

Regular Meeting  
November 18, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 8:20 P.M. in the Wanaque Municipal Building.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

On roll call, the following Council Members responded: Balunis, Cortellessa, Pettet, Pasquariello 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: 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:

October 7, 2019.

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

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

#### ORDINANCES:

##### Introduction of Ordinance #11-0-19:

Re: 2020 Salary Ordinance

Held.

#### PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Sandy Lawson, 28 Haskell Avenue, Haskell said what is the corridor grant.

The Administrator said is for the grant consultants fourteen thousand dollars. The corridor grant was submitted for signs for the school and safety enhancement for the main road, making it safer and also for restriping in front of the fire house and the sidewalks are also becoming a hazardous condition.

The Mayor said the developer pays into a fund for roads and other projects.

Sandy Lawson said what is the debt service.

The Administrator said I don't have the number handy. We are reviewing short term notes and will see how it affects the budget.

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Sandy Lawson said are you exploring options on the streets and what are the streets for the water mains.

The Borough Engineer said the streets are Midvale Avenue, Ann Street, Harriett Street, DeBow Avenue, Furnace Avenue, Stephens Avenue, Lines Avenue and Erie Avenue.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #141-0-19:

Re: Refund of Water overpayment on Account Number 4113-0, 15 Doty Road due to the Property owner making an overpayment in the amount of \$159.50

**RESOLUTION #141-0-19**

**REFUND OF WATER OVERPAYMENT ON ACCOUNT NUMBER 4113-0, 15 DOTY ROAD DUE TO THE PROPERTY MAKING AN OVERPAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$159.50.**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a water overpayment on Acct# 4113-0, 15 Doty Road due to the property owner making an overpayment; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner, Joseph La Placa Jr., has requested a refund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Treasurer issue a refund to the homeowner in the amount of \$159.50.

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**RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE**

| <i>Councilman</i> | <i>Motion</i> | <i>Second</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>Councilman</i> | <i>Motion</i> | <i>Second</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
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| <i>Abstain</i>    |               |               |            |           |                |                   |               |               |            |           |
| Balunis           |               |               |            |           |                | Pasquariello      |               |               |            |           |
| Cortellessa       |               |               |            |           |                | Pettet            |               |               |            |           |
| Leonard           |               |               |            |           |                | Willse            |               |               |            |           |

**ATTEST:**

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Katherine J. Falone RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

Resolution #142-0-19:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #18-00003 for Block 242, Lot 3.01, 23 Morningside Place in the amount of \$23,351.77 to the Lienholder, \$7,851.77 for the Certificate and \$15,500.00 for the Premium

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**REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #18-00003 FOR BLOCK 242 LOT 3.01, 23 MORNINGSIDE PLACE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,351.77 TO THE LIENHOLDER, \$7,851.77 FOR THE CERTIFICATE AND \$15,500.00 FOR THE PREMIUM.**

**WHEREAS**, a Tax Sale was held for 2018 delinquent Municipal charges on September 18, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Christiana T C/F CE1/Firstrust was awarded the certificate for Block 242 Lot 3.01, 23 Morningside Place for which certificate 18-00003 was assigned;

**WHEREAS**, the title company, Closing Partner, LLC 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 \$23,351.77 to the lienholder; \$7,851.77 for the certificate and \$15,500.00 for the premium as per the certification of the Tax Collector.

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**ATTEST:**

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Katherine J. Falone RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #143-0-19:

Re: Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #18-00010 for Block 465 Lot 4, 1288 Ringwood Avenue in the amount of \$36,214.83 to the Lienholder, \$1,614.83 for the Certificate and \$1,600.00 for the Premium

**REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE #18-00010 FOR BLOCK 465 LOT 4, 1288 RINGWOOD AVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,214.83 TO THE LIENHOLDER, \$1,614.83 FOR THE CERTIFICATE AND \$1,600.00 FOR THE PREMIUM.**

**WHEREAS**, a Tax Sale was held for 2018 delinquent Municipal charges on September 18, 2019

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**WHEREAS**, Clemente Enterprises LLC was awarded the certificate for Block 465 Lot 4, 1288 Ringwood Ave for which certificate 18-00010 was assigned,

**WHEREAS**, the homeowner, David Kellen, 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 \$36,214.83 to the lienholder; \$1,614.83 for the certificate and \$1,600.00 for the premium as per the certification of the Tax Collector.

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**ATTEST:**

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Katherine J. Falone RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #144-0-19:

Re: Chapter 159 – DMV Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund - \$20,200.51

**RESOLUTION THAT PROVIDES THAT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES MAY APPROVE THE INSERTION OF ANY SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET OF ANY COUNTY OF MUNICIPALITY WHEN SUCH ITEM SHALL HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY LAW AND THE AMOUNT THEREOF WAS NOT DETERMINED AT THE TIME OF ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET. BOROUGH OF WANAQUE REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO APPROVE THE INSERTION OF AN ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,200.51 FOR DMV DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the Budget of any County of Municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of adoption of the Budget; and

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**WHEREAS**, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for an equal amount.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Wanaque, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an Item of Revenue in the Budget for the year 2019 in the amount of \$20,200.51 for DMV DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a sum of \$20,200.51 is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

DMV- DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND GRANT \$20,200.51

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Borough Clerk forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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Municipal Clerk

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Resolution #145-0-19:  
Re: Budgetary Transfers

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 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 2019 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:

**WATER**

|                 |             |                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 9-WP-02-050-215 | \$21,000.00 | 9-WP-02-050-101 | \$21,000.00 |
| WATER O/E       |             | WATER S&W       |             |

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**CURRENT**

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| 9-CU-01-104-211<br>MUNIC CLERK O/E   | \$500.00            | 9-CU-01-106-211<br>FINANCE O/E     | \$500.00            |
| 9-CU-01-115-275<br>ENGINEER O.E.     | \$2,500.00          | 9-CU-01-099-131<br>FPB S&W         | \$2,500.00          |
| 9-CU-01-105-212<br>DATA PROCESSING   | \$6,000.00          | 9-CU-01-101-205<br>ADMIN O.E.      | \$6,000.00          |
| 9-CU-01-104-299<br>MUNIC CLERK O/E   | \$6,800.00          | 9-CU-01-099-104<br>MUNIC CLERK S&W | \$6,800.00          |
| 9-CU-01-105-212<br>DATA PROCESSING   | \$2,100.00          | 9-CU-01-099-106<br>FINANCE S&W     | \$2,100.00          |
| 9-CU-01-115-275<br>ENGINEER O.E.     | \$7,500.00          | 9-CU-01-099-132<br>DPW S&W         | \$7,500.00          |
| 9-CU-01-111-284<br>LEGAL SP. COUNSEL | \$10,000.00         | 9-CU-01-099-132<br>DPW S&W         | \$10,000.00         |
| 9-CU-01-111-282<br>LEGAL COAH        | \$5,000.00          | 9-CU-01-117-262<br>BLDG & GROUND   | \$5,000.00          |
| 9-CU-01-139-248<br>RECREATION O/E    | \$7,500.00          | 9-CU-01-099-139<br>RECREATION S&W  | \$7,500.00          |
| 9-CU-01-124-299<br>POLICE O/E        | \$10,000.00         | 9-CU-01-099-124<br>POLICE S&W      | \$10,000.00         |
| 9-CU-01-135-299<br>RECYCLING         | \$15,000.00         | 9-CU-01-099-124<br>POLICE S&W      | \$15,000.00         |
| 9-CU-01-099-201<br>COURT S&W         | \$10,000.00         | 9-CU-01-099-124<br>POLICE S&W      | \$10,000.00         |
| <b>CURRENT TOTAL</b>                 | <b>\$ 82,900.00</b> |                                    | <b>\$ 82,900.00</b> |

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| Cortellessa                         |               |               |            |           |                | Pettet            |               |               |            |           |
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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #146-0-19:

Re: Resolution Authorizing a Six month Extension to the Lease Agreement between the Borough of Wanaque and Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SIX MONTH EXTENSION TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF WANAQUE AND ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR USE OF THE CHURCH'S GYM AND CLASSROOM FACILITIES, LOCATED AT 868 RINGWOOD AVENUE, HASKELL, NEW JERSEY**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Wanaque and St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church entered into a lease agreement on October 15, 2018, and;

**WHEREAS**, the lease agreement is for the use of the church's gym and classroom facilities, located at 868 Ringwood Avenue, Haskell, New Jersey, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of both parties to extend the lease to June, 30, 2020 or until a new agreement is executed under the same terms and conditions as the current agreement.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque hereby authorize the extension of the lease agreement to June 30, 2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract for the Borough of Wanaque as described herein;

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**ATTEST:**

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Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #147-0-19:

Re: Resolution Supporting the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 Year End Holiday Crackdown

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER 2019 YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN**

**WHEREAS**, impaired drivers on our nation’s roads killed 10,874 people in 2017; and  
**WHEREAS**, 20% of motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey are alcohol-related; and  
**WHEREAS**, an enforcement crackdown is planned to combat impaired driving; and  
**WHEREAS**, the season at the end of the year is traditionally a time of social gatherings which often include alcohol; and  
**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey, Division of Highway Traffic Safety, has asked law enforcement agencies throughout the State to participate in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown; and  
**WHEREAS**, the project will involve increased impaired driving enforcement from December 6, 2019 through January 1, 2020; and  
**WHEREAS**, an increase in impaired driving enforcement and a reduction in impaired driving will save lives on our roadways;  
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Wanaque declares it’s support for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2019 Year End Holiday Crackdown from December 6, 2019 through January 1, 2020 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

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Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

Resolution #148-0-19:

Re: Richard A. Alaimo Engineering Associates – Current Estimate No 2 in the amount of \$12,901.70 payable to AJM Contractors, Inc.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF ESTIMATE #2 AND PAYMENT TO AJM CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE 2017 NJDOT ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,901.70**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough Council of the Borough of Wanaque hereby approves Estimate #2 and payment to AJM Contractors, Inc. for the 2017 NJDOT Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$12,901.70 as recommended by the Borough Engineer.

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Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #149-0-19:

Re: Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Temporary Part-Time Employees in the Health Department and the Tax Assessor's Office

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF TEMPORARY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE**

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque hereby authorize the hiring of the following temporary part-time employees:

**Health Department**

Diana Meder  
Tuesday and Thursday from 8:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M  
Rate: \$25.00 per hour

**Tax Assessor's Office**

Julie Graney  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12:15 P.M. to 2:45 P.M  
Rate: \$20.00 per hour

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| Balunis           |               |               | X          |           |                | Pasquariello      | X             |               | X          |           |
| Cortellessa       |               |               | X          |           |                | Pettet            |               | X             | X          |           |
| Leonard           |               |               | X          |           |                | Willse            | Absent        |               |            |           |

**ATTEST:**

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Katherine J. Falone RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #150-0-19:

Re: Authorizing the Appointment of the Municipal Court Judge

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that James P. Sieradski be and is hereby appointed as the Municipal Court Judge for the Borough of Wanaque for the unexpired term expiring on December 31, 2019.

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| Cortellessa                         |               |               |            |           |                | Pettet            |               |               |            |           |
| Leonard                             |               |               |            |           |                | Willse            |               |               |            |           |

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Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #151-0-19:

Re: In Support of Senate Bill S-3846 and Assembly Bill A-5716 urging enactment by both houses that would require public schools be closed on the days of Primary and Regular Elections

Held.

Resolution #152-0-19:

Re: In Support of Assembly Bill A-5726 to increase the wages of poll workers to be paid by the State of New Jersey and by the County in which the Election is being held

**IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL A-5726 TO INCREASE THE WAGES OF POLL WORKERS TO BE PAID BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND BY THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE ELECTION IS BEING HELD**

**WHEREAS**, the proper conduct of elections is a critical obligation of elected and appointed officials throughout the State of New Jersey with poll workers required to be working from 5:15 a.m. to after 8:00 p.m. on the days of primary, regular and special elections, working over 15 hours per day in most elections; and

**WHEREAS**, State law provides that poll workers are to receive \$200 per day making it increasingly difficult to find poll workers willing to spend the long hours involved in this important role; and

**WHEREAS**, Assemblywoman Kevin T. Rooney is the primary sponsor of Assembly Bill A-5726 which would increase the wage paid to poll workers from \$200 to \$300, with \$225 to be paid by the State of New Jersey and \$75 to be paid by the County in which election is being held; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque wish to memorialize their support for this legislation which is necessary to help attract persons to serve as poll workers;

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Wanaque, that it does support Assembly Bill A-5726 and urges enactment by both houses and signing into law by Governor Murphy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a true copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Governor, our State Legislatures, our County Election Officials, Danielle Imhoff-Ireland, Shona Mack and Ken Hirmann, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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| Cortellessa       |               |               |            |           |                | Pettet            |               |               |            |           |
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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #153-0-19:

Re: Authorizing the Borough Administrator to advertise and receive bids for the Fourth Avenue Drainage Improvement Project

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE AND RECEIVE BIDS FOR THE FOURTH AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wanaque, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to advertise and receive bids for the Fourth Avenue Drainage Improvement Project.

Dated: November 18, 2019

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE

| <i>Councilman</i> | <i>Motion</i> | <i>Second</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>Councilman</i> | <i>Motion</i> | <i>Second</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
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| Abstain           |               |               |            |           |                |                   |               |               |            |           |
| Balunis           |               |               |            |           |                | Pasquariello      |               |               |            |           |
| Cortellessa       |               |               |            |           |                | Pettet            |               |               |            |           |
| Leonard           |               |               |            |           |                | Willse            |               |               |            |           |

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ATTEST:

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Katherine J. Falone RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #154-0-19:

Re: Authorizing the award of Professional Services to Richard A. Alaimo Engineering Associates – 2018 Water Main Replacement Project

**AUTHORIZING AWARD OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TO RICHARD A. ALAIMO ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES FOR DESIGN, BIDDING, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FOR THE 2018 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that there is a need to hire an engineering firm to provide design, bidding, and construction management services for 2018 Water Main Replacement Project on the following streets including, but not limited to Midvale Avenue, Ann Street, Harriet Street, De Bow Avenue, Furnace Avenue, Stevens Avenue, Lines Avenue, George Street, and Erie Avenue; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Borough Council to award a contract to Richard A. Alaimo Engineering Associates, 2 Market Street, Paterson, N.J. 07501; and,

**WHEREAS**, Richard A. Alaimo Engineering Associates in a proposal dated November 18, 2019 has agreed to provide these services for a lump sum cost of \$192,500 for survey/design services, \$9,500 for bidding, and \$57,500 for construction management for a total of \$259,500; and,

**WHEREAS**, the governing body pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.5(b), the certification of available funds, shall either certify the full maximum amount against the budget at the time the contract is awarded, or no contract amount shall be chargeable or certified until such time as the goods or services are ordered or otherwise called for prior to placing the order, and a certification of availability of funds is made by the Chief Finance Officer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wanaque that they do hereby award a contract to Richard A. Alaimo Engineering Associates subject to an agreement to be approved and executed by the Mayor.

Dated: November 18, 2019

**CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

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As required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-57, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.1 et seq. and any other applicable requirement, I, Maryann Brindisi, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Wanaque, have ascertained that there are available sufficient uncommitted funds in the line item specified below to award the contract specified in the above resolution, in the amount specified below. I further certify that I will encumber these finds upon the passage of this resolution.

**Ordinance:** #10-0-19  
**Amount:** \$259,500.00

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Maryann Brindisi, Chief Financial Officer

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Date

**RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE**

| <i>Councilman</i> | <i>Motion</i> | <i>Second</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>Councilman</i> | <i>Motion</i> | <i>Second</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
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| <i>Abstain</i>    |               |               |            |           |                |                   |               |               |            |           |
| Balunis           |               |               |            |           |                | Pasquariello      |               |               |            |           |
| Cortellessa       |               |               |            |           |                | Pettet            |               |               |            |           |
| Leonard           |               |               |            |           |                | Willise           |               |               |            |           |

**ATTEST:**

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Katherine J. Falone RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #155-0-19:

Re: Authorizing a Lease Agreement with the County of Passaic for the storage space in the basement of the Wanaque Borough Hall to store items during the Lambert Castle Renovations

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC FOR THE STORAGE SPACE IN THE BASEMENT OF THE WANAQUE BOROUGH HALL TO STORE ITEMS DURING THE LAMBERT CASTLE RENOVATIONS**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wanaque, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Wanaque hereby authorizes the leasing of a 150 square foot area of the Municipal Building basement for the storage of items from the Lambert Castle during the renovation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Governing Body authorizes a lease term of 3-5 years at an annual lease of \$1.00 provided that the County pays the cost of the fencing required.

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| <i>Councilman</i> | <i>Motion</i> | <i>Second</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>Councilman</i> | <i>Motion</i> | <i>Second</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
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| Balunis           |               |               |            |           |                | Pasquariello      |               |               |            |           |
| Cortellessa       |               |               |            |           |                | Pettet            |               |               |            |           |
| Leonard           |               |               |            |           |                | Willse            |               |               |            |           |

ATTEST:

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Katherine J. Falone RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Resolution #156-0-19:

Re: Opposing New Jersey State Assembly Bill A5830

**RESOLUTION FROM THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF WANAUKE  
OPPOSING NEW JERSEY STATE ASSEMBLY BILL A5830**

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey Assembly Bill #A5830 would extend the provisions of the "Property Tax Assessment Reform Act," P.L.2009, c.118 (C.54:1-86 et al.), which created county-based real property assessment as a pilot program in Gloucester County, to include Passaic County; and

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of the bill the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders would appoint a county assessor, who would effectuate the transfer of the assessment function to the county assessor over a three-year period, in accordance with a schedule developed by the county assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, under the bill, the transfer of the assessment function from Passaic County's municipalities to the county would require the revaluation of real property in of the all municipalities within the county to create uniformity of assessment throughout the county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Wanaque that they do hereby oppose New Jersey State Assembly bill #A5830.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution are sent to our 39th Legislative District New Jersey State Assembly representatives.

Dated: November 18, 2019

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| <i>Councilman<br/>Abstain</i> | <i>Motion</i> | <i>Second</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstain</i> | <i>Councilman</i> | <i>Motion</i> | <i>Second</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| Balunis                       |               |               |            |           |                | Pasquariello      |               |               |            |           |
| Cortellessa                   |               |               |            |           |                | Pettet            |               |               |            |           |
| Leonard                       |               |               |            |           |                | Willse            |               |               |            |           |

**ATTEST:**

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Katherine J. Falone RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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Daniel Mahler  
Mayor

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Five (5) Applications for Raffle Licenses:

Re: Wanaque School PTA - RA:1036 & RA:1037 and Lakeland Regional High School Band Association – RA:1038, RA:1039 and RA:1040

Application for Bingo License BA:212:

Re: Wanaque First Aid Auxiliary

Letter from the Fire Chief:

Re: Membership Application for Todd Ascenzo – Company No. 1 effective immediately

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Leonard and Willse 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 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:

2020 Re-Organization Meeting Date – January 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS:

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

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Held to the end of the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Status Report - Lakeside Manor

Reported on at the Work Meeting.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: (Work Meeting)

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 2018              | \$ 15,025.00    |
| Pre-Paid Current 2019     | \$ 13,963.75    |
| Current 2019              | \$ 579,610.15   |
| Pre-Paid Water 2019       | \$ 4,056.37     |
| Water Operating 2019      | \$ 238,242.53   |
| Sewer Operating 2019      | \$ 1,595,400.71 |
| Pre-Paid Other Trust 2019 | \$ 200.00       |
| Other Trust 2019          | \$ 1,000.00     |
| Recreation Trust 2019     | \$ 2,931.85     |
| Escrow 2019               | \$ 4,885.71     |
| Open Space 2019           | \$ 2,450.00     |
| Water Capital 2019        | \$ 1,036.08     |
| General Capital 2019      | \$ 538,557.40   |
| Voucher Total:            | \$ 2,997,359.55 |

PAYROLL:

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

|                |            |               |
|----------------|------------|---------------|
| PR #21         | 10/18/2019 | \$ 250,306.25 |
| PR #22         | 11/01/2019 | \$ 244,797.95 |
| Payroll Total: |            | \$ 256,135.79 |

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Grand Total:           \$ 751,239.99

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 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:

3. Negotiations for potential litigation for the Pulte Bond.

4. 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.

The Borough Attorney stated Councilman Cortellessa has left the meeting and the meeting room.

RECONVENEMENT:

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pettet and Balunis moved a motion to reconvene. On roll call, all were present at 8:55 P.M.

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