

Business Meeting
July 13, 2015

A Business Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in the Wanaque Municipal Building.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

The Mayor read the following Sunshine Statement: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Mayor and Council by emailing notice of this Business Meeting to the Suburban Trends and the Herald News newspapers on January 2, 2015 stating therein that this meeting would be held on Monday, July 13, 2015 at the time of 7:00 P.M. in the Wanaque Municipal Building, 579 Ringwood Avenue, Wanaque, New Jersey and a copy of this notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Wanaque Municipal Building on January 2, 2015 and a copy is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

MINUTES:

June 15, 2015 and Special Meeting of June 29, 2015.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Cortellessa and Willse moved a motion to approve the aforementioned Minutes.

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

PRESENTATION:

The Mayor presented the 2015 Mayor's Academic Excellence Award to Joseph Rivera.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE AND APPOINTMENTS OF TWO (2) POLICE SERGEANTS – RESOLUTION #107-0-15 – Keith Spillane and Resolution #108-0-15 – Matthew Ralicki

The Mayor asked the Police Chief to come forward.

The Police Chief spoke about the qualifications and recommended the appointment of Keith Spillane and Matthew Ralicki.

The Mayor administered the Oaths of Office to Keith Spillane and Matthew Ralicki for Police Sergeants.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Keith V. Spillane be and he is appointed to the position of Police Sergeant, effective immediately, in accordance with the NJ Civil Service Commission Certificate of Eligibles for Appointment No. PL150646 dated 6/8/15; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the salary for this position be established at \$118,649.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Matthew J. Ralicki be and he is appointed to the position of Police Sergeant, effective immediately, in accordance with the NJ Civil Service Commission Certificate of Eligibles for Appointment No. PL150646 dated 6/8/15; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the salary for this position be established at \$118,649.

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

ORDINANCES:

Public Hearing of Ord. #10-0-15:

Re: Bond Ordinance – Fire and First Aid Equipment - \$230,000

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Balunis and Pasquariello moved that Ordinance #10-0-15 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: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT BY THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$230,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$207,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION.

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 Pasquariello and Pettet moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW EQUIPMENT BY THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, IN THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$230,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$207,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING SUCH APPROPRIATION 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.

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

Public Hearing of Ord. #11-0-15:

Re: Capital Appropriation Ordinance – \$12,500 - Fire Equipment

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Willse and Pettet moved that Ordinance #11-0-15 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 APPROPRIATING \$12,500 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT.

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 Pasquariello and Pettet moved that,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an Ordinance entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$12,500 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT 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.

Introduction of Ord. #12-0-15:

Re: Amend Chapter 108 – “Vehicles and Traffic” to amend Article 1 – No Parking as it pertains to Fourth Avenue

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Willse and Balunis moved that Ordinance #12-0-15 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 THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, CHAPTER 108, “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,” TO AMEND ARTICLE I – NO PARKING AS IT PERTAINS TO FOURTH AVENUE.

Councilman Leonard said what are the issues here.

The Borough Administrator said there is no parking on Fourth Avenue to the Boulevard and this is just extending it to Decker Road.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, CHAPTER 108, "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC," TO AMEND ARTICLE I – NO PARKING AS IT PERTAINS TO FOURTH AVENUE be further considered for final passage and adoption at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held on the 10th day of August 2015, at the Municipal Building in the Borough of Wanaque at 7:00 P.M., 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Balunis:

Councilman Balunis reported the Recreation Commission does not meet this month. Baseball and softball are having tournaments. The First Aid Squad had one hundred two calls for May and seventy nine calls for June which is four hundred ninety calls Year to date. In May they had one thousand twenty seven hours and in June they had nine hundred seventy five and a half hours for a total of five thousand eight hundred ninety seven hours Year to date. The Ordinance for the stretchers when is that being done.

The Borough Administrator said it should be out to bid soon and award the bid at the August meeting. We received one quote for the stretchers and we have to go through the bidding process.

Councilman Cortellessa:

The road department has been doing their normal activities regarding taking care of our roads as well as our fields and they've been doing a very, very good job. The water department has been doing a lot of things maintaining our water system. I want to get to another issue. The beautification committee that Tom Balunis and I are members of there's a lot of activity negotiated with that and information that Jeff Brusco has now provided us based on our discussions over making sure that on a monthly basis we know what's going on within the community regarding fixing things that are not correct. But knowing that, I spoke to the Plant Manager, Edward Pascka at Arrow and talked about putting in a fence and repair that is owned by Arrow. He told me today that they had gotten a bid estimate for about \$4,000 to put a fence along that area, plus we talked about putting some planting in that area as well. There are two

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questions that we have tried to address on numerous occasions. They believe that the town needs to get involved in it if they put a fence along that area because the County has some easement up to their fence. So, that's a question that they had or that he has specifically. And we need to follow up on that and find out if there is an issue with the County putting a fence along that area of Ringwood Avenue. The second thing is where we might have to get Chief Norton involved. He was concerned about creating a blind spot if we put a fence along that area and also down the two roads that are adjacent to it. So we need to talk to Chief Tom Norton about whether or not there is a blind spot issue there and if that's a problem. His manager is coming back in approximately two weeks. He's going to discuss it with him about the \$4,000 investment. I want to push him harder because I think he's delaying us little by little because we've had conversations with him over the last six weeks and it's only been within the next week, the next ten days, the next two weeks, so I'm going to push him a little bit harder because I think if we can get that done within the community then we absolutely have a positive addition for that part of Ringwood Avenue. When we think about it in conjunction with the Haskell Center and the sidewalk that was done across the street from that if we can clean that up better, I think it would make a major difference in the community. Another thing is we need to focus more on the report that Jeff is providing. Jeff has provided a very substantial report here and what we're noticing is that there is consistent call backs for the same location over and over again and I'd like to figure out how we can be more aggressive in getting these things we want. If we can't then I'd certainly like to have us examine his report and find out how we can be more aggressive in getting people to clean up their properties because it is affecting our community and I think we should be able to be more aggressive in that. We need to find out some of the things we can do legally, then I would certainly like to be more aggressive in cleaning up Ringwood Avenue and some of the side streets and other areas within the community that need to get addressed as well.

The Borough Attorney said do we have a property maintenance code officer or does Jeffrey Brusco oversee that.

Councilman Cortellessa said we may have to change it to be more aggressive. I don't know if we can do that or not, but I'd like to try.

The Borough Administrator said with regards to the property maintenance, we have a process whereas somebody gets a notice of violation if they don't clear it up with that notice then they're given a summons. Court can take anywhere from two to eight weeks for them to show up to be scheduled for court. And in the meantime, the violation continues. We really don't have any other recourse to force somebody to go out and do something, especially if we've issued a notice of violation. We've been successful in some of the foreclosed properties in getting the banks or the Attorneys involved. There are some cases where we will go out and cut the grass and we're putting a lien on the property. However, once a summons is issued, I don't think we're in the position where we can then go out and cut the grass, especially if we have a response back from them that somebody wants their day in Court so to speak, and I know it gets frustrating because it's time consuming but we have to follow the whole legal perimeters of things.

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Councilman Cortellessa said is there any way you can accelerate the violation notice and the summons.

The Borough Administrator said I'll ask Jeff what the standards are.

Councilman Cortellessa said because if we can accelerate the process of issuing a summons and therefore the fine associated with it, many people would be more interested in resolving the problem before we even get to the Court situation. But if you look at this, Jeff is doing a lot of work going back and forth. It's almost a fulltime job just doing this type of activity and we need to think about how to accelerate the process to get things resolved.

The Borough Attorney said a lot of municipalities deal with it. The Judge in West Paterson, now Woodland Park, what would happen is the code officer would go out, look at a property, see a violation, give a notice. He would then reinspect it to see if there was any progress being made. If there was progress being made he let a little more out on the leash. If there was no progress then he would file an application in court. When he came before the Court, of course every Judge handles it differently, he would give them an additional court date appearance to get it done. If it wasn't done, then the fines would start to assess against them and it would be a continual assessment. That generally gets their attention. There's some hardship cases where people were out of work and what have you, and the Judge would deal with it accordingly, but there's some cases, especially with respect to foreclosed properties where we get notices and we get notification of the person to contact that's in charge of maintenance. We contact that person if there's a problem and we specify the problem, and if they don't do it, Tom uses the procedures. We do it and then surcharge who has the lien on the property. But I haven't seen that report of looking at the size of it and there's a lot of deficiencies. Driving up Ringwood Avenue, which is the entrance for the town, the main road, and the north and south corridor you see a lot of overgrown weeds and grass. Some municipalities have it if the grass grows more than 18 inches, you can stipulate a fine and notification. I'll have to look at our ordinance to see the parameters of it.

Councilman Cortellessa said the grass issue is one thing, but the trash on the side of the homes, the damage to parts of the home, the staircases, the railings, I mean, it just, as you look at it, and Jeff is trying to do a very good job in following up on these things, but as you read this report it's week after week after week and some of it will get resolved. I'm not saying that they don't, but I'm looking for a way to try to accelerate the process. You know we ended up getting this report because we talked about needing a monthly report to understand what's going on in the community and I think that's a good thing. We'll try to resolve the issues with Arrow. It's taking a long time as well also, and in some other areas. I'm just looking for a way for us to accelerate some of the things we need to do within the community to improve it and in some cases I think there's safety issues.

The Borough Attorney said and for safety and health. Health is also an issue and health violations.

The Mayor said now many of our surrounding neighbors have instituted ordinances regarding abandoned properties and I have a copy of Bloomingdale's ordinance and what I'll do

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I'll give it to the ordinance committee and they can take a look at it. It deals with, mainly bank owned properties in what we can do and what we can't do.

Councilman Cortellessa said some of the bank-owned properties I think we've done some good things already. We've resolved some of the issues and some of them were very, very complex issues. But it's the other items that I think we need to address as well. But I'd be interested in seeing those.

The Mayor said I'll distribute that.

Councilman Cortellessa said Mayor, I think too, we're dealing with two different issues here. In some respect you have abandoned property and this body has spoken about people who are going through hard times and for them not to be able to comply with some of these things, mainly financial. In the abandonment case, it's a no brainer, it's owned by a bank or whatever. Tony also isn't there and we have to be careful in cherry-picking the disparity of it in other words, if we're accelerating or pushing somebody to fix up their property on Ringwood Avenue, in such an event, we shouldn't be pushing people that are on other streets. This report is not Ringwood Avenue. This is other areas.

The Borough Attorney said yes you can. Obviously, with Ringwood Avenue it's the centerpiece of the town as the main road. You can do it without having the disparity and approach different parts of the community. In terms of hardships, that's up to the Judge. The Judge has enough equitable powers to hear a case where someone is out of work, disabled or has some financial issues. He can use his discretion.

Councilman Cortellessa said common sense that Jeff, when he goes out, if it becomes a hardship issue or the hardship issues apply, he sort of backs off a little bit and we understand that and that's not an issue in my mind. If somebody is truly having a hardship problem, I think we can try to manage those issues. I'm concerned about the people who don't have hardship problems and just don't care. And you can see that up and down Ringwood Avenue and you can see it in the side streets as well. And that's the issue I'm concerned about. The abandoned properties I think we're doing a pretty good job on. The hardship issues I think we can manage them, it's just that all the other unattractive dangerous areas that need to be addressed and I was only looking for, not reasons why not, but reason why we can try to accelerate this issue to solve these problems.

Councilman Balunis said in the case of Arrow, there's no violation, we're just asking him to be a good neighbor.

The Borough Attorney said yes. The Mayor and Council can direct that, number one, you can say you want to prioritize Ringwood Avenue. Number two, you want to prioritize those deficiencies that are in violation in health and safety situations as opposed to near esthetics. Then he has to undertake it to enforce the law. He can report back to you how many summonses he's issued, what the status of it is in the Court and the Court can report to you the number of fines that they impose or the results that can be. So it's a process that Jeff has to initiate with some direction from the Mayor and Council.

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The Borough Administrator said what I would suggest maybe the committee can meet with Jeff. You also keep in mind that he's also the construction official. I mean we did at one time have a part-time property maintenance officer, but in that position one of those years we had some tight budgets, so, you know, again, his time is also limited so let's, maybe if we can sit down with him and everybody can make sure we're all on the same page.

Councilman Cortellessa said don't forget there's also an article in the real estate section about Wanaque.

The Borough Administrator said yes.

Councilman Cortellessa said they talked about this being an attractive community, the history. And I'm interested in encouraging businesses to move into the community and people to move into the community and I think there's a way that we can, by accelerating the appearance of some of these properties maybe we can encourage people can move in more sort of like that. Okay? I said enough.

The Mayor said with regard to Jeff's report, the format changed a little bit. Now he went by the date he did things versus the project. What do we think about that? What are the thoughts from the council on that?

Councilman Cortellessa said I think it's important to know when and what the dates are.

The Mayor said if you would rather see it in chronological order rather than the way it is but I kind of like the project by project way myself.

Councilman Cortellessa said well, the project you would still need the chronological order of what's going on with that project and I think that's the element that makes it a much more valuable report. He is the construction official. He's doing a lot regarding that. But this is a significant piece of work and it identifies a significant number of properties and we need to figure out how to solve the problem more aggressively in my opinion.

Councilman Cortellessa:

Councilman Cortellessa reported the Road Department is doing Summer field work, vegetative work and road work. The Wanaque Valley Regional Sewerage Authority has odor issues with the surrounding areas and they are trying to find out what the issues are. They put in place a process where the management comes over immediately to see what is going on and there are areas outside the Wanaque Reserve being affected. The Road Department is checking the sewer lines to make sure they are running okay. They also checked the air quality during the times of the odor and there is not any danger of any harmful fumes or anything.

Councilman Leonard:

Councilman Leonard said I have no report.

Councilman Pasquariello:

Councilman Pasquariello read the report from the Police Department.

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The Mayor said I'd like to add to Councilman Pasquariello's report that our new Police officer, Officer Montegari, was given an award at the Police academy for doing certain things and he was in the physical fitness department. They don't tell you who was the top one but he was in the top three and it was remarkable.

Councilman Pettet:

Councilman Pettet said I have no report.

Councilman Willse:

Councilman Willse said thank you, Mayor. This past month of June the fire department responded to a brush fire, three fire alarms, one odor of smoke report, three gas emergencies, one electrical emergency. They also managed drills as well. Something happy to note is their number of calls this month was lower than the number of calls last month. Something that I think is doable. I'd also like to publically again thank the Council for approving the Bond Ordinances for the fire department. Both the Scott rescue packs and bottles, as well as the continue on our items of replacing gear. In regards to the building, it's kind of obvious we're here. The Police department has not been moved over yet. We are still waiting on several of the I guess you can call it the alphabet soup roots that have to come yet pretty much everybody who has three initials they use for their name. I believe the national park police are the only ones that don't have to come and certify that.

Councilman Cortellessa said are they coming tomorrow. Oh, I'm sorry. It just amazes me that the level even the Federal Government has to come in and check the building out before they can move. We're anticipating and hoping to get it all done by the end of this month so that the Police department can move over by the end of the month but we're kind of at the mercy of some of those inspectors.

REPORTS:

The Borough Engineer reported Fifth Avenue and Leonard Place preconstruction will start next week and with Pulte the asbuilts are moving forward and we contacted them.

The Borough Administrator reported I would like to acknowledge the Borough employees and the move went fairly well. There were a few problems but everyone is settling in and there is much more professionalism. The Board of Education is using the furniture in both schools from the old building.

The Borough Attorney reported the Attorney for Pulte is trying for the asbuilts to be done and Boswell will keep pressure on them. They will see the report to find out what is in the ground that they can't see.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

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The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Sandy Lawson, 28 Haskell Avenue, Haskell said Good evening, I'm not sure if I heard you completely. You said that you are you approving Resolution 112-0-15, Mountain Lakes Estates.

The Mayor said yes we're not holding it.

Sandy Lawson said I just wanted to know what that was about.

The Mayor said that's a settlement of the Real Estate tax appeal of that property.

Sandy Lawson said for the Real Estate Tax appeal.

The Mayor said they had appealed their taxes for how many years, Tom.

The Borough Administrator said from 2008 to 2014.

Sandy Lawson said so I guess my question is what does that mean for us?

The Borough Administrator said what that means for us is that if there's a cash payment I believe it was around \$100,000 and there's an agreement that the assessments going forward starting in 2015 would be greatly reduced which they were and the Borough did not have to come up with \$700,000 or \$800,000 in refunds.

Sandy Lawson said well, that's a good thing and I just didn't hear what it was about.

The Mayor said thank you.

Ken Ambruster, 6 Gardella Place, Haskell said I've been noticing another property at 1161 Ringwood Avenue that is not being maintained.

Councilman Cortellessa said I don't know the specifics about that particular address.

The Mayor said is that the one at the corner of Coles Avenue?

Ken Ambruster said yes.

The Mayor said I think Jeff has been on his case and that's in the list too.

Councilman Cortellessa said Hagstrom Boulevard and Ringwood Avenue has got to get done as well and I've notified the president of Pulte to get that done.

Ken Ambruster said Resolution 119-0-15 for Kalari Liquor isn't that the bar that was in the fire a couple years ago in Haskell.

The Mayor said yes that's the Phoenix Club.

Ken Ambruster said there's been no activity in over two years now and isn't it true after three years that liquor license goes bye-bye?

The Mayor said you have two years and then you can have it approved and have to go to the State and get a special approval from the state.

Ken Ambruster said but his time is running out, isn't it.

The Mayor it's now, but, no, we want to keep the restrictions on there because what if we don't put with it when they open up.

Ken Ambruster no. My concern is nothing is happening and I understand there's a State law you have three years and after that your liquor license would go away. Another thing I noticed Roar of the Crowd, I see a sign up on it that says, for sale. And as I looked at the

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building my wife and I think it doesn't give a very good appearance to somebody coming off the highway into the town and I understand maybe somebody else is going to buy that property?

The Mayor said I've talked to a few people interested in buying the property and the ones I've spoken to intend to, well, what they ask is what they would like to do is build a new building at the rear of the property and we said we'd love to see that.

Ken Ambruster said I'm just saying it does not do justice for this town to see it that way I'll be honest it's an eye sore.

The Mayor said we know that.

Ken Ambruster said I know. I just wanted to ask that question. Thank you.

Ann Timko, 28 Fourth Avenue said I'd like to know how you can get a copy of Mr. Brusco's report.

The Mayor said sure.

Ann Timko said also regarding 1161 Ringwood Avenue. I spoke to Mr. Brusco and this has been going on for an endless period of time and it should have a priority and it is a safety issue with the property and who owns it.

Scott Walker said you know, I am, lady.

Ann Timko said you are now. You weren't on June 15th. And even real estate he has real estate signs all over the community, but he can't fix the property. The shed on the property is literally falling in. It's covered with vegetation and you can't see it. But there's no roof left on that building and the building is falling out to the side and it curves. So this has been going on for an endless time. I don't understand, if you have to you repeatedly go back to the building and something should be done. You should have a priority list and that should be at the top of it. It is a danger. Although there were other dangers in this town and nothing was done. And where's my copy of that list. Thank you very much.

The Mayor said okay.

Ann Timko said do we have an Ordinance for animals in the community and how many you can have?

The Mayor said I believe we do.

The Borough Administrator said yes.

Ann Timko said do you happen to know what it is.

The Borough Administrator said what type of animal.

Ann Timko said other than the human ones that live there, there's chickens and roosters and horses.

The Borough Administrator said it depends on the type of animal and the location.

Ann Timko said okay it's in a residential neighborhood with chickens, roosters and horses. Is there a property measurement?

The Borough Administrator said if you give me the address, I will tell you.

Ann Timko said I will call you with the address of that.

The Borough Administrator said okay.

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Ann Timko said I'll have the street address too.

The Borough Administrator said okay.

Ann Timko said thank you. The new building is lovely. You did a wonderful job Mr. Mayor and Council and tax payers.

Jules Figula, 3202 Warrens Way, Wanaque said Good evening at the June meeting, Councilman Leonard suggested us getting a bus and heading down to Paterson to attend the County Freeholders meetings and this is my first time in our new chambers here and I've been saying to myself why not invite the county freeholders to Wanaque to have an up county meeting. Let them occasionally come our way. We'll provide the bus for them to come up. So, it's just a thought that you might want to entertain of inviting them to hold their monthly meetings here.

The Mayor said it's a very good idea.

The Borough Administrator said it's already been done.

Jules Figula said it's already been done?

The Borough Administrator said I spoke to the County Administrator back in the Spring as we were getting the building ready and I've invited them to come up here in 2016. We're, actually, having county administrators here. We're meeting in September, we'll be here and I'll ask them get on the agenda.

Jules Figula said it would be nice if they came here in budget time.

The Mayor said we'll know tomorrow.

The Borough Administrator said I'll take that to the County Administrator. We would like to get them here during that process so we can hear from the residents how we feel about it.

Lorraine O'Leary, 29 1/2 Colfax Avenue, Wanaque said I have a question. The garbage men are they different do we have a different company. They've gotten really sloppy. They don't pick up the garbage can and empty it. They reach in and take out the bags so whatever is loose is in the bottom of the can doesn't get dumped. And the recycling when they take bottles or cardboard half of it is still on the bottom of the can. I just want to know if there are any changes.

The Mayor said it's the same company.

Lorraine O'Leary said they've been pretty sloppy the past couple weeks.

The Borough Administrator said all right. I'll let the supervisor know and he will probably notify the truck in your area.

Lorraine O'Leary said okay. Thank you.

Frank DePaolo, 2413 Warrens Way, Wanaque said just one question. It's Resolution 120-0-15 the settlement of \$900,000. When was anyone made aware of this settlement for \$900,000?

The Mayor said what do you mean when was anyone made aware.

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Frank DePaolo said when was anyone made aware that the settlement was coming to a conclusion. Maybe not necessarily concluded but coming to a conclusion.

The Borough Administrator said we had a closed session with special counsel a few months ago.

Frank DePaolo said a few months ago and yet nothing was ever mentioned about \$900,000 coming into the town to help the town out with going to surplus.

The Mayor said actually it goes to the Capital Improvement Fund.

The Borough Administrator said it's water. It's not operating.

Frank DePaolo said it's not operating.

The Borough Administrator said no. It goes into the water utilities and the money is to replace money that we borrowed.

Frank DePaolo said all right. But it's still replacing money basically but nothing was ever mention to the effect of \$900,000 was coming somewhere from somewhere. When all this budget was all being discussed.

The Borough Administrator said it had no effect in the 2015 budget.

Frank DePaolo said none whatsoever.

The Borough Administrator said no.

The Mayor said maybe in 2016 or in future years. It's the water budget then it goes to capital improvements.

Frank DePaolo said but I never heard that figure mentioned before, I'm just curious to get more information on it. Thank you.

The Mayor said okay.

Karen Cisco, 27 Fredericks Street, Wanaque said I just want a brief the lady from Colfax Avenue. I thought it was just my house they were avoiding for garbage pickup. I put it out in the last two months. I had to call Borough Hall twice for them to pick it up and most of you know where I live. Mine is out in the garbage can right out in front of the house and they somehow seem to miss it.

The Borough Administrators said for either one of you is it the Tuesday pickup or the Friday pickup.

Lorraine O'Leary said it's both.

Karen Cisco said it's both.

Lorraine O'Leary said they are equally sloppy on both days.

Karen Cisco said and the only other thing I was going to add is the Board of Chosen Freeholders do go around to the various different Municipalities and they're in the Township of Bloomingdale this next month so I'm sure Wanaque is waiting for their communication of the New Borough Hall to get on the list but it is a beautiful building. Thank you.

The Mayor said thank you.

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Councilman Leonard said Tom, I have a question about the garbage pickup. I live on a small street and I got a tiny pickup truck kind of and the other streets will get the larger pickup truck.

The Borough Administrator said right.

Councilman Leonard said are they different crews.

The Borough Administrator said yes.

Councilman Leonard said would it be the difference in the crews.

The Borough Administrator said it could be that and they might have new people on the back of the trucks. It could be the staff.

Councilman Leonard said I get both, Tom. I get the little truck and the big truck at times.

The Borough Administrator said Colfax Avenue, Fredericks Street all have the large truck. It's some of the narrow streets that have the small truck.

Karen Cisco said the small truck picks up on Fredericks Street.

The Borough Administrator said you get the little truck.

Karen Cisco said it was for a while there. Now he kind of uses a big truck once in a while. It's kind of both of them.

The Borough Administrator said okay I'll talk to the supervisor tomorrow.

Scott Walker, 1161 Ringwood Avenue, Haskell said I understand that the property is dilapidated. I'm going to fix it. I have intentions in the future to come back before the Board with an application to make some changes to the property and the building I'm going to renovate that one. My plans aren't finalized yet, but I'm aware of the fact that it's an older building and it's at the end of its life. It's structurally sound. The building department, especially Mr. Brusco, has been sending me notices and he keeps on calling me and harassing me. I know he's doing his job, but I'll take care of it.

The Mayor said okay.

Scott Walker said well I have preliminary plans. I need to come in and talk to a couple of the Borough officials and get some input and see what they think and make my decision on what I'm going to do.

Councilman Cortellessa said well I'd like to see something happen over the next six months. What borough official do you need to talk to?

Scott Walker said I'll talk to my Attorney. I want to bring something to the table that's appropriate for the town.

Councilman Cortellessa said have you done the design yet.

Scott Walker said I have preliminary designs.

Councilman Cortellessa said when are you going to finalize the designs.

Scott Walker said well there's financing and there's many things I need to take care of before these happen.

Councilman Cortellessa said it's not working. It's not permitted and it needs to be done and you said within six months.

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Scott Walker said you know it's all predicated upon with the lender.

Councilman Cortellessa said it should be commercial or have a presentation for a residential rehabilitation. It's a rough estimate but I think we'll deal with it.

The Borough Administrator said Mr. Walker what I would suggest is that you have the preliminary plans or preliminary designs when you come in. Let's meet and you give me an idea of what you're thinking about and we'll meet with Jeff. If you think it's something that's doable for the area, I'll set up a meeting with the Mayor, with council people, and get going on the process, but I think the sooner you get in to speak with us and show us what you're thinking, what you want to do, we'll complete the process.

The Borough Attorney said you can also apply informally to the Planning Board for a conceptual review of what your intention is before you start to spend billable dollars. You can bring your preliminary plans before them and tell them this is what I'm thinking of what the idea is, what the stumbling blocks are, what do I need to do, what do I need to address so that you get sort of a temperature and a feel of what the Planning Board may consider.

Councilman Cortellessa said thank you Mr. Walker. That would demonstrate your commitment to getting it done and the need to meet with the appropriate people of the Council and meet with the Planning Board as well. That would at least demonstrate a real commitment to try to resolve this issue.

Scott Walker said I appreciate it and congratulations on your new building.

The Mayor said thank you.

Ken Ambruster, 6 Gardella Place, Haskell said just to confirm about getting the garbage collected. We do have a small garbage truck come to the street and we noticed a few times lately that the fellow doesn't take the can. He goes up, climbs on the truck, unloads it and then throws the can on the ground. Mr. Mayor it's not just here. You have to call this guy and tell him.

The Borough Administrator said and it's the small truck.

Ken Ambruster said it's the small truck but you don't take the can and just throw it on the ground.

The Borough Administrator said I will take care of that tomorrow.

Sandy Lawson, 28 Haskell Avenue, Haskell I am following up on comments about the way Ringwood Avenue looks and that area down there because I walk that way. I walk on Union Avenue and I walk up Ringwood Avenue and back to the 911 memorial and around and a lot of times there's weeds that are growing. It looks very bad by Ringwood Avenue by the bridge right before the Stop and Shop and if you're going South towards Bloomingdale you should have seen it by the sign for 287 and I took pictures. One of them I don't know if it's the County or if it's the State but if somebody can come and take care of that because walking there you can barely walk past there.

The Mayor said I believe that's the State. That's within the interchange.

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Sandy Lawson said one other thing, the motion sensor facing Union Avenue is blocked by brush now.

The Borough Administrator said I'll have the Road Department check it out tomorrow.

Sandy Lawson said okay great. And I'm pretty sure that we have an Ordinance on the weeds. How high is it to be allowed?

The Borough Administrator said ten inches.

Sandy Lawson said how much ten inches. Okay see I was going to be generous and say two feet, but a lot of them are higher and I cannot wait to see you at least cut those weeds down by The Roar of the Crowd because I ride passed that every day.

The Borough Administrator said I will have the Road Department look at it.

Jason Roettger, 31 Pellington Street, Wanaque said Mayor and Council and Tom I want thank you for having the fence put up so quickly. You'll get an email from my wife. It's a little discouraging sometimes when we're right there and we live on the corner and both times we have needed a fence back there. We have no kids and no concern so thank you for putting that back up. And something else caught my ear. What's the plan for the property, taking down town hall here and the parking on Rhinesmith Avenue.

The Borough Administrator said they just put a fence up. We have not decided on the height or the design. I'll be in touch with you to talk to you about that.

Jason Roettger said okay.

The Borough Administrator said I haven't had a chance to talk with Jeff because I know there has to be a certain set back if we do a solid fence with the driveway.

Jason Roettger said with my driveway.

The Borough Administrator said with your driveway and your sight distance of you backing out.

Jason Roettger said right okay.

The Borough Administrator said so I'll be in touch.

Jason Roettger said okay thank you.

Councilman Leonard said Tom is it possible we'll have two different fences? One along the road here and one on the side of his property.

The Mayor said it's one long back period.

The Borough Administrator said I better go back and take a quick look at the site plan. I forget what we have. I had a request from one of the residents over here also for it. Let me take a look at it and I'll get back to you.

Maurice Houckes Jr., 10 Lines Avenue, Wanaque said back in March or April, I came to the meeting to talk about the stream and the collapsed rocks and it's getting worse. Somebody said that you would look at it. At the time it was snowing there and now there are six-foot weeds. I hope somebody got to see it.

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The Mayor said has Mike Reiff been out there.

The Borough Administrator said I believe Mike has but I'll check with him tomorrow.

The Mayor said okay because I know Tom and I talked to the DPW supervisor after you were here at the last meeting to make sure that he went there. So Tom will have to follow up with him tomorrow.

The Borough Administrator said I'll have Mike come out and see you tomorrow.

Maurice Houckes said okay great. Thank you.

Jason Roettger, 31 Pellington Street, Wanaque said what's the time frame to get that fixed or not fixed or straightened out?

The Borough Administrator said we're hoping to have everything done somewhere around October.

Jason Roettger said when will you tear that building down.

The Borough Administrator said so to tear that building down we have to get the rest of the site work done. The fencing will be more towards the end of the sidewalks and after we get the road paved and get all the other things done.

Jason Roettger said okay.

Marie Mahler said I'm the chairperson of the Wanaque Historic Commission and one of the committee members is here and also Grace Fiola is in the audience. She's also a committee member. We're getting ready to decorate the town hall and we want to decorate it with historic pictures of Wanaque. In the past, not one of the pictures that we did was a prototype. It solely will be sponsored by the Jordon Family because it's the only Jordan Sweet Shop in there. We have an order form we're asking people to donate \$100 that will go to the Wanaque Historic Commission and you can sponsor a picture and we'll put a plaque on it with the picture saying, "Sponsored by the Smith Family" or "In Memory of John Jones" or however you want to word it within reason. We put spaces on the order form. We have chosen 50 pictures of historic Wanaque. We already sold about ten of these pictures, but you can choose which picture you would like to sponsor. These will be in the Clerk's office so if you go into the clerk's office, you pick up an order form, give a check, pick your picture, and you'll be on the list. The pictures are going to go around this room, all the hallways, the common hallways, and out in the common areas.

The Mayor said Tom said you can put it wherever you want.

Marie Mahler said yes. We also want to put them at the library but there's not a lot of space at the Wanaque Library but they are also lacking in some pictures so we're also going to put some pictures in the Library. So you also have a choice if you want to sponsor one for the town hall or the Library and the Library is rather limited. They only have space for maybe ten or twelve pictures there. That's about it.

Ann Tinko said is that on the website.

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Marie Mahler said it will be yes. Hopefully by next week we'll have to get the forms into the Clerk and get it in place but it will go along. We'll try to get it out on the Facebook page and get the word out.

The Mayor said it's the same one as last time.

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Willse and Leonard moved a motion to close public discussion.

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

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #109-0-15:

Re: Refund the Lienholder for Tax Sale Certificate #11-00020 for Block 401, Lot 16 in the amount of \$71,304.52 for the Tax Sale Certificate and \$11,100.00 for the Premium

WHEREAS, a Tax Sale was held for 2011 delinquent Municipal charges on October 10, 2012

WHEREAS, Robert U. DelVecchio, Pension was the successful bidder for Block 401 Lot 16, 5 Dardale Terrace for which certificate 11-00020 was assigned,

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo, the mortgage company, redeemed the certificate of which funds have been deposited into the Current Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Treasurer shall refund the lienholder \$71,304.52 for the tax sale certificates and \$11,100.00 for the premium per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #110-0-15:

Re: Refund the Lienholder for Tax Sale Certificate #13-00005 for Block 233, Lot 3 in the amount of \$2,873.27 for the Tax Sale Certificate and \$1,300.00 for the Premium

WHEREAS, a Tax Sale was held for 2013 delinquent Municipal charges on September 24, 2014,

WHEREAS, Clemente Enterprises was the successful bidder for Block 233 Lot 3, 564 Ringwood Avenue for which certificate 13-00005 was assigned,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Treasurer shall refund the lienholder \$2,873.27 for the tax sale certificates and \$1,300.00 for the premium per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #111-0-15:

Re: Refund the Lienholder for Tax Sale Certificate #13-00021 for Block 413, Lot 25 in the

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amount of \$2,926.81 for the Tax Sale Certificate and \$1,300.00 for the Premium

WHEREAS, a Tax Sale was held for 2013 delinquent Municipal charges on September 24, 2014,

WHEREAS, Tower Fund Services as Cust for Ebury was the successful bidder for Block 413 Lot 25, 5 Fifth Avenue for which certificate 13-00021 was assigned,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Treasurer shall refund the lienholder \$2,926.81 for the tax sale certificates and \$1,400.00 for the premium per the certification of the Tax Collector.

Resolution #112-0-15:

Re: Approve Stipulation of Settlements – Mountain Lakes Estates /J & S Group/Wanaque Realty Corp vs. Wanaque

WHEREAS, Wanaque Realty Corporation/J&S Group, LLC, and Mountain Lakes Estates, Inc. have filed Tax Appeals in the Tax Court of New Jersey, under various docket numbers identified on Schedule A annexed hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wanaque did engage Scott Holzhauer, a Real Estate Expert, and having further consulted with Brian Townsend, the Tax Assessor concerning the assessments involved in the Tax Appeals; and

WHEREAS, the said Scott Holzhauer, and Brian Townsend, have recommended the resolution of the Tax Appeals referenced herein as being fair, in the best interests of the Borough of Wanaque and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough Attorney Anthony Fiorello, Esq. is hereby authorized to execute Stipulations of Settlement with respect to Tax Appeals filed by J&S Group, LLC, Wanaque Realty Corporation, and Mountain Lakes Estates, for the years 2008 through 2015, with reference to Block 200, Lot 32, Block 200, Lot 8, Block 200.19, various lots, Block 200.20, various lots and Block 200.21, various lots in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the several Stipulations of Settlement for the Tax years in questions attached hereto.
2. The Resolution of the above Tax Court cases are deemed to be in the best interests of the Borough of Wanaque and its residents.

Resolution #113-0-15:

Re: Approve Change Orders #25 and #26 totalling \$18,874.31 and Progress Pyament #24 in the amount of \$138,007.25 to UniMak LLC for Borough Hill Construction

BE IT RESOLVED that change orders #25 and #26 totaling \$18,874.31 and progress payment #24 in the amount of \$138,007.25 payable to UniMak LLC for the construction of the new Municipal Building be and are hereby approved.

Resolution #114-0-15:

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Re: Approve 2014 Audit and Corrective Action Plan

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the Governing Body of every local unit to have an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Report of Audit for the year 2014 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk as per the requirements of N.J.S. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, The Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the Governing Body of each municipality shall by Resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the Governing Body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

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and

WHEREAS, The members of the Governing Body have personally reviewed as a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled:

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as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, Such Resolution of certification shall be adopted by Governing Body no later than forty-five days after receipt of the Annual Audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, All members of the Governing Body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board, and

WHEREAS, Failure to comply with the promulgations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local Governing Body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local Governing Body who, after a date fixed for compliance fails or refuses to obey an order of the Director of Local Government Services, under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than on thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Governing Body of the Borough of Wanaque, hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON July 13, 2015.

Resolution #115-0-15:

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Re: Authorize purchase of 6 Scott SCBA Air Packs in the amount of \$42,774.60 under State Contract A80961

BE IT RESOLVED that a contract for the purchase of six (6) Scott SCBA devices be awarded to AAA Emergency Supply, 635 North Broadway, White Plains, NY 10603 in the amount of \$42,774.60 per New Jersey State Contract #A80961.

Resolution #116-0-15:

Re: Authorize payment of \$96,425.00 to Mikab, Inc. and release of cash Performance Bond for Radio Tower

BE IT RESOLVED THAT final payment to Mikab Corporation in the amount of \$96,425.00 for the construction of the antennae tower at the new Municipal Building is approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 100% cash performance bond be released upon receipt of a one year maintenance bond.

Resolution #117-0-15:

Re: Approval of 2015/2016 Liquor License Renewals

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque do hereby approve through this Resolution the following Liquor License Renewals for the Year 2015/2016:

1. The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. – t/a A & P Liquors
 2. Santina and Peter Berta, Inc. – t/a Berta's Chateau
 3. KJK Spirits, Inc. – t/a Buy Rite Liquors
 - *4. Joseph Agostino – t/a Flip's – Resolution #118-0-15
 5. Il Palazzo, Inc. – t/a Il Palazzo
 - *6. Kalari Liquors – t/a Phoenix Club - #119-0-15 - Held
 7. DNP Enterprises LLC – t/a Wine 2 Spirits
 8. Provision Foods, LTD – t/a Tree Tavern
- *License with Resolution of stipulations and restrictions

Resolution #118-0-15:

Re: Joseph Agostino – (Flips) Stipulations and Restrictions

WHEREAS, Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1613-32-017-003 was issued to Joseph Agostino by the Borough of Wanaque, permitting the on premises consumption of alcoholic beverages and other activities as are set forth and more fully described in N.J.S.A. 33:1-12 for premises located at 18 Railroad Avenue, Wanaque, New Jersey, said premises being commonly known and designated as "Flip's"; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque did recommend certain restrictions be placed on the conduct of the operation of the applicant's premises and license, as a condition of renewal, and the applicant Joseph Agostino having consented to the imposition of such restrictions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE

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BOROUGH OF WANAQUE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, as follows:

1. Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 1613-32-017-003 issued by the Borough of Wanaque to Joseph Agostino for premises located at 18 Railroad Avenue, Wanaque, New Jersey, is hereby renewed through June 30, 2016 with the following restrictions:

a) The licensee Joseph Agostino, or his designee, shall notify the Wanaque Police Department of any disturbances, breaches of the peace, assaults, or of any other conduct detrimental to the public peace and well-being, both within the licensed premises or areas adjacent thereto.

b) The licensee Joseph Agostino, or his designee, shall undertake whatever measures as are necessary or required to control and prevent drinking of alcoholic beverages on the porch or stoop of the licensed premises or in areas immediately adjacent thereto.

c) The licensee Joseph Agostino, or his designee, shall continuously patrol and police the licensed premises so as to keep it clean, free from debris, discarded bottles or cans, and other trash or rubbish.

d) The licensee Joseph Agostino, or his designee, shall establish and institute procedures designed to prohibit fights, brawls, arguments, shouting and disturbing noises, both within the licensed premises and areas immediately adjacent thereto so as to promote public health and safety, especially during late evening and early morning hours and on weekends.

Resolution #119-0-15:

Re: Kalari Liquors (Phoenix Club) Stipulations and Restrictions

Held.

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

On roll call, all voted yes, except Councilman Leonard who abstained on 10.9 – Resolution #117-0-15 and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

1. Clerk's Receipts for June 2015 -
2. Police Department Report for June 2015-
3. Tax Collector's Report for June 2015 -
4. Municipal Court Report for June 2015 -

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Willse and Cortellessa 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:

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Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

Held to the end of the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #120-0-15:

Re: Approve Settlement Agreement in the matter of the Borough of Wanaque vs. North Jersey District Water Supply Commission et als

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wanaque filed suit against North Jersey District Water Supply Commission et. als., Essex County Docket number ESX-L-6756-13 with regards to a chlorine leak at the Old Treatment Plant in May 2006, which damaged beyond repair certain equipment of the Borough of Wanaque; and

WHEREAS, all parties have negotiated a settlement of the claim in the amount of \$900,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council wishes to authorize Special Counsel to execute any documents necessary to effectuate said settlement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Eric J. Nemeth, Special Counsel to the Borough of Wanaque, be and he is authorized and directed to execute settlement agreements with all parties involved and withdrawal of the legal action.

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

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 2014	\$	846.57
Current Operating 2015	\$	162,783.55
Water Operating 2015	\$	32,622.58
Sewer Operating 2015	\$	148.41
General Capital	\$	246,313.94
Water Capital	\$	7,500.00
Recreation Trust	\$	2,157.95
Recycling Trust	\$	1,446.57
Animal Trust	\$	11.40

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Voucher Total: \$ 453,830.97

Payroll:

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

PR #13 06/26/2015 \$ 213,409.61

PR #14 07/10/2015 \$ 217,070.58

Payroll Total: \$ 430,480.19

Grand Total: \$ 884,311.16

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:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Balunis 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) Litigation pending threatened or not and 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.

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RECONVENEMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Cortellessa 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 8:55 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk