

Regular Meeting
April 10, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, April 10, 2017, at 8:10 P.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 was also present. The Borough Engineer was absent.

The Mayor read the following Sunshine Statement: This is a Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council and adequate notice thereof has been given by advertising the date, time and place of the Regular meetings in the Suburban Trends and the Herald News newspapers and was e-mailed to these papers on December 29, 2016, and a notice thereof has been posted on December 29, 2016 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.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE AND APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER - Daniel J. Banker, Jr. - Resolution #97-0-17 - 7:00 P.M.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Willse and Cortellessa moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED that Daniel J. Banker Jr. be and is hereby appointed as a Police Officer in the Borough of Wanaque, in accordance with the NJ Civil Service Commission Certification of Eligibles for Appointment #OL161300 dated November 7, 2016, effective April 20, 2017 at an annual salary of \$31,053, increasing to \$35,535 upon graduation from the Police Academy.

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

MINUTES:

March 13, 2017

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Leonard moved a motion to approve the aforementioned.

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

PROCLAMATION – National Day of Prayer

The Mayor read the following proclamation.

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has affirmed the right of State Legislatures to open their sessions with prayer and the Supreme Court and the U.S. Congress themselves begin each day with prayer; and

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WHEREAS, In 1988, legislation setting aside the first Thursday in May in each year as a National Day of Prayer was passed unanimously by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received to request healing for wounds endured, and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her Citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper to give thanks to God by observing a day of prayer in Wanaque when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our State and Nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Daniel Mahler, Mayor of the Borough of Wanaque, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2017 to be designated as

"A DAY OF PRAYER IN WANAQUE"

and encourage the citizens of Wanaque to observe the day in ways appropriate to its importance and significance.

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing of Ord. #2-0-17:

Re: Easement – Block 243, Lot 5

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Leonard moved that Ordinance #2-0-17 be taken from the table and read by the Clerk, by title only, for consideration of final reading.

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

The Clerk took from the table and read by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF WANAQUE BOROUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY ON LINES AVENUE ADJACENT TO PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 243 LOT 5 ON THE WANAQUE BOROUGH TAX MAP COMMONLY KNOWN AS 673 RINGWOOD AVENUE, WANAQUE, NEW JERSEY

This Ordinance has been duly advertised in accordance with the statutes; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, a copy was available for the public to read in the Clerk's office, and copies are available for the public present here this evening.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

No one came forward.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Cortellessa and Leonard moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANTING OF AN EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF WANAQUE BOROUGH RIGHT-OF-WAY ON LINES AVENUE ADJACENT TO PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 243 LOT 5 ON THE WANAQUE BOROUGH TAX MAP COMMONLY KNOWN

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AS 673 RINGWOOD AVENUE, WANAQUE, NEW JERSEY pass final reading, and that said Ordinance be adopted as an Ordinance of the Borough of Wanaque; and

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

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

Public Hearing of Ord. #4-0-17:

Re: CAP Index Rate Ordinance

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pettet and Leonard moved that Ordinance #4-0-17 be taken from the table and read by the Clerk, by title only, for consideration of final reading.

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

The Clerk took from the table and read by title only as follows: CALENDAR YEAR 2017 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

This Ordinance has been duly advertised in accordance with the statutes; a copy was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, a copy was available for the public to read in the Clerk's office, and copies are available for the public present here this evening.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

No one came forward.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Willse moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: CALENDAR YEAR 2017 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) pass final reading, and that said Ordinance be adopted as an Ordinance of the Borough of Wanaque; and

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

On roll call, all voted yes, except Councilman Cortellessa who voted no, and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Introduction of Ord. #5-0-17:

Re: Transfer Block 475, Lot 2 to New Jersey State Elks Special Childrens Committee, Inc.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved that Ordinance #5-0-17 be taken from the table and read by the Clerk, by title only, for consideration of first reading.

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

The Clerk took from the table and read by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 475, LOT 2, ON THE WANAQUE BOROUGH TAX MAP TO THE NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE INC.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 475, LOT 2, ON THE WANAQUE BOROUGH TAX MAP TO THE NEW JERSEY STATE ELKS SPECIAL CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE INC pass first reading, and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on the 8th day of May 2017, at the Municipal Building in the Borough of Wanaque at 8:00 PM., and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be instructed to publish in the manner provided by law a copy of said Ordinance, together with introduction thereof and notice when same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

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

Introduction of Ord. #6-0-17:

Re: Amend Chapter 96, Article II – “Street and Sidewalk Excavation”

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Pettet moved that Ordinance #6-0-17 be taken from the table and read by the Clerk, by title only, for consideration of first reading.

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

The Clerk took from the table and read by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 96 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, TO AMEND ARTICLE II, STREET OPENING.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Pettet moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 96 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, TO AMEND ARTICLE II, STREET OPENING pass first reading, and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on the 8th day of May 2017, at the Municipal Building in the Borough of Wanaque at 8:00 PM., and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be instructed to publish in the manner provided by law a copy of said Ordinance, together with introduction thereof and notice when same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF THE 2017 MUNICIPAL OPERATING, WATER UTILITY AND SEWER UTILITY BUDGETS - Resolution #96-0-17:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pettet and Leonard moved to open the Public Hearing on the Budget.

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

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing on the Budget.

No one came forward.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing on the Budget.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pettet and Pasaquariello moved a motion to approve the aforementioned resolution.

On roll call, all voted yes, except Councilmen Cortellessa, Leonard and Willse who voted no, and the Mayor voted yes to break the tie vote and declared the motion carried. Councilman Pettet said I am voting with the people in mind within a relative margin the people will thank us and we need surplus. I would vote no if it was ten million dollars and I do not disrespect anyone who voted no.

Councilman Cortellessa said after analyzing and meeting with the Finance Committee I cannot vote for the Budget.

The Mayor said this reflects the planning we all do. It takes time for retirements in the future adding to the capital improvement funds. There are several people retiring, we're seeing bond rating increase and the surplus is up and maybe we'll see a hit next year. Funds for the first aid building and we built the new town hall. There is a two percent of the cap for the State of New Jersey and the payroll is a substantial amount. It is appropriate to support the budget.

Introduction of Ord. #7-0-17:

Re: Ordinance appropriating \$350,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the 2017 Road Resurfacing Program

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved that Ordinance #7-0-17 be taken from the table and read by the Clerk, by title only, for consideration of first reading.

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

The Clerk took from the table and read by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$350,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE 2017 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM.

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On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$350,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE 2017 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM pass first reading, and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on the 8th day of May 2017, at the Municipal Building in the Borough of Wanaque at 8:00 PM., and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be instructed to publish in the manner provided by law a copy of said Ordinance, together with introduction thereof and notice when same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

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

Introduction of Ord. #8-0-17:

Re: Bond Ordinance \$325,000 Road Reconstruction – Various Roads

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Balunis moved that Ordinance #8-0-17 be taken from the table and read by the Clerk, by title only, for consideration of first reading.

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

The Clerk took from the table and read by title only as follows: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$325,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$225,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Baluins moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF VARIOUS ROADS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$325,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$225,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION pass first reading, and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage and adoption at a regular meeting of the Borough Council to be held on the 8th day of May 2017, at the Municipal Building in the Borough of Wanaque at 8:00 PM., and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk be instructed to publish in the manner provided by law a copy of said Ordinance, together with introduction thereof and notice when same will be considered for final passage and adoption.

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

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.
No one came forward.
The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #91-0-17:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #14-00009 for Block 239, Lot 12C0007 in the amount of \$17,572.74 for the Certificate and \$16,100.00 for the Premium

WHEREAS, a Tax Sale was held for 2014 delinquent Municipal charges on September 16, 2015;

WHEREAS, Madison Trust for Stonefield Inv Fund IV, was the successful bidder for Block 239 Lot 12C0007, 16-7 East Belmont for which certificate 14-00009 was assigned;

WHEREAS, the homeowner, has redeemed said certificate of which funds have been deposited into the Current Account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Treasurer shall refund the lienholder \$17,572.74 for the tax sale certificate and \$16,100.00 for the premium as per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #92-0-17:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-00002 for Block 200.11, Lot 21 in the amount of \$5,495.63 for the Certificate and \$3,700.00 for the Premium

WHEREAS, a Tax Sale was held for 2015 delinquent Municipal charges on September 21, 2016;

WHEREAS, Tower Fund Services as Cust for Ebury, was the successful bidder for Block 200.11 Lot 21, 105 Conklingtown Road for which certificate 15-00002 was assigned;

WHEREAS, Shellpoint, has redeemed said certificate of which funds have been deposited into the Current Account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Treasurer shall refund the lienholder \$5,495.63 for the tax sale certificate and \$3,700.00 for the premium as per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #93-0-17:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-00024 for Block 428, Lot 5 in the amount of \$3,515.29 for the Certificate and \$1,300.00 for the Premium

WHEREAS, a Tax Sale was held for 2015 delinquent Municipal charges on September 21, 2016;

WHEREAS, Clemente Enterprises, LLC, was the successful bidder for Block 428 Lot 5, 20 Greenwood Avenue for which certificate 15-00024 was assigned;

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WHEREAS, Lereta Tax Services on behalf of the mortgage company, has redeemed said certificate of which funds have been deposited into the Current Account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Treasurer shall refund the lienholder \$3,515.29 for the tax sale certificate and \$1,300.00 for the premium as per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #94-0-17:

Re: Credit Tax for overbilling on Block 448, Lot 15 for 2015 in the amount of \$8,702.32 and 2016 in the amount of \$12,476.16 due to a Tax Court Settlement

WHEREAS, there exists tax overbilling on Block 448 Lot 15 due to a Tax Court of New Jersey Stipulation of Settlement;

WHEREAS, the credits total \$8,702.32 for 2015 and \$12,476.16 for 2016; and the owners have asked for a full refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer shall issue a check in the amount of \$21,178.48 per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #95-0-17:

Re: Credit Tax for for overbilling on Block 236, Lot 9.01 in the amount of \$1,762.04 and 2016 in the amount of \$3,648.00 due to a Tax Court Settlement

WHEREAS, there exists tax overbilling on Block 236 Lot 9.01 due to a Tax Court of New Jersey Stipulation of Settlement;

WHEREAS, the credits total \$1,762.04 for 2015 and \$3,648.00 for 2016; and the owners have asked for a full refund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer shall issue a check in the amount of \$5,410.04 per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #98-0-17:

Re: Urging Legislature to reduce Local Affordable Housing Burdens and provide relief

RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO REDUCE LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING BURDENS AND PROVIDE DEFINED RULES AND RELIEF IN PROVIDING THEREOF

WHEREAS, municipalities do not have the resources to provide court mandated housing to comply with the Mount Laurel doctrine without proper funding; and

WHEREAS, lawsuits increase housing four-fold through court mandates and without an affirmative defense municipalities can do nothing to stop growth and sprawl, costing millions of dollars outside of local budgets; and

WHEREAS, property taxes must be raised exponentially to pay the costs associated with court mandates and, therefore, population, further overburdening taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative impact of years of unfunded court mandates has left many municipalities with serious needs and burdensome property taxes; and

WHEREAS, expected state population growth of .3 percent does not provide sufficient demand to justify court-mandated 30 percent housing supply increase; further congesting our state; and

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WHEREAS, New Jersey is already the most densely populated state in the country with 1,195 persons per square mile; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life and public welfare in this municipality will be reduced, negatively impacting infrastructure, water and sewer capacities; school class sizes and school services; municipal services such as volunteer and staffed ambulatory services and fire departments, police departments, public transportation and traffic; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing and rentals is not due to a lack of units, rather it stems from residents paying property taxes that are unaffordable and increasing by roughly \$700 million annually; and

WHEREAS, the state of New Jersey should relieve the burden of unfunded court mandates and provide statewide parity and predictability in regard to municipal affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly is urged to pass Assembly Bill No. 4666 imposing an end-of-year moratorium on all affordable housing litigation; and Assembly Bill No. 4667 establishing the "Affordable Housing Obligation Study Commission" to assist in finding solutions to the affordable housing crisis foisted upon municipalities by the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state and the legislature to assist municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the time has come to reasonably address affordable housing needs in New Jersey to preserve the integrity of the state and its quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of Borough of Wanaque urges the state and the legislature to aid municipalities over-burdened by court-mandated affordable housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we enthusiastically must reach a solution to affordable housing in New Jersey; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Chris Christie, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno, Department of Community Affairs Commissioner Charles A. Richman, New Jersey Senate President Steve Sweeney, New Jersey Senate Republican Leader Thomas Kean, Jr., New Jersey Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, New Jersey Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick, our State Senator Gerald Cardinale, our Assembly(women) Holly Schepisi and Robert Auth, and to the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

Resolution #100-0-17:

Re: Resolution closing bank accounts and turning balances over to the Borough Current Account

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING BANK ACCOUNTS BE CLOSED AND THAT BALANCES BE TURNED OVER TO THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE CURRENT ACCOUNT:

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE I	\$ 1,335.02
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II	\$ 164.49

Resolution #101-0-17:

Re: Appoint two (2) Part-Time Dispatchers

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BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed as Public Safety Telecommunicator trainees, effective April 10, 2017 at an hourly rate of \$24.45:

Lisa Robinson
10 Williard Street
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

Stephanie Moncavage
9 Luddington Avenue
Clifton, New Jersey

Resolution #102-0-17:

Re: Authorize Tax Court Settlement Block 236, Lot 9,01 – 600 Ringwood Avenue

BE IT RESOLVED that Anthony Fiorello, Esq., Borough Attorney, be and is hereby authorized to execute a settlement agreement in the NJ Tax Court in the matter of Block 236, Lot 9.01 – 600 Ringwood Avenue.

Resolution #103-0-17:

Re: Authorize Tax Court Settlement – Block 448, Lot 15 – 16 First Avenue

BE IT RESOLVED that Anthony Fiorello, Esq., Borough Attorney, be and is hereby authorized to execute a settlement agreement in the NJ Tax Court in the matter of Block 448, Lot 15, 16 – 16 First Avenue.

Resolution #104-0-17:

Re: Award Morris County Co-Op Contract – Rio Supply, Inc. – Water Meters - \$32,700.00

WHEREAS, Rio Supply Inc. holds the Morris County Co-operative Pricing contract for water meters and appurtenant equipment for the year 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wanaque Water Utility needs to purchase water meters and appurtenant equipment from time to time throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Wanaque Water Utility be and is hereby authorized to purchase water meters and appurtenant equipment from Rio Supply, Inc., 100 Allied Parkway, Sicklerville, NJ 08081 in needed quantities up to a total cost not exceeding \$40,000 under the Morris County Co-Op Pricing Contract #47; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in budget account 7-WP-02-050-230.

Letter from the Fire Chief:

Re: Remove Shane Riegler from the rolls of Company #2 effective immediately

Application for Ice Cream Vendor License:

Re: Toufic Katerji, 60 Fayette Avenue, Wayne – Tom's Ice Cream

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved a motion to approve the aforementioned Consent Agenda.

On roll call, all voted yes, except Councilman Cortellessa who abstained on 12.6 and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

1. Clerk's Receipts for March 2017 -
2. Police Department Report for March 2017-
3. Tax Collector's Report for March 2017 -
4. Municipal Court Report for March 2017 –

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Willse and Leonard moved that reports be received and filed; and that all monies be turned over to the Treasurer.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

Held prior to the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #99-0-17:

Re: Agreement – New Jersey State Elks Special Children’s Committee, Inc. for transfer of Block 475, Lot 2 in consideration for cellular tower lease revenue

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the New Jersey State Elks Special Children’s Committee Inc. for the sharing of cellular communications revenue with the Borough in connection with the conveyance to the Elks of Block 475 Lot 2 in the Borough of Wanaque.

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

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Work Meeting)

FINANCE REPORT: Vouchers - Payrolls

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Councilman Pettet said your Finance Committee respectfully reports that they have examined and approved the following and recommend that warrants are issued for their payment when the funds of the Borough of Wanaque are sufficient to meet them:

FINANCE REPORT: Vouchers - Payrolls

Councilman Pettet said your Finance Committee respectfully reports that they have examined and approved the following and recommend that warrants are issued for their payment when the funds of the Borough of Wanaque are sufficient to meet them:

VOUCHERS:

Current Operating 2016	\$ 15,903.06
Water Operating 2016	\$ 300.00
Current Operating 2017	\$ 243,466.57
Water Operating 2017	\$ 22,239.86
Sewer Operating 2017	\$ 5,946.05
Escrow	\$ 3,444.03
General Capital	\$ 15,025.92
Water Capital	\$ 20,285.08
Animal Trust	\$ 51.60
Recreation Trust	\$ 840.00
Voucher Total:	\$ 327,502.17

Payroll:

Councilmen Pettet and Leonard moved a resolution approving the following payrolls:

PR #6	03/24/2017	\$ 242,964.26
PR #7	04/07/2017	\$ 227,124.52
Payroll Total:		\$ 470,088.78
Grand Total:		\$ 797,590.95

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the resolution adopted and forthwith approved it.

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Daniel Mahler
Mayor

NEW BUSINESS:

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Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved that,

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1) 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 Wanaque, County of Passaic, 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:

1) Negotiations.

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 when the reasons for discussing and acting on the matter in closed session no longer exist, but no later than one month of the Mayor and Council arriving at a final decision on the specified subject matter.

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

RECONVENEMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Willse moved a motion to reconvene at 8:55 P.M.

On roll call, all were present.

ADJOURNMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved a motion to adjourn the meeting.

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk