

Regular Meeting
October 7, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque was held on Monday, October 7, 2013, at 9:20 P.M. in the Wanaque Municipal Building.

The Mayor called the meeting to order.

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

The Mayor read the following Sunshine Statement: This is a Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council and adequate notice thereof has been given by advertising the date, time and place of the Regular meetings in the Suburban Trends and the Herald News newspapers and was e-mailed to these papers on December 28, 2012, and a notice thereof has been posted on December 28, 2012 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:

September 9, 2013.

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

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

PROCLAMATION:

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day – October 10, 2013

**PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY
OCTOBER 10, 2013**

October 10, 2013 has been declared Put The Brakes on Fatalities Day by the Wanaque Police Department, Wanaque, New Jersey

WHEREAS, Across the nation, traffic crashes caused 34,000 fatalities in 2012, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and,
WHEREAS, In New Jersey, 589 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2012; and,
WHEREAS, Alcohol-related crashes accounted for 27 percent of the State's traffic fatalities, while 26 percent of all fatal crashes involved traveling at unsafe speeds; and
WHEREAS, Motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey's roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and,
WHEREAS, 70 motorcyclists, 14 bicyclists and 163 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2012; and,

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WHEREAS, Safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks and using crosswalks when walking; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never driving impaired; wearing proper safety gear when riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Daniel Mahler, Mayor of the Wanaque Borough, Passaic County NJ, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2013, **Put The Brakes On Fatalities Day**, and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State.

ORDINANCES: None.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

The Mayor opened the Public Discussion.

Marvin Lehman, 4312 Warrens Way, Wanaque thanked the Mayors wife for presenting a program at the Wanaque Reserve as the Borough Historian. At Ricker Place and Union Avenue the marking on the roadway needs to be done you can't see the lines.

The Borough Administrator said I will speak to the County and the road is scheduled to be repaved from Dunkin Donuts to Argyle Street.

Marvin Lehman said will the road be repaved where the double lines were on Ringwood Avenue.

The Borough Administrator said no it will stay that way.

Marvin Lehman said what is the status of the bus shelter by Wanaque Reserve.

The Borough Administrator said it should be done any day. I will follow up with the State.

Marvin Lehman said when will the park be completed on Ringwood Avenue and Union Avenue.

The Mayor said the easement was just done and the parking spots needs to be done.

Marvin Lehman said when will the building on Warren Hagstrom Boulevard be started and done.

The Borough Administrator said Mr. Benecke is working with them regarding whether a subdivision is required or not.

Councilman Leonard said what is the status of Hagstrom field.

The Borough Administrator said it is all done.

Councilman Leonard said what is the status of the tennis courts.

The Borough Administrator said they are also done.

John DiMeglio, 414 Ringwood Avenue, Wanaque said who is responsible for painting the white lines on Ringwood Avenue. The County said the town is responsible.

The Borough Administrator said the County is responsible. We'll have them redo the double line.

The Mayor closed the Public Discussion.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #134-0-13:

Re: Credit to account for Tax overbilling on Block 240, Lot 7.01 for the year 2013 and the 1st and 2nd Quarter of 2014 due to an Assessor's Appeal in the amount of \$11,668.05 for 2013 and \$5,834.03 for the first half of 2014

WHEREAS, there exists a tax over billing on the property listed herein for the year 2013 and the 1st and 2nd quarter of 2014 due to an Assessor's Appeal;

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT OVERBILLED</u>
240	7.01	\$11,668.05 for 2013 \$ 5,834.03 for first half of 2014

WHEREAS, the owners have requested a credit to the account;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector shall credit this account accordingly.

Resolution #135-0-13:

Re: Establish a Budget Surplus Policy

A Resolution Establishing a Surplus Policy for the preparation of the annual Budget for the Borough of Wanaque.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Wanaque wishes to be fiscally prudent in the preparation of the annual budget and in controlling both near and long term expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to maintain and improve its score with the financial rating agencies; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the rating agencies, and in good financial practice, the Borough Council of the Borough of Wanaque desires to establish a budget surplus policy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. It is the desire of the Borough Council that the available surplus which shall not be appropriated in the following years budget shall be ten percent (10%) of the amount to be raised in taxes in the current years budget.
2. Except in extraneous circumstances, the amount of available surplus shall not fall Below \$750,000.
3. That the Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Borough Auditor be and are hereby directed to prepare and/or certify the annual municipal budget in conformance with this policy.
4. That the Borough Clerk be directed to file a copy of this resolution with Standard & Poors and Moody's Investment Services.

Payment to County of Passaic:

Re: 4th Quarter Taxes for the year 2013 in the amount of \$1,932,806.09

Payment to County of Passaic:

Re: Open Space Taxes for the 4th Quarter Year 2013 in the amount of \$26,954.41

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Resolution #136-0-13:

Re: Current Estimate #3 – UniMak LLC – Borough Hall Construction

BE IT RESOLVED that current estimate #3 in the amount of \$350,386.01 for the construction of a new Municipal Building, payable to Unimak LLC, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #137-0-13:

Re: Current Estimate #2 – John Garcia and Son – Monroe Street Jefferson Street Sewer Replacement

BE IT RESOLVED that current estimate #2 in the amount of \$132,310.00 for the Monroe Street/Jefferson Street sewer improvement project, payable to John Garcia Construction Company, be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #138-0-13:

Re: Permanent Appointment – Kathleen Gallanthen – Municipal Court Administrator

BE IT RESOLVED that Kathleen Gallanthen be and is hereby appointed to the permanent title of Municipal Court Administrator in accordance with the NJ Civil Service Commission certification PL131079 dated 9/4/13, effective October 7, 2013.

Resolution #139-0-13:

Re: Approve Change Order #1 – Borough Hall Construction – Electrical Conduit - \$542.94

BE IT RESOLVED that change order #1 for the construction of the new Municipal Building, with a net increase in cost of \$542.94 be and is hereby approved.

Resolution #142-0-13:

Re: Halloween Curfew

WHEREAS, the Police Department has determined that a Halloween curfew would be in the best interest of the citizens of Wanaque; and

WHEREAS, said curfew would limit the potential damage to persons and property;

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

- 1) There will be a curfew on Wednesday, October 30th and on Thursday, October 31st at 9:00 P.M. for all children under the age of eighteen.
- 2) That the fire whistle be sounded at 9:00 P.M. on October 30th and on October 31st to make the children aware that the curfew is in effect.

Application for Seasonal Merchandise Permit:

Re: John Capparelli (Tyger LLC), 21 Pawnee Avenue, Oakland

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

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

REGULAR REPORTS - PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

1. Clerk's Receipts for September 2013 -
2. Police Department Report for September 2013 -
3. Tax Collector's Report for September 2013 -
4. Municipal Court Report for September 2013 -

On entertainment of the Mayor, Councilmen Pasquariello and Willse 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:

Review of Best Practices Checklist:

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

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

Closed Session:

Re: Litigation/Negotiation/Personnel

None.

Resolution #143-0-13 – Easement Agreement – Joyce Thompson – 13 Toquet Street

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute an easement agreement for the property located at Lot 12, Block 403, with regards to a sanitary sewer line which crosses said property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #140-0-13:

Re: Honoring joint name of Conklintown Road from Ringwood Avenue to Chestnut Street
Bill Van Wilpe Way

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WHEREAS, Bill Van Wilpe was born in Wanaque in 1925, attended grammar school in Wanaque and Butler High School, quitting high school in 1943 to join the Navy and fight in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Bill Van Wilpe was serving on the USS Bassett on August 3, 1945, when it came across the survivors of the USS Indianapolis, which had been destroyed four days earlier, finding men who had been in the water for the entire time, water logged and soaked with oil; and

WHEREAS, seeing men struggling in the water, Bill Van Wilpe jumped into the shark infested waters and pulled them to safety, saving many lives that day; and

WHEREAS, after World War II, Bill Van Wilpe came home to Wanaque, serving as a custodian at Haskell School, then at the new Lakeland Regional High School, retiring in 1986, all this time without anyone in our community knowing about the heroics Bill Van Wilpe performed on August 3, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Bill Van Wilpe spent the following years maintaining the Midvale Cemetery with is fellow VFW members, caring for the final resting place of many of his friends and fellow veterans; and

WHEREAS, sixty years later, in 2005, Bill Van Wilpe was properly honored by the United States Government in being awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, the highest non-combat lifesaving medal and non-combat version of the Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Bill Van Wilpe departed this life on June 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to have a fitting and permanent tribute to this World War II Hero;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wanaque hereby recognizes the heroic actions of Bill Van Wilpe, and places on the portion of Conklintown Road between Ringwood Avenue and Chestnut Street, passing Lakeland Regional High School, the honorary name of "BILL VAN WILPE WAY," and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this permanent tribute to Wanaque's War hero be forever a reminder of not only the heroic actions of Bill Van Wilpe but of all men and women who serve our Country.

Resolution #141-0-13:

Re: Purchase of Police Vehicle

BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of one 2013 Police Interceptor SUV under the Cranford Co-Op Contract 101, Item #2, in the amount of \$35,250.00, from Beyer-Warnock Fleet, 175 Route 10, East Hanover NJ be and is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available in budget account 3-CU-01-125-263.

FINANCE REPORT:

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

VOUCHERS:

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Current Operating 2013	\$195,775.01
Water Operating 2013	\$ 17,521.97
Sewer Operating	\$ 5,054.90
Escrow	\$ 5,255.74
General Capital	\$381,504.46
Animal Trust	\$ 3,803.60
Recreation Trust	\$ 963.90
Recycling Trust	\$ 557.95
Voucher Total:	\$ 610,437.53

Payroll:

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

PR #19	9/20/13	\$ 204,791.16
PR #20	10/04/13	\$ 208,848.23
Payroll Total:		\$ 413,639.39
Grand Total:		\$1,024,076.92

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

APPROVED: October 7, 2013

Daniel Mahler
Mayor

ADJOURNMENT:

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

On roll call, all voted yes, and the Mayor declared the motion carried; meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Katherine J. Falone, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

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