

Regular Meeting  
February 11, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 8:40 P.M. in the Wanaque Municipal Building.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

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 January 4, 2019, and a notice thereof has been posted on January 8, 2019 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:

January 11, 2019.

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

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

ORDINANCES:

Introduction of Ordinance #1-0-19:

Re: An Ordinance Adopting a Redevelopment Plan for certain properties located in the vicinity of Susquehanna Avenue South of Union Avenue

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved that Ordinance #1-0-19 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:  
ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTIES SITUATED IN THE VICINITY OF SUSQUEHANNA AVENUE NEAR TWIN LAKES.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved that,  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE PROPERTIES SITUATED IN THE VICINITY OF

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SUSQUEHANNA AVENUE NEAR TWIN LAKES 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 10th day of December 2018, 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, as amended and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (Work Meeting)

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #41-0-19:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00008 for Block 456, Lot 11 in the amount of \$1,784.28 for the Certificate

WHEREAS, a Tax Sale was held for 2017 delinquent Municipal charges on September 12, 2018;

WHEREAS, Clemente Enterprises LLC was awarded the certificate for Block 456 Lot 11, 117 Monroe Street for which certificate 17-00008 was assigned;

WHEREAS, Ocwen Financial, the mortgage company has redeemed said certificate of which funds have been deposited into the Current Account;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer shall issue a check in the amount of \$1,784.28 for the certificate to the lienholder as per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #42-0-19:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #17-00009 for Block 464, Lot 16 in the amount of \$2,135.44 for the Certificate and \$200.00 for the Premium

WHEREAS, a Tax Sale was held for 2017 delinquent Municipal charges on September 12, 2018;

WHEREAS, Henry Hansch Jr. was awarded the certificate for Block 464 Lot 16, 7 Mann Place for which certificate 17-00009 was assigned;

WHEREAS, Precedent Management, the mortgage company has redeemed said certificate of which funds have been deposited into the Current Account;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer shall issue a check in the amount of \$2,135.44 for the certificate and \$200.00 for the premium totaling \$2,335.44 to the lienholder as per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #43-0-19:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #14-00006 for Block 235, Lot 9 in the amount of \$85,084.01 for the Certificate and \$50,000.00 for the Premium

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

WHEREAS, Madison Trust – Stonefield Investment Fund IV, LLC. was awarded the certificate for Block 235 Lot 9, 599 Ringwood Avenue for which certificate 14-00006 was assigned,

WHEREAS, Michael J. Pasquale, Esq, the attorney for the sale has redeemed said certificate of which funds have been deposited into the Current Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Treasurer shall issue a check in the amount of \$85,084.01 for the certificate and \$50,000.00 for the premium totaling \$135,084.01 to the lienholder as per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #44-0-19:

Re: Authorizing a Grant Application to the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund for the Rainbow Lake Park Improvement Project by the Borough of Wanaque

**AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE  
PASSAIC COUNTY OPEN SPACE, FARMLAND, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
TRUST FUND FOR THE RAINBOW LAKE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BY  
THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE**

**WHEREAS**, the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders (hereafter “the Board”) provides grants to municipalities and qualified non-profit corporations for the assistance in acquisition, development, stewardship, and historic preservation from the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (hereafter “the Trust Fund); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wanaque desires to further the public interest by obtaining funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 from the Board for the county to fund the Rainbow Lake Park Improvement Project at a cost of \$60,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board shall determine if the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the Trust Fund program and the rules and regulations established pursuant to R20170349, and any subsequent Resolutions passed by the Board governing the administration of the Trust Fund.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque as follows:

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1. Interim Borough Administrator John Eskilson is authorized to make application, provide all required information and documents as required and correspond as necessary for a grant to the Passaic County Open Space, Farmland, and Historic Preservation Trust Fund; and
2. That the Mayor of the Borough of Wanaque is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement and any amendment as may be required with the County of Passaic for the Rainbow Lake Park Improvement Project; and
3. That, if funds provided by the County of Passaic are less than the total project cost specified above, the applicant has the balance of funding necessary to complete the project; and
4. The Borough, as applicant, agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, County and local laws, rules and regulations in its performance of the project; and
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

Resolution #45-0-19:

Re: Budgetary Transfers

Resolution for Inter Appropriation Transfers

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque that the following inter-appropriation transfers affecting the year 2018 Local Municipal Budget be approved;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper Borough Officers are hereby directed to enter the said transfers on the financial records of the Borough:

**CURRENT**

8-CU-01-219-301 GROUP INSURANCE	\$ 12,600.00	8-CU-01-219-201 MULTI LINE INSURANCE -additional invoice after budget was adopted	\$ 6,720.00
		8-CU-01-117-203 PUBLIC BLDG-ELECTRIC -utilities St. Francis Nov & Dec 2018	\$ 5,880.00
8-CU-01-146-205 STREET LIGHTING	\$ 1,000.00	8-CU-01-146-201 TELEPHONE -additional phones/services purchased	\$ 1,000.00
8-CU-01-135-299 RECYCLING	\$ 13,000.00	8-CU-01-136-256 SANITATION -Dec invoice. -Vegetative Waste \$17,000.00	\$ 22,500.00
8-CU-01-099-124 POLICE S&W	\$ 9,500.00		
TOTAL	\$ 36,100.00		\$ 36,100.00

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Resolution #46-0-19:

Re: Appointment of Public Defender – Richard J. Baldi

APPOINTING RICHARD J. BALDI TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER IN THE  
BOROUGH OF WANAQUE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque that it hereby appoints Richard J. Baldi to the position of Public Defender in the Borough of Wanaque for the period February 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020 at an annual rate of \$7,500.

Resolution #47-0-19:

Re: Appointment of Part Time Telecommunications Operator – Christopher John Stanaback, 1209 Ringwood Avenue, Haskell

BE IT RESOLVED that Christopher John Stanaback, 1209 Ringwood Avenue, Haskell, New Jersey be and is hereby appointed as a Part Time Public Safety Telecommunications Operator trainee effective immediately at minimum wage during training.

Resolution #48-0-19:

Re: Appointment of Laborer – Todd Ascenzo, 54 Grove Street, Wanaque

APPOINTING TODD ASCENZO TO THE POSITION OF LABORER IN THE WANAQUE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque that it hereby appoints Todd Ascenzo of 54 Grove Street, Wanaque, New Jersey to the position of Laborer with the Wanaque Department of Public Works at an annual salary of \$40,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appointment of Todd Ascenzo to the position of Laborer shall be conditioned upon the review and consent of the Borough Council's Personnel and Roads Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the start date of employment shall be set by the Borough Administrator only after review and consent by the Borough Council's Personnel and Roads Committee.

Resolution #49-0-19:

Re: Authorizing the issuance of purchase orders in compliance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 et seq. Pay to Play Law for various services – Rio Supply, Inc. and Regional Communications

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS IN  
COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20 ET SEQ. (N.J. PAY  
TO PLAY LAW) FOR VARIOUS SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wanaque has a need to acquire various goods and services as non-fair and open contracts in compliance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough of Wanaque has provided a list of vendors that may exceed cumulative payments in the amount of \$17,500 for the Borough of Wanaque 2018; and

WHEREAS, the following vendor(s) have executed a certification that certifies that the business entity has not made a contribution that would bar them from receiving purchase orders in excess of \$17,500, and the business entity will report to the Election Law Enforcement Commission any contribution that would violate N.J.S.A. 19:44-20.4 et seq. (New Jersey Pay to Play Law) for Borough of Wanaque 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque does hereby authorize the Borough of Wanaque Interim Business Administrator to issue purchase orders to the following vendor(s) for the various goods and services described below; and

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Description of Services</u>
1. Rio Supply, Inc	Water Meters & Supplies
2. Regional Communications	Radio Equipment & Supplies

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this Resolution.

Adopted this 11 day of February 2019  
and certified to be a true copy of the original

Resolution #50-0-19:

Re: Authorizing and approving an Agreement with the Borough of Ringwood for Construction Official Services

AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD FOR CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wanaque is in need of the services of a Construction Official licensed by the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ringwood has a licensed Construction Official on staff; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Wanaque to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Ringwood for the services of a licensed Construction Official for the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque that it authorizes approves a Shared Services Agreement with the Borough of Ringwood, attached to and made part of this Resolution, for the services of a licensed Construction Official for the period March 1, 2019 through February 29, 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the above references agreement on behalf of the Borough of Wanaque.

Resolution #51-0-19:

Re: Payment to Regal Utility Services, Inc. – Current Estimate No. 7 and Final Current and Change Order No. 2 for the Water Main Replacement and Road Improvements in the amount of \$31,594.71

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BE IT RESOLVED that Change Order No. 2 a decrease of 2.74 percent of the original Contract amount of \$494,079.26 and payment for Current Estimate No. 4 and Final in the amount of \$31,594.71 payable to Regal Utility Services, Inc. for the Water Main Replacement and Road Reconstruction be and is hereby approved.

Six (6) Applications for Raffle Licenses:

Re: 1) Haskell School PTA - RA:1010 and RA:1011, 2) Lakeland Regional High School Band Association – RA:1012 and RA:1013, 3) Lakeland Chorale Association – RA:1014 and 4) Wanaque First Aid Squad – RA:1015

Letter from Fire Chief:

Re: Membership Application – Carol Stelling – Company #1

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

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

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello 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.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Pettet moved a motion to appoint Grace Maiello to the Ethics Committee for a Five (5) Year Term.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Status Report - Lakeside Manor

Reported on at the Work Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Work Meeting)

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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

Animal Trust 2019	\$ 771.00
Pre-Paid Current 12/31/18	\$ 26,890.07
Current 2018	\$ 156,041.34
Current 2019	\$ 2,897,255.28
Pre-Paid Water Operating	\$ 9,912.19
Water Operating 2018	\$ 27,388.69
Water Operating 2019	\$ 36,741.86
Sewer Op 2018	\$ 97.04
Sewer Op 2019	\$ 930,575.50
General Cap	\$ 35,784.82
Water Capital 2019	\$ 69,037.36
Recreation Trust 2018	\$ 3,226.00
Recreation Trust 2019	\$ 3,104.97
Escrow 2019	\$ 6,350.66
Other Trust 2019	\$ 18,650.00
Voucher Total:	\$ 4,221,055.78

PAYROLL:

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

PR #1	01/08/2019	\$ 257,426.03
PR #2	01/25/2019	\$ 235,183.24
PR #3	02/08/2019	\$ 224,588.11
	Payroll Total:	\$ 492,609.27
	Grand Total:	\$4,713,665.05

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

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

On roll call, all voted yes except Councilman Willse who voted no and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

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Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk