

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
HELD AT THE
MUNICIPAL COURT /COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 LAWLOR DRIVE, OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY
WEDNESDAY MAY 9, 2018

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Knapp, 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:
Contract-Ramapo River Project; Sandy Beach
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, Levy, Talamini.

Discussion ensued regarding the Ramapo River project and the Sandy Beach property. No action taken.

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

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, Levy, Talamini. Absent: Councilman Pignatelli. Also Present: Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk; Richard Kunze, Borough Administrator; Steven Muhlstock, Borough Attorney.

STUDENT ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor Jessica Pendy; Councilmembers Carly Spinella Evan Gentile, Maya Watters. Also Present: Clerk Giacomo Scalici.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENCE:

On motion of Councilman Kulmala, seconded by Councilman Biale, the absence of Councilman Pignatelli be excused.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Schwager and Mayor Pendy advised that May 12th the Borough will hold its shredding event from 9 to 1 pm at the Borough Hall conference room. The Memorial Day Parade will be held May 27th at 1 pm. The carnival will be held June 13 to 16th. The fireworks will be ehld on Friday June 15th. Mayor Schwager advised residents of a scam regarding Rockland Electric and advised residents to report anything suspicious to the Oakland Police Department.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray Road, advised that P.S.E. & G. is done with their work on Thackeray. They will be back in 3 months to repave the street. He spoke about the Stream House. He suggested the Borough should sell the property. Mr. Kunze advised that we have received grants from the County and there is a stipulation that the Borough cannot sell the property.

Jerri Angermueller, 24 Lakeview Terrace, advised that the Oakland Historical Society appreciates the fact that the town is trying to restore the Van Allen House and the Stream House. She advised that the Stream House, which was built by Edward Page, is an integral part of the town.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 11, 2018

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Levy, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of April 11, 2018 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 23, 2018 BUDGET

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Kulmala, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Budget meeting of April 23, 2018 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 25, 2018

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Levy, the minutes from the Mayor and Council meeting of April 25, 2018 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 28, 2018 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of March 28, 2018 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 11, 2018 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of April 11, 2018 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 25, 2018 EXECUTIVE

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, the minutes from the Mayor and Council Executive Session of April 25, 2018 be approved.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPOINTMENT TO OAKLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT:

On motion of Councilman Biale, seconded by Councilman Knapp, Joseph Kurz be appointed to the Oakland Volunteer Fire Department.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

APPROVE RAFFLE LICENSE RL1333:

On motion of Councilman Levy, seconded by Councilman Talamini, approval be granted to the Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge, Inc. to hold a non-draw raffle on June 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2018 at the Oakland Recreation Fields, Oak Street.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-201 REFUND TAXES-103 YAWPO AVE.

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland has received a request from the property owner for a refund of taxes due to an overpayment; and

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 advice of the Tax Collector, do hereby authorize a refund as follows:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4104/20	Natrampalli-Sivaji, Guhan	\$ 82.29

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-202 REFUND REDEMPTION MONIES LIEN 17-00054

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

WHEREAS, the Oakland Tax Collector has received funds from a property owner or other party of interest for redemption of a Tax Sale Lien 17-00054, Block 4504, Lot 68, better known as 32 Dacotah Ave.. on April 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, lien holders are entitled to payment for redemption of the Tax Lien upon receipt of funds by the Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$ 6,992.13 payable to Christiana Trust as Custodian, GSRAN-Z Deposit Account, PO Box 71276, Philadelphia, PA 19176;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$ 6,992.13 to the aforementioned lien holder.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-203 RE-ESTABLISH GREEN TEAM

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland recognize the need to take actions to ensure environmental quality, conserve natural resources, foster energy efficiency,

promote health and wellness, support and develop the local economy, and reduce costs, all as a way of improving the quality of life for Oakland's residents and ensuring the long term economic, environmental and social sustainability of the community; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey is an initiative of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Rutgers University, the College of New Jersey, the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, and a coalition of NJ non-profits, state agencies, and experts in the field; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Jersey identifies programs that municipalities can implement and provides guidance to help accomplish these programs; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland created the Green Team in 2009 and achieved bronze level certification as a 'Sustainable Community' in 2011, 2014 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for the Green Team to help the Borough focus on sustainability issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough Oakland that it does hereby re-establish the Oakland Green Team, that said committee shall meet at least quarterly and shall consist of at least fifteen members, appointed annually.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership of the Committee shall be comprised of the following:

Mayor
2 Council Members
Borough Administrator
Superintendent of Public Works
2 Representatives of the Environmental Commission
Representative of the Board of Health
Representative of the Board of Education
Representative of the Business Community
Representative of the Shade Tree Commission
Representative of the Planning Board
At least 3 Citizen Members

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the purposes of the Oakland Green Team are as follows:

1. To generally advise the Mayor and Council on 'greening' and sustainability matters
2. To solicit grants, with Council approval
3. To research and evaluate, or coordinate the research and evaluation of 'sustainable' actions that would be beneficial to the Oakland Community
4. To develop and coordinate the implementation of actions as outlined by Sustainable Jersey that will maintain the Borough's bronze level certification and lead to silver level certification. To that end, the Green Team may establish subcommittees as needed to carry out specific actions or focus on specific areas of interest.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-204 AUTHORIZE BOSWELL-2018 ROAD PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland wishes to proceed with the 2018 Road Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Oakland is in need of engineering services for the design and construction inspection phases of the project; and

WHEREAS, Boswell McClave Engineering has submitted a proposal dated April 19, 2018, and the fee for the design and construction phases is not to exceed \$ 150,000; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified funds are available in Account #C-04-56-706-203 \$ 18,367.38 and Account #C-04-56-712-208 \$ 121,632.62; and

WHEREAS, Boswell McClave 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 McClave to perform the design and construction inspection for the 2018 Road Program at a cost not to exceed \$ 150,000; 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, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-207 TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT-100 BAUER DRIVE

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

WHEREAS, Bauer Drive LLC, the owner and/or taxpayer of property known as Block 3204, Lot 2, located at 100 Bauer Drive, has filed real property tax appeals for tax years 2011 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, Borough Appraiser and Tax Appeal Attorney have recommended a settlement of the litigation, which is in the best interests of the Municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, that the Tax Appeal Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary, in order to effectuate a settlement of the appeals entitled Bauer Drive LLC vs. Oakland and 100 Bauer Drive Associates, LLC, whereby for tax year 2011, the complaint will be withdrawn, and the assessment of \$3,596,700 shall remain intact; for tax year 2012, the assessment of \$3,596,700 will be reduced to \$3,000,000; for tax year 2013, the

complaint will be withdrawn, and the assessment of \$3,596,700 shall remain intact; for tax years 2014 and 2015, the assessment of \$3,596,700 will be reduced to \$3,000,000; and for tax years 2016, 2017 and 2018, the assessment of \$3,596,700 will be reduced to \$3,400,000; resulting in a total refund of \$63,103.52; and be it further

RESOLVED that the above settlement is predicated upon a waiver of any and all pre-judgment interest by the taxpayer, as long as refunds are made within 60 days of the entry of Judgment.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-208 REFUND REDEMPTION MONIES-LIEN #17-00073

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

WHEREAS, the Oakland Tax Collector has received funds from a property owner or other party of interest for redemption of a Tax Sale Lien 17-00073, Block 5203, Lot 36, better known as 40 Wenonah Ave.; and

WHEREAS, lien holders are entitled to payment for redemption of the Tax Lien upon receipt of funds by the Tax Collector;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$ 10,094.14 payable to Christiana Trust as Custodian, GSRAN-Z Deposit Account, PO box 71276, Philadelphia, PA 19176;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$ 10,094.14 to the aforementioned lien holder.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-209 AUTHORIZE COST ESTIMATE FOR STREAM HOUSE

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

WHEREAS, the Borough is in need of cost estimate services at the Stream House located on the property of the Van Allen House; and

WHEREAS, Connolly & Hickey Historical Architecture LLC submitted a proposal for the services required at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 for the cost estimate for the Stream House; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in Account #8-01-20-110-044; and

WHEREAS, Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects LLC have submitted all necessary paperwork to comply with the Borough's Pay-to-Play Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for professional service for which no public bidding is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby award a contract to Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects LLC in the amount not to exceed \$ 2,500 for the cost estimate for the Stream House; 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, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-213 HIRE SEASONAL LABORER-DPW

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize the hiring of the following seasonal laborer for the Department of Public Works:

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY
Bradley Hildebrandt	May 14, 2018	\$ 12.00/hour

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-214 HIRE PER-DIEM DISPATCHERS

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

WHEREAS, the Police Captain has requested the appointment of Per Diem Dispatchers and has completed all necessary background investigations and deemed the candidates to be qualified;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby appoints Yazeed Abdelaziz at a Step 2 salary of \$ 25.00 per hour and Jason Crawford at a Step 1 salary of \$ 20.00 per hour effective May 10, 2018.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AMENDMENT:

OPENED TO THE PUBLIC:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

Mr. Kunze explained that the tax levy is the same as last year except for the Library. He explained that the Borough collects all the taxes but only 25% goes to the municipality. He explained that 10% goes to the County and 65% go to the local and regional schools. Mayor Schwager reiterated that the Borough collects all the taxes on behalf of the County and Schools but only 25% of taxes go to the Borough.

No comments from the public.

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-211 SELF-EXAMINATION OF THE BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Borough of Oakland has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2018 budget year..

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Oakland that in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the Governing Body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
 - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated.
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth.
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.
6. All other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

RESOLUTION 18-212 ADOPTION OF BUDGET AS AMENDED

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oakland, County of Bergen that the budget hereinbefore set forth is hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sums therein set forth as appropriations, and authorization of the amount of:

(a) \$13,877,937.00	for municipal purposes, and
(d) 221,825.00	Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic
Preservation Trust Levy	
(e) \$ 827,689.00	Minimum Library Tax

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

1. <u>General Revenues</u>	
Surplus Anticipated	\$ 1,548,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue Anticipated	\$ 3,262,679.93
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	\$ 15,000.00
2. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Municipal Purposes	\$ 13,877,937.00
3. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools Type I	\$ 0.00
4. Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Schools Type II	\$ 0.00
5. Amount to be Raised by Taxation – Library Levy	\$ 827,689.00
Total Revenues:	\$ 19,531,304.93

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS

6. <u>General Appropriations</u>	
Within "CAPS"	
(a&b) Operations including Contingent	\$ 13,473,520.00
(e) Deferred Charges and Statutory Expenditures	\$ 1,757,067.00
(a) Operations	\$ 1,457,717.93
(c) Capital Improvements	\$ 900,000.00
(d) Municipal Debt Service	\$ 1,427,865.00
(e) Deferred Charges – Municipal	\$ 57,135.00
(m) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 458,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$ 19,531,304.934

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

WORK SESSION:**TITLE 39 ENFORCEMENT-CROSSROADS SHOPPING CENTER:**

Mr. Muhlstock advised that the Crossroads Shopping Center has a lot of interior roads that need to be regulated by the Police. This ordinance would enable them to enforce regulations. Mayor Schwager spoke of the dangers in that shopping center. Councilman Biale spoke about speeding in the parking lot. Mr. Muhlstock explained that this ordinance would codify certain regulations such as parking, stop signs, one-way traffic. There will be signage placed in the shopping center. The Police would then be able to enforce the regulations in that shopping center.

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray, suggested putting up speed bumps to slow people down.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS ALIGNMENT REVIEW:

Mr. Kunze explained that this relates to the sidewalk program around the schools. This is meant to address Heights and Valley Middle Schools and is backed by a \$ 290,000 Federal Safe Routes to Schools grant. The first step is to give feedback regarding our alignment of sidewalks so the Engineer can submit to DOT for approval for the sidewalks. Borough Engineer John Yakimik advised that he met with the Police and did a site visit. He explained that only preliminary scoping was done and further work needs to be done to determine if there is enough room for cars to pass once sidewalks would be put in. He showed the preliminary route in the Heights section. Councilman Knapp asked if there will be input from the residents. Mr. Kunze explained that once we get through this process, there should be a community meeting to see if there is support for the sidewalks. If the community does not support the project, then there should be no repercussions with the grant. Councilman Talamini asked if the school was included in the decision. Mr. Kunze advised that Valley Middle School was involved when we applied for the grant and they submitted a letter of support. Councilman Kulmala asked if the schools will have input. Mr. Kunze responded that we can have a meeting with them. Councilman Knapp asked if the utilities will be above ground or underground. He asked about having a striped sidewalk. Mr. Kunze responded there is a striped sidewalk on Stevens Place. Councilman Knapp asked if there have been complaints in the Heights neighborhood about not having sidewalks. Mr. Kunze responded that several years ago, the Governing Body prioritized expanding sidewalks around the schools. There were discussions with the Police Department about where sidewalks would be most needed.

Discussion turned to the route for Valley Middle School sidewalks. Councilman Kulmala asked if it would make more sense to have the sidewalk on the park side of Oak Street. Mr. Yakimik explained that this preliminary route was the genesis of a walk-through with the DOT. They took several routes and they want to traverse as little of the vehicular roadways as possible. Mayor Schwager commented that it would make more sense to have the sidewalk on the park side of Oak Street. Councilman Kulmala asked if the sidewalk could be connected by the Library. Mr. Yakimik responded that it would make sense. Councilman Knapp would like to see what the Traffic Officer and Police Captain have to say about sidewalks in the Heights section. Mr. Yakimik explained that he met with Traffic Officer Fiore and Captain Sanzari and they had no objections to the proposed route. He will ask them again if they feel there is a need for these sidewalks. Councilman Knapp stated it is not worth putting sidewalks in if they are not needed. Councilman Kulmala asked if the sidewalk on Oak Street could be continued down to the Recreation field. Mr. Kunze will have to talk to the DOT to see if it meets the purpose of the grant. Discussion turned back to the Valley Middle School sidewalk route. Student Councilmembers Watters and Spinella explained that most students walk across the Borough Hall parking lot to the stairs. Mr. Yakimik explained that if the sidewalk leads to the stairs, it will

hinder ADA requirements. Councilman Talamini commented that if a better route is put in, the students will be more likely to use it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Levy advised he met with DPW Superintendent Anthony Marcucilli regarding a recycling center. They discussed a couple of potential locations. The DPW roll off truck is capable of holding a dumpster. Mr. Marcucilli estimates the start up costs would be approximately \$ 50,000 which would include the dumpster, concrete pads, curb cutting. The recycled materials can be disposed of in Passaic so they wouldn't have to go to Newark. He spoke about the first quarter numbers having an increase in garbage and a decrease in recycling. Councilman Biale questioned what would happen if residents didn't utilize a recycling center. Councilman Kulmala asked about what the cost would be to go back to single stream recycling.

Mr. Kunze advised he had a meeting today with Mr. Marcucilli and Recycling Coordinator Eugene MacMahon regarding a recycling depot. The ballpark start up costs will be between \$ 50,000 and \$ 60,000. It is estimated that it will occupy 25% of one employee's time based on figures obtained from Franklin Lakes regarding their recycling center. Councilman Knapp suggested it might be smart to go back to single stream recycling. Mr. Kunze needs to ask the attorney. It probably cannot be done this year and this year's budget does not support that move. He explained that there are only two months worth of data. There was a 25% reduction in recycling and a 3% increase in garbage in those two months. He cautioned the Governing Body on making a move using only two months of data. He explained that this can be discussed further in the future. Councilman Biale advised that people's recycling habits change from winter to summer so he thinks we should wait to see the data before investing in a dumpster and concrete pads. He would rather go back to single stream than spend the money on a recycling center. Councilman Talamini asked if we inquired about getting a double pick up on the same day. Mr. Kunze responded it was essentially the same price as having single stream pick up. Councilman Kulmala asked for a quarterly update on the data.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilman Talamini/Councilwoman Watters: The Memorial Day Parade will take place on May 27th at 1 pm. The carnival will be held June 13th to 16th. Fireworks will take place on Friday June 15th. The next meeting of the Public Events Committee will be May 14th at 7:30 pm at the Senior Center. They are looking for more members. Councilman Talamini congratulated the students on doing a great job.

Councilman Kulmala/Councilwoman Watters: The OCC held their last meeting on April 7th. The Borough sent its first official tweet on April 24th. The OCC is looking for volunteers for the television committee. An update on the Library renovations was given. Recreation will list sign up information on the website.

Councilman Biale/Councilman Gentile: The Senior Center Director Rose Burik will retire after 25 years of service. He congratulated Rose and wished her many happy and healthy years. The Senior Art Show at the Library has been extended to May 23rd. There will be a luncheon at the Brownstone on May 22nd. The Senior Club meeting tomorrow will have a presentation on prescription medications. The DPW will hold a shredding event on Saturday May 12th. The National Day of Prayer was held last week. Councilman Biale attended a meeting with Rockland Electric regarding smart meters. Residents received notice that smart meters are coming. These meters eliminate the need for meter readers and will record electrical data. Thirty three states already have smart meters. Residents will be able to opt out.

Councilman Levy/Councilwoman Spinella: The Flood Commission will meet on March 14th at 7:30 pm at the Senior Center. The Station Park Committee will meet next week. The Grant Committee is meeting later this week. Planning Board will meet tomorrow night at 7 pm.

Councilman Knapp/Councilwoman Spinelli: The First Aid Squad will hold their meeting on June 4th. The Municipal Alliance will meet on June 11th. The Fire Department will meet on June 18th. The quarterly Public Safety meeting will be held in June. Great Oak Park Committee will meet on June 4th. Tom Vanderbeck has been clearing the great lawn. The Band shell will be installed next spring. They are working on raising money for the driveways to be paved. A local girl scout, Katherine Bonini, will install five signs around the Park which will identify Pleasureland artifacts. She has been raising funds for the project and held a bake sale this past week. A boy scout is going to mount two old historical signs. The Environmental Commission will build a butterfly garden. A girl scout is looking to install donated bird and bat houses in the Park.

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, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

Frank Monaco, 60 Thackeray Road, commented that the students did an excellent job tonight. He asked if the Borough owns the right-of-way to install sidewalks. Mayor Schwager advised this discussion was because the Borough received funding from the Safe Routes to Schools grant. Mr. Monaco suggested that if the Borough were to have a recycling center, we should get small compactors.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

ROLL CALL: All yeas, Councilmembers Biale, Knapp, Kulmala, Levy, Talamini.

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, Levy, Talamini.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

On motion of Councilman Levy, seconded by Councilman Talamini, the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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

Lisa M. Duncan, Borough Clerk
May 23, 2018

Mayor Linda H. Schwager

Date Approved