

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2016

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
Negotiations, Personnel
3. The Mayor and Council shall release and disclose to the general public the discussion and actions taken on the subject matter of the above mentioned closed session once the Mayor and Council has arrived at a final decision on the specified subject matter.

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

Discussion ensued over contract negotiations and personnel. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:34 pm.

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

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the absence of Councilwoman Coira be excused.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The performances for FLOW Follies will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 pm and on Sunday at 1 pm. The Senior Center will host a Fashion Show on March 30th and proceeds will benefit Valley Hospital Auxiliary. There will be a memorial for Jack Tauber at the Senior Center on March 19th at 2 pm. The FLOW Municipal Alliances will host a program called Hidden in Plain Sight on March 22nd at Indian Hills High School. There will be a drop box for old and unused prescriptions. Mayor Schwager congratulated Regan Forsdale from Dogwood School who won the Bergen County American Legion Americanism contest. Mayor Schwager received an anonymous complaint from a resident regarding Patriot's Way Bridge. She advised she will not respond to anonymous complaints and advised the resident to call or email her.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 24, 2016

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of February 24, 2016 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.
Abstain, Councilman Visconti.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 24, 2016 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of February 24, 2016 be approved.

ROLL CALL: Yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini.
Abstain, Councilman Visconti.

APPOINT JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Jensen, Makenzie Vulgaris be appointed as a Junior Firefighter to the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department.

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

APPROVE SCOUT PROJECT AT GREAT OAK PARK

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the Council consented to Charles Ming's scout project to create a new pathway from the river walk along the side of the C-1 stream and join with Great Oak Walk be approved.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1268

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1268 for Indian Hills High School PTSO to hold an on-premise 50/50 raffle on April 14, 2016 at Indian Hills High School, 97 Yawpo Avenue.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1269

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1269 for Indian Hills High School PTSO to hold an on-premise raffle for merchandise on April 14, 2016 at Indian Hills High School, 97 Yawpo Avenue.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1270

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1270 for Oakland-Franklin Lakes Rotary to hold an off-premise 50/50 raffle on June 28, 2016 at Portobello, 155 Ramapo Valley Road.

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

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

Mayor Schwager read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Congress designated the third full week in March to be National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) in 1961, and since then this week has helped to raise national awareness of the dangers of potentially poisonous medicines, household chemicals and other substances; and

WHEREAS, poison centers across the country will focus the public's attention on identifying poisoning hazards at home as well as learning ways to prevent poisoning emergencies; and

WHEREAS, unintentional poisoning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of all reported poison exposures involve children five (5) years old and younger; and

WHEREAS, the majority of poisoning deaths occur in adults aged 20 to 59; and

WHEREAS, every poisoning is preventable! From the youngest to the oldest, all people and even pets are at risk;

WHEREAS, poison experts urge parents and caregivers to keep "single-load liquid laundry packets" out of sight and reach of young children. These products can cause serious harm if ingested; and

WHEREAS, consumers must be aware that e-cigarette devices, hookah pipes and liquid nicotine may contain very high doses of nicotine in enticing colors, aromas and flavors-increasing the likelihood that small children and pets will be drawn to them. These products pose serious risk of poisoning; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System (NJPIES), a division of the Department of Emergency Medicine of the New Jersey Medical School of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, provides free, expert medical advice, drug information, and poison prevention education to NJ residents through the 800-222-1222 Poison Help Hotline; and

WHEREAS, all services are free, confidential, multilingual and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year even during bouts of Mother Nature; and

WHEREAS, poison centers save time and money by managing most cases at home, not requiring a visit to an emergency room; and

WHEREAS, NJ Poison Experts encourage all residents to program the Poison Help Line 800-222-1222 into home, office, and cell phones because a rapid response can make a difference in preventing serious injury and saving lives; and

WHEREAS, NJPIES is involved with the state's efforts in homeland defense, counter-terrorism, emergency preparedness and response, and bio surveillance, and surveillance for clusters of poisonings and their sources (products, food and beverages, chemicals in the workplace and at home, environmental toxins, drugs and medicine, and animal and insect bites and stings; and

WHEREAS, the use of poison center services saves residents both time and money. Most cases are managed in the convenience of the caller's home, requiring no hospital visit;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Linda H. Schwager, Mayor of the Borough of Oakland, do hereby proclaim the week of March 20-26, 2016, as National Poison Prevention Week in New Jersey and encourage all citizens to pledge their commitment to ensuring the safety of themselves, their families, and their community.

ACCEPT DONATION OF SCOREBOARD:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the Borough of Oakland accepts the donation of the scoreboard from Sports Association of Oakland to be used for Field 8.

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

RESOLUTION 16-73 LICENSE BOROUGH PROPERTY

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote as amended to include \$ 1.00 fee:

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a request to renew the license Borough owned property adjacent to 49 Island Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works and Zoning Officer have reviewed the request and they recommend the re-issuance of the license for the year 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough Clerk to issue a license for the property adjacent to 49 Island Terrace upon receipt of the \$ 1.00 fee to Gerald Saporito, 49 Island Terrace, subject to the rules and regulations specified in Resolution 16-20 adopted on January 6, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION 16-74 APPOINT SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARD

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

WHEREAS, the Police Chief has requested the appointment of a substitute crossing guard and all necessary background checks have been completed;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby appoints Jessica Takeall as a substitute crossing guard at a salary of \$15.72 per hour.

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

RESOLUTION 16-75 CERTIFICATION OF EXPENDITURE FOR RECYCLING TAX

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

WHEREAS, the Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L. 2007, chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, there is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$ 3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility.

WHEREAS, whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection, or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality except that all grant moneys received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Oakland that the Borough of Oakland hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, chapter 311, in 2015 in the amount of \$ 13,546.32. Documentation supporting this submission is available at 1 Municipal Plaza and shall be maintained for no less than five years from this date.

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

RESOLUTION 16-76 AUTHORIZE RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

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

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Mayor and Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that Oakland hereby endorses the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Eugene MacMahon to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

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

RESOLUTION 16-77 AUTHORIZE CHANGE ORDER-WALNUT ST.BOOSTER PUMP STATION

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

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2013, a contract was awarded to CFM Construction, Inc. 5 Bay Street, Stirling, NJ in the amount of \$131,400 for the Walnut Street Booster Pump Station upgrades; and

WHEREAS, during the final electrical inspection for the project, unforeseen electrical modifications needed to be done on an emergent basis in order to meet code requirements; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the Change Order totals \$2,574.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has reviewed the paperwork and recommends the Change Order be approved; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #C-06-06-540-001;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorizes Change Order 1 in the amount of \$2,574 to CFM Construction, Inc. for a total contract price of \$133,974.

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

RESOLUTION 16-78 AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen operates a Fire Academy through the County's Department of Public Safety; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen owns certain fire apparatus, including ladder vehicles and engines ("Fire Apparatus") used for training firefighters; and

WHEREAS, subject to the operational needs of the Fire Academy, the County seeks to make certain Fire Apparatus available to the municipalities within Bergen County on a temporary/emergency basis solely for use as front line fire apparatus; and

WHEREAS, Municipality seeks to ensure its ability to utilize the Fire Apparatus on a temporary/emergency basis as front line fire apparatus; and

WHEREAS, the County and Municipality have determined that by entering into this Shared Services Agreement governing the terms for borrowing the County's Fire Apparatus in advance of Municipality's need to utilize the Fire Apparatus, the parties will be able to facilitate the prompt availability of the Fire Apparatus at such time as Municipality has a need to utilize it;

WHEREAS, this Agreement is established in accordance with the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, P.L.2007, c.3(C.40A:65-1, et seq.);

WHEREAS, the County has authorized this agreement by adoption of Resolution No. 1458-15 on December 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Municipality has authorized this agreement by adoption of the Resolution number set forth on the signature page of this Agreement, adopted on the date set forth therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize entering into a Shared Services Agreement for the Fire Truck Loaner Program.

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

RESOLUTION 16-79 AUTHORIZE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:8A-1, known as the "Interlocal Services Act", authorizes agreements between local units for any services which any party to the agreement is empowered to render within its own jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland and Waldwick and their respective Boards of Health have determined that it is in their best interests to enter into an Interlocal Service Agreement for providing certain services to infants and pre-school children that reside in Oakland through the Waldwick Well-Baby Clinic as mandated by the Public Health Council of the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the services to be performed herein, Oakland shall be assessed a one-time administrative fee of \$ 125.00, payable upon execution of the contract, and a \$ 35.00 per child fee for examinations to be billed directly to the medical provider, and a \$ 20.00 per child fee for immunizations only; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available in Account # 6-01-27-330-150;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreement for Interlocal Services with the Borough of Waldwick for services with the Waldwick Well-Baby Clinic effective until December 31, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION 16-80 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUNDS

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received requests for refunds of various recreation registration fees in the amount of \$232.00; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby authorize refunds to:

Robert Scalabrini, 23 Blackfoot Trail, Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$75.00 – Soccer
Claudina Kass, 404 W. Oakland Avenue, Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$70.00 –
Basketball
Amanda Calviello, 70 Thackeray Road, Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$87.00 - Baseball

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

RESOLUTION 16-81 HIRE SEASONAL PART-TIME LABORER

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the hiring of the following seasonal laborer for the Department of Public Works:

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
Zach Sirgant	March 10, 2016	\$ 12.00/hour

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

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 16-CODE-730

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.16-Code-730 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER XX ENTITLED
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, SECTION 2 ENTITLED
“IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE” OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF OAKLAND.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Biale, 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 Chapter XX Entitled Stormwater Management,

Section 2 Entitled “Improper Disposal Of Waste” Of The Code Of The Borough Of Oakland., 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 Biale, Jensen, Kulmala, Talamini, Visconti.

WORK SESSION:

DONATION OF LIGHT BAR:

Mr. Kunze advised that the Police Department has Light Bar they no longer use. The First Aid Squad has requested donation of the Light Bar in order to outfit the SUV recently donated to them. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

2016 ROAD PROGRAM:

Mr. Kunze explained that we are preparing for this year’s road improvement program. The extent of work will depend on the amount of funding put towards the project and the bid pricing that is received. The streets on this year’s list include West Oakland Avenue, Academy Circle, Oneida Ave., Colgate Road, Cree Ct., Thackeray Rd, Allen Drive, Mohawk Ave., Walton Ave., Morton Pl., Andrew Ave., Cherokee Trail, Kiowa Terrace, Morningstar Lane. The sections to be repaved amount to almost 3.5 miles and the Engineer’s estimate is \$1,150,000. Our available funding is \$1,075,000. He explained that we may not be able to do all the streets with the amount of funding and that it depends on pricing of the bid.

Councilman Biale commented he is glad to see Thackeray on the list. Mr. Kunze explained that the condition of Thackeray is due to work done by P.S.E. & G. We have approached them about repairing the road. Councilman Visconti asked if we are considering sidewalks. Borough Engineer Rebecca Mejia explained that we would only do the ADA ramps. She explained that the sidewalks are normally a separate program from the road program. Mr. Kunze advised that the Borough is not responsible for maintaining sidewalks unless it is in front of Borough property. Councilman Visconti thought the intent was to create efficiency if the road being paved had a sidewalk that needed to be done at the same time. Mr. Kunze explained that the sidewalks on the program for Safe Routes to Schools need to be a stand alone project because of Federal requirements. Ms. Mejia explained that the current Safe Routes grant does not encompass any of the roads in the 2016 Road program.

2016 BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Mr. Kunze explained that over the past several months, he and the CFO have met with Borough departments and agencies to review their budget requests and the Finance Committee has discussed the budget plan as well. In accordance with State guidelines, the 2016 budget is scheduled to be introduced at the Council Meeting on March 23rd. At that, meeting we will also introduce the appropriation cap rate ordinance that we do every year. Council budget meetings are presently scheduled for March 28, April 12 and April 16 (if needed) and the public hearing and final adoption of the budget is scheduled for the Council Meeting on April 27th. This is a brief, high level overview of this year’s proposed budget. Detailed information will be provided in the budget books, which should be ready next Friday.

Appropriations

Current Fund appropriations, including the Library, would be \$18,512,789.

The I.T budget is being reduced by \$8,000. The new website project is underway and funding for it is not needed this year. Property and Casualty Insurance has a decrease of \$12,200 due to favorable loss history. Health Benefits is up 2% (\$40,000). Premium rates have increased by about 5.5% but we were able to offset some of the increase with changes to employee premium contributions, retirements and staffing. Finance Other Expenses will increase by \$20,800 most of which is to deal with Affordable Care Act reporting requirements. We will be looking at ways to reduce this expense for next year. Tax Assessor Salaries and Wages will decrease due to the retirement of the Tax Clerk. Planning Board Other Expenses has removed the one time funding for the Master Plan update and offset the reduction with a reduction in the use of surplus. Police Salaries and Wages is the largest single budget in the current fund and has the largest increase, even though the percentage increase is 2.5%. It includes step, longevity and COLA increases for the officers as well as adjustments in multiple lines, including an increase in projected overtime.

Engineering and Planning has increased. With the ongoing work related to affordable housing and sewers, we felt it prudent to provide some increased funding for potential studies or reports that may be needed. \$425,000 extra is included. Streets and Roads Other Expenses has a decrease of \$12,000 in the projected cost for street sweeping. Buildings and Grounds Other Expenses has increased. \$10,000 of the increase in this budget is due to higher costs for janitorial services. The Health Department budget has increased due to a new County contract for 2016. Recreation Other Expenses has several program adjustments and new programs, much of which is offset by additional anticipated revenue. The Telephones budget has a planned reduction of \$10,000 which reflects savings that we are realizing from the implementation of the new phone system. The Capital budget remains unchanged. A rough draft of the proposed 2016 capital program is included. Debt Service is up by 3.4% but offset by a corresponding reduction in deferred charges. The Library Tax Levy, set by state formula, is increasing by 1%. In addition, the Board of Trustees is asking for a \$50,000 supplemental appropriation, up from \$35,000 in 2015. The extra funding would be offset by the use of surplus.

Mr. Kunze explained that, disregarding grants, the current fund budget would increase by 1.5%. Total planned spending on salaries and wage items are increasing 2%. The budget is compliant with the appropriations cap. Lastly, funding for both the water and sewer utilities would be the same as in 2015. However, reductions in debt service due to last year's bond sale would result in significantly more funding for capital.

Revenues

The Borough regenerated the surplus that was used in the 2015 budget, although the final number is still being calculated. We may need to utilize more surplus for capital or other items in accordance with our surplus policy. Overall, local revenues finished ahead of projections in 2015 and we are anticipating 2.7% more in the 2016 budget. As has been the case for the last several years, the amount of State Aid will be unchanged at about \$1.3 million. Other items of revenue are up slightly by \$2,000. The most significant issue though is a decline in recycling revenue due to changes in the recycling markets. We are currently paying our marketer \$30 per ton to take our curbside recyclables. For now, we are utilizing our recycling tonnage grant to cover the expense.

Mr. Kunze advised that, not including grants or receipts from delinquent taxes, local non-tax revenues are anticipated to increase by about \$34,000. The total current fund tax levy, including

the Library, would be \$14,542,917, which is an increase of 1.78%. This would be compliant with the 2% tax levy cap.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Schwager advised she was approached by the Shade Tree Commission about problems with bamboo. They asked that an ordinance be done to prohibit bamboo. Councilman Biale explained that bamboo is very aggressive. Councilman Kulmala advised that there was an article in The Record recently about other towns that are doing this type of ordinance. Mr. Kunze advised he had been contacted by a resident regarding this issue and he asked the Construction Official and Borough Attorney to look into this. He explained that an ordinance will be brought to the Council. Councilman Jensen asked if residents would be subject to remove bamboo even if they take care of it responsibly. Mr. Kunze advised that would have to be decided.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Jensen: The Planning Board will meet on March 10th at 7 pm at the Senior Center. He reminded everyone to turn the clocks ahead on Saturday night.

Councilman Visconti: The Park Committee met two weeks ago. The Scout project that was approved tonight will help to make the Great Oak Park more useful. The Park will be opened shortly. The Park Committee met with Boswell Engineering to discuss the L.O.I. There are some areas of the Park that can be worked on without DEP approval. The Committee spoke about fundraising. Councilman Visconti missed the last Water & Sewer Committee meeting but another one has been scheduled for next month. The Flood Commission will meet Monday March 14th at 7:30 pm. The Library will be holding a mini golf tournament on March 18th and 19th. There will be a concert on Sunday March 20th. There are a series of programs scheduled for the Library and they are listed on the Library's website. The architect started a preliminary assessment.

Councilman Biale: The Senior Center will hold a Fashion Show on March 30th and proceeds will benefit the Valley Hospital Auxiliary. The Senior Club will hold their St. Patrick's Day party on Saturday. Councilman Biale will meet with the Seniors on March 18th at 11 am. The memorial for Jack Tauber will be held at 2 pm on March 19th. Councilman Biale attended a meeting of the Municipal Pipeline Group. They are putting together a letter to send to other communities that are affected directly or indirectly by the pipeline. The next meeting of the group will be held in April. Councilman Biale advised that DPW Superintendent Marcucilli is putting together a list of where Rockland will be installing the 15 free LED lights this year. He advised that the Borough is getting an estimate on what it would cost to purchase LED lights. The cost to run the LED lights is 1/3 the cost of regular lights. He advised that the Police Chief has contacted the DOT to find out why the street lights are out on the I287 exit ramp to 202. He is waiting for a response.

Councilman Kulmala: He attended the March 1st Environmental Commission meeting. They will be holding movie nights on April 10th, 17th and 28th. The Public Safety Committee continues to meet with Department Heads to discuss dispatch services. The next meeting will be held March 17th. The OCC will meet on March 16th.

Councilman Talamini: The Public Events Committee will hold the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 19th at 11 am. The raindate will be Sunday March 20th at 1 pm. The Board of Health will meet on March 15th.

Mayor Schwager advised that the DOT is doing work on the exit ramp from Route 208/287. They may close one lane of the exit ramp. Mayor Schwager is working on the wellness campaign. It will begin the week of April 11th. Baseball and softball are accepting late sign ups. The Recreation fields are open but she asked residents to respect signs and check the Recreation website for field status. The Summer camp and Summer sports clinic sign up information will be posted on the Recreation website.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Don Burns, 22 Whittier Lane, spoke about the parking ordinance adopted last meeting. He does not know how that ordinance is considered leverage for the Board of Ed to do anything. He advised parents to go to the school board meeting and demand a solution. He told the parents not to pass the budget if they are unhappy. Mayor Schwager responded that they met with the Superintendent and members of the school board and they have plans in the works. Councilman Talamini clarified that the Ramapo Indian Hills district moved to the November election so people don't vote on their budget.

Michael Pritchard, 33 Calumet, advised that Councilman Biale is an expert on bamboo.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Biale, the following bills be submitted for payment:

(see following pages)

BE IT RESOLVED that the foregoing bills be paid and charged to their respective accounts when the funds are available.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 pm.

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

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
March 23, 2016

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved

