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## Meeting Minutes ~ April 4, 2022

1. Meeting Called to Order 7:34 pm
2. Meeting Announcement: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, Duly Announced, submitted to the newspaper, and advertised more than 48 hours in advance of the meeting and notice posted in the Municipal Building and on the Borough Website.
3. Live meeting at the senior center was attended by Ed Clark, Tony Smid, Nancy Krause, Ray Carroll, Joe LaTerra, and Dean LaForgia. Peter Kikot was excused. Alexandro Suriano was absent. Councilman Steven Saliani was in attendance.
4. Open to the Public: No public was present.
5. Review of prior meeting minutes ~ Motion to approve February minutes made by Mr. Smid and seconded by Mr. LaTerra. All in favor.
6. Welcomed new member, Mr. Dean LaForgia
7. Ronald Farr Forestry Services Report.
  - a. Grey section of report represents the trees in the last town rfp removal.
8. New Permit application revisions were tabled until the next meeting.
9. Ordinance. Councilman Saliani reported that he anticipated the current version of the ordinance to be put before the council for a vote at the next meeting.
10. Adopt-A-Tree Program ~ Program is on borough website and town sign.
  - a. All the trees for 2021 have been assigned and future applicants will be put on a waiting list. First come first serve list.
11. CEU credits – DEP has not posted 2022 accreditation tracking yet.
12. Update on 2021 NJUCF Stewardship Grant ~ From Michael Carelli ~ JP Arbor Consulting, LLC is the apparent lowest quoter (4.95/tree), subject to further review. Comments and/or questions by Wednesday April 6, 2022. We are going to ask JP Arbor Consulting to qualify their work as their bid was significantly lower than the others. It was agreed our Town Forrester's bid could not be accepted as it would be a conflict of interest.



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13. Update on Removal and Pruning Work RFQ ~ All work is complete and confirmed. Contractor payment is being released.
14. Update on Community Tree Recovery Program – ask Mr. Carelli to ask DPW to get trees
  - a. We were awarded trees – exact # to be determined.
  - b. Mr. Carelli will be asked to go ahead with 60 Red Oak tubling purchase for \$180 if enough money is in temporary budget.
15. Arbor Day /Earth Day Events at Senior center of 4/28, 7p – Focus is on Arbor Day, trees of Oakland and invasive threats to our trees.
16. Tree give away at Library parking lot on Fri 3-5, Sat 10-2p and Sun 10-2p
17. Update on Ordinance Revisions
  - a. To be at next council meeting- on agenda,
18. New business discussion
  - a. Shade Tree Federation membership would be renewed for a cost of \$ 95. Mr. Farr would be added to our membership.
  - b. Trees on Roosevelt – Mr. Smid reported that 50 percent of tree protection tubes were lost in flood. He would try to collect as many as possible.
19. Meeting adjournment – 8:15pm

Nancy email mike to change website for time