

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2017

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, 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:
Tax Appeal Settlement 128 Bauer Drive; contract negotiations-Auditor
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, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

Discussion ensued over the Tax Appeal Settlement for 128 Bauer Drive and contract negotiations with the Auditor. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the Executive Session be closed.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:39 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, 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 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.

PRESENTATIONS TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS:

Meritorious Service Awards:

On the evening of November 28th, 2016, the Oakland Police and Oakland Fire Department were called for assistance locating an autistic young male adult who had wandered from his home in Wanaque hours earlier. The boy was lost in the Ramapo Mountains with the air temperature in the 30's. It was critical to find the boy quickly. Sergeant Tim Keenan was able to spot a light from the person's cell phone which directed him and the firefighters deep into the woods. Within an hour, due to a tremendous team effort, the boy was located, uninjured, barefoot and wearing a t-shirt. He was given a pair of boots by the Fire Department and walked out of the woods. He was transported to the hospital to be checked out and was fine. The following personnel were instrumental in bringing the boy to safety. Mayor Schwager called the following up to receive their Meritorious Service Award:

Oakland Police Sergeant Tim Keenan
Oakland Fire Department:
Chief Curt LeRoy
Asst. Chief Vinnie Dies
Asst. Chief Dave Hutsebaut
Firefighter Dan D'Elia
Firefighter Matt Sorce
Ex-Chief Robert Knapp

Unit Citations:

On the evening of December 1, 2016, the Oakland Fire Department was called for a woman attempting suicide on the Route 287 Bridge in Wanaque. Upon arrival, the woman was on the outside of the fence, midway on the span. Due to a well-coordinated team effort, these members were able to help keep the woman calm, cut a hole in the fence, put a strap around the woman and remove her from the outside of the fence onto the highway. Mayor Schwager called the following firefighters up to receive the Unit Citation Award:

Chief Curt LeRoy
Asst. Chief Vinnie Dies
Asst. Chief Dave Hutsebaut
Lieutenant Lewis Thurston
Lieutenant Tyler LeRoy

Firefighters:
Don Johnston
Carlos Henriques
Mike Curran
Cesar Arredondo
Larry Baills
Joshua Berrian
Josh Horn

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager advised that volunteers are needed for the Access For All Committee and the Public Events Committee. Mayor Schwager advised that the Bergen County Care Fair will be held on April 23rd from 12 to 5. Mayor Schwager advised that the Green Team needs help with the recertification process and volunteers are needed for the 2017 Mayors Wellness Challenge.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

Michael Pritchard, 23 Calumet Avenue, has questions on the Affordable Housing decision. He asked how this will affect the Long Hill property acquisition and what other impacts there would be to the town. He asked what direction came from Trenton and where does the League of Municipalities stand on the issue. Mr. Chewcaskie advised that the acquisition of the Long Hill property is still under consideration. As far as the impact, we are far apart from the Court in terms of numbers required for Affordable Housing. He explained that the lack of infrastructure prevented Affordable Housing. The downtown area was rezoned and specific properties were designated. He explained that pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, any development in the Highlands must have a 20% set aside. Oakland has been complying with the 20% set aside. By law, the municipality is required to provide Affordable Housing. The issue is the infrastructure and we have to determine what the numbers are. Mr. Pritchard commented that if the tract off of Long Hill Road was developed, it would be an economic disaster for Oakland.

Dan Kuzma, 17 Seneca, spoke about the lawsuit instituted by Ramapo Mountain Lakes. He was never aware that he was a shareholder since he does not live on the lake and it is not in his deed. Now he is being sued. He is concerned that if he pays the fees, there would be no limit on what fees can be assessed. He asked the Mayor and Council for help on how to proceed. Mayor Schwager advised she gets phone calls every day. She advised Mr. Kuzma to look at the title insurance policy. She advised that RML is a private corporation. Mr. Chewcaskie advised that the developer transferred ownership of the shares to RML in 1953. He explained that the title insurance policy would ensure a clear title. Mayor Schwager stated that she found out there is a court action tomorrow in front of Judge Meehan. She will try to get information tomorrow. Mr. Kuzma advised he had consulted an attorney who said to get an idea in what direction other people who are involved are moving. Councilman Kulmala advised there is a resident who is starting a movement for all people with a concern in the lawsuit. He gave Mr. Kuzma contact information.

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray, commented that the shareholders in RML should just replace the board members. He spoke about Public Service digging up his street again and they don't do a

good job repairing it. He asked why the Borough is putting money into the Van Allen House. Mayor Schwager explained that the Borough is in the middle of using a grant to repair the roof in order to preserve what is inside the Van Allen House. Then the Governing Body will figure out what to do. Councilman Biale commented that some utility companies come in with an ultraviolet truck to patch a street and you cannot tell where the patch was put. Mr. Kunze responded that DPW Superintendent Marcucilli looked into this. He was told that P.S. E. & G. was coming back to patch Thackeray with an infrared truck.

Don Burns, 22 Whittier Lane, asked about the vehicles down by the Recreation Field. Mr. Kunze responded he is working with DPW to authorize a sale for auction.

Mike Pritchard, 23 Calumet Avenue, advised that when he bought his house, he had received a stock certificate then they took it back to form the corporation. He spoke about his title insurance.

Peter Kikot, 20 Minnehaha Blvd, wanted to speak about the request from Community of Commerce for their shredding event. Mayor Schwager asked him to speak at the portion of the meeting when the request is considered.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JANUARY 25, 2017 EXECUTIVE MINUTES

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of January 25, 2017 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

APPOINTMENT TO PUBLIC EVENTS:

Mayor Schwager brought forth the nomination of Pat Pignatelli for appointment to a two-year term on Public Events Committee.

Consent of Council:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the Council consented to the appointment of Pat Pignatelli to a two-year term on the Public Events Committee.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

APPROVE SIGN REQUEST-COMMUNITY OF COMMERCE

Peter Kikot, 20 Minnehaha Blvd, advised that the Community of Commerce would like to do another shredding event in conjunction with Let's Talk Oakland and the Public Events Committee. The event would be held April 8th in the Borough Hall parking lot. The Green Team would be able to use this event for points toward recertification.

Mike Guadagnino, 34 Hopper Street, reiterated that this is another event for Let's Talk Oakland to promote mental health awareness. Mr. Kunze commented that the issue is the lack of

coordination because the Borough's shredding event is scheduled for May 13th and has been set for months. He thought the events could be spaced out more to give residents more options. Mr. Kikot advised that the date is not set in stone. That date was picked to coordinate with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th. Councilwoman Coira advised that April 8th is the start of spring break for the schools. Mr. Kikot responded that he can do the event earlier. He asked about using Borough Hall parking lot. Mr. Kunze responded that with these co-sponsorship events there needs to be more formal agreements but we can work this out since people are used to the shredding events being held in Borough Hall parking lot. Mr. Guadagnino suggesting moving the event to March 25th.

MOTION TO APPROVE SIGN:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Visconti, approval be granted to Community of Commerce to post a sign at Bush Plaza advertising their Spring Cleanse shredding event to be held March 25, 2017.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 17-77 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT-BOROUGH AUDITOR

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough of Oakland to engage the services of Borough Auditor for 2017; and

WHEREAS, funds will be available by way of budget to compensate said Borough Auditor; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. exempts professional services from certain requirements of public bidding provided a notice of the appointment be printed in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough did undertake a competitive process to select a Borough Auditor and solicited Requests for Qualifications in November 2015; and

WHEREAS, the applicants has submitted paperwork certifying that they have not made any disqualifying pay to play contributions pursuant to the Borough's Pay-to-Play Ordinance No.12-Code-669 adopted July 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Review Team has determined that Frank DiMaria of the firm of DiMaria and DiMaria will be the most advantageous to the Borough, all relevant factors considered; and

WHEREAS, the Council has nominated Frank DiMaria and the firm of DiMaria and DiMaria to serve as Borough Auditor for the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received or will receive a Business Registration certificate and Affirmative Action compliance statement from the firm prior to entering into a contract,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body the Borough of Oakland that said Borough Auditor be and is hereby appointed for the year 2017 pursuant to a "fair and open" process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that compensation for said Borough Auditor for the year 2017 shall be claimed, approved and paid in the manner set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:5-18 and pursuant to agreement to be entered into between the parties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the not to exceed contract amount, excluding work charged to the Borough's various Capital accounts set forth in their contract, shall not exceed \$37,000 without further authorization of the Governing Body and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # 7-01-20-135-028; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk shall cause a notice of the adoption of this resolution be printed in a qualified newspaper within ten (10) days after passage hereof.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.
Nays, Councilmembers Biale, Coira.

RESOLUTION 17-78 AUTHORIZE REFUND RECREATION FEES

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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 Soccer Registration Fees in the amount of \$75.00; 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:

Elizabeth Benducci, 9 Valley View Ave., Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$75.00.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 17-79 APPOINT ADDITIONAL PUBLIC DEFENDER-TABLED

Mayor Schwager is upset that there was no resume included in the packet. Councilman Biale asked who is responsible for hiring the professionals. Mr. Kunze responded that the request be made because of one particular case. In order to expedite this matter, the Judge recommended someone he knows. Mr. Kunze has not seen a resume. Mayor Schwager responded that the Governing Body has no idea of qualifications.

MOTION TO TABLE:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Biale, Resolution 17-79 be tabled,

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 17-80 AUTHORIZE STREET SIGN-SILVA WAY

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

WHEREAS, American Legion Post 369 has made a request to honor Lieutenant Joseph Silva, a veteran who was killed in action; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Silva married a woman who lived on Cardinal Drive in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Silva was killed in action in Viet Nam in 1970; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion has made a request to honor Lieutenant Joseph Silva by adding a street sign above the sign identifying Cardinal Drive with another that would read Lt. Joseph Silva Way; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge all veterans, living and deceased, that have made sacrifices to protect this country's freedom; and

WHEREAS, the request made by the American Legion will honor a veteran that has made the ultimate sacrifice.

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

- a. The American Legion shall be permitted to provide a sign that will be located above the existing street sign identifying Cardinal Drive with another that would read Lt. Joseph Silva Way.
- b. This sign shall be provided to the Oakland Department of Public Works who will coordinate the installation of same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the American Legion Post 369 and the Oakland Department of Public Works.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 17-81 AWARD BID-LIBRARY PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland received 23 bids on November 22, 2016, in connection with the Library Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, Daskal LLC of Garfield, NJ was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with a total bid amount of \$ 1,346,000 broken down as follows:

Base Bid	\$ 1,136,000
Alt. 1	\$ 38,000
Alt. 2	\$ 172,100

WHEREAS, the bidding documents were reviewed by the Architect, the Borough Administrator, and the Borough Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Daskal, LLC's bid of \$ 1,346,100 is within the cost estimates developed for the project and the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available in Account # C-04-56-714-201;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of Daskal, LLC, in the amount of \$ 1,346,100 be and is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 17-82 AWARD CONTRACT-OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE-LIBRARY PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland solicited proposals for Owner's Representative Services for the Library Renovation Project; and

WHEREAS, after review by the Borough Administrator and Library Director, they recommend the contract be awarded to Dedicated Project Services LLC, 3 Heather Lane, Glen Rock, NJ who submitted a proposal for a cost not to exceed \$ 50,000; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated Project Services LLC has submitted paperwork certifying that they have not made any disqualifying pay to play contributions pursuant to Ordinance 12-Code-669; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # C-04-56-714-202; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby awards the contract for Owner's Representative Services for the Library Renovation Project to Dedicated Project Services LLC for an amount not to exceed \$ 50,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a contract with Dedicated Project Services LLC on behalf of the Borough of Oakland.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 17-83 AWARD CONTRACT-SENIOR CENTER BATHROOM RENOVATION

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland solicited quotations for the Senior Center Ladies' Restroom Renovation project; and

WHEREAS, JRB Construction Management, 1 Hollywood Ave, Building 16, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ, submitted the lowest quote in the amount of \$ 35,489; and

WHEREAS, the Architect and Borough Administrator have reviewed the proposal and have recommended the contract award; and

WHEREAS, JRB Construction Management has submitted paperwork certifying that they have not made any disqualifying pay to play contributions pursuant to Ordinance 12-Code-669; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # C-04-56-691-414;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby awards the contract to JRB Construction Management as per their proposal in the amount of \$ 35,489; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the Borough.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

RESOLUTION 17-84 AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION-GREEN TEAM

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey Program is to provide resources to municipalities to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey Small Grants Program; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland has determined that the Borough of Oakland should apply for the aforementioned grant;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey Grant.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

WORK SESSION:

2017 ROAD PROGRAM:

Mr. Kunze advised that Boswell has given a schedule of roads to be done in the Road Program. The Governing Body can decide if they want to move forward with the Road Program and then ask Boswell for a proposal to prepare the documents to go out to bid. He advised that Boswell did an inspection of Patriot's Way Bridge a couple of years ago. The original estimate to repair the bridge was \$ 850,000. Mr. Kunze had asked for an updated cost estimate and it came in at \$ 1.8 million.

John Valentin from Boswell Engineering explained that there is serious deterioration of the bridge. When the inspection was done two years ago, recommendations were made to preserve the bridge. The original estimate was \$ 850,000. When Boswell was asked to update the proposal, they realized that the floor beams were not included in the original proposal as well as the containment which is required. He explained that in order to address the advanced corrosion, there needs to be abrasive sandblasting and painting. The weathering steel has contaminated materials that need to be contained during sandblasting and painting.

Councilman Visconti asked what the typical life span of a bridge is. Mr. Valentin responded 75 years is the life span. Councilman Visconti asked if the product that was specified was appropriate for the location. Mr. Valentin responded it was not appropriate for this location. Councilman Visconti commented that \$ 1.8 million is a substantial amount. He urged the Council to take action to the Engineer, developer and contractor involved with that bridge. Mr. Chewcaskie advised that in 2015, we consulted with Bergen County because the same supplier supplied the Glen Gray Bridge. That supplier is out of business. There is also a limitation on the warranty. He will research.

Councilman Visconti advised he spoke to Congressman Gottheimer's staff and there may be federal grants available. The Council has to do due diligence and take action. Councilman Biale concurred. The bridge is a "baby" bridge. He wouldn't be surprised if a new bridge cost not much more. He felt we should go back to who designed the specifications and who put the bridge in. Councilman Kulmala advised that in 2015, we went to the NJ DOT to try to get money for the bridge. He asked how quickly the bridge is deteriorating and if it is a safety issue. He asked how soon the Borough has to act. Mr. Valentin responded it is urgent. Councilman Biale advised that the weight on the bridge has already been limited to 10 ton. Mr. Kunze advised this affects garbage trucks and emergency vehicles. He asked if there should be any further weight limitations.

Mayor Schwager suggested maybe Congressman Gottheimer should be invited to view the bridge. Councilman Talamini asked what a new bridge would cost. Mr. Valentin advised that Bergen County paid \$ 900,000 for construction costs for the Glen Gray Bridge which is a single span bridge. The Patriot's Way Bridge is a 3-span bridge and would probably cost over \$ 3 million. Mr. Kunze asked what the life of the repair would be. Mr. Valentin responded that the bridge would have to be repainted in 30 years. Councilman Knapp asked how close we are to

stopping routine traffic. Mr. Valentin responded that they need to go out and further reassess weight restrictions.

Mr. Kunze advised that Mr. Chewcaskie should do more research. Mr. Kunze will contact Congressman Gottheimer and he will ask Boswell to submit a proposal for an updated bridge report. Mr. Kunze advised that we should proceed with the road program so as not to hold it up while we try to figure out a funding mechanism for the bridge. Councilman Kulmala asked if it would make sense to pare down the road program. Mr. Kunze responded it the cost for the bridge was \$850,000. However, he explained that we can't fall too far behind on the roads. He is not sure we are even funding the road program as much as we should be.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT PROPOSAL:

Mr. Kunze explained that each year the Borough is required to produce a Consumer Confidence Report on the water quality. We need to authorize Boswell to prepare the report. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY UPDATE:

Mr. Kunze advised that the Police Department launched a Facebook page. The social media policy lists authorized Facebook accounts so it needs to be amended to include the Police Department account.

Mr. Kunze advised that the OCC has been talking about putting videos online. Vimeo is one option to use and You Tube is another option. We checked with the website vendor and we can link to whichever option to stream the videos. Councilman Kulmala advised that Vimeo has the ability to look at archive video. Streaming the videos is another way to push information to the public. He also advised that OEM wants to put up a Facebook page. Councilman Knapp asked if the current cameras will be sufficient or is there a need to upgrade. Councilman Kulmala responded that the equipment we currently have is sufficient. This would just be an online repository for the videos. Mr. Kunze advised this would not be real-time streaming but the videos would be posted after the meeting. Councilman Visconti asked if there are any legal issues with doing this. Mr. Chewcaskie responded this is not unusual and the Borough has control over maintaining the account. Councilman Kulmala responded that the Borough owns the account.

SENIOR CENTER AIR CONDITIONING UNIT:

Mr. Kunze advised that the original air conditioning unit is 25 years old. It is need of replacement. The DPW is requesting to replace the unit. This would be a fully-funded capital ordinance for about \$ 20,000. He explained we are trying to get funding in place sso the unit can be replaced before summer. Mayor Schwager complained about the microphones at the Senior Center and stated they need to be replaced. Mr. Kunze will follow up with Fred Birks. An ordinance for the air conditioning unit will be listed for introduction.

Councilman Kulmala asked if everyone is ok with the video streaming. Councilman Biale asked what the yearly fee is for Vimeo. Mr. Kunze responded that the annual fee is \$ 600. The consensus was to proceed. Councilwoman Coira thinks it is a great idea and thanked Councilman Kulmala and the OCC for moving forward. Councilman Knapp supports the idea so people do not have to wait to watch the replays on cable.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Knapp: No report.

Councilwoman Coira: The Green Team met last Thursday. They are moving forward with initiatives for recertification. They are hoping to put bike racks throughout town. The Environmental Commission will come to the next Council meeting to give their annual report.

Councilman Visconti: The Park meeting was held and there was a presentation on Scout project. The next Park meeting will be held on March 20th. Hopefully there will be a kickoff meeting soon for the Library project. Tomorrow the Library Director will be meeting with three different furniture vendors. The Flood Commission will be doing a river assessment in 2017. Councilman Visconti gave a summary of the annual Flood Commission report. Oakland was given a rating of 7 out of 10 for the CRS program. He advised residents not to cancel their flood insurance before the program goes into effect. The river restoration project is moving forward and plans have been submitted to the DEP. We are going to need access from property owners. The Flood Commission will continue to monitor Allerman Brook. He thanked the Flood Commission for all their work. The Water and Sewer Committee meet last week. We are continuing to discuss sewers with the DEP. A series of assessments is being done. The Borough applied for a grant from the EIT for water meter replacements. Councilman Visconti thanked Congressman Josh Gottheimer for speaking at the Senior Center about health care issues.

Councilwoman Coira commented that the Green Team will receive points for the Spring Cleanse shredding event. She thanked the Community of Commerce and Let's Talk Oakland for raising awareness for mental health issues.

Mayor Schwager commented that the Flood Commission worked very hard on the CRS program. She thanked the Commission on behalf of the residents who need to purchase flood insurance.

Councilman Biale: He thanked Rose Burik, Senior Center Director. She got a call the night before Congressman Gottheimer came to the Senior Center and she managed to organize everything. The Congressman is coming back in the near future to talk to the Seniors. Councilman Biale advised that the Senior Center calendar is on the Borough's website. The Seniors are happy about the bathroom renovation. Councilman Biale advised that Dogwood Drive now has LED lights. The next street to be done is Yawpo Avenue. Regarding Pilgrim Pipeline, they received word that residents in Edison are getting requests from Pilgrim to do surveys on their property.

Councilman Kulmala: The OEM meeting will be held March 1st at 7 pm. Recreation will be starting a new girls basketball program for high school girls. The registration cost is \$ 45 and the registrations are due March 10th. The next Recreation Commission meeting will be held February 27th.

Councilman Talamini: The schools will be holding kindergarten registration March 6th. The next Public Events Committee meeting will be held March 13th.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

No comments.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, 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 Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

MEETING ADJOURNED

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the meeting be adjourned at 9:44 pm.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Coira, Knapp, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved