

Work Meeting  
November 10, 2014

A Work Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, November 10, 2014, at 7:00P.M. in the Wanaque Municipal Building.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

On roll call, the following Council Members responded: Balunis, Cortellessa, Leonard, Pasquariello, Pettet and Willse. The Mayor declared a quorum. The Borough Attorney and Borough Engineer were present.

The Mayor read the following Sunshine Statement: This is a Work meeting of the Mayor and Council and adequate notice thereof has been given by advertising the date, time and place of the Work meetings in the Suburban Trends and the Herald News newspapers and was e-mailed to these papers on January 2, 2014, and a notice thereof has been posted on January 2, 2014 on the bulletin board in the Wanaque Municipal Building, 579 Ringwood Avenue, Wanaque, New Jersey and a copy thereof has been on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

MINUTES:

October 6, 2014.

PROCLAMATION: Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month – November – 7:00 P.M

The Mayor read the following Proclamation:

**Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, in 2014, an estimated 46,420 people will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in the United States and 39,590 will die from the disease;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is one of the deadliest cancers, is currently the fourth leading cause of cancer death in the United States and is projected to become the second by 2020;

WHEREAS pancreatic cancer is the only major cancer with a five-year relative survival rate in the single digits at just six percent;

WHEREAS when symptoms of pancreatic cancer present themselves, it is generally late stage, and 73 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first year of their diagnosis while 94 percent of pancreatic cancer patients die within the first five years;

WHEREAS approximately 1220 deaths will occur in New Jersey in 2014;

WHEREAS the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act was signed into law in 2013, which calls on the National Cancer Institute to develop a scientific framework, or strategic plans, for pancreatic cancer and other deadly cancers, which will help provide the strategic direction and guidance needed to make true progress against these diseases; and

WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network is the national organization serving the pancreatic cancer community in Wanaque and nationwide through a comprehensive approach that includes public policy, research funding, patient services, and public awareness and education related to developing effective treatments and a cure for pancreatic cancer;

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WHEREAS the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and its affiliates in New Jersey support those patients currently battling pancreatic cancer, as well as to those who have lost their lives to the disease, and are committed to nothing less than a cure;

WHEREAS the good health and well-being of the residents of Wanaque are enhanced as a direct result of increased awareness about pancreatic cancer and research into early detection, causes, and effective treatments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council designate the month of November 2014 as "Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month" in the Borough of Wanaque.

On entertainment of the Mayor Councilmen Willse and Balunis moved a motion to approved the aforementioned Proclamation.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Todd Cohen who requested the Proclamation be approved spoke about Pancreatic Cancer and spreading the word for the disease and requested people to wear purple on Thursday to support the fight against Pancreatic Cancer. There is also a website people can go to for information which is [Pancan.org](http://Pancan.org).

#### ORDINANCES:

Introduction of Ord. #16-0-14:

Re: Refunding Bond Ordinance - \$6,200,000

Introduction of Ord. #17-0-14:

Re: Amend Chapter 85 – Add Violations and Penalties Provision

Introduction of Ord. #18-0-14:

Re: 2015 Salary Ordinance (Police Only)

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported I did not receive any statistics from the First Aid Squad. The Veterans Day ceremony was held on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. there is a concert at Lakeland Regional High School and on Saturday at 9:00 A.M. there is a breakfast for the Veterans at the Wanaque school. The fall sports are winding up.

Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa reported the Department of Public Works is working to maintain the vehicles and prepare for winter. There was an odor issue with the Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority for the sewerage plant and they had a meeting with the Wanaque Reserve residents. They changed the chemicals that were being used and they put in a temporary ventilation system from the truck to the system and they seem to have made progress.

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Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard reported the Education Foundation fundraiser is this weekend on Saturday night and I encourage everyone to attend. The Clean air grant is being worked on with the Board of Education to do this grant.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello reported the police had presented awards for Addiction month and they are doing it again this Saturday.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet reported on the outcome of the Lakeland Board of Education Election results and two members were elected.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse reported that the Board of Health Rabies Clinic is this Saturday. The Fire Department had thirteen alarms and six drills for the month and five thousand eight hundred thirty man hours for the Year. They also completed the confined space training and hope to complete their ice training.

The Mayor said I will ask for a moment of silence on the recent passing of the former Police Chief Floyd Elston at the Regular meeting. With regard to the Pilgrim pipeline we are looking to arrange a venue at Lakeland Regional High School to get more information and do a presentation.

Councilman Cortellessa said they are asking permission to do the surveys now.

The Mayor said we need to decide what to do.

Councilman Cortellessa asked about Resolutions #178-0-14 what is the amount, #180-0-14 is this for the police cells, #182-0-14 is this the low bidder, #184-0-14 why is it five years and #185-0-14 why a twenty month contract and the prices are going up.

The Borough Engineer said Resolution #178-0-14 for the Westbrook Road contract was two hundred four thousand dollars and it ended up being two hundred and two thousand dollars. There are some punch list items and the Resolution needs to be changed.

The Borough Administrator said Resolution #180-0-14 is for the police cells, Resolution #182-0-14 was the low bidder, Resolutions #184-0-14 and #185-0-14 are per the contract with the Cooperative pricing. The progress on the Municipal building is we did a walk through this week for the outlets and furniture. The sheetrock is to be done and the elevator and power needs to be completed and installed. On Mountain Lakes Estates we had a meeting with the Attorneys and are waiting for an answer back by Wednesday. The blankets for the field will be done on this Wednesday and Hagstrom field we are not planning for this year and also there were trees planted there. It will probably happen in the Spring and we will take a look at the blankets.

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The Borough Attorney reported the litigation with Mountain Lakes Estates vs. Wanaque was heard last Thursday and they want to transfer the venue from Union County to Passaic County as they argued the plaintiffs have offices there and the Judge ordered to move it back to Passaic County. Either Judge McVeigh in the Chancery division or another division it will be sent to and they still have answers to forward. It is still before the Judge until the latter part of the month. That's the status of the case. Once the Judge issues the order that is law and you must do it or be in violation of the order.

The Borough Administrator said the repairs in the letter from the Open Space Committee will be incorporated into next Years' budget and the Open Space Grant.

#### PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Robert Mann, 4 Linda Road, Wanaque said I have a photo of the property where the hill is gone and the roadway there are rocks there now. The property owned by Mr. McElroy there is a tractor and backhoe and they are there on a Sunday also. It affects my property and other properties. He had a stop order but the work is being done. Public Service Electric and Gas is hooking up a gas line to the house and he is not the property owner of the house there. I called and left a message for the Mayor.

The Borough Administrator said he had to paint the shed to blend in with the property.

Robert Mann said is there a cease and exist work order in effect and it is putting us in harms way. It is not a wall. There is a driveway on the left and there was a pile of dirt there and he has a backhoe. I am asking you to look into it. He has a cease to work order and who is watching him and it puts us in harms way with the water damage.

The Borough Administrator said we ordered a stop to work order.

Councilman Cortellessa said the Borough Administrator and I will take a ride up there on Wednesday morning.

Robert Mann said there is earth moving around and he was supposed to get the permits and has he.

The Borough Administrator said no he has not.

Robert Mann said who does the inspection on properties.

The Mayor said the Building Inspector does the inspections.

Robert Mann said someone has to pay when I can't sell my house.

The Mayor said we will send the Building Inspector to look at Mr. McElroy's property.

Sandy Lawson, 28 Haskell Avenue, Haskell said the letter from the Open Space Committee can I have a copy of that and when was the last meeting I want to be notified. The Pilgrim pipeline I am looking forward to that meeting.

The Borough Administrator said yes I will get you the copy of the letter and the meeting was October 28th.

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Matt Smith, 6112 Warrens Way, Wanaque said I would like to thank the Mayor and Mr. Carroll for setting up the meeting with Pilgrim pipeline. Pilgrim is approaching people to survey and go on the property and they are threatening people with eminent domain and denied people their legal right and notify the public of what their property owners' rights are.

Councilman Cortellessa said we have not given them permission and have asked our Attorney to look into it.

Lorraine O'Leary, 29 Colfax Avenue, Wanaque said the recycling was picked up at 3:00 A.M. for the private collection on the street. What is the time they can pick up.

The Borough Administrator said they can begin collection at 6:30 A.M. and I will check and talk to the Supervisor.

Ken Manning, 2 Linda Road, Wanaque said I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for the fields and the blankets. For the court for Mountain Lakes how long will it be in court - for years.

The Borough Attorney said no. The Judge sets the schedule and timelines and moves cases along depending on what type of case and what information is needed for discovery. This case is mostly contracts. No building permits are going to be issued and the bonding and soil and sediment need to be checked. The Dam control needs to be notified and possibly be involved also.

The Borough Administrator said it is not going to take very long. Maybe going into January and the matter may be referred back to the Planning Board. We are not letting up until we have a resolution.

Ken Manning said I appreciate being kept in the loop and notified of what is going on.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

##### Resolution #175-0-14:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificates and Premiums to the Lienholders on various properties

##### Resolution #176-0-14:

Re: Refund of Tax overpayment on Block 240, Lot 14 due to a County Tax Board Judgment in the amount of \$3,780.32

##### Payment to County of Passaic:

Re: 2013 and 2014 Added Assessment Taxes and Open Space Taxes in the amount of \$35,279.14

##### Resolution #177-0-14:

Re: Payment #16 to UniMak LLC for the Municipal Building in the amount of \$343,387.31

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Resolution #178-0-14:

Re: Current Estimate #1 and Change Order #1 – Westbrook Road Improvements

Letter from the Fire Chief:

Re: Membership Application – Elisa Fantozzi – Company #2 effective immediately

Resolution #179-0-14:

Re: Budgetary Transfers

Resolution #180-0-14:

Re: Change Order #9 – Borough Hall Construction (\$3,896.80)

Resolution #181-0-14:

Re: Authorize Transfer of asphalt paver and trailer to Borough of Ringwood

Resolution #182-0-14:

Re: Award Bid – Communication Tower (\$96,425.00)

Resolution #183-0-14:

Re: Authorize Participation in Mid-Passaic Co-Operative Pricing

Resolution #184-0-14:

Re: Award Cooperative Pricing Bid – Solid Waste Disposal – Waste Management (\$69.75/Ton) Five Year Contract

Resolution #185-0-14:

Re: Award Cooperative Pricing Bid – Natural Gas

Resolution #186-0-14:

Re: Award Contract – Dental Insurance – MetLife

Application for Seasonal Permit:

Re: John Capparelli – 72 Haskell Avenue, Haskell

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

1. Clerk's Receipts for October 2014 -
2. Police Department Report for October 2014 -
3. Tax Collector's Report for October 2014 -
4. Municipal Court Report for October 2014 -

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COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from Joe Fiorito, Chairman Open Space Committee:  
Re: Repairs of Borough Fields and Playgrounds

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 Re-Organization Meeting Date – January 5, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.:

Closed Session:  
Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #187-0-14:  
Re: Continuing Disclosure Report Resolution and Related Materials

FINANCE REPORT:

ADJOURNMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Cortellessa and Balunis moved a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk