

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

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Visconti, 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:
Van Allen House
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 the Van Allen House lease agreement. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:30 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.

EXCUSE ABSENCE:

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

October 11th is Inside Out Day in Oakland to promote Mental Health Awareness. The students are going to wear their clothes inside out. She thanked Caron McCormick for initiating this. Mayor Schwager announced that the Governing Body will pass a resolution tonight to have Oakland become a satellite office of the County Surrogate.

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.

Brian Reich, 91 Spear Street, asked what has been done in terms of outreach to the private sector as far as security measures for a shooting attack. Mayor Schwager responded that Mr. Reich can reach out to the Emergency Management coordinator. Mr. Kunze advised he will talk to the Police Chief.

Chike Onuoha, 17 River Dell, advised he graduated from Indian Hills last year. He is currently a student at Bergen Community College. He is taking a political science class which required him to observe a meeting. Mrs. Onuoha advised they are 18-year residents of the town. The schools are excellent and she thanked the Mayor and Council for putting in the time that they do.

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: SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of September 28, 2016 be approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of September 28, 2016 be approved.

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

APPOINTMENT TO SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

Mayor Schwager explained that Ed Werger resigned from the Shade Tree Commission. Mayor Schwager appointed Ramona Volpe to fill the unexpired term. The term will expire December 31, 2017.

RESOLUTION 16-191 AWARD CONTRACT-ROAD SALT

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland needs to purchase rock salt; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is a member of the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System (state ID #11-BeCCP); and

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System has awarded contract #16-59, Rock Salt, to Mid-American Salt, LLC, and said contract was awarded through the open competitive bidding process and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40a:11 et seq., Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Superintendent of Public Works have recommended that the Borough of Oakland purchase rock salt through the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing Council in an amount not to exceed \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for these purchases, said funds to be encumbered from account number 6-01-26-306-058 and from appropriation in the 2017 budget, subject to adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Borough Council hereby authorizes the purchase of Rock Salt, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000, through the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System, contract # 16-59 Rock Salt, awarded to Mid-American Salt, LLC.

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

RESOLUTION 16-192 AMEND SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT-COUNTY STREET SWEEPER

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

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2016, the Borough of Oakland authorized entering into a Shared Service Agreement with Bergen County regarding the use of the 2006 Elgin/Pelican 3 Wheel Broom Sweeper owned by the County of Bergen; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen has revised the agreement for short term rental of the County owned sweeper;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the amended Shared Service Agreement for short term rental of the 2006 Elgin/Pelican 3 Wheel Broom Sweeper owned by the County of Bergen, which agreement is annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

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

RESOLUTION 16-193 AUTHORIZE REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT BLOCK 5004, LOT 59
On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Jensen, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, an overpayment has been made to block 5004 lot 59 better known as 28 Tuscarora Drive, due to a double payments made by the homeowner as well as her mortgage company;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Treasurer is authorized and directed to refund the amounts as stated below:

A Absolute Escrow Settlement Co, In.
55 Essex Street
Millburn, NJ 07041

Refund: \$ 2,902.21

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that copies of this resolution be provided to the Tax Collector and the Treasurer.

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

RESOLUTION 16-194 AUTHORIZE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Jensen, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, as of January 1, 2006, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., commonly known as the "State Pay to Play" law, enacted by the New Jersey State Legislature became effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq., a municipality may not award contracts with a value in excess of \$17,500.00 to a business entity which has made reportable contributions in excess of \$300.00, in the aggregate, to the said municipality's political parties or to any candidate's committee of any person serving in an elective public office of the said municipality when such contract was awarded, unless said business entity is awarded a contract under a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, a "fair and open process" constitutes the following: (1) public advertisement of a Request for Qualifications (hereinafter the "RFQ") with ten (10) calendar days notice prior to

the receipt of responses to the RFQ; (2) award of contract under a process that provides for public solicitation of qualifications; (3) award of contract under publicly disclosed criteria established, in writing, by the municipality prior to the solicitation of qualifications; and (4) the municipality shall publicly open and announce the qualifications when awarded; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary for the Borough of Oakland (hereinafter the "Borough") to engage legal, financial and engineering professionals and the Borough desires to appoint such professionals for 2017 by a "fair and open process" pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq. and in accordance with the Borough's Pay To Play Ordinance, Ordinance No. 12-Code-669.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey that requests for RFQs for professional services for the following professional services for the Borough and its agencies are hereby authorized:

1. Borough Attorney
2. Labor Attorney
3. Borough Auditor
4. Bond Counsel
5. Borough Engineer
6. Borough Prosecutor
7. Public Defender
8. Planning Board Attorney
9. Board of Adjustment Attorney
10. Borough Risk Manager
11. Borough Planner
12. Water and Sewer Engineer
13. Planning Board Engineer
14. Planning Board Planner
15. Board of Adjustment Engineer
16. Board of Adjustment Planner

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the RFQs for the professional services as set forth hereinabove shall be prepared and published in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.1 et seq. and all such RFQs shall be evaluated on the basis of the most advantageous RFQ, all factors considered, including, but not limited to: (1) experience and reputation in the profession; (2) knowledge of the subject matter to be addressed under contract; (3) availability to accommodate any required meetings of the Borough or Borough Agency; (4) and any other factors if demonstrated to be in the best interest of the Borough or Borough Agency.

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

RESOLUTION 16-195 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUND

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received requests for refunds of Recreation Registration Fees in the amount of \$276.00; 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 refunds to:

Cheryl Contrini, 165 Page Drive, Oakland, NJ 07436 soccer refund due \$75.00
Mattia Campbell, 50 Chuckanutt Drive, Oakland, NJ 07436 Cheerleading refund due \$99.00.
Mikael Exil, 30 River Road, Oakland, NJ 07436 Football camp refund due \$ 102.00

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

RESOLUTION 16-196 AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT-BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland wishes to contract with the County of Bergen Department of Health for the Bloodborne Pathogen Compliance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wish to continue this compliance program in order to protect and train the Borough employees and emergency personnel in communicable disease control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby approves the service agreement which will include compliance training at a set fee of \$ 18.00 per employee and Hepatitis B Vaccinations at a cost of \$ 62.00 per vaccine, \$ 186.00 per series effective from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account # 6-01-27-330-135..

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

RESOLUTION 16-197 RESOLUTION FOR BUS STOPS

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

WHEREAS, New Jersey Transit has submitted amended agreements for bus stop locations on County and Municipal Roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the agreements for New Jersey Transit dated August 24, 2016, for Municipal Roads and County Roads.

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

RESOLUTION 16-199 AUTHORIZE SATELLITE LOCATION FOR SURROGATE'S OFFICE

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

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Surrogate's Court has requested utilization of a designated space within the Borough of Oakland in order to allow the Surrogate's Court to be more accessible to the public in the area; and

WHEREAS, this utilization would be on an as-needed basis and the Probate Clerks would coordinate with the Borough to ensure accessibility of the space; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, in an effort to meet the needs of its citizens, designates an area within the Oakland Senior Center as a Surrogate's Court Satellite location; and

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

- a. The Borough of Oakland hereby grants the request of the Bergen County Surrogate's Court to utilize space in the Oakland Senior Center on an as-needed basis to meet with individuals.
- b. The Oakland Senior Center shall coordinate directly with the Bergen County Surrogate's Court with respect to scheduling to ensure accessibility of the Senior Center and the Senior Center shall provide the Probate Clerk with a desk or table for the Clerk to conduct business at the Center.
- c. A true copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Bergen County Surrogate's Court and the Oakland Senior Center.

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

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 16-CODE-745

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 16-Code-745 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 16-Code-745 entitled: " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2-7.4 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND ENTITLED "SHADE TREE COMMISSION".

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, " An Ordinance Amending And Supplementing Chapter 2-7.4 Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Borough Of Oakland Entitled "Shade Tree Commission", be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on October 26, 2016 at the Municipal Court/Council Chambers, 10 Lawlor Drive, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before October 16, 2016 together with notice of this introduction and of the time and place for further

consideration for final passage, and that the Clerk post a copy of said Ordinance in the Municipal Building and make copies available to the public.

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

AMEND SIGN ORDINANCE:

Mr. Kunze explained that changes have been made to address the Supreme Court Gilbert decision. The other change is to act on the recommendation of the Planning Board to eliminate the requirement that applicants provide a signed and sealed lighting plan because this is burdensome. Mr. Chewcaskie advised that the current ordinance governs signs that are limited. There are three types of temporary signs. In the draft ordinance, we have defined non-commercial signs as part of the definition. He explained that at a previous meeting there was a question whether these temporary signs should be permitted in the municipal right of way and the determination was that they should not. Mr. Chewcaskie does not believe there should be a permit fee for temporary signs just a violation for non-compliance. He gave examples of non-commercial signs. Councilman Jensen asked what is defined as offensive for a sign. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that the Supreme Court has not determined yet. Mr. Kunze advised that there should be clarification about political signs not requiring a permit or fee.

Mayor Schwager asked if anyone needs more time to review the ordinance or should it be listed for introduction. Councilman Visconti commented that the lighting recommendation is straight forward. Mr. Kunze advised the draft ordinance needs clarification regarding fees and approvals. He asked if a timeframe needs to be provided for political signs. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that all non-commercial signs have a 30-day limit. Councilman Biale would like Mr. Chewcaskie to clean up the ordinance before listing it for introduction. Mr. Chewcaskie advised he will do a revised version for the next meeting.

SOLAR PANEL ORDINANCE:

Mr. Chewcaskie advised that the Borough received a letter from the NJ Department of Community Affairs about our solar panel ordinance. They indicated that the International Building Code has implemented sections that address solar panels. Therefore, the State advised that our ordinance must be revised to conform with State requirements. This will be listed for introduction at the next meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING ON GRANT APPLICATION TO BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND:

Mayor Schwager explained to the audience that the Borough must hold a hearing as a requirement for the grant application. The Borough will request \$ 50,000 to purchase a Band Shell for Great Oak Park. Mike Guadagnino, Park Committee Chairman, advised that the Committee has talked about a Great Lawn and a Bandshell since 2012. He advised that they are hopefully ready to move forward with the next phase of the Park. The Committee feels comfortable that all the environmental issues have been addressed. Mr. Guadagnino met with Frank Rossi from Boswell and with Downes Tree Service in June about creating a Great Lawn. The area where the Great Lawn will be is not in the floodplain and not in the buffer zone. The Park Committee would not let anyone use the Great Lawn until the parking lots are re-done. First we need to know what kind of surface can be used for the parking lots. We also need to know if the dog park can be approved.

Mr. Guadagnino explained that the Park is 40 acres. However, there are only 1.58 acres that are being changed. The rest of the area will remain in its natural state. The Band Shell will be a

wooden structure with a stage where groups can perform. Mr. Guadagnino advised if the Borough gets the grant for the Band Shell, then he would like to proceed with fundraising. He advised that he was forwarded a letter from the Environmental Commission with concerns about fertilizer. He explained that they do not want to use fertilizer. The Environmental Commission is concerned with plumbing for sewerage. Mr. Guadagnino explained that porta-potties will be used in the Park. There is no plan to have lights and there is nothing that can be done about noise since it is a park.

Councilman Visconti commented that during discussions with Boswell, they discussed using a specific grass which is self-fertilized and uses low water consumption. It is used in a lot of public parks. He explained that 95% of the Park is remaining unchanged. There are no residential neighbors to worry about the noise and there will be shade trees planted around. Mr. Guadagnino commented that the Environmental Commission has concerns over vandalism. He explained that if vandalism occurs now at the Recreation fields, it is taken care of. The same would be true for the Park. Councilman Visconti explained that now is the time to apply for this grant or we will lose out on the opportunity. Councilman Biale commented that there should be some type of space for the public to have musical events and plays. Councilman Kulmala asked what the project timeline would be if we do get the grant. Mr. Guadagnino responded that we would probably not get approval until next summer then we will have a year to 18 months to complete the project. Mr. Guadagnino reiterated that the Committee is waiting for some questions to be answered by Boswell Engineering including what surface to use for parking. Councilman Biale agreed that we want to keep the parking area environmentally sensitive. Councilman Visconti advised there is a good amount of macadam. They had thought at first that gravel would be environmentally friendly but there are concerns of runoff. The Committee is waiting for word from Boswell on the issue. Mr. Gaudagnino advised if anyone from the public has questions about the park, they can contact him directly.

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.

Nancy Krause, 22 Hickory Drive and Chairman of the Oakland Environmental Commission, advised that the Environmental Commission had concerns over the Band Shell and environmental concerns. Concerns had come up about use of fertilizers, green space needed for parking, plumbing for sewage and lawn watering, noise and light pollution. However, Mr. Gaudagnino has given good explanations for these issues. She questioned the need for a permanent Band Shell and stated that the Borough could rent the mobile Band Shell from Bergen County and that would require no maintenance. Councilman Biale responded that he worked for the County Parks Department for 8 years and was involved with the mobile Band Shell. It is very hard to get the Band Shell for the dates you want it because there are so many towns in Bergen County competing for the use. There is only one mobile Band Shell. Mr. Guadagnino advised that the Environmental Commission can come to the next Park Committee meeting and hear the plans for themselves.

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.

RESOLUTION 16-189 AUTHORIZE APPLICATION TO BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

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

WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("County Trust Fund") provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit Organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of municipal recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$50,000 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Band Shell for Great Oak Park; and

WHEREAS, the governing body has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the governing body received public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on October 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date.

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

1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline as established by the County; and
2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and
3. That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and
4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.

5. That the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

WORK SESSION:

BEST PRACTICES:

Mr. Kunze advised that the State has released the annual Best Practices Inventory. This year, the number of questions is down to 30 from 50. In the past, it was clear what the penalties would be if a municipality didn't reach the threshold. Now it is left to the discretion of the Department of Community Affairs. Mr. Kunze advised that our score was an 83% based on the questions presented. Councilman Visconti explained that this is the Borough's report card and we passed.

HEALTH INSURANCE WAIVER PROGRAM:

Mr. Kunze explained that open enrollment is coming up. The Insurance Committee spoke about some changes to the present coverages. Mr. Kunze explained there was a change in the alternate plan design. There is now a high deductible plan with a savings account that will be offered. Mr. Kunze explained that he was approached about a waiver program for employees who had other insurance coverage. He asked employees to gauge interest. There were 13 employees that expressed an interest in the program. He did analysis. If all 13 employees were to give up the insurance, the savings would be \$ 115,000. Mr. Kunze advised this program would be up to the Mayor and Council to authorize on an annual basis.

Councilman Visconti commented that the plans the Borough is proposing are good for the Borough and its employees. Mayor Schwager asked if the waiver is all or nothing. Mr. Kunze responded it is a voluntary program. Councilman Kulmala asked if employees would want to do this on a year-to-year basis. Mr. Kunze responded it is too early to tell. He explained that there needs to be a certain amount of savings for the waiver program to be worth moving forward.

GASOLINE AND DIESEL CONTRACTS:

Mr. Kunze advised that Bergen County issued the cooperative contracts for Gasoline and Diesel. We will do a resolution at the next meeting to authorize the contracts.

PURCHASE REPLACEMENT PICK-UP TRUCKS:

Mr. Kunze advised that this purchase was approved in the Capital ordinance. Councilman Talamini asked what will happen to the old vehicles. Mr. Kunze responded they will be auctioned off.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Visconti recommended that the Borough do a memorial plaque in Great Oak Park for former Councilwoman Betsy Stagg. She was the one who pushed for the purchase of the property. Councilman Talamini thought that was a great idea.

Mayor Schwager advised that the Borough will be painting a blue line from Yawpo Avenue to Lawlor Drive to show support for the Police Department.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Jensen: There will be a Planning Board meeting Thursday October 13th at 7 pm at the Council Chambers.

Councilman Visconti: The Flood Commission met tonight. The next Park Committee meeting has not been set.

Councilman Biale: The Senior Center will host a program by a Certified Professional Organizer on decluttering your house. It will be held October 28th at 1 pm. The next Water and Sewer meeting is on October 28th.

Councilman Kulmala: He attended the First Aid Squad meeting. They have responded to 722 calls to date. He congratulated the first year Fire Academy graduates.

Councilman Talamini: He wished everyone a Happy Columbus Day. The Public Events Committee will be holding the Halloween Parade on October 29th. The Board of Health is participating in Inside Out Day on October 11th. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be October 18th 7:30 pm. The School Board is conducting a survey on Survey Monkey on whether the school board election should be held in April or November. Mayor Schwager advised that the purpose of the survey is due to declining voter participation. Councilman Biale explained that the majority of the taxes we pay are for the schools. If only 250 people voted, they are not paying enough attention to the school budget. Councilman Jensen challenged the use of Survey Monkey because the results are in no way scientific. He thinks this has to be put out in a scientific way. Councilman Talamini responded that the School Board is just looking to get an idea from the residents. Councilman Jensen responded it should be a referendum question. Councilman Biale commented that voter turnout is poor. If the election is moved to November, it can save the expense of the election.

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, 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.

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.

Councilman Jensen questioned why we are still paying to print the newsletter. Mr. Kunze responded that the OCC wanted to have one last paper issue.

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 8:55 pm.

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

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved