

**MINUTES
WORK SESSION**

The Work Session Meeting of the Mayor and Council was held in the Council Chambers and called to order at 7:49pm. Adequate notification was published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale. Roll call was taken.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to The Bergen Record and The Ridgewood News, informing the public of the time and place according to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975).

ROLL CALL:

Councilmember Curry -absent	Councilmember Lane
Councilmember Koelling	Councilmember Talarico
Councilmember LaMonica	Councilmember Weaver

Also present: Mayor Mike Ghassali; Borough Attorney, Joe Voytus; Borough Engineer, Andy Hipolit; Administrator/Clerk, Maureen Iarossi-Alwan and Deputy Municipal Clerk, Fran Scordo

ORDINANCES:

PUBLIC HEARING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1414 AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A DRAINAGE SYSTEM ON BLOCK 707, LOT 4 FROM ANTHONY AND JANET RUSSO, HUSBAND AND WIFE, TO THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF JERSEY

WHEREAS, a portion of Main Street located in or around the property known as 59 Main Street has had issues with flooding over the past few years; and

WHEREAS, as part of the 2015 Montvale Road Program, and at the recommendation of the contractor hired for the Road Program, it has been determined by the Borough Engineer that the most efficient and cost-effective method of controlling drainage issues at the location in question would be the installation of an underground detention basin that connected to a municipal storm drain and associated drainage controls (the "Drainage System") partly located on the property identified as Block 707, Lot 4 in the Borough of Montvale, also known as 59 Main Street, owned by Anthony and Janet Russo (the "Property Owners"); and

WHEREAS, the Drainage System will be owned, operated and maintained by the Borough of Montvale; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owners are amenable to the Borough's installation of the Drainage System at the Borough's expense and are willing to grant to the Borough of Montvale all necessary and appropriate easements and other permission in order for the Borough to install, access and maintain the Drainage System; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has prepared appropriate documents pertaining to same based upon information submitted by the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, upon approval and execution of these documents by the Property Owners, these documents must be formally accepted by the Borough of Montvale pursuant to the Local Lands and Buildings Law. N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Pursuant to the Local Land and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1 et seq., the Borough of Montvale hereby accepts from Anthony and Janet Russo, owners of 59 Main Street, Montvale, New Jersey, 07645, the easements described herein and attached hereto, which are expressly made a part hereof.
2. The Mayor, Borough Clerk and all other appropriate officials are hereby authorized and empowered to execute all documents and take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Ordinance.
3. The Borough Attorney shall file a copy of all easement documents with the County Clerk, as required by law.
4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Ordinance No. **2016-1414** was introduced for second reading by Councilmember Weaver; seconded by Councilmember Koelling; Clerk read by title only; Motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Talarico; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - all ayes

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Koelling; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - all ayes

Motion to adopt on Second and Final Reading in Ridgewood News by Councilmember Talarico; seconded by Councilmember Koelling; Clerk read by title only ----- A roll call vote was taken --- all ayes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1415 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 121 OF THE BOROUGH CODE IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON A PORTION OF MEMORIAL DRIVE TO MAINTAIN ACCESS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES
(public hearing 6/14/16)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2016-1415** for first reading was made by Councilmember Weaver; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in The Ridgewood News; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - A roll call was taken – all ayes

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1416 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTVALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 128, "ZONING," OF THE BOROUGH CODE IN ORDER TO SPECIFY VARIOUS ZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOLS AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP AND TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MASTER PLAN REEXAMINATION ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING BOARD ON MAY 17, 2016
(public hearing 6/14/16)

A motion to Introduce Ordinance **2016-1416** for first reading was made by Councilmember Weaver; seconded by Councilmember Lane; Clerk read by title only; Councilmember Lane

made a motion that this ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised in The Ridgewood News; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - A roll call was taken – all ayes
This ordinance will be forwarded to the Planning Board for comments.

MINUTES:

May 10, 2016

A motion to accept the minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling
- all ayes with the exception of Councilmembers Talarico and LaMonica abstaining

MINUTES CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

May 10, 2016

A motion to accept the minutes by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling
- all ayes with the exception of Councilmembers Talarico and LaMonica abstaining

RESOLUTIONS:

91-2016 Awarding a Contract to Gold Type Business Machine, Inc. ("GTBM") for the Provision, Maintenance and Support of an E-Ticket System for the Montvale Police Department

WHEREAS, in order to modernize, simplify and expedite the issuance of tickets and summonses, the Borough of Montvale Police Department desires to procure an e-ticketing system along with ancillary equipment and services; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has obtained a proposal dated May 13, 2016, from Gold Type Business Machine, Inc. ("GTBM") to provide all necessary E-Ticket equipment and license subscriptions, along with maintenance and support for this proprietary hardware and software; and

WHEREAS, said proposal provides for an initial cost of \$13,000.00, which shall include "all system hardware, labor for installation and training, Y1 E-Ticket software license subscriptions, and Y1 maintenance and support for the system software and hardware"; and

WHEREAS, said proposal further provides for yearly payments of \$2,995.00 for "E-Ticket software license subscriptions and maintenance and support for the system software and hardware" for an additional four years; and

WHEREAS, the award of this contract by resolution of the Governing Body is permitted by N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(dd) and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(7); and

WHEREAS, because the value of this contract may exceed in total the Borough's applicable pay-to-play threshold, it shall be awarded pursuant to the "alternative" provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4, et seq., and GTBM has provided a Business Entity Disclosure Certification and all other appropriate documentation pertaining to same; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous of awarding a contract to GTBM to perform the above-referenced services, for the prices and on the terms set forth in the GTBM Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds have been appropriated and are available for this work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that a contract is awarded as follows:

Gold Type Business Machine, Inc.
351 Paterson Avenue
East Rutherford, New Jersey 07073

\$13,000.00 (year one)
\$2,995.00 (years two-five)
Remainder as per proposal

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Borough Clerk and all other appropriate officials shall be and are hereby authorized to execute all contract documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution, subject to approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - All ayes

92-2016 Authorize Hiring/Part Time Violations Clerk/Pascack Joint Municipal Court/L. Orozco

WHEREAS, the Pascack Joint Municipal Court desires to hire a part-time employee in the Borough of Montvale for the Pascack Joint Municipal Court in the capacity of Violations Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, Luz Orozco has met the qualifications for this position, agrees to the terms and conditions of employment, and has completed a satisfactory background investigation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the above named individual is hereby appointed to the position of Part-time Violations Clerk, effective May 16, 2016.

Introduced by: Councilmember Talarico; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - All ayes

93-2016 Authorize Release of Escrow/Block 1607/Lot 19/R. Rakowski

WHEREAS, Richard Rakowski, has requested release in Escrow for Block 1607/Lot 19; and

WHEREAS, Borough Officials have signed off and take no exception to the release; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale The amount of \$48.00 is hereby released to Richard Rakowski; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLEVED, the Treasurer shall receive a copy of this resolution for processing

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - All ayes

94-2016 Approve Tax Court Settlement / 180 Summit Ave Assoc / Block 1901;Lot 5 / 180 Summit Ave

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property Tax Appeal filed by 180 Summit Ave. Assoc. (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Numbers 004998-2014, 001156-2015 and 001716-2016, and;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid tax appeal involves a commercial property located at 180 Summit Avenue, which is otherwise referred to as Block 1901 Lot 5 on the tax assessment map of the Borough (hereinafter the "subject property"), and;

WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the subject Tax Appeal by legal counsel, the Borough Appraiser and the Borough Tax Assessor, and;

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed settlement are set forth in the attached Schedule "A" included herein, and;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Montvale to settle the subject Tax Appeal in accordance with the settlement proposal set forth hereinabove.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the settlement of the aforesaid Tax Appeal be hereby approved, in accordance with the terms set forth in the attached Schedule "A", and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to same, the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Tax Appeal Attorney and/or any other appropriate Borough official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

SCHEDULE "A"

A. The terms of the aforesaid tax appeal settlement shall consist as follows:

2014 Appeal: \$1,850,000

2015 Appeal: \$1,900,000

2016 Appeal: \$1,960,000

B. The provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (the "Freeze Act") shall be applicable to the terms of this settlement.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - All ayes

95-2016 Awarding Professional Service Contract/Engineering Services/Design Services/For Improvement To North Avenue/Maser Consulting, LLC

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has deemed it necessary to engage the professional services of an Engineer to provide professional Design services, Site Inspection, Coordination with Pascack Valley DPW on the proposed improvements, Preparation of Plans and Specifications and Bidding Services; and

WHEREAS, section N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law, (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) exempts such professional services from competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, Maser Consulting, 200 Valley Road, Suite 400, Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 has submitted a proposal dated April 21, 2016 to provide these services which is attached to the original of this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Certified Municipal Finance Officer has certified funds are available certification hereto attached to the original of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Montvale as follows:

- 1) That the proposal for the scope of engineering services is attached to this resolution which is made part of this resolution shall be awarded to Maser Consulting.
- 2) That the following be provided: Professional Design Services, Site Inspection, Preparation of Plans and Specifications and Bidding Services project meetings and project team coordination.
- 3) The cost not to exceed shall be \$28,500.00. The Engineer shall be required to submit itemized bills and payment shall be made based upon services rendered. The rates for this work are in accordance with the hourly contractual agreement with the Borough of Montvale.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be published an official newspaper of the Borough of Montvale, be on file, available for public inspection, in the office of the Municipal Clerk, Municipal Complex, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - All ayes

96-2016 RE: Authorize Final Payment #5/Change Order #1/2014 Road Improvement Project/A.J.M. Contractors, Inc.

WHEREAS, a Contract was awarded in the year 2014 in the amount of \$598,349.00 to A.J. M. Contractors, Inc. 300, Kuller Road, Clifton, NJ 07011 for the 2014 Road Program in the Borough of Montvale; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, in a letter dated May 5, 2016 which is attached to the original of the resolution takes no exception to the Final Payment in the amount of \$84,578.55 and approved Change Order #1 (-) \$53,462.22 for work completed; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Finance Officer has certified funds are available as outlined in the Certification of Funds as attached to the original of this Resolution.

WHEREAS, a required the Borough of Montvale is in receipt of a two year maintenance bond in the amount of \$81,733.02 which is 15% of the adjusted contract amount for a period of two (2) years; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Montvale as follows:

- 1) Final Payment in the amount of \$84,578.55 be authorized and paid to A.J.M. Contractors Inc.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - All ayes

97-2016 Authorizing a private sale of Lots 6 and 6.02 in Block 1606 to BC UW/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC for Affordable Housing

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale is the owner of certain property known as Block 1606, Lot 6 as depicted on the Borough tax assessment map, being more commonly known as 11 Grand Avenue East ("the property", "the premises" or "the parcel"); and

WHEREAS, certain approvals were granted by the Planning Board by resolution dated January 6, 2015 to BC UW/Madeline Housing Partners, LLC ("the applicant"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the aforesaid approvals, the property was subdivided into three (3) lots designated as Block 6 containing an area of 35,858 square feet (0.8232 acres), Block 6.01 having a land area of 23,753 square feet (0.5453 acres) and Lot 6.02 having a land area of 9,414 square feet (0.2181 acres); and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid approvals permit the applicant to construct ten (10) affordable senior apartment units on Lot 6 and four (4) developmentally disabled units on Lot 6.02; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the aforementioned approvals for the applicant to obtain ownership of Lots 6 and 6.02 for the purpose of constructing the affordable housing units as above described, with the Borough retaining ownership of Lot 6.01; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-21(l) permits a municipality to convey land not needed for municipal purposes, for a nominal consideration, to a duly incorporated non-profit housing corporation for the purpose of constructing housing for low or moderate income persons or families; and

WHEREAS, the applicant qualifies as a non-profit housing corporation experienced in the development of housing for low and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, the applicant intends to construct such housing in accordance with the aforementioned approvals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that it does hereby authorize a private sale for a nominal consideration of the aforementioned Lots 6 and 6.02 in Block 1606 to the applicant for the express purpose of constructing the affordable housing units as above described; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the aforementioned statute, the conveyance of the parcels is restricted to the construction of the affordable housing units previously approved by the Planning Board in accordance with the terms and condition as detailed in the resolutions of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Borough of Montvale that the Deed of conveyance shall contain a restriction as to the development and use of Lots 6 and 6.02 for affordable housing and should the lots not be used in accordance with such limitations, title to the parcels shall revert to the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mayor Michael Ghassali and Borough Clerk/Administrator Maureen Iarossi Alwan be and are hereby authorized to execute a Deed of conveyance, Affidavit of Title, and such other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the terms and provisions of this resolution.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - All ayes

98-2016 Supporting the Click It or Ticket Mobilization of May 23-June 5, 2016

WHEREAS, there were 560 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2015; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 23 – June 5, 2016 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and
WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 91% to 93%; and
WHEREAS, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;
THEREFORE, be is resolved that the Borough of Montvale declares it's support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 23 – June 5, 2016 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - All ayes

99-2016 Tax Court Settlement / Block 3201; Lot 5 / 25 Philips Parkway / GECMC 2005-C2 Oberlin Industrial, LLC

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property Tax Appeal filed by GECMC 2005-C2 Oberlin Industrial, LLC (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Number 006422-2014, and;
WHEREAS, the aforesaid tax appeal involves a commercial property located at 25 Philips Parkway, and is otherwise referred to as Block 3201 Lot 5 on the tax assessment map of the Borough (hereinafter the "subject property"), and;
WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the subject Tax Appeal by legal counsel, the Borough Tax Assessor and the Borough Appraiser, and;
WHEREAS, the proposed Tax Appeal settlement would adjust the subject properties' property tax assessment to \$6,500,000, and;
WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (the "Freeze Act") are hereby waived, per the terms of the aforementioned settlement, and;
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Montvale to settle the subject Tax Appeal in accordance with the settlement proposal set forth hereinabove.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the settlement of the aforesaid Tax Appeal be hereby approved, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to same, the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Tax Appeal Attorney and/or any other appropriate Borough official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - All ayes

100-2016 Tax Court Settlement / Block 2602; Lot 1 / 210 Summit Ave / 210 Summit Ave Co, LLC

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale have been advised of the proposed settlement of a property Tax Appeal filed by 210 Summit Ave. Co, LLC (hereinafter the "Tax Appeal"), under Docket Numbers 005571-2014 and 003585-2016, and;
WHEREAS, the aforesaid tax appeal involves a commercial property located at 210 Summit Avenue, and is otherwise referred to as Block 2602 Lot 1 on the tax assessment map of the Borough (hereinafter the "subject property"), and;
WHEREAS, the said Governing Body has been advised as to the merits of the subject Tax Appeal by legal counsel, the Borough Tax Assessor and the Borough Appraiser, and;
WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed settlement are set forth in the attached Schedule "A" included herein, and;
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Montvale to settle the subject Tax Appeal in accordance with the settlement proposal set forth hereinabove.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale, that the settlement of the aforesaid Tax Appeal be hereby approved, in accordance with the terms set forth in the attached Schedule "A", and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to same, the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Tax Appeal Attorney and/or any other appropriate Borough official is hereby authorized to perform any act necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth in this Resolution.

SCHEDULE "A"

A. The terms of the aforesaid tax appeal settlement shall consist as follows:

2014 Appeal: \$3,726,200

2016 Appeal: \$3,580,800

B. The provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (the "Freeze Act") shall be applicable to the terms of this settlement for the 2015 tax year and base year 2016.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling - All ayes

101-2016 A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use on GovDeals.com

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale has determined that the property described in Schedule "A" attached hereto is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Local Unit Technology Pilot Program and Study Act (P.L. 2001, c. 30) authorizes the sale of surplus personal property through the use of an online auction service approved by the State; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Montvale intends to use GovDeals.com for such sale; and

WHEREAS, this sale is being conducted pursuant to the Division of Local Government Services LFN 2008-9 and State Contract A-83453/T2581; and

WHEREAS, the surplus property identified shall be sold in an "as-is" condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property; and

WHEREAS, all terms and conditions of the Borough's contract with GovDeals are available at GovDeals.com and are on file in the office of the Borough Clerk, 12 Mercedes Drive, Montvale, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, all terms and conditions related to the sale of the surplus property shall be set forth in the advertisement of such sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Montvale that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized and empowered to sell the surplus property described on Schedule "A" on GovDeals.com pursuant to the terms and conditions referenced herein, and to take all action necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

Schedule "A"

<u>GovDeals Asset Id #</u>	<u>Item Description</u>
17	Lot of 24 chairs and 5 tables
18	Lot of Kitchen Equipment
19	5 Bay PlymoVent Exhaust System
20	Hose Dryer
21	Lot of Cabinetry, Countertop and Divider
22	Lot of Office Desks, Chairs, Partitions, Cabinets, etc.

Introduced by: Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember LaMonica - All ayes

BILLS:

A motion to pay bills by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico - All ayes

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Andrew Hipolit

Report/Update

- a. Woodland Road Safety Investigation/Quotations/Guidesrails

Working on receiving quotes will have for next meeting

- b. North Avenue Bidding Specifications

Possible start date sometime in September

- c. Terkuile Road is complete; Magnolia will be paved Wednesday, June 1st

ATTORNEY REPORT:

Joe Voytus, Esq.

Report/Update

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Koelling stated that the Swim Club will not likely open this year; After a brief discussion, a motion by Councilmember LaMonica; seconded by Councilmember Talarico not to approve any further funding to the swim club and to consider a long term solution for the club. All ayes with the exception of Councilmember Weaver abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Weaver asked for clarification about the Exxon station renovations, the borough engineer explained that they were given approval for a convenience store, to renovate the parking lot, improvements will be made to the back and front as well as Kinderkamack Road and curbing.

COMMUNICATION CORRESPONDENCE:

None

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

HEARING OF CITIZENS WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:

Upon recognition by the Mayor, the person shall proceed to the floor and give his/her name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records. Unless further time is granted by the Council, he/she shall limit his/her statement to five (5) minutes. Statements shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the person having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, without recognition by the Mayor.

A motion to open meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Koelling – all ayes

Mr. & Mrs. Barile, 31 Akers Ave

Spoke in regards to the parking on Akers Ave instead of parking at the high school for sporting events. They are asking for help from Mayor and Council to speak to the school on their behalf to find a solution with parking.

Carolee Adams

Mentioned that is it possible to schedule the street sweeper to come on non-garbage pick-up days. This way it can clean the streets properly. Ms. Adams wanted to know who were the council liaisons to the local and regional school boards; She asked about the meeting regarding the possible development at the Mercedes property; Mayor Ghassali answered that this is just an idea and nothing has been submitted to the Planning Board.

Lillian Crowley, 26 Ladik Place

Would like guidance regarding 24 Ladik Place, the home has been foreclosed and now the bank owns it; what is the process as to getting the grass cut. Mayor Ghassali stated he will speak to Jeff Fette, our property maintenance official, regarding the matter and if necessary the borough can hire someone to cut the grass and place a lien on the home.

A motion to close meeting to the public by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico – all ayes

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Lane; seconded by Councilmember Talarico – all ayes

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm

The next Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held June 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Scordo, Deputy Municipal Clerk