

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY MAY 13, 2015

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman seconded by Councilman, 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-Bank of America; PBA negotiations.
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 Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

Discussion on PBA negotiations and Tax Appeal for Bank of America. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Council President Pignatelli at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council President Pignatelli called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti. Absent: Mayor Schwager. Also Present: Kathlyn Gurney, Deputy Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Council President Pignatelli announced this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law duly announced and included in the schedule of regular meetings.

EXCUSE ABSENCE:

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

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

PRESENTATION ON ACCESS FOR ALL

Freeholder Dina DeNicola, 779 Comanche Lane, Franklin Lakes, gave a brief presentation on behalf of Bergen County Community Services and Bergen County Disability Services to discuss the possibility of implementing an Access for All program in Oakland. The purpose of this program is to encourage municipalities to form committees to serve and promote barrier free communities for the disabled. She offered a packet to the Council which containing sample resolutions to be considered from other towns.

These advisory committees would identify concerns and needs for the disabled and provide cost effective suggestions concerning ADA compliance housing, commercial buildings and other public entities. In addition, it would ensure greater access to employment, education, retail and recreation opportunities.

These committees usually consist of residents with a disability or a family member, a Council person liaison, an OEM official, a Recreation representative and a Board of Education member.

Freeholder DeNicola informed Council that Bergen County has passed a Freeholder Resolution in support of towns creating such committees and would encourage Oakland to join the 25 communities who have already established these committees. She explained that these towns have adopted resolutions and bylaws which can be amended.

She asked the Council to consider adopting the Access for All program, to raise awareness of the needs and rights for people with disabilities in Oakland. Councilman Pignatelli verified that the Freeholder contacted Mayor Schwager on this issue. Freeholder DeNicola responded that they have been in touch by email. Councilman Pignatelli informed the Freeholder that Council would discuss this matter and possibly adopt a resolution in the future. She thanked the Council for their time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Mr. Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray Lane, questioned why shredded paper could not be recycled. Councilman Pignatelli responded that paper can become contaminated and not recyclable.

Mr. Monaco referenced the last meeting and told Council that he did not refer to the meetings being held to discuss dispatch services as a 'secret meeting'.

Mr. Don Burns, 22 Williams Lane, clarified that at the last Council meeting he said that he encouraged people with an emergency to call 911 which gets transferred to Ridgewood, due to new requirements. He did not say anything about the qualifications of the Borough's dispatchers. He explained that if it is a true emergency, 911 dispatchers have the ability to stay on the line with the victim and talk them through their emergency. If you call the Borough's Police Department, you could lose time listening to telephone prompts and the dispatcher may not be able to stay on the line with the victim if there is another call. Again, he clarified that he did not say anything about the qualifications of the Borough's dispatchers.

Detective Mark Piercy, PBA President Local 164, 225 Ramapo Valley Road, informed Mr. Burns that the Borough's dispatchers do have the capability to stay on the line with a victim.

Detective Piercy addressed the public concerning a letter sent out a month ago to residents about dispatch services and apologized for any misunderstandings. He explained that the intent of the letter was to inform the public of the impending change with dispatch services and that Police Headquarters would remain here in town.

He informed the public and Council that he made an OPRA request to the Borough. This request was for emails or correspondence scheduling or discussing any meetings involving dispatch services and radio communications.

Back in November 30, 2012 he was requested by the Chief Kasper and Mr. Kunze to supply a letter from the PBA listing their questions and concerns with going to County dispatch services. The PBA's letter addressed the questions and concerns but opposed the transfer. In addition, the PBA requested to be included in any further discussions the Borough had concerning the transfer to County dispatch services. Detective Piercy gave a list of meetings, letters and emails, where he indicated, the Borough's neglect to include the PBA in the discussions. When preparing their letter to the public, the only information the PBA had was based upon a meeting the PBA attended on March 16, 2015 concerning the County dispatch services.

Detective Piercy commented on Richard Kunze's response letter which did not mention a proposal back in 2011 that provided approximate cost for the dispatch services. He also

referenced a letter from Mayor Szabo concerning police overtime which resulted in a grievance back in 2007 and was settled before arbitration. The Borough's Labor Attorney indicated that police are more valuable serving the public and should not be dispatching.

Councilman Kulmala clarified with Detective Piercy that people with an emergency should call 911 and not the police station. Detective Piercy agreed but felt it is important for the public to know they can access police headquarters which is opened to the public till 10:00 p.m. and have contact with dispatchers in the event of an emergency.

Detective Piercy described the dispatch services being offered at the County and expressed that he did not feel that saving money was worth losing a valuable service. He referred to an incident that happened in Wyckoff recently where he believed was caused in error by both the dispatch services and the officer. Councilman Pignatelli responded that it is not clear what happened and informed Detective Piercy that the incident is still under investigation by the Office of Public Safety.

Detective Piercy was advised by the Borough's Labor Attorney to reach out to the police department's liaison to discuss issues such as PBA contract. Councilman Kulmala informed Detective Piercy that any discussions concerning the police contract would be directed to Mr. Kunze. Councilman Pignatelli agreed with Councilman Kulmala that contract discussions would be directed to Mr. Kunze and other matters should be addressed by your chief.

Mr. Frank Monaco suggested that another person be appointed to participate in the police negotiations.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 22, 2015

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Visconti, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of April 22, 2015 be approved.

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

Councilman Pignatelli made a statement about the dispatch services. He explained that the Council forms many working group for town projects. Proposals are made and proposals are changed. Sometimes certain projects take priority over others. Mayor and Council work like a business. A definitive decision was never made concerning the dispatch services and Mayor and Council continue to collaborate on information. Once all the information is gathered, it will be presented to Mayor Council and the public will have an opportunity to ask questions and comment. A proposal may have been submitted but nothing has been brought to the Council for a vote since this is still in the beginning stages. He thanked the PBA for their attendance and concern in this matter.

APPROVAL RAFFLE LICENSE RL1243

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Visconti, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1243 for Wyckoff Torpedoes Soccer Club to hold a Texas Hold Em tournament on June 6, 2015 at 7 Fir Court.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1244

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Jensen, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1244 for Blue & Gold Touchdown Club to hold an off-premise 50/50 on June 27, 2015 at the Recreation Fields, Oak Street.

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

APPOINTMENT TO SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Visconti, Edward Werger be appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Shade Tree Commission to expire on December 31, 2017.

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

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

The following proclamation was read into the record:

WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as water, sewers, streets and highways, public buildings, and solid waste collection; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of this community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction are vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works departments is materially influenced by the people's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Linda H. Schwager, of the Borough of Oakland do hereby proclaim the week of May 17th through May 23rd, 2015

“NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK”

I call upon all citizens and civic organizations in the Borough of Oakland to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works and to recognize the contributions which public works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life

Given under my hand and seal of the Borough of Oakland, State of New Jersey, this 13th day of May, 2015.

Councilman Pignatelli commented on what a fine job the Borough's Department of Public Works does all year round

APPROVE REQUEST TO PLACE SIGN AT BUSH PLAZA:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Visconti, approval be granted to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Oakland Fire Department to place a sign at Bush Plaza to advertise their Fish and Chips dinner to be held on June 13, 2015.

Councilman Jensen announced that Ladies Auxiliary of the Oakland Fire Department will hold their event at Firehouse #1 on Yawpo Avenue. Tickets will be sold at \$15 per. The sign will be no more than 30 square feet and would be displayed no more than 30 days.

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

APPROVE SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT FOR OAKLAND ELKS

On motion of Councilman Visconti, seconded by Councilman Jensen, approval be granted for the Oakland Elks to apply for a Social Affairs Permit to hold a fundraiser for special children on June 13, 2015 from 7 to 11 pm.

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

RESOLUTION 15-128 HIRE SEASONAL LABORERS

On motion of Councilman Jensen, 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	May 14, 2015	\$ 10.50/hour
Sean Kicinski	May 14, 2015	\$ 10.50/hour

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

RESOLUTION 15-129 REFUND RECREATION REGISTRATION FEE

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, 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 Baseball Registration Fees in the amount of \$87.00;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby authorize a refund as follows:

Cindy Schermerhorn, 23 Butternut Ct. Oakland, NJ 07436 refund due \$87.00

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

RESOLUTION 15-130 LICENSE BOROUGH PROPERTY ADJACENT 87 LAKEVIEW

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

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a request to renew the license Borough owned property at 89 Lakeview 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 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the Borough Clerk to issue a license for the property at 89 Lakeview Terrace to Anthony Papasso, 87 Lakeview Terrace, subject to the rules and regulations specified in Resolution 15-23 adopted on January 14, 2015.

Councilman Jensen explained that this resolution authorizes the Borough to extend to a property owner the right to lease a vacant piece of land owned by the Borough. He reminded Council that he was asked to evaluate Borough property that could possibly be sold for revenue. If a leased property was chosen to be sold, the buyer of that property would be subject to the agreement set forth in the lease until it expires. He warned Council that by leasing these properties, it creates a deed encumbrance which could prevent the sale of the property until the lease expires which could make the property less marketable.

Mr. Chewcaskie informed Councilman Jensen there is a policy developed licensing these properties and he believes that there is language in it allowing a 60 day termination provision if the property was sold.

ROLL CALL: Ayes, Councilmembers Coira, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.
Nay, Councilman Jensen.

RESOLUTION 15-131 REFUND TAXES BLOCK 5401, LOT 11

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request from the property owner for a refund of a 2014 duplicate payment;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a refund as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
5104/11	Viegas, Mark & Cornelia	\$3,074.32

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

RESOLUTION 15-132 REFUND 2013 TAXES DUE TO JUDGMENT BLOCK 2517, L2
On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on April 24, 2015, in the matter of A-1 Management, LLC v. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 001939-2013, reducing the assessment of Block 2517, Lot 2, 13 Ramapo Valley Rd., to \$1,100,000.00 for the Tax Year 2013; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2013 property taxes is now due to A-1 Management, LLC, c/o Jerome Vogel, Esq., in the amount of \$8,580.70;

NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to A-1 Management, LLC, in the amount of \$8,580.70.

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

RESOLUTION 15-133 REFUND 2014 TAXES DUE TO JUDGMENT BLOCK 2517, L2
On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, a Tax Court Judgment was entered on April 24, 2015, in the matter of A-1 Management, LLC v. Oakland Borough, Docket No. 009339-2014, reducing the assessment of Block 2517, Lot 2, 13 Ramapo Valley Rd., to \$1,100,000.00 for the Tax Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, a refund of the 2014 property taxes is now due to A-1 Management, LLC, c/o Jerome Vogel, Esq., in the amount of \$8,731.18;

NOW, THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, upon the advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a check be issued to A-1 Management, LLC, in the amount of \$8,731.18.

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

RESOLUTION 15-134 CHAPTER 159 HIGHLANDS PLAN CONFORMANCE GRANT
On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of

any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland in the County of Bergen, New Jersey hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2015 in the sum of \$205,150.00 which is now available from the Highlands Plan Conformance Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$205,150.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption Highlands Plan Conformance Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above is the result of funds due to the Borough of Oakland in the amount of \$205,150.00

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

RESOLUTION 15-135 AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF HIGHLANDS PLAN CONFORMANCE

On motion of Councilman Jensen, 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 of the Borough of Oakland hereby authorize Mayor Linda H. Schwager to execute the Amended Plan Conformance Grant Agreement #09-033-011-0242 between the State of New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council and the Borough of Oakland.

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

RESOLUTION 15-136 AUTHORIZE REFUND OF FOUND PROPERTY

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, 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 Found Property in the total amount of \$ 845.00; 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:

Ron Lotterman, 4 Nokomis Avenue, Oakland, NJ 07436 \$ 845

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

RESOLUTION 15-137 REFUND OF ESCROW MONEY

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, 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 Escrow Funds in the total amount of \$1,921.50; 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:

Leonard Divak, Leonard Developers, LLC, 809 Lennell Lane, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

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

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 15-CODE-715

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 15-Code-715 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 24 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC - STOP INTERSECTIONS"

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Stagg, Visconti.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, seconded by Councilman Visconti, 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 7, Section 24 Of The Code

Of The Borough Of Oakland, Entitled “Traffic - Stop Intersections”, 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.

Councilman Jensen questioned the distance required between stop-signs. Chief Kasper responded the distance would be regulated by state but he was not sure there was a distance regulation between signs.

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

WORK SESSION:

LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT:

Mr. Anthony Iovino, Principal Owner of Arcari & Iovino Architects, One Katherine Street, Little Ferry, New Jersey was before the Council to present renovations being proposed for the Library project. He informed the Council that his firm specializes in the renovations of public libraries. They were hired to evaluate the existing conditions of the entire building along with the renovations that occurred 15 years ago.

Mr. Iovino explained that the original building remains empty and in poor condition and the addition that was added has issues as well. He and his engineers evaluated existing blue-prints and the condition of the mechanical and electrical systems. They evaluated the existing set up of the spaces and how these spaces could be rearranged.

Once you enter the building on ground level they are proposing adult, young adult and a children space as well as smaller meeting rooms and a history space. The basement of the original building would be intended for non-public use to store library books and municipal records. The upper level of the original building has a mezzanine space. He discussed plans for this space.

There have been several discussions with the Library Board and the Library Building Committee about a series of options which have been narrowed down to what is practical. This is not a luxury project, it is a necessity to fix the problems and rearranging the spaces.

A conceptual plan and a cost matrix has been put together as well as a line item prioritizing the work. Priority 1 includes things that need to be done immediately, priority 2 could be done now but can wait until the end of priority 1. Priority 3 are minor items that do not affect the library service and could be done with the Borough’s own forces.

Mr. Iovino reviewed the 9 sections of priority 1 where work would begin immediately to address safety concerns. The estimated cost of priority 1 would be \$1,300,000.00, priority 2 would be \$772,000.00 and priority \$92,500.00.

Councilman Visconti informed the Council that he has been on the committee for 10 months which involved a thorough RFP process along with a joint effort and much research. He explained that a presentation with much detail was given to the Council to correct things that were done incorrectly.

He explained that the library is not being used to its capacity and by the end of the priority 1 phase the building would be operating at 100 percent. The Borough has set aside the settlement proceeds and insurance money from the first architect in the amount of \$500,000.00 that will go toward the \$1,300,000.00.

A discussion ensued concerning undertaking all three phases together. Councilman Visconti responded that priority 3 should be done last since it involves landscaping and finishing touches to the exterior of the building. He suggested that Peter Havel arrange for the television crew to come out to film the course of the renovations so that the public can be a part of the process and be able to give input.

Councilman Pignatelli expressed that the Library is an essential part of the community and the importance of moving forward with this project. He pointed out that the Library was the center point for the town especially during Super Storm Sandy.

Councilman Talamini questioned the timeframe for the project. Mr. Iovino responded that it would take approximately four months to make decisions on design, two months to receive bids and approximately a six month range to complete the interior renovations. He noted that existing and proposed plans would be on display at the Library for the public to observe. Peter Havel, Library Director, also suggested that a display be posted on the Borough's website to showcase improvements as well as the use of social media, such as their Facebook page, to keep the public updated on progress being made. He expressed that he would be available for any questions.

SUPPORT A4325 TRANSPARENT TAX ACT:

Mr. Kunze explained that the CFO has drafted a change to the sample resolution so that it now expresses support for the cost sharing provisions in the legislation but not for the issuance of additional tax bills which would add a needless expense to the municipality. The resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FRANKLIN LAKES FOR RESPONSE TO FIRE CALLS:

Mr. Kunze explained that Oakland and Franklin Lakes' Fire Departments have begun to respond to certain calls in each other's community during the daytime hours. The draft agreement submitted for consideration sets forth the terms of this arrangement in writing. The agreement has been reviewed by the Attorney and the Fire Chief.

Councilman Kulmala requested that a statement be placed in the agreement that the Public Safety Committee and Administrators for both towns would meet quarterly to go over statistics and calls and implement changes if needed. Mr. Chewcaskie requested that it also be added to the agreement that the fire departments of the respected municipalities meet quarterly to review the statistics of joint calls dispatched and provide that information to the governing body of Oakland and Franklin Lakes

AMEND TRAFFIC CODE REGARDING PARKING DISTANCE FROM INTERSECTION:

Chief Kasper explained that the statutory prohibited distance for parking near an intersection and crosswalk is 25 feet but municipalities may provide for a longer distance at selected locations. The Police Department is recommending that we designate a 50 foot distance at the Sioux Avenue and Ramapo Valley Road intersection for safety reasons. An ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting.

UPDATE HOUSING PLAN:

Mr. Kunze advised that in response to the recent court ruling on COAH and subsequent discussion with the Borough Planner, he has submitted a proposal to provide assistance in the filing of a declaratory judgment which is due July 8th. The proposal is also for preparation of a new Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. Subject to change, the contract amount would be \$ 25,000 and the funding would come from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Mr. Chewcaskie expressed that the 30 day timeframe is critical for the Borough to address and file. This would entail an analysis done by the Borough's Planner with regard to updating the housing plan to conform with the requirements set forth by the Supreme Court decision. He asked that this be acted upon as soon as possible. Mr. Kunze informed Council that a resolution for contract award will be listed on the next agenda for approval.

2015 CAPITAL PLAN:

Mr. Kunze advised that a spread sheets were provided reflecting the total scope of the capital program for the year and first bond ordinance. These items have been reviewed during the budget meetings and he welcomed feedback on how to proceed with preparing the ordinances. If Council is comfortable he will contact bond council to prepare the capital and the bond ordinance and will be ready for introduction at the next meeting.

Councilman Pignatelli questioned the location of the proposed LED lights. Mr. Kunze responded that the plan proposes two signs each on Pawnee Road, Seminole Drive and Hiawatha Boulevard.

AMEND BOSWELL CONTRACT-LSRP SERVICES GREAT OAK PARK:

Mr. Kunze explained that as part of due diligence at Great Oak Park, we discovered a 1,000 gallon heating oil underground storage tank that had corroded and leaked. He advised that we are undertaking testing of the soil to determine the extent of the contamination and to determine to what extent remediation may be needed. Boswell's contract will need to be amended in order for them to provide oversight. The increase to the contract would be \$ 800 and funding would come from the bond ordinance used to purchase the property. A resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

Ms. Mejia added that two additional proposals will be coming for monitoring wells and for the removal of transformers found on the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Visconti informed the Council that at the last Great Oak Park meeting, they are moving forward to open the park. The committee met with the Public Safety Committee, Police, Fire Department and First Aid to identify roads and paths in the event there was an emergency within the park. They came up with names that reflected the names of original property owner.

He questioned if the Council members had issues with the names being proposed for the streets (Ramapo River Walk, Scouts Trail, White Oak Walk, Baromako Drive, Uncle Barts Bridge, Tarsini Drive, Paronte Path, Louie's Lane). The Council had no objection. He requested that a resolution be adopted at the next meeting to name the streets.

Mr. Kunze informed Council that during an environmental study, two of the properties involved in the Phase I of the Roosevelt Buyouts had a couple of concerns such as a damaged oil tank and a garage being used as a darkroom. Since the properties operate on septic systems, there are concerns that some of the chemicals could have reached the ground. The company contracted

by the Borough to do the study has given a proposal for a follow up study which he would bring forward to the Council.

Councilman Pignatelli inquired if seal coating roadways was a viable project to increase the life of the roadway. Ms. Mejia responded that she is waiting to hear back from towns in the New Jersey area she contacted to find out their experiences with this.

Councilman Pignatelli referred to the light at West Oakland Avenue and Ramapo Valley Road. He questioned if it would be possible to give a green arrow to vehicles making a right on Ramapo Valley Road while vehicles traveling south have a green arrow to make a left hand turn onto West Oakland Avenue. Chief Kasper responded that vehicles are not permitted to make a right on red with a railroad crossing immediately following. A discussion ensued concerning the outcome and Chief Kasper agreed to investigate further what makes the traffic flow better at that intersection.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIASON REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini informed Council that the Carnival was the topic of Public Events meeting he attended. He informed Council that the Carnival will be held June 24 -27. He welcomed any resident wanting to become a member of the Public Events committee to please do so. He also informed Council about the North Jersey Concert Band presenting songs of earth and space to be held Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Indian Hills High School.

Councilman Kulmala informed the Council that the CERT Team and OEM Services organized a clean-up along Skyline Drive on May 3, 2015. It was attended by 25 people from all departments and committees in town. He also attended a FLOW meeting on May 7, 2015 in Wyckoff. It was chaired by the Environmental Commission on how to expand town CERT Team programs. The next OCC meeting will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Borough Hall. The Ladies Auxiliary had a successful Strawberry Day this month.

Councilman Visconti informed the Council that there was a clean-up at Great Oak Park Saturday, May 2, 2015. It was successful and well attended. He thanked all who attended. They are still working with the Boy Scouts and trying to organize fundraisers to help the park. Once Council adopts the resolution approving the names of the streets and pathways, they can move forward opening the park later on this spring. He commented on Mr. Iovino's presentation on the Library. Councilman Visconti expressed that people should visit the Library's website and like their Facebook page to be able to see updates on the renovations as well as programs the Library has to offer. He offered his appreciation to the PBA for attending the meeting and expressing their concerns. There has been no decisions made at this time but thanked them for their input.

Councilman Pignatelli announced upcoming Senior Citizen events. A TNT Dinner Dance is being held Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Indian Hills H.S. Bingo is held Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. with free cake and coffee being offered. Enjoy a day on the lake at Wallenpaupack Wednesday, June 24, 2015, for a lunch. The Senior Center was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for safe driving. The Green team announced the film festival will be held May 7th and May 14th. Both films will be shown at 7:00 p.m. at the Wyckoff Public Library. The Historical Society, Northwest Bergen History Coalition are having their 5th annual history day Saturday, May 30th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Councilman Pignatelli announced that there will be a stigma free kick-off meeting May 28th at 3:30 p.m. at Borough Hall. This meeting is geared to remove the stigma associated with

mental illness such as substance abuse, anxiety disorders and suicide. He expressed that they are hoping to have a mental health first aid program which will train people to help those with mental illness disorders.

Councilman Jensen informed the Council that the Planning Board meeting has been canceled for the month of May and the following meeting will be June 11, 2015. He pointed out that Oakland received a AAA Bond rating which puts the Borough in a good position for financing terms which will save the borough a considerable amount in savings on interest.

Councilwoman Coira announced there will be a paper shredding event for residents at the Borough on May 30, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a 40 pound maximum per person. She welcomed Shade Tree Committee's newest member and informed the public that there is still one more opening for a member and if people are interested, they can pick up a Citizens Leadership Form at Borough Hall. Football and Soccer sign-ups are underway and conclude on June 1, 2015. Visit the Recreation's website to find out how to register. The Baseball and Softball Parade will be held Saturday, June 6th at 9:00 a.m. The ceremony will begin immediately after the parade followed by the Community of Commerce and Public Events Committee Pitch Party. In addition, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Walking Path. The Blue and Gold Touchdown club is hosting a car wash and bake sale, Sunday, May 17, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Copper Tree Parking Lot in Oakland. Tickets will be sold for \$5.00 prior to the event and \$7.00 the day of the event.

Councilwoman Coira touched on some highlights of a letter sent out to baseball and softball parents concerning changes at the Recreation Center. She pointed out specifics on the Lighting Project and how much more efficient the lighting will be at the Recreation. Also the Walking Path project is complete and the pathway equals to .65 of a mile. Field 5 had drainage issues and thanked the help of James Construction for completing the job. The final issue she addressed was a problem the town is experiencing with the vendor timeframe for delivering equipment for recreation programs. This issue is being addressed and the new Recreation Secretary, Chrissy Clipperton, is doing a great job following up with the vendors. She thanked all the people being affected for their patience.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Detective Mark Piercy questioned a comment made about small working groups and no resolution passed. He pointed out that a resolution was passed. Councilman Pignatelli responded that there has been no formal cost proposal introduced to the Council for a vote. Detective Piercy informed the Council that three members took part in a vote for a resolution for a proposal. Councilman Pignatelli responded that a resolution was passed to get proposals.

Detective Piercy made a statement to Council that he never said headquarters would be closed. He questioned the savings of having a dispatch services versus the Borough having their own dispatchers. A discussion ensued concerning the difference in cost between hiring a part-time person versus four full-time dispatcher.

He also pointed out that it was mentioned by two Council members that the PBA did not have concerns since they were not present at the last meeting. He informed Council that the PBA did not show up because they did not want to influence the public nor did they have questions but they did have concerns. He expressed the concerns the PBA has for public safety and officer safety as well. Councilman Pignatelli responded that he takes the PBA's concerns seriously and will listen to all their concerns but he pointed out that there is much more to look at.

Ms. Deborah Klaus, 37 Franklin Avenue, questioned money being spent on the Library Project which is taking away from essential things like the Borough's dispatchers. She expressed that if the Council passes the dispatch service she is going to start a petition to have the people vote. She questioned why the public was not offered their input like they were for the Library. Councilman Visconti responded no decisions have been made because they have not gathered all the data needed. The work groups have done a lot of research and then the group brought their research before the Council just like we had work groups research the Library and now are publicly discussing the findings. The same thing will happen with dispatch services and further discussions will happen. The PBA was invited to the March working group meeting because the working group want their input. If Council did not want the PBA input, the Council could come forward with a decision in one day and move on. The Council is in a process so please let the process finish.

Mr. Frank Monaco, 64 Thackeray Lane, commented on the Borough's effort for shared services and recommended that DPW workers become certified as firefighters. Councilman Kulmala responded that they are looking into this integrating but it would take changes in the bylaws.

Mr. Monaco questioned the age of the roof on the Library and why it needed to be replaced. Councilman Visconti responded that the roof is leaking. Mr. Monaco commented that prior Library project was a mishap.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

BILLS TO BE PAID:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, 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 Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Jensen, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, the meeting be adjourned at 9:55 pm.

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

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
June 10, 2015

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved