

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2021

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, 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:
Litigation
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, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Discussion ensued over litigation. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

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 Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck. Absent: None. Also Present: Michael Carelli, Deputy Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Nylema Nabbie, Borough Attorney; John Yakimik, Borough Engineer.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Schwager announced that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, duly announced, advertised and posted in the Municipal Building. The meeting will adjourn at 10:00 p.m. unless a majority of the Councilmembers that are present vote to extend the time.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager thanked the Oakland Public Events Committee for a great Halloween Parade and Trick or Trunk. Mayor Schwager announced that Borough facilities will be closed on Thursday November 11, 2021 for Veteran's Day. Mayor Schwager added that there is a Veteran's Day Ceremony on November 11, 2021 at 10:45 a.m. in Veteran's Park. Mayor Schwager reported that there is garbage collection on November 11, 2021. Mayor Schwager announced that Oakland's water is safe to drink, and the Borough is below the federal standards. A mailer was sent to all residents with the information. Mayor Schwager added that there is a PFAS Information Session on Monday November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged all residents to attend. Mayor Schwager announced the Yellow Dot Program from a local Eagle Scout. Mayor Schwager is working with the Oakland Rotary Club on this program.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Edward Clark of six Morton Place and Nancy Krause of 22 Hickory Drive on behalf of the Oakland Shade Tree Commission came to the podium to speak about the proposed Shade Tree Ordinance before the Governing Body. Mr. Clark stated that he is looking forward to passing an ordinance that protects the Borough's Tree Canopy and protects the resident's interests. Mr. Clark stated that trees protect from stormwater runoff and enhance the look of streets and the Downtown. Mayor Schwager added that specific questions will be addressed during the Council Reports. Ms. Krause added that the Commission put significant time into the ordinance and look forward to working with the Governing Body.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Van Eck, this portion of the meeting be closed to public comment.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

OATH OF OFFICE-VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

Mayor Schwager administered the Oath of Office to volunteer firefighters Joseph LaTerra and Khrys Velardo.

Councilman Van Eck expressed disappointment that the Roller Hockey Presentations were cancelled, and the Recreation Commission was not notified. A future presentation ceremony will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

REQUEST BY OAKLAND FATHERS CLUB TO POST SIGN AT BUSH PLAZA

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, approval was granted to the Oakland Fathers Club to post a sign at Bush Plaza until December 5, 2021 to advertise their Photos with Santa event.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

REQUEST BY OAKLAND COMMUNITY OF COMMERCE TO POST SIGN AT BUSH PLAZA

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, approval was granted to the Oakland Community of Commerce to post a sign at Bush Plaza from December 5, 2021 to December 11, 2021 to advertise their 2021 Toys for Tots Event.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-315 AUTHORIZE ENGINEER-PFOA/PFOS TREATMENT

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

WHEREAS, there is a need for engineering services associated with the preparation of the design for treatment of PFOA and PFOS for Wells 5, 9 and 10; and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has submitted a proposal dated October 22, 2021 for the engineering services required at a total not to exceed cost of \$ 105,000 broken down as follows;

Task 1 Preliminary Design	\$ 10,000
Task 2 Final Design	\$ 70,000
Task 3 Regulatory Permitting	\$ 20,000
Task 4 Services during bidding	\$ 5,000

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account #1-05-55-502-058;

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has complied with the Borough of Oakland's Pay to Play requirements as outlined in Ordinance 12-CODE-669 adopted on July 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the award of the contract is for a professional service for which no public bidding is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Boswell Engineering to perform the engineering services for the treatment of PFOA and PFOS project at a cost not to exceed \$ 105,000; and

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-316 ENDORSE REQUEST FOR COMMUNITY RESIDENCE-TABLED
On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, Resolution 21-316 be tabled.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-317 CHAPTER 159 GRANDVIEW/MOUNTAINVIEW WATER MAIN
On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 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 thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has been awarded a CDBG Grant from the County of Bergen in the amount of \$75,000 for the Water Main replacements on Grandview & Mountainview Roads and wishes to amend its 2021 budget to include this amount as a revenue,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue from:

Miscellaneous Revenues:
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written
Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and
Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:
Grandview/Mountainview Water Mains

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$75,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations:
(A) Operations - Excluded from "CAPS"

Public and Private Appropriations Offset by Revenues:
 Grandview/Mountainview Water Mains
 Other Expenses - \$ 75,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk forward two copies of this resolution to the Director of Local Government Services.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-318 DEDICATION BY RIDER-POLICE OUTREACH DONATION
 On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonable accurate estimates in advance, and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-29 provides for receipt of funds from gifts, bequests, and donations by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Boroughs Police Outreach Donations are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirements,

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 Mayor and Council hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to place funds received for the Boroughs Police Outreach in a specified fund to be considered a dedication by rider to the budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-39 for Police Outreach.
2. The Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Oakland is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-319 AUTHORIZE ACCRUED TIME PAYOUT-J. FONDACARO
 On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-15 establishes rules that govern how local government units manage and finance compensation for accumulated absence time for their respective employees, and

WHEREAS, accumulated absence includes any sick days, vacation days, personal days, compensatory time or any other absence time authorized as part of an employer agreement, which is not used by the employee during the allowed period and which is permitted to accumulate over time to the benefit of the employee, and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that the funds and authority exists to pay the part of the accumulated absence, as per the attached schedule, to Jeanne Fondacaro for sick, vacation, personal and compensatory time accumulated in the amount of \$ 1,176.39; and

WHEREAS, the attached certification and documentation are presented to comply with the rules and regulations established by the Local Finance Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the total sum \$ 1,176.39 composed of 47.84 hours of vacation time, 0 hours of sick time, and 0 hours of personal time and 0 hours compensatory time be paid out to Jeanne Fondacaro. Said payment to be paid out of the Accumulated Absence Trust Fund established in 2010 for this purpose.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-320 AWARD BID-DOTY/LAKEVIEW WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS
On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2021, the Borough of Oakland received twelve (12) bids for the Doty Road/Lakeview Terrace Water Main Replacement; and

WHEREAS, Onque Technologies, Inc, 297-146 Kinderkamack Rd., Suite 101, Oradell, NJ 07649 had the lowest responsive and responsible bid with a total bid price of \$ 343,885; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney have reviewed the bids and have recommended acceptance of the bid from Onque Technologies, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account # C-06-56-833-301 \$ 100,271; Account #C-06-56-833-401 \$ 115,602; Account #C-06-56-833-402 \$ 128,012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Onque Technologies, Inc., in the total amount of \$ 343,885 be accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is directed to prepare an appropriate contract for the same; and

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-321 AWARD BID-GRANDVIEW/MOUNTAINVIEW WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2021, the Borough of Oakland received eleven (11) bids for the Grandview/Mountainview Water Main Replacement; and

WHEREAS, Onque Technologies, Inc, 297-146 Kinderkamack Rd., Suite 101, Oradell, NJ 07649 had the lowest responsive and responsible bid with a total bid price of \$ 309,982; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and the Borough Attorney have reviewed the bids and have recommended acceptance of the bid from Onque Technologies, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account #C-06-56-833-402 \$ 234,988 and Account # G-02-21-780-001 \$ 75,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the bid of Onque Technologies, Inc., in the total amount of \$ 309,982 be accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is directed to prepare an appropriate contract for the same; and

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-322 AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION-DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety is offering a grant for its Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over year End Holiday Crackdown;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council authorize the Police Chief to submit a grant application to the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-323 AUTHORIZE OPIOID SETTLEMENT

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

WHEREAS, the National Opioids Settlement is a settlement program designed to distribute its fund first between participating states and then amongst participating counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has joined two settlement, (1) against three of the largest pharmaceutical distributors and (2) against the manufacturer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland believe it is in the best interest of its citizens to opt into the settlement program; and

WHEREAS, in order to opt into the settlement program, the Borough must enroll the Borough on the national settlement website by an individual of the Borough authorized to sign formal and binding documents on behalf of the Borough, which will then provide information and materials allowing the Borough to make a final decision on enrolling as an initial participating Borough; and

WHEREAS, there is a deadline on enrolling into the program of January 2, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that it does hereby appoint and authorize the Borough Administrator to enroll the Borough on the national settlement website at his earliest possible convenience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT once the Borough receives, by email, the Participation Agreement, Release and model Resolution, those documents shall be reviewed by the Borough Attorney and if found to be in appropriate form, shall be executed by the Borough Administration as the authorized individual on behalf of the Borough and the resolution shall be prepared and placed on the next available agenda for adoption.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-324 BUDGET TRANSFER

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, 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 Calendar Year 2021 budget of the Borough of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, there exist certain budget expenditures with funds available in excess of the amounts approved in the Calendar Year 2021 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 Calendar Year 2021 Current Fund budget:

<u>Current Fund</u>		From	To
1-01-25-240-014	Police Overtime	\$ 8,438.15	
1-01-20-110-044	Mayor & Council Contracted Svcs	\$ 5,000.00	
1-01-28-370-010	Rec Summer Staff	\$ 25,000.00	
1-01-31-460-001	Gasoline	\$ <u>21,000.00</u>	
Sub-total		\$ 59,438.15	

1-01-36-475-000	Police & Firemen's Retirement	\$ 5,438.15
1-01-20-120-021	Clerk Print Advertising	\$ 8,000.00
1-01-36-472-000	Social Security	\$ 25,000.00
1-01-31-435-000	Street Lighting	\$ 6,000.00
1-01-31-430-001	Electricity – Public Buildings	\$ <u>15,000.00</u>
Sub-total		\$ 59,438.15

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-325 PURCHASE REPLACEMENT POLICE VEHICLE

Councilman Talamini asked if there are any plans for the Borough to purchase electric vehicles. Borough Administrator Richard Kunze added that the Borough has looked into it and will consider for the future. Mr. Kunze added that this is not a normally scheduled replacement, but instead a result of a damaged vehicle.

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is in need of purchasing a replacement 2022 Ford Utility Interceptor Police vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Winner Ford of Cherry Hill, 250 Haddonfield-Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034 has the NJ Contract # 20-FLEET-01189 for the vehicle as per the specifications desired; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the vehicle is \$ 37,311.00 with the desired options; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland that the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to issue a Purchase Order to Winner Ford of Cherry Hill for the purchase of a 2022 Ford Utility Interceptor Police vehicle at a total cost of \$ 37,311.00.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 21-326 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUND

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, 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 Recreation fees; 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:

Turner Family, 24 Pawnee Ave, Oakland, NJ amt. \$ 80 (Rec Soccer)

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 21-CODE-863 AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE-CANNABIS

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 21-Code-863 and read by title for its first reading

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 21-Code-863 entitled: " AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, SUPPLEMENT AND REVISE THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, LAND USE, CHAPTER 59 ENTITLED "LAND USE AND ZONING"

On motion of Councilman Biale, 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 to Amend, Supplement And Revise The Code of The Borough Of Oakland, Land Use, Chapter 59 Entitled "Land Use And Zoning", be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 20, 2021 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 December 6, 2021 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, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Councilman Van Eck stated that the I-4 Zone from the Breweries and Distilleries Ordinance is missing in the ordinance. Mayor Schwager asked the Borough Clerk to list the various zones in the next meeting packet. The Borough Attorney stated it would be a substantive change and the ordinance must be amended on the floor.

On motion of Councilman Van Eck, and Seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, Ordinance No. 21-CODE-863 was amended on the floor to amend section 4-D to add in breweries and distilleries as permitted uses based on the ordinances at this time.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

On motion of Councilman Van Eck, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, Ordinance No. 21-CODE-863 be introduced as amended.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

WORK SESSION:

SHADE TREE ORDINANCE:

Councilman Van Eck opened up discussion on the changes to the proposed Shade Tree Ordinance. Councilman Kulmala thanked the Commissioners for working hard on the proposed ordinance. There was a discussion on lot sizes and septic systems and how that effects tree replacements and mitigation. Councilman Pignatelli suggested removing the appeal process to the Governing Body based on past experience. The decision would be final with the Commission. Section 1-C will be removed from the ordinance. Ms. Krause expressed that impervious surfaces are a problem for stormwater runoff. Councilman Pignatelli asked if pool installations are exempt. Mr. Clark stated that pools are an accessory structure and not reflected in the ordinance. Councilman Van Eck hopes to see the recommended changes on the next agenda for introduction. Borough Attorney Nylema Nabbie will work with Councilman Van Eck to capture the changes as discussed. Mayor Schwager added that the proposed Streetscape Plan will be sent to the Shade Tree Commission for comment and review. If any of the Council Members have additional thoughts, they are invited to contact Councilman Van Eck before the next meeting.

ENGINEERING SERVICES 2022 ROAD PROGRAM:

Borough Administrator Richard Kunze reported that the Borough is preparing for next year's road resurfacing program and Boswell Engineering provided a cost estimate to prepare the design specifications. Councilman Biale expressed concerns that the current-year contractor used base level mix for high-level mix driveways. Borough Engineer John Yakimik responded that the situation will be fixed by the contractor. Mr. Yakimik requested a new schedule for Seminole Avenue and Glen Grey Road and it will be distributed once available. Mr. Yakimik explained that the contractor has been back-logged due to having been awarded a large number of bids in North Jersey. Councilman Van Eck asked if the Borough could use a different mix of asphalt to expand the lifespan of our roads. Councilman Van Eck added that it seems like the asphalt used currently crumbles instead of cracking, and asked if anything could be done about that. Mr. Yakimik added that the NJDOT grants limit the Borough on the type of mix that can be used. Boswell Engineering will look into the different mixes as they move to prepare the final specifications for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Schwager expressed concerns about a motor home sitting in the old Oakland Drugs parking lot. Mr. Kunze responded that the Borough is working on the matter with Code Enforcement.

Mayor Schwager brought forth the idea of an Architectural Review Board. Mayor Schwager will provide further information for the next meeting.

Councilman Van Eck stated that the Borough is moving forward with the 'Past Mayor's reframing project and an unveiling date will be announced in the near future.

Councilman Van Eck asked for an update on the Fiber Loop Project. Mr. Kunze added that the final responses from the utilities are pending and hopeful for project completion by the end of the year.

Mayor Schwager has been in contact with Congressman Gottheimer regarding Allerman Brook. Mr. Kunze updated the Governing Body as to the progress of pursuing grant programs to fund the soil stabilization project. Follow up meetings are scheduled for the near future with both agencies involved.

Mayor Schwager asked for an update on the pending funding for Patriot's Way Bridge through the Infrastructure Bill. Mr. Kunze said that the status is unknown and the Borough is following up with the Congressman's Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Van Eck stated that the Recreation Commission is working on an Eagle Scout Project to update the Danny D'Elia Building. The Pee-Wee Football Program is hosting a Championship Game against Ramsey on November 13, 2021. The Communications Commission is always looking for volunteers for the TV Committee and Borough Newsletter. Councilman Van Eck added that the OCC is looking into a TV sponsor program. The next OCC Meeting is January 24, 2021. Councilman Van Eck added that the DPW is awaiting a final schedule for the road program, and the LED sign cabinet design is progressing. Councilman Van Eck wished the public a Happy Veteran's Day.

Councilman Kulmala stated that there is an upcoming Eagle Scout Project to address underbrush around the Great Oak Tree in Great Oak Park. Councilman Kulmala added that the Planning Board is in the process of discussing a Streetscape Plan that includes trees and lighting to uniformly beautify and enhance the Central Business District. The Downtown Development Resolution will be brought forth to the Governing Body and Planning Board in the near future.

Councilman Pignatelli added that the Board of Health hosted a successful Rabies Clinic. Househouse Hazardous Waste Collection is November 13, 2021 at the BCUA. Councilman Pignatelli added that the Environmental Commission met and discussed open space and future plans for projects. Councilman Pignatelli reported that the Sustainable Oakland Green Team is meeting with local business owners to discuss the plastic bag ban going into effect in 2022. Councilman Pignatelli encouraged the public to attend the PFAS Information Session on November 22, 2021. Councilman Pignatelli added that the Senior Center hosted a successful 30th Anniversary Luncheon. Councilman Pignatelli wished the public a Happy Veteran's Day, and encouraged the public to attend the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2021.

Councilman Biale reported that the Borough will be sending out a letter to the residents on Island Terrace to seek interest in public water. BIDS will be received in November for the Sewer Decommissioning Project. It was reported that the Interior renovations of the Van Allen House are almost complete and a rendering for the Stream House is pending. Councilman Biale encouraged the public to attend the PFAS Information Session on November 22, 2021. Councilman Biale congratulated all of those that ran for Borough Council in the election.

Councilman Talamini reported that there is a Finance Committee Meeting on December 1, 2021. Councilman Talamini congratulated the Public Events Committee on a successful Halloween event. Councilman Talamini congratulated the 11U Gold Baseball Team in their Championship win. Councilman Talamini thanked all of the Election Candidates for putting their name forth and running. Councilman Talamini wished the public a Happy Veteran's Day.

Councilman Slasinski reminded residents that rooms are available to rent at the Oakland Public Library. The Oakland Public Library has passes to the Museum of Natural History to those interested.

Councilman Biale reported that the traffic light at Franklin Avenue and Ramapo Valley Road is out of sync and the Borough Engineer John Yakimik will reach out to the County of Bergen on behalf of the Borough to find a solution. Councilman Van Eck asked to contact the County Representative again. Mr. Yakimik will reach out.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Nancy Krause of 22 Hickory Drive reported that the Oakland Shade Tree Commission has two vacancies. Ms. Krause encouraged those that may be interested to submit a Citizen Leadership Form.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

BILLS TO BE PAID:

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

(see following pages)

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the meeting be adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Slasinski, Talamini, Van Eck.

Michael Carelli

Michael Carelli, Deputy Borough Clerk
November 23, 2021

Linda H. Schwager

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved: