

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 25, 2014

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Talamini, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, 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 with Universal Broadcasting; Tax Appeal Settlement
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 ensued over negotiations with Universal Broadcasting and a tax appeal settlement with Oakland Access, LLC.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: By Mayor Schwager at 7:31 pm.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Schwager called the meeting to order and the Clerk called the roll. Present: Mayor Schwager, Councilmembers Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti. Absent: None. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager congratulated the First Aid Squad on their 60th Anniversary party held on November 22nd. She thanked all the members of the First Aid Squad. Mayor Schwager advised that Oakland was named as the 6th best small town in New Jersey. Mayor Schwager attended the League of Municipalities Conference. Oakland received a Sustainable Jersey award because we were recertified at a bronze level. She thanked the members of the Environmental Commission and the Green Team. Borough Engineer Kevin Boswell received an award for the Ramapo River Bank Stabilization project. She congratulated Mr. Boswell. Mayor Schwager advised that the Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting will be held on December 7th. She advised that there are openings on Boards and Commissions. Mayor Schwager wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

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

Mike Guadagnino, 34 Hopper Street, thanked the Scouts for their work at the Park. He spoke about the process for being a Recreation coach.

Donald Burns, 22 Whittier Lane, advised that he had sent an email about coordinating the traffic light at Courthouse Place and he thanked the Mayor and Council for their efforts.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 12, 2014

On motion of Councilman Visconti, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of November 12, 2014 be approved.

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

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1228

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, approval be granted for Raffle License RL1228 for Oakland Sports Association to hold an off-premise 50/50 raffle to be held June 1, 2015 at the Danny D'Elia Building.

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, the Council consented to the appointment of Liz Tischler to fill an unexpired term on the Shade Tree Commission due to expire December 31, 2017.

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

RESOLUTION 14-258 RESOLUTION ON PENSION CLARIFICATION

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

WHEREAS, State actuaries confirm by the latest Valuation Report the pension and benefit reform enacted in 2010 and 2011, coupled with the consistent pension payments made by employees and local governing bodies, have resulted in the savings; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal health of "Other Than State" public pension systems, report a distinction between local commitments, and the commitments which are a State government's responsibility; and

WHEREAS, according to the latest Valuation Reports, local government Public Employees Retirement System (local PERS) and local Police and Fire Retirement System (local PFRS), are more sound, due to the fact municipalities and counties have funded full employer contributions as required for over a decade, with local PERS currently funded (comparing assets to liabilities) at 73.9% and local PFRS is currently funded at 76.9%, according to the experts; and

WHEREAS, the State PERS, on the other hand, is currently funded at 48.1% and State PFRS is at 50.8% and both will go lower for lack of payment; and

WHEREAS, the Officers of the League of Municipalities have submitted a statement to Governor Christie's Pension and Health Benefit Study Commission, urging that the Final Report and Recommendations of that Study Commission not weaken the vitality of the local pension plans;

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

1. The Borough of Oakland's Council urges State policy-makers to recognize the deficit issues are State Funding problems, and reject any recommendations that would threaten municipal budgets and property taxpayers; to share the cost.

2. We recognize the State's budget problems and are anxious to see results but cannot permit a shifting of the State burdens to our property taxpayers.
3. The Pension and Health Benefits commission must also address State mandated requirements which drive up the cost of funding health benefits insurance by property tax payers.
4. A certified copy of the Resolution is to be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, State Treasurer Andrew Sidamon-Eristoff, State Senator Cardinale, Assemblywoman Schepisi, Assemblyman Auth and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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

RESOLUTION 14-259 AUTHORIZE PROMOTION-C. OBERHEIM

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to fill the position of Supervising Mechanic; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works and the Borough Administrator have recommended that Craig Oberheim be appointed as Supervising Mechanic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that Craig Oberheim is appointed to the position of Supervising Mechanic at an annual salary of \$ 65,760 effective December 1, 2014.

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

RESOLUTION 14-260 BUDGET TRANSFER

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

WHEREAS, it has become necessary to expend funds in excess of the amounts approved in the Fiscal 2014 budget of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, there exist certain budget expenditures with funds available in excess of the amounts approved in the Fiscal 2014 budget of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-58 permits the transfer of such funds during the last two months of the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that based on the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer, the following transfers be made to the Fiscal 2014 Current Fund budget:

<u>Current Fund</u>	From	To
4-01-26-305-082 Grbge & Trash – Other Expenses	\$35,000.00	
4-01-23-220-001 Insurance – Group Health Benefit	\$35,000.00	
4-01-25-240-010 Police – S & W	\$39,000.00	

4-01-26-290-028 St & Road – Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
4-01-31-435-000 Street Lighting	<u>\$14,167.94</u>
Sub-total	\$148,167.94
4-01-20-106-022 General Services – Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
4-01-20-140-029 Info & Technology- Other Expenses	\$30,000.00
4-01-20-165-100 Eng. Services – Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
4-01-40-702-012 NJMVS – Temporary Part Time	\$ 5,500.00
4-01-45-935-000 Debt Services – Note Interest	\$82,667.94
4-01-31-440-001 Telephone – Public Buildings	\$ 5,000.00
4-01-31-446-001 Natural Gas – Public Buildings	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
Sub-total	\$148,167.94

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

RESOLUTION 14-261 REFUND RECREATION FEES

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 of Oakland has received a request for refunds of Football, Cheerleading and Basketball Fees in the amount of \$332.00; 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:

Sue Anderson, 93 Franklin Ave., Oakland, NJ 07436 football refund due \$176.00
 Lisa Gootman, 111 Chuckanutt Dr., Oakland, NJ 07436 Cheerleading refund due \$88.00
 Vicki Chesney, 27 Eagle Crest Pl., Oakland, NJ 07436 Basketball refund due \$68.00.

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

RESOLUTION 14-262 HIRE DPW LABORER

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 of Oakland has a vacant full-time position in the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator and Superintendent of Public Works recommend that George Harriet be appointed to fill the full-time vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes such action to be in the best interest of the department and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough does hereby hire George Harriet as a laborer in the Department of Public Works effective December 1, 2014, at an annual salary of \$32,369.00.

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

RESOLUTION 14-263 CHANGE ORDER-RECREATION LIGHTING PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, a contract was awarded to Quality Electrical Construction Co., 290 Laurel Avenue, W.Keansburg, NJ 07734 in the amount of \$1,067,000.00 for the Recreation Complex Lighting Project; and

WHEREAS, a request was made for the following Change Order:

Item#1-Supply & install 20 ampere receptacles @ poles A2,A7, A8, B8 & A10 and Modify feeder sizes to loads	\$ 15,983.00
Item#2-Supply & install 2400 ft. 4" PVC with 9 interior fiber optic inner ducts 2400 ft. @ \$19.21 per ft.	\$ 46,104.00
8 open bottom fiber optic polymer concrete pull boxes 8 @ \$ 987.00 each	<u>\$ 7,896.00</u>
Total Change Order 1	\$ 69,983.00

WHEREAS, the Change Order has been reviewed and recommended by the Borough's Engineer, Boswell McClave Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #C-04-56-690-102;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Change Order 1 for a price of \$ 69,983.00 for a new total contract price of \$ 1,136,983.00.

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

RESOLUTION 14-264 REFUND TAXES-DUPLICATE TAX PAYMENT BL 5104, L 11

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 of Oakland has received a request from the property owner listed below 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>Owner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5104/11	Viegas, Mark & Cornelia	\$3,074.32

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

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 14-CODE-708

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 14-Code-708 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 14-Code-708 entitled: " AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING THE DIRECT DEPOSIT OF COMPENSATION TO THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND"

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, " An Ordinance Governing The Direct Deposit Of Compensation To The Employees Of The Borough Of Oakland", be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 10, 2014 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 November 29, 2014 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 Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 14-CODE-706

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No.14-Code-706 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND CHAPTER XII, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND SANITATION, SUBCHAPTER 12-5, ENTITLED "REMOVAL OF IMPEDIMENTS".

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilwoman Coira, 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.

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 Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilwoman Coira, 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 The Revised General Ordinances Of The Borough Of Oakland Chapter Xii, Streets, Sidewalks, Public Rights-Of-Way And Sanitation, Subchapter 12-5, Entitled "Removal Of Impediments", 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 Coira, Jensen, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Visconti.

WORK SESSION:

SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS:

The Borough Attorney stepped down for this discussion. Mr. Kunze explained that the Borough currently uses the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority on an as needed basis for sanitary sewer cleaning and sewer TV inspections. Our agreements are expiring at the end of the year. After review, we recommend that the agreements be renewed. The rates are increasing from the prior agreement but it is still less than the prices we get from using a private vendor so there is still a benefit.

The Borough Attorney returned to the dais.

ROOSEVELT BLVD. DUE DILIGENCE PROPOSALS:

Mr. Kunze explained that to proceed with acquiring the six properties in Phase 1 of the Roosevelt Blvd acquisitions, we need to get surveys, Environmental Assessment reports and title searches done. The Land Conservancy solicited proposals. Mr. Kunze is recommending the contracts be awarded to the vendors who submitted the lowest prices. The lowest proposal for the survey work is Sens Land Surveying and Mapping at a cost of \$7,125. The lowest proposal for title work is Title Lines at a cost of \$ 5,945. The lowest proposal for Environmental Assessment reports is Envirotactics at a cost of \$6,600. Resolutions will be listed on the next meeting agenda.

Councilman Jensen asked if the funding is contingent on all six properties accepting the deal. Mr. Kunze responded that the proposals are stand alone proposals. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that there are five signed contracts where the property owner is obligated to proceed. There is one property that Land Conservancy had to contact the owner because they had an issue with a date of closing.

AMENDMENT TO RECYCLING ORDINANCE:

Mr. Kunze advised that this had come before the Council previously to change the language in the ordinance in regards to recycling plastics. The Council asked that the entire ordinance be brought up to date. Mr. Kunze, DPW Superintendent Marcucilli and Recycling Coordinator MacMahon went through the ordinance line by line. He thinks the thorough review that was done and the changes being made will bring the code up to date. Councilman Visconti asked if this ordinance covers businesses. Mr. Kunze responded that it did. Councilman Visconti asked if the Borough needs to collect recycling from the businesses. Mr. Kunze responded that they do their own recycling. Councilman Visconti asked if the language about the recycling center was removed. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that it was removed. Councilman Jensen asked if the penalty changed for yard waste. Mr. Kunze responded it did not. The ordinance will be listed for introduction on December 10th.

WATER AND SEWER RATE ORDINANCE:

Mr. Kunze advised that he met with the Auditor extensively today to review the water and sewer rates. An ordinance will need to be introduced at the next meeting. He advised that we are on track with sewer revenues this year but the sewer budget is up 1 to 2% so it will require a 2% increase on rates. The Auditor would like us to scale back on use of surplus.

Water revenue has been problematic. The appropriations are flat but there is declining consumption. Most of the costs for the water utility are fixed costs. He explained that we have been relying too much on use of surplus and we have had to cancel appropriations at the end of the year to ensure there is not a deficit. The last time there was an increase in water rates was either 2009 or 2010. The Auditor would like to see an increase of 5% as a catch up. It is likely that we will need another 5% increase next year as well. The issue is with consumption. Councilman Pignatelli commented that the Borough is required by law to have the utility be self-sustaining. Mr. Kunze advised that we will need to cancel appropriations again this year. An ordinance will be introduced on December 10th.

RECREATION FEES:

Mr. Kunze met with the Recreation Commission to review the budget. Their budget is a complex one and they do a good job with it each year. The Council has been given a schedule of proposed fee adjustments for next year. We need to make sure that the fees generated cover the costs of the programs. Councilman Pignatelli spoke about the cost of football and commented that he would hate to see children not participate because they could not afford the fees. He asked if they do fundraising. Recreation Chairman Mike Guadagnino advised that football is the most aggressive program with fundraising. Councilman Pignatelli asked if the cost is the factor for declining enrollment. Mr. Guadagnino responded that enrollment throughout the County is declining. Mr. Guadagnino gave credit to Neil Malmud for the budget. Recreation has become self-sustaining. Mr. Kunze advised that the Recreation Commission has worked hard to reduce the budget and have a zero net cost to the general taxpayers. He advised that the Recreation Commission has worked on a refund policy. That will be added to the ordinance as well. They are looking to do field rentals on a per day basis and are looking to clarify exceptions to discounts. An ordinance will be introduced on December 10th.

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE:

The Borough Clerk advised that a date must be picked for the Oath of Office meeting. The Council selected the date of Sunday January 4, 2015 at 12:00 noon. The Borough Clerk provided the Council with a draft meeting schedule based on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday schedule. She advised there were conflicts with the second meeting in September due to Yom Kippur and the

first meeting in November due to Veteran's Day. The Council decided to make those meetings on September 30th and November 9th.

AMEND PUBLIC DEFENDER CONTRACT:

Mr. Kunze advised that this year, compensation for the public defender was changed to a per session rate. Now that we are at the end of the year, it seems the alternate public defender has worked more sessions and the public defender has worked less sessions. The money needs to be moved from one contract to the other but it needs to be done by resolution to amend the contract.

Councilwoman Coira asked if we can draft next year's contract to say that whoever works can get paid for the session. Mr. Kunze responded that the contract still needs a not-to-exceed amount so it has to be cost out. Councilwoman Coira asked if there could be a contingency put in each contract for flexibility. Mr. Kunze responded that it would require an increase to that budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Visconti commented that he brought forth the idea a month ago of forming a committee to study surplus property. At the last meeting, Councilman Jensen had announced that he wanted to work alone on the project. Councilman Visconti would still like a committee formed. He asked Mr. Chewcaskie how a committee could be created so this could be moved forward. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that under the bylaws, the Mayor could form an ad-hoc committee. The Council President appoints standing committees.

Mr. Kunze advised that Councilman Jensen had spoken with him regarding scheduling a meeting with DPW on this matter. Council President Pignatelli agreed that he would like to see two people on the committee. He thinks Councilwoman Coira with her legal experience would be an excellent choice. He feels that both Councilwoman Coira and Councilman Jensen bring value to the committee. Councilman Visconti explained that the reason he wanted a committee was that it would evolve into researching approaches on how to use the assets we have. It is not just for fact-finding on properties to bring back to the Council.

Mayor Schwager commented that the concept is wonderful. She suggested that Councilman Jensen move forward with scheduling the meeting with DPW and that she and Councilwoman Coira could attend. Councilman Jensen responded that he has a problem with people talking at him and not to him.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini: The Board of Education is meeting tonight and should be voting on the transfer of the bus to the Borough. At the beginning of January, the bus pickup location will switch at Valley Middle School due to safety concerns. The parent teacher conferences went well.

Councilman Kulmala: The OCC met last Wednesday. There will be no fourth Crossroads newsletter this year because there was no funding for a fourth issue. The OCC thought of ways to save money on the newsletter such as electronic transmissions and leaving copies at Borough Hall and the Library.

Councilman Visconti: He had the idea to call the Bergen County Technical schools to see if they had an auto shop that could help paint the bus. The Flood Commission will meet at 7:30 pm on December 8th. The next Park Committee meeting is December 16th at 8 pm at the Danny D'Elia Building. A lot of work has been done by the Scouts. The Gerard Berman Day School did a

cleanup on November 2nd. The park has become a large community event with a lot of people helping. The Library held a children's concern last week that was well attended.

Mayor Schwager advised that the Girl Scouts helped at the Van Allen House two weeks ago with weeding.

Councilman Pignatelli: He and Councilman Jensen attended the Fire Department meeting last week. They discussed continued training. Santa is scheduled to go around town only one day this year and it will be posted on the Fire Department's website. On Monday, Councilman Pignatelli attended a meeting at the Freeholder's meeting room where Pilgrim Pipeline was discussed at length with Freeholder Ganz. He asked Freeholder Ganz if the Freeholders could pass a resolution opposing the Pipeline. Councilman Pignatelli attended the Environmental Commission meeting. They discussed a film festival on the environment. They spoke about a cleanup at Camp Tamarack. Councilman Pignatelli attended the Board of Health meeting where they discussed the budget. There will be a small increase to the budget this year. He advised that there has been a problem with a food store in town and the Board of Health will hold a hearing in December. Councilman Pignatelli advised that the Mayor forwarded an ordinance to the Board of Health and he didn't know anything about it. He advised there is a protocol to follow and it should go through the liaison.

Mayor Schwager apologized to Councilman Pignatelli and told him he is correct that she should have brought it to him to bring forward.

Councilman Jensen: Councilmembers Jensen, Pignatelli and Talamini went to the First Aid Squad's 60th Anniversary celebration. It was a great turnout. They have memorial bricks on sale for the public. The Christmas Tree and Menorah lighting will be held on December 7th at 5 pm.

Councilwoman Coira: The Recreation Commission met last night. The Recreation Commission is looking to have the budget be self-sufficient without using taxpayer money. The fields are closed until the spring due to the lighting project. Lawlor Drive may be closed at times as well. Recreation sign up information is on the website.

Councilman Jensen reminded people to check on elderly neighbors during bad weather.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, 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.

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, 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 Councilman Visconti, the following bills be submitted for payment:

(see following pages)

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED:

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

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

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
December 10, 2014

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved