

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2020

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, 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:
Personnel; Potential Litigation-Library
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, Knapp, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Van Eck.

Discussion ensued over personnel matters and potential litigation regarding Library. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

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

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, Knapp, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Van Eck. Absent: None. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Brian Chewcaskie, Borough Attorney; David Young, Chief Financial Officer

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, submitted to the newspaper and advertised more than 48 hours in advance of the meeting and notice posted in the Municipal Building and on the Borough website.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager spoke about a leadership opportunity for high school artists and environmentalists in a program called Climate Hope Art for Change. The Oakland Elks will hold a coat drive through December 31st. This is the third year of the Holiday Lighting contest. Judging for the contest will take place December 20th and 21st. Mayor Schwager thanked Councilman Biale, Councilman Talamini, Mr. Kunze and Mr. Young for participating in a meeting this afternoon with representatives from the three sewer service areas. There will be another meeting next Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Oakland lost some residents this week. Lois Smid was secretary to the Flood Commission and a retire member of the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Frank Monaco was a long time Recreation volunteer and a member of the Oakland Sports Hall of Fame. Mayor Schwager will think of Mr. Monaco when she passes the Stream House.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

Steve Panosian, 69 Glen Gray, has lived here since 1999. The street turns into a speed way by the middle of the street and there are young families that live on the street. There is an issue with delivery trucks speeding. He spoke of an idea for solar powered radar units to be installed on the street. He spoke of the need to figure out egress and ingress.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 24, 2020

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of November 24, 2020 be approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 24, 2020 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilman Knapp, seconded by Councilman Biale, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive session of November 24, 2020 be approved.

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

RESOLUTION 20-297 APPOINT RECYCLING COORDINATOR

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland needs to appoint a Certified Recycling Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Goodrich has been acting Recycling Coordinator while he has been obtaining certification; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Goodrich has now successfully completed the required certification in August 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby appoint Matthew Goodrich as Recycling Coordinator for the Borough of Oakland effective September 1, 2020 at an annual stipend of \$ 10,000.

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

RESOLUTION 20-298 AUTHORIZE P.S.E.& G. DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM-LIBRARY

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is committed to implementing measures that conserve energy and reduce energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is offering eligible municipalities incentives for energy efficiency upgrades through the PSE&G Direct Install Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is eligible to participate in these programs; and

WHEREAS, the State's designated vendor, Lime Energy, has conducted a site assessment and created a scope of work that would upgrade the following:

- Oakland Public Library, 2 Municipal Plaza, Oakland, NJ 07436 – Lighting Upgrades
For a total cost of **\$38,093.42**

WHEREAS, under the terms of the program, Lime Energy would receive **\$26,665.39** in payment by the State of New Jersey, and the Borough would be responsible for **\$11,428.03**; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland hereby approve participation in the PSE&G Direct Install Program and that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to issue a purchase order to Lime Energy on behalf of the Borough of Oakland.

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

RESOLUTION 20-299 AUTHORIZE BOSWELL-SKYVIEW/HIBROOK SEWER LINING PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland needs to install an in-place sewer liner in the vicinity of the Skyview/Hibrook Sanitary Sewer System to minimize Inflow/Infiltration in the system; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for engineering services required for the project; and

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has submitted a proposal dated October 23, 2020 for the work required in an amount not to exceed \$ 45,000 broken down as follows; and

Task 1 Data Collection	\$ 6,000
Task 2 Design	\$ 14,000
Task 3 Construction Management & Inspection	\$ 25,000

WHEREAS, Boswell Engineering has submitted all the paperwork necessary to comply with the Borough of Oakland's Pay-to-Play requirements; and

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account C-08-56-815-100;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Boswell Engineering to perform the engineering services for the Skyview/Hibrook Sanitary Sewer System Lining project at a cost not to exceed \$ 45,000 as specified in their proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to enter into the agreement on behalf of the Borough.

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

RESOLUTION 20-301 AUTHORIZE RECREATION REFUND

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, 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:

Mutterer Family, 101 Walnut Street, Oakland, NJ, amt. \$ 174 (Travel Basketball)
Gaviria Family, 107 Manito Ave, Oakland, NJ, amt. \$ 78 (Rec Baseball)

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

RESOLUTION 20-302 CHAPTER 159-RADON AWARENESS GRANT AWARD

On motion of Councilman , seconded by Councilman , 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 Radon Awareness Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 to spread the word and provide critical information to the residents of the Borough regarding Radon and wishes to amend its 2020 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:
Radon Awareness Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$2,000.00 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:

Radon Awareness Grant
Other Expenses - \$ 10,300.00

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, Knapp, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Van Eck.

RESOLUTION 20-303 AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT-TV INSPECTION
On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Pignatelli, the following resolution be introduced, adopted and duly passed by roll call vote:

WHEREAS, the Borough requires, at various times, television inspection of sanitary and storm water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and the Borough Administrator have reviewed the proposal of Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (NBCUA) to provide such services on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS that the fee being paid is less than the Borough would pay to private contractors; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the Shared Service Agreement forwarded to the Borough by the Executive Director of the NBCUA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Borough of Oakland is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Shared Service Agreement for the provision of television inspection services of the Borough's sanitary and storm water systems; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Oakland will pay to NBCUA the sum of 85 cents (\$.85) per linear foot in 2021 and the sum of 86 cents (\$.86) per linear foot in 2022, and a minimum charge of \$500 per each day of inspection, for such services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and the Contract with NBCUA shall be maintained in the Borough Clerk's office for public inspection.

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

RESOLUTION 20-304 AUTHORIZE SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT-SANITARY SEWER CLEANING

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

WHEREAS, the Borough requires, at various times, jetting services of sanitary and storm water systems; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works and the Borough Administrator have reviewed the proposal of Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority (NBCUA) to provide such services on an as-needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the Shared Service Agreement forwarded to the Borough by the Executive Director of the NBCUA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Borough of Oakland is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Shared Service Agreement for the provision of sanitary sewer cleaning for the Borough of Oakland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Oakland will pay to NBCUA the sum of 55 cents (\$.55) per linear foot in 2021 and the sum of 55 cents (\$.55) per linear foot in 2022, and an equipment charge of \$500 per day, for such services, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution and the Contract with NBCUA shall be maintained in the Borough Clerk's office for public inspection.

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

RESOLUTION 20-305 HIRE ZONING OFFICER

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

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of part-time Zoning Officer due to a retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official and Borough Administrator are recommending the hire of Glen M. Turi to the position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the hire of Glen M. Turi to the position of part-time Zoning Officer for approximately 10 hours per week at an annual salary of \$ 23,000 effective December 10, 2020.

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

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 20-CODE-816 AMEND RECREATION FEES

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 20-Code-816 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 20-Code-816 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND CHAPTER IX, RECREATION FACILITIES AND RECREATION AREAS, SUBCHAPTER 9-2.3, ENTITLED "FEE SCHEDULE FOR ACTIVITIES," TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF FACILITIES AND THE FEE SCHEDULE THEREOF."

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 The Revised General Ordinances Of The Borough Of Oakland Chapter IX, Recreation Facilities And Recreation Areas, Subchapter 9-2.3, Entitled "Fee Schedule For Activities," To Provide For The Use Of Facilities And The Fee Schedule Thereof.", be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 21, 2020 held via Zoom Video Conference, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before December 14, 2020 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, Knapp, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Van Eck.

INTRODUCTION: ORDINANCE NO. 20-CODE-818 COMMUNITY GARDEN FEE

Discussion ensued over how many plots were available. Councilman Van Eck stated that some plots are year-round and asked why the price was not higher for these plots. He questioned the Borough's expense to maintain this going forward because he wants to ensure the fee is a reasonable amount. Mr. Kunze advised that this should generate enough revenue for operating costs and ongoing maintenance. Councilman Pignatelli thinks the only cost is for water. Mr. Young advised that the Borough's expenses are for water and capital costs to replace the fence in the future. Councilman Van Eck thinks the year round plots should have a fee of \$ 75. Mr. Chewcaskie advised that the Council should introduce the ordinance. If there is not a satisfactory response to Councilman Van Eck's questions, it does not have to be adopted. Otherwise, this ordinance will have to wait until January.

The Clerk was directed to take from table Ordinance No. 20-Code-818 and read by title for its first reading.

The Clerk then read by title Ordinance No. 20-Code-818 entitled: " AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY GARDEN"

On motion of Councilman Knapp, 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 Amending And Supplementing The Revised General Ordinances Of The Borough Of Oakland To Establish A Fee For Membership In The Community Garden", be introduced;

That said Ordinance be considered for final adoption at a meeting on December 21, 2020 held via Zoom Video Conference, Oakland, New Jersey at 7:30 P.M.

That said Ordinance be published in full in The Record on or before December 14, 2020 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, Knapp, Kulmala, Pignatelli, Talamini, Van Eck.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE NO. 20-BOND-817 SEWER TREATMENT PLANT DECOMMISSIONING BOND ORDINANCE

The Clerk was directed to take from the table Ordinance No. 20-Bond-817 and read by title for its final hearing.

The Clerk then read by title an Ordinance entitled " BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE DECOMMISSIONING AND CONVERSION OF VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS TO PUMP STATIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF FORCE MAINS TO CONNECT TO THE NORTHWEST BERGEN COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY TREATMENT SYSTEM IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF OAKLAND, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS."

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Levy, Pignatelli, Talamini, Van Eck.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an Ordinance entitled, Bond Ordinance To Authorize The Undertaking Of The Construction Phase Of The Decommissioning And Conversion Of Various Sanitary Sewer Treatment Plants To Pump Stations And The Construction Of Force Mains To Connect To The Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority Treatment System In, By And For The Sewer Utility Of The Borough Of Oakland, In The County Of Bergen, State Of New Jersey, To Appropriate The Sum Of \$5,500,000 To Pay The Cost Thereof, To Authorize The Issuance Of Bonds To Finance Such

Appropriation And To Provide For The Issuance Of Bond Anticipation Notes In Anticipation Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds.”, be adopted;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be and she is hereby directed to cause said Ordinance to be published by title in The Record in the manner provided by law.

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

WORK SESSION:

2021 CALENDAR:

Michael Carelli, Assistant to the Administrator, advised that this year the calendar will be a little different format. It is more concise and easier to read. This year we have decided to combine the calendar with the Recycling newsletter to save paper and save cost. Councilman Kulmala advised the public that the Oath of Office meeting will be Wednesday January 6th. He commented the calendar looks terrific. Councilman Talamini asked the cost. Mr. Carelli responded that he has collected \$ 9,000 in advertising fees and the calendar cost is \$ 5,600.

BOSWELL PROPOSAL-STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN

Mr. Kunze advised that earlier this year, the DEP enacted changes to the stormwater management regulations. It affects two areas. One is land use and the Council will see a draft ordinance based on the model ordinance by the first meeting in January. It has been adopted by early March. The other element is how permit requirements will change. The Borough is required to have a plan and our plan needs updating. Borough Engineer John Yakimik advised that the DEP is going to require additional items in the plan. The cost to the Borough is for Boswell's work on the plan. This will also require additional record keeping by the DPW and more public notifications. He spoke of the need to map outfalls and stormwater management facilities and estimating runoff. Mr. Yakimik advised that the plan must be updated by March 2021.

Mr. Yakimik spoke about the municipality's responsibility to map and locate private stormwater management systems and report them to the DEP. Councilman Kulmala asked if there will be a cost to the Borough for these private systems. Mr. Yakimik responded it will fall on the municipality eventually to inspect these systems. Councilman Kulmala stated this is another unfunded mandate by the State. Mr. Kunze responded that the State would say it doesn't meet the requirement to be an unfunded mandate because this is a regulation not a law. Councilman Talamini asked if the fees can be pushed to the private owners. Mr. Yakimik responded that we should be able to. He stated the zoning officer would send a letter stating the private entity must maintain their system and they would have to set up an escrow if the services of the Borough Engineer was required. Councilman Pignatelli advised that if the stormwater basins are not maintained, vegetation grows and impedes the flow of water. Mr. Yakimik advised that the Borough has this situation at the storm basin on West Oakland Ave. Mr. Kunze advised that a resolution will be listed on the next agenda.

FEE WAIVER FOR OUTDOOR DINING BUILDING PERMITS:

Mr. Kunze advised there are different requirements for outdoor canopies and tents for winter due to snow load. A building permit is required or an operation plan must be submitted. The Borough received request from a restaurant to waive the building permit fee. He asked if the Council wants to support the restaurants and waive the building permit fee. He reminded the Council they can only waive the Borough fee not the State fee. The cost will vary by location based on the value of construction. The current request is for a fee of \$ 200. Mr. Kunze also

advised that the current outdoor dining resolution expires at the end of the year. If the Council wishes to extend it, a resolution must be done on the next agenda. Councilman Knapp advised that the Governing Body all support the businesses so he would make a motion to waive the fee. Councilman Talamini asked what the largest fee would be. Mr. Kunze commented that Cenzino's fee is \$ 200 so you can judge by the size of the structure. Councilman Talamini asked if it should be capped at \$ 1000. Mayor Schwager stated the Council has to talk about extending outdoor dining. Councilman Biale suggested extending outdoor dining to the end of the first quarter of 2021. Mr. Kunze advised a resolution can be done at the next meeting. Mr. Chewcaskie advised it must be ratified and confirmed at the Reorganization meeting as well. The Council consented.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Talamini asked the CFO to discuss the bond sale. Mr. Young advised that the Borough conducted a bond sale and 8 bids were received. The Governing Body has been given a full report from the Bond Counsel. The net interest rate is 1.578%. The cash will be here tomorrow.

Councilman Van Eck stated a number of municipalities have adopted ordinances for breweries and wineries. He will bring this idea up to the Planning Board to allow this type of business in different zones. He thinks it would be good for this type of business to come to Oakland. Mayor Schwager asked about the liquor license. Mr. Chewcaskie responded that certain licenses are issued by the State. A brew pub which served food would require a liquor license. A brewery would be issued a State license. Councilman Van Eck advised that this industry has exploded in the past ten years. Councilman Biale felt the size of the brewery should be limited. Mr. Chewcaskie advised this would be permitted by zoning ordinance.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Van Eck: He congratulated Ryan Schwertfeger for being named Hometown Hero by Congressman Gottheimer. Ryan will receive his award December 15th. Planning Board will meet tomorrow and will memorialize the Oakland Diner application. Shade Tree Commission met Monday. They are looking into a number of things including a revised tree ordinance. Recreation has been quiet. Since the Governor pushed back ice hockey, the roller hockey program grew as a result. The OCC has openings for volunteers. They are working on installing equipment in the tv control room. Oakland TV will incorporate local original music as background for the bulletin board. The next meeting of the OCC will be January 11th at 7:30 pm.

Councilman Talamini: The schools thanked Recreation for their cooperation in regards to the use of the facilities for winter sports. There are Covid cases at all schools. Heights and Dogwood will go virtual until December 23rd. Manito goes back to school tomorrow after two weeks of virtual. Valley Middle school and Indian Hills are hybrid. The Covid cases were not school related and were probably from Thanksgiving. The Library has seen people coming in wearing masks but then take them off while they are inside the Library. If this continues to happen, the Library will have to close sections to the public because people are not following CDC guidelines. Councilman Talamini thanked Mr. Young and the Finance Department for their hard work preparing for the bond sale. Councilman Talamini advised that a speed sign was put in front of his house five years ago and it does slow people down. He suggested the Borough could get grants for more signs for Glen Gray.

Councilman Pignatelli: There is a vacancy on the Environmental Commission. Anyone interested should contact secretary Michael Carelli to fill out a Citizen Leadership form. The Board of Health will meet December 15th.

Councilman Kulmala; The Shade Tree Commission is still looking for two members. They are still working on the Adopt a Tree program. They are seeking RFQ's for tree pruning.

Councilman Knapp: Spoke of fundraisers for the Dog Park. On Monday December 21st, Oakland Diner will donate 20% of sales to the Dog Park. Chocolate Etc. is donating 10% of proceeds on Saturday February 6, 2021.

Councilman Biale: The Senior Center is working on winter hours until February 26th. They are open Monday to Friday from 9 to 2 pm. There is a mix of in-person, zoom and hybrid programs. Pre-registration is required for in-person programs. The Book Club will begin with a hybrid format. The first meeting will be December 16th. Line Dancing has been postponed to January. Ipads are available for Senior Center members to borrow in the Senior Center only. Weekly shopping trips have resumed. There is a new Books to Go program weekly on Tuesdays where Library materials will be delivered and picked up. Councilman Biale congratulated Senior Center Director Arielle Preciado on the birth of her baby girl on Thanksgiving Day. The DPW advised that yard waste pick up program is over as of December 8th. It will begin again in April. Christmas trees will be collected curbside during January. The 2020 Road resurfacing program is complete and they are working on the list for the 2021 program. The quarry will limit production in the winter so residents should report potholes now to the DPW. There was a productive meeting today with representatives from the three different sewer areas. There will be another meeting next week. The Stream House is completely gone and the contractor is covering the foundation with roof material. Councilman Biale will talk to members of the Oakland Historical Society to discuss plans to replace the Stream House.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

No comments made.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

BILLS TO BE PAID:

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

(see following pages)

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

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

Mayor Schwager wished Jewish residents a Happy Hanukkah. She asked residents not to be complacent and continue following CDC guidelines.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Pignatelli, seconded by Councilman Biale, the meeting be adjourned at 8:52 pm.

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

Lisa M. Duncan

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
December 21, 2020

Date Approved

Linda H. Schwager

Mayor Linda H. Schwager