, approximately half of accidental poisonings occurring each year happen to children under six (6) years of age; and

*WHEREAS*, this non-profit organization provides free poison consultation, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 1-800 Poison Help Hotline; and

*WHEREAS*, consumers and healthcare professionals need and desire a source of information for their questions regarding the use of prescriptive and non-prescriptive medications; and

*WHEREAS*, NJPIES' Poison Help Hotline services are free and confidential and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year; and

*WHEREAS*, all NJ residents must be educated about the dangers posed by potentially poisonous household products and other toxic substances because these products when not used as intended or directed, may be dangerous or fatal; and

*WHEREAS*, NJPIES is involved with the State's efforts at homeland defense, counter-terrorism, bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings; and

*WHEREAS*, NJPIES encourages the public to use the resources of the Poison Control Center for emergencies, drug information, poison information questions, and public education services by calling the Poison Help Hotline at 1-800-222-1222; and

*WHEREAS*, educating the public about the Poison Control Center's services can help save lives.

*NOW, THEREFORE*, we, the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland, New Jersey, do hereby proclaim

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As

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in New Jersey, and urge all citizens to take this opportunity to make their homes as safe as possible and to correct any potentially dangerous situations.

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

APPROVAL RAFFLE LICENSE RL1030

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1030 for the Oakland Education Foundation to hold an on-premise 50/50 on March 28, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus, 7 Courthouse Place.

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

APPROVAL RAFFLE LICENSE RL1031

On motion of Councilwoman Marcalus, seconded by Councilwoman Stagg, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1031 for the Oakland Education Foundation to hold an off-premise raffle for merchandise on March 28, 2009 at the Knights of Columbus, 7 Courthouse Place.

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

Discussion: Councilman Burns asked if the second fee for the Oakland Education Foundation could be waived. Attorney Chewcaskie clarified this could not be done because fees are set by State Statute and the licenses are for two different raffles.

RESOLUTION 09-75 WAIVE MUNICIPAL FEES-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Construction Official to waive the municipal construction permit fees for the renovation project for the Knights of Columbus building located at 7 Courthouse Place.

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

RESOLUTION 09-76 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT-TAX MAP MAINTENANCE

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

WHEREAS, the Borough must update its tax maps annually; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Borough Administrator have recommended that Civil Solutions be retained to provide tax map updates, in accordance with their proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland wishes to award a contract to Civil Solutions to provide 2009 Tax Map Maintenance services for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Civil Solutions will provide the services at a cost not to exceed \$ 5,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # 9-01-20-150-104; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid award of contract is an exemption to the public bidding laws and one for professional services, for which no public bidding is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Oakland hereby awards and authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute an agreement with Civil Solutions to provide Tax Map Maintenance Services for an amount not to exceed \$ 5,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION 09-77 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT-TAX APPEAL ASSISTANCE

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

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to appoint an expert for 2009 Tax Appeal Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor and Borough Administrator have recommended that Value Research Group, LLC be retained to provide Tax Appeal Assistance, in accordance with their proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland wishes to award a contract to Value Research Group, LLC to provide 2009 Tax Appeal Assistance services for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, Value Research Group, LLC will provide the services at a cost not to exceed \$ 10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # 9-01-20-155-028; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid award of contract is an exemption to the public bidding laws and one for professional services, for which no public bidding is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Oakland hereby awards and authorizes the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute an agreement with Value Research Group, LLC to provide Tax Appeal Assistance services for an amount not to exceed \$ 10,000.00.

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

RESOLUTION 09-78 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT-HIGHLANDS 2009 GRANT

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland wish to enter into a grant agreement with the Highlands Council awarding the Borough a \$ 50,000 grant for Plan Conformance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body hereby authorizes Mayor John P. Szabo, Jr., and the Borough Clerk to execute said grant agreement.

Discussion: Councilwoman Stagg commented that it is important that they enter into this agreement and work closely with the Highland Council because they share the same goals for the community.

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

RESOLUTION 09-79 AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND APPLICATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby authorizes Mayor John P. Szabo, Jr.; Police Chief Edward Kasper; and Chief Financial Officer James Mangin to be signatories on the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund Application to be submitted to the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety.

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

RESOLUTION 09-80 AUTHORIZE GRANT AGREEMENT-TENNIS COURTS

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland wishes to enter into a grant agreement with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using \$ 144,196.00 in 2009 Open Space Trust Funds for Tennis Court Reconstructions in Oakland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Mayor John P. Szabo, Jr. to be a signatory on the aforesaid grant agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Richard S. Kunze, Borough Administrator, to sign all County vouchers submitted in connection with the aforesaid project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council recognizes that Oakland is liable for a dollar for dollar match for any funds awarded in accordance with the Trust requirements.

Discussion: Councilman Pignatelli stated there is work that needs to be done on the tennis courts but he disagrees with the choice of picking Option C. He has always been in favor of accepting

grant money for any project in Oakland. He will be voting to approve the Resolution to accept the grant but will be voting no on accepting the bid for the work to be done.

Councilman Burns stated this is the second grant they are approving for the tennis court project from the County. The first grant was for \$125,000. The total amount with both grants is \$269,000.

Councilman Di Pentima stated he will also be approving the award of the grant but voting no against the bid for the project.

Councilwoman Stagg pointed out that the grant funds are for \$269,000 and if they don't go with Option C, they will have to give funds back to the County. She will be approving the bid for the project.

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

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 09-CODE-587

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.09-Code-587-and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK"

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Di Pentima, seconded by Councilwoman Stagg, this portion of the meeting be open for public discussion.

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

Discussion: Councilman Di Pentima stated under the Municipal Budgeting Law, every municipality in the State of New Jersey has a CAP ceiling on all expenses for all departments. That CAP is 2.5% which means you cannot budget more than 2.5% of the previous year's budget amount. By approving this CAP bank vehicle, it allows the municipality to add an extra 1%. If the Borough needs to spend more than the 2.5% on CAP expenses, they would be able to use this additional 1%. If it is not used, it goes into the CAP bank and can be drawn on the following year. The Borough has done this every year and it is also done by most municipalities. In lieu of the economics this year, we may have to use that extra 1%.

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray – questioned if they have done this in prior years. Councilman Di Pentima stated they did and they have the 1% in the CAP bank from last year.

Charles McCormack – 162 Manito – stated his understanding is that the State has changed what is required under the CAP, adding large items such as pension and insurance.

Councilman Di Pentima stated that is correct. The total tax levy Cap can not exceed 4% with a few add back exceptions. The only true CAP is on the school budgets where they can not exceed the 4%. The Library is influx because it is not in or out of CAP, you don't get an adjustment for

and it is a quandary as to where it needs to fall. They will be talking about this later in the meeting because of new legislation being discussed.

Pat Tirri -15 Terhune Ave - asked what the 1% CAP was in dollars. Councilman Di Pentima stated 1% is \$125,000. They may not have to tap into it, but they should do it because it may be needed next year.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank”, be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published by title in The Record in the manner provided by law.

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

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 09-CODE-589

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 09-Code-589 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 03-CODE-451 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING RECYCLING BINS” AND REPLACING SAME, BY ORDINANCE ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CLOTHING BINS”

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

No one from the public wished to speak.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilwoman Stagg, seconded by Councilwoman Marcalus, this portion of the meeting be closed to public discussion.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance No. 03-Code-451 Entitled “An Ordinance Regulating Recycling Bins” And Replacing Same, By Ordinance Entitled “An Ordinance Regulating Clothing Bins”, be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published by title in The Record in the manner provided by law.

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

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 09-CODE-590

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 09-Code-590 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING BOROUGH OF OAKLAND CODE 12-7 “RECYCLING”

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilwoman Stagg, this portion of the meeting be open for public discussion.

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

No one from the public wished to speak.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Di Pentima, seconded by Councilwoman Marcalus, this portion of the meeting be closed to public discussion.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Borough Of Oakland Code 12-7 “Recycling”, be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published by title in The Record in the manner provided by law.

Discussion: Councilwoman Stagg questioned if it was mandatory to recycle all the items listed in the Ordinance, specifically ferrous metal and construction debris. Her concern is if the market dries up for these items and they are mandatory, will the Borough be responsible for

picking them up. Administrator Kunze stated the residents would have to make their own arrangements for construction debris. The Borough is required to amend their Ordinance to comply with the County Solid Waste and Recycling Plan. The main goal is to achieve the state mandated goal of recycling 50% of the solid waste stream. In order to do that, additional materials are required to be recycled.

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

At 8:30 the Mayor asked for a five minute recess to reconvene at 8:40.

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

Councilman Visconti entered the meeting at 8:35.

Mayor Szabo called the Meeting to order on the following roll call:

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

Attorney Chewcaskie gave a brief explanation on the difference between the vote for the Introduction of a Bond Ordinance and the vote for the Adoption of a Bond Ordinance. The Introduction of a Bond Ordinance requires a 2/3 vote of the majority of the Council Members present. If there is a tie, the Mayor may vote to break the tie. In the Adoption of a Bond Ordinance, the vote must be of 2/3 of the full of the Governing Body.

In the case of the Introduction of Ordinance NO. 09-BOND-588, the Mayor voted to break a tie. This was appropriate and is addressed in State Statute 40A: 6-5 – Powers of Mayor. The Mayor is a non-voting member, therefore, not authorized to vote for the adoption of a Bond Ordinance.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 09-BOND-588

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.09-Bond-588 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled "A BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 1, 2, 3 AND 6 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 07-561) ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED EXPENSES IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND AND APPROPRIATING \$1,175,000 THEREFOR (INCLUDING \$125,000 EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE FUND) AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$997,500 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND TO FINANCE THE SAME" ADOPTED NOVEMBER 7, 2007.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Di Pentima, this portion of the meeting be open for public discussion.

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

Charles Page – 57 Academy Circle – stated that in the newspaper Governor Corzine has said he will be reducing funds to the communities. His recommendation would be to put the tennis court project on hold until we know what effect this will have on Oakland.

Pat Tirri – 15 Terhune Avenue –stated is not opposed to the project but is concerned with the amount of residents who are financially strapped, taking pay cuts or losing their jobs. The timing of the project is not good. He commended Councilmen Di Pentima and Pignatelli for their position. He questioned why the tennis courts are locked if they are to be used for the enjoyment of all citizens.

Mayor Szabo explained they have been determined to be unsafe by our Risk Manager. The courts are open to all residents who purchase a badge, there is a fee to use the courts and they are monitored.

Ed Hudzina – 576 Ramapo Valley Road – stated ten percent of his gross salary goes towards taxes in Oakland. He is concerned because he works for the State and they are looking to do furloughs. He does not feel the town can afford the luxury of new tennis courts. He also felt they should wait to see what the increases will be from the school budgets.

Frank Monaco – 60 Thackeray Road – stated he is not against the tennis court project but against spending an additional \$200,000 to do it. He would prefer to wait until the economy turns around because too many people are losing their jobs. The County is cutting down, there are hiring freezes, homes are being foreclosed and residents are behind in their taxes. He asked if they know how many people are behind in their taxes or how many homes have foreclosed. CFO Mangin stated there has been an increase in the receipt of notices of pending foreclosures but he does not know of any homes being foreclosed.

Roger Marchese- 44 Manitou – stated he has been living in the town for over fifty years and would not like the project put off because the courts are in terrible shape. The town has paid every year to fill cracks and now they are beyond being fixed. They have 250 tennis players ready to play on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. There are hundreds of young people who play on the courts as well as the High School students. He asked what the Bond Ordinance cost would be per residence.

CFO Mangin explained the bond would be paid back over a ten-year term. The cost the 2009 for a homeowner would be \$1.70; in 2010 it is \$2.36 a year. It jumps up for three years, costing around \$10.00. Then the cost gradually reduces until it is paid off in 2018. The total cost per household would be \$82.05 over the ten-year period.

Tom Smith – 50 Ryerson Avenue – questioned if residents from the County are allowed to play on the courts. He has been told that 25% of Team Tennis players are not from Oakland and wanted to know what fees they pay. He doesn't feel the Council should listen to a group of self-centered people. Mayor Szabo stated they have to pay fees and buy badges.

Ruth Marchese – 44 Manitou – stated she took exception to being called self-centered. The town should have decent tennis courts. The football program is a restricted, seasonal sport but no one questions the expense of the program. Tennis is a sport where a whole family can participate.

Malcom Blum, 123 Chuckanutt Drive – stated people in this town are suffering because of the real estate situation. He requested if there has been any effort to get stimulus money from the State because those monies will be going towards some municipality. He doesn't believe the numbers quoted by the CFO for the Bond are correct or that there haven't been any foreclosures. He suggested they check with the Sheriff's Office to find out how many homes have actually foreclosed and call the Governor's office for assistance.

Steve Wagoner – 16 Arrowhead – Stated the Recreation Commission is proposing to raise the out-of-town badge fee to \$50.00 a year. If they spend the \$200,000 grant money on only repairs, it will only cause more problems and be wasting money. The Tennis Courts were paid for by Green Acre Funds so County residents can play on them. The insurance company said the courts were unsafe and needed to be padlocked so that no one would get hurt. They are not locked because it is a private club and there is a sign posted that says they are closed due to repairs. The Recreation Commission meets the last Monday of every month, anyone is welcome to come and speak but he has not heard any opposition about the fees that they set or the tennis courts until now. The Recreation Commission is going to commit \$30,000 from their Trust Fund. They have applied for a Brotherton Grant which will be for \$40,000. Over 1,000 people use the tennis courts and it makes no sense not to do the complete project.

Tom Smith – 50 Ryerson – stated Team Tennis runs three nights a week so the courts are not available on an "as-you-come" basis.

Frank Monaco – 60 Thackeray – stated he appreciates the Recreation Commission and credits the Commissioners for their efforts and all the work they do, however, he has been told that there is no guarantee that the resurfacing will last five years.

Charles McCormack, 161 Manito – doesn't feel the numbers quoted by the CFO are unaffordable, but there are homes facing foreclosure. It is a serious situation and they should do what is in the best interest of everyone in the town.

#### CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman DiPentima, seconded by Councilwoman Stagg, this portion of the meeting be closed to public discussion.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, A Bond Ordinance To Amend Sections 1, 2, 3 And 6 Of The Bond Ordinance (Ord. No. 07-561) Entitled: "An Ordinance Of The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, New Jersey, Providing For Various Capital Improvements And Other Related Expenses In And For The Borough Of Oakland And Appropriating \$ 1,175,000 Therefor (Including \$125,000 Expected To Be Received From The Bergen County Open Space Fund) And Providing For The Issuance Of\$997,500 In Bonds Or Notes Of The Borough Of Oakland To Finance The Same" Adopted November 7, 2007, be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published by title in The Record in the manner provided by law.

Discussion: Councilman Burns stated the bid for the project came in lower than anticipated. The tennis courts are available on a first-come basis. The use of the facilities works around a schedule of events, no different than with the use of the fields. The Team Tennis Program has first priority just as other planned activities. He empathizes with the residents who are struggling. A number of years ago he was forced into retirement. He is fortunate that his wife is a stand-in woman who works part time; otherwise they would not have been able to stay in Oakland. He was elected to represent the majority of the people and he feels that this is in the best interest of all the residents. He does not want to lose the money from the grants because they would be giving good money back to the County. Option B is a difference of \$51,000. They will be receiving additional funds from the Brotherton Grant. The poles and lights are warped and inadequate. He has concern that with the disrepair of the courts and condition of the lights, it could lead to a lawsuit. He is in favor of Option C. He agrees with Mr. Blum that they should look for additional funds from the State and keep the expense to the residents as low as possible.

Councilman Di Pentima stated there is no comparison with the usage of fields and the tennis courts. The baseball fields are open and the roller hockey rink is not locked. He agrees with Steve Wagoner about raising the fees – Franklin lakes charges \$65.00 and \$85.00 for out-of-town residents. There is a cost savings for the new lights of \$1,500 but that is not enough to justify the additional costs for Option C. During the project discussions, they went from Option A to Option C. The Borough could lower their cost by \$51,000 by not moving the courts by choosing Option B. The cost to pave the parking lot could be an additional expense of \$25,000. He felt the issue is economics because this is not the only project that needs to be done in the community. The Fire Department is requesting a new truck at a cost of \$700,000, Borough buildings are in need of repair and the roads need to be maintained. When you add all those projects together, it becomes serious debt. There are many infrastructure projects that need to be considered and done. He is not supporting Option C.

Councilman Visconti stated, in reference to Mr. Smith and his comments that this project is being done to only serve a small amount of people, you can compare it to the Senior Center because the Borough spends \$100,000 each year for a small group of 500 residents for this facility. They are not looking to close the Senior Center or any facility or cancel any programs. They work together to give quality of life for all residents of the Borough. They know that the economy is tough. They have spent a lot of time discussing and looking at this project and he does not want to lose the grant money. They got a great price on the construction and it is a good opportunity. He originally voted no but now he is in favor of Option C. They have done their homework on this project. Option A to Option C is a difference of \$200,000. Payout over the life of the bond is a difference of \$50.00 to \$80.00. He does not see this as a huge impact. He has looked at all the information and feels it is the right thing to do.

Councilman Pignatelli stated they never said they were just going to repair the courts. The discussion was always for reconstructing them because it is needed. They lost State Aid last year and this year. Governor Corzine stated we are going to be in this difficult situation for two to three years, possibly facing additional cuts that could hurt the community. The conditions of the DPW Garage are deplorable. The first estimate they got to replace the building was \$3 million dollars. They also need to finish the Library and additional space is needed in the Borough Hall. Other costs are replacing water mains, new wells, road construction, and sidewalks. If they have ten projects all costing \$18.00 a year, it becomes a ten-year cost of \$180 for each residence. He

doesn't want to postpone buying a fire truck. The Council has done diligence and has done its research. His concern is the level of money they are the spending. There is a difference of opinion on whether to spend an additional \$200,000 for Option C.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmember Burns, Marcalus, Stagg, and Visconti.  
Nays: Councilman Di Pentima and Councilman Pignatelli.

#### RESOLUTION 09-81 AWARD BID FOR TENNIS COURTS

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

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2009, the Borough of Oakland received bids for the Tennis Court Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, Borough Attorney and Borough Administrator have reviewed the bids and have recommended the award of the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, D & S Land Development, LLC, Ramsey, NJ, with a bid of \$ 530,396.75 for Alternate C; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # C-04-55-922-002 \$ 322,500 and Account # C-04-56-988-002 \$ 208,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the contract for the Tennis Court Improvement Project is hereby awarded to D & S Land Development, LLC, of Ramsey, NJ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract in the amount of \$ 530,396.75; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no contract will be executed by the Borough subject to the statutory estoppels period which will end on April 4, 2009.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmember Burns, Marcalus, Stagg, and Visconti.  
Nays: Councilman Di Pentima and Councilman Pignatelli.

#### WORK SESSION:

#### REQUEST TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

Attorney Chewcaskie stated there are two issues the first being the sale of Borough property and the second is licensing/leasing Borough property. The Borough can sell public property however if it exceeds the minimum zoning requirements, it would have to go for public auction. They do not lease property but license property. They have licensed property in the past and have a form in place with restrictions and indemnification requirements based upon recommendations from the JIF. They have to decide if they still want to continue to license property and what restrictions should be stipulated. Restrictions should also be applicable for the sale of the property. In the past, there was an issue whether licensing would exclude other people from using the property. Councilwoman Stagg questioned if this was for property in the flood area. She is not interested in selling Borough property along the river because of flood issues.

Mayor Szabo stated they have received a number of requests to purchase property in the flood plain. These are adjoining properties and he is not opposed to this as long as restrictions are in place. He is opposed to selling those properties for building purposes. They have licensed in the past and he needs to know if there is a risk in selling those properties. Councilwoman Stagg stated the DEP has enough regulations in place for flood areas. She doesn't mind temporary use but she is against permanent structures or house expansion. Mayor Szabo said he felt they could accommodate some of these requests. Councilman Burns felt they have licensed property in the past and the residents have maintained those properties for the Borough. This has been effectively done. He is in favor of continuing to license with the restrictions that have been in place. Councilman Di Pentima is in favor of selling properties along with the restrictions that there will be extensions or permanent structures. If there were a willing purchaser he would be in favor of it. He not a fan of licensing property. Councilman Pignatelli agreed.

Mayor Szabo felt that the consensus is in favor of licensing and they need to have a policy drafted. Administrator Kunze will work on drafting a policy with Attorney Chewcaskie for both licensing and purchasing. Attorney Chewcaskie felt with properties in the flood plain for purchasing or licensing, they should have specific regulations in place. Councilwoman Stagg suggested they ask the Planning Board for their input.

#### EDEN DETENTION BASIN - Tabled

#### A3753 LIBRARY FUNDING

Councilman Di Pentima stated they have the Resolution that was introduced and passed by Wyckoff. He would look to insert the wording that under no case shall the governing body appropriate an amount that would exceed any tax cap levy of the municipality. Because the Borough is handicapped by this CAP rule, there could be years that the Library could face an 8 to 10 % increase. He felt they should be treated like any other department, even though they are autonomous. He felt Oakland's rate should be stable for a while; however, it would be a protection for the Borough.

Administrator Kunze stated there is legislation being discussed. Library Funding would be put outside the tax levy CAP the same as debt service. It doesn't address the levy CAP issue or the overall level of funding.

Councilman Di Pentima stated Franklin Lakes will also be passing this Resolution. Councilman Burns stated he is in support of the Legislation and is in favor of a resolution of support. Councilman Visconti is not in favor because the funding is based on the property values, which is archaic. This legislation is allowing the municipalities to cut the library funding in half and he doesn't feel they would be able to open the doors if this were to happen. The Library had a surplus last year and the Council asked for a substantial amount back and they agreed to this. They have a good relationship with the Library but he knows other towns do not. He does not agree with the formula used. Councilman Di Pentima stated the Library should not be exempt from CAP. Mayor Szabo stated Libraries should not be sitting on large amounts of money and a message needs to be sent. The resolution will be kept as an actionable item. Councilman Di Pentima stated if they get enough information from communities, hopefully they will recognize that a change needs to be made. Consensus of the Council was to continue the discussion to the next meeting.

#### SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Mayor Szabo stated this is a worthwhile program that will pay dividends in the future. They need to pass the Resolution in order to be certified. By passing the Resolution tonight they can log in and register immediately and be able to get the information they need for their March 24<sup>th</sup> forum. It is supported by the Environmental Commission. As a community, they are looking to save energy and live environmentally correct. Councilman Di Pentima stated in reviewing the program, Oakland is already doing many of the requirements. Mayor Szabo stated a lot has to do with volunteering and it has to involve the entire community for it to be successful or it will fail. There are no costs involved. If they get a grant, matching funds may be required.

#### RESOLUTION 09-82 INTENT TO PURSUE CERTIFICATION

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

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland hereby acknowledges that the residents of Oakland desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path, the Borough of Oakland is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of the Borough of Oakland, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within the Borough of Oakland on matters of sustainability, the Mayor and Council wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that we do hereby authorize Borough Administrator, Richard S. Kunze, to serve as Oakland's agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize him to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of Oakland.

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

#### RECREATION FEES

Administrator Kunze stated they would be amending the Ordinance for the Recreation Fees because the tennis fees are in two places in the Municipal Code. Attorney Chewcaskie stated they are still waiting to receive the fee recommendations from Steve Wagoner. Councilman Di Pentima stated they have to include the Special Needs Program in the fee schedule. Councilman Burns stated Jonathan Blake is going to provide that information. Councilman Di Pentima stated there are two fee structures for tennis and tennis badges. He asked if this includes Team Tennis because he sees only 100 participants and they keep hearing that there are 250 participants. Steve Wagoner stated that any of the youth programs or anyone under the age of 18 are not required to purchase tennis badges. The Team Tennis fees go into the general revenue.

Councilman Di Pentima asked about Travel Baseball because he did not see it in the budget. Steve Wagoner stated they went private, paying their own insurance and should be paying a fee for the use of the fields. Councilman Di Pentima stated the two biggest deficits from last year were football and roller hockey. Steve Wagoner stated they looked at the fees that were set by other towns and they are in line. Councilman Di Pentima asked if the Borough is running at a lower cost. Steve Wagoner stated other Borough's get larger contributions. Franklin Lakes has the expense of the salary for the Recreation Director - \$87,500 and Wyckoff is higher plus they have two assistants. Councilman Di Pentima stated their costs for staffing are included in their fees. Last year Oakland collected \$375,000. CFO Mangin stated the budget for this year is \$397,000.

Steve Wagoner stated with the now approved Tennis Court Project, the Recreation Commission will be recommending the new fees.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT-LIBRARY ARCHITECT

Councilman Visconti stated this is in relation to the Litigation. They had an agreement with L&C to create a report evaluating the construction and the documents from the Architect. The original contract was for \$30,000 and that work has been completed. They asked L & C for an estimate for 2009 to finish the testimony for the Litigation. Their Agreement is for a cost "not to exceed" of \$7,500, which is the same as last year. Attorney Chewcaskie stated it is reasonable. A resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.

#### WATER RATE INCREASE

Administrator Kunze stated there is a deficit in the water utility, which has to be made up. They need to talk about a water increase this year. Mayor Szabo suggested the Water & Sewer and Finance Committee to sit down with the CFO, Administrator and himself to discuss what the issues are and what they have to do. Councilman Di Pentima stated he could put together a sewer analysis that goes back to 1981 with each successive code change that has been made. They used to charge sewer on a per 1,000 gallon basis and revised it in 1989 to a per 100 gallon basis. He would like an analysis done for the water utility as well. Councilwoman Stagg stated she and Councilman Burns met with the CFO last week. Asst. Superintendent Marcaculli is getting them more information. There are some significant problems and discrepancies to be addressed. Councilman Di Pentima stated he feels this is urgent because of the Budget and the revenue involved. A meeting will be scheduled.

#### CREW ENGINEERS-CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

Mayor Szabo stated the NJDEP requires every Municipal water utility to produce an annual Consumer Confidence Report, which provides information on the quality of the drinking water.

Crew Engineers has provided a proposal to create this year's report for a lump sum fee of \$3,000. This is the same amount as the last two years. Upon consensus, this resolution will be listed for approval at the next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Marcalus stated she has received mail relating to have the state amend binding arbitration laws. She would like to have a resolution of support for the next meeting prepared similar to what has been passed in other towns.

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Pignatelli will be attending the Board of Health Meeting Monday night. He will not be able to attend the Fire Department Firematic Meeting because it will be taking place at that same time. The First Aid Squad needs volunteers. The number to call is 201-337-7385. He stated he will be late for the March 25<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting but he should be there by 8:30.

Councilman Di Pentima stated the Public Events is holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. at the Recreation Field. The Public Events Committee is a very active group and they are also looking for volunteers. In regards to the Communications Commission, he thanked Fred Dellaiacono for taping information on the Oakland Care Facility on Channel 77. He and Peter Foley plan to meet with a company that has offered to redo the Borough Website at no cost. They are open for ideas and suggestions. The Fathers' Club is sponsoring a Scholarship Contest, which is open to any Oakland graduate. Three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications forms are available through the Guidance Departments and are also available on the Father's Club website.

Councilman Di Pentima stated regarding the Finance Committee, he is asking all Council Liaisons to talk to their Departments to see what cuts can be made. Budget Meetings will take place on March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup> and the larger departments will be scheduled on those dates. They are looking to introduce the Budget by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The WOLF Pack is presently collecting information about contracts for review. They are looking to share employees who have different skills such as masons, mechanics, electricians, etc. The DEP has new regulations about washing vehicles. A wash station would cost \$100,000 to build so they are looking at other options.

Councilmen Burns stated the Soccer program signups are taking place. This information is listed under their website. Summer Camp sign ups will begin March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please visit the website at [www.oaklandrec.com](http://www.oaklandrec.com). He congratulated the girls 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade travel basketball teams as they made their division playoffs.

The Shade Tree Committee received a \$3,000 grant to hire a Forester. They are getting proposals for review. They would be willing to contribute some of their Trust money in order to hire the right person. There was an incident with a vacant lot in Oakland where there were dead, dangerous trees. They were unable to locate the owner. It became necessary to have the Judge issue a warrant for his arrest. The cost for the removal was \$905 which was taken out of the Shade Tree Trust Fund. They are putting a lien on the property for the \$905. Once the lien is paid, they would like to be reimbursed for the funds. The Arbor Day Celebration will take place April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Recreation Field. Twenty five trees will be planted this season. They plan to

plant a tree on the Raymond Property. If trees need to be trimmed in the Borough's right-of-way, Rockland Electric is the only one who has the authority to do this.

Councilwoman Stagg stated the Water and Sewer Meeting took place last Thursday. On Friday they met with the Water & Sewer Committee and the CFO to review the water rates. The Flood Control Committee met on Monday night and discussed the situation of flooding in the Roosevelt area. The Environmental Commission Meeting was last night. They are looking forward to going green in Oakland and there will be a program broadcast on Channel 58 talking about their new recycling program. They have a new list of items that can be recycled and it offers a great opportunity to save money in the community. The program will take place on March 24<sup>th</sup> and she encouraged the residents to watch it.

Councilman Visconti welcomed the two new banks in Oakland - Columbia Savings and the Saddle River Valley Bank. The Chamber had a green seminar with Councilwoman Stagg as the guest speaker. He thanked Starbucks for donating the refreshments. On April 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a business card exchange at Timbers. The Chamber now has a website with a directory of businesses available on the site -[www.oaklandnjchamber.org](http://www.oaklandnjchamber.org).

Councilwoman Marcalus stated the Planning Board will be meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. at the Senior Center

#### BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilman Di Pentima, seconded by Councilman Burns, 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.

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

#### MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Burns, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 P. M.

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

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Deborah Krebs, Deputy Borough Clerk

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Mayor John P. Szabo, Jr.

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April 7, 2009  
Date Approved