

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 5, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Schmelz and Council President Thomas A. Lodato, Council members Charles Steinel, Arvin Amatorio, Ora Kornbluth, P. Christopher Tully, and Hernando Rivera

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Corey Gallo
Borough Attorney John Schettino
Borough Clerk Marie Quinones

Mayor Schmelz called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Notice is sent to the Record, Star Ledger, Twin Boro News, and Cablevision, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk."

The Salute to the Flag was led by Councilperson Kornbluth.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Police Department Promotions (*Police Chief*)

Chief Madalone thanked the Mayor and Council for the promotion to replace Lieutenant Figel, who had retired.

❖ Biography of Sergeant Scott Macfie read by Chief Madalone

Scott Macfie was appointed to the Bergenfield Police Department in January 1995. He attended the Bergen County Police Academy in Mahwah and completed basic police training in May of 1995. He was assigned to the patrol division.

In February of 2005, Scott was assigned to the Detective Bureau where his responsibilities included general investigations which included burglaries, frauds and thefts. In November of 2005, Scott was assigned to the Juvenile Bureau where his responsibilities included investigating all cases dealing with juveniles as well as continued work with general investigations. Scott is a member of the Bergen County Juvenile Officer's Association and the New Jersey Narcotics Enforcement Association.

In July of 2010 Scott was promoted to the rank of Sergeant at which time he was assigned to the Patrol division. His duties consisted of supervising a squad of patrol officers as well as Dispatchers. In March of 2012, Scott was assigned to the Detective Bureau as Detective Sergeant. His responsibilities were to oversee all operations within the bureau some which were assigning and reviewing cases, scheduling and background checks just to name a few. During his 21 years as a police officer Scott has attended numerous courses to further his police training which included Basic and Advanced Fingerprinting, Computer and Internet Investigations as well as Advanced Computer Forensic Investigations. Most recently Scott attended Evidence Room Management and TAC Officer Certification.

Scott is currently a member of the Bergen County Prosecutors Office Computer Crime

Task Force. Scott is also a certified CPR and AED Instructor. Scott is a former member of the Bergen County Rapid Deployment Force. Scott is a past Recording Secretary, Vice President and President of PBA local 309. Scott is also a member of the New Jersey Honor Legion. During his career with the Bergenfield Police Department, Scott has received (1) Exceptional Merit Award, (2) Excellent Police Duty Awards, (8) Honorable Service Awards, (1) Exceptional Merit Citation, (1) Exceptional Service Citation, (2) Life Saving Award, (1) Unit Citation and numerous Certificates of Commendation.

Scott is here tonight with his wife Cristine, daughter Julia and son Luke.

❖ **Resolution 16-107**/To Authorize Promotion of Scott Macfie to the Lieutenant in the Bergenfield Police Department

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution 16-107 promoting Scott Macfie to the rank of Lieutenant be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Amatorio:	aye	Councilperson Tully:	aye
Council President Steinel:	aye	Councilperson Rivera:	aye

Oath of office to Lieutenant Macfie was administered by Marie Quinones, Acting Borough Clerk.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Lodato stated that the Lieutenant has an excellent record of service.

Councilperson Amatorio congratulated the lieutenant and his family. Councilperson Amatorio stated that Lieutenant Macfie is working with an excellent team, he has 20 years behind him, and wished him a great career.

Councilpresident Steinel thanked Lieutenant Macfie for his years of service and congratulated him and his family.

Councilperson Kornbluth wished Lieutenant Macfie many more years of service with the Bergenfield Police Department.

Councilperson Tully congratulated Lieutenant Macfie and his family.

Councilperson Rivera thanked Lieutenant Macfie for his service to the Bergenfield Police Department.

Mayor Schmelz stated that he was happy for Lieutenant Macfie and always liked playing hockey with him.

Motion by Coucilperson Kornbluth, and second by Councilperson Tully, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was recessed. The meeting reopened at 8:21 p.m.

B. Reexamination Report of the Master Plan

Chuck McGroarty from Banisch Associates stated that he was here at tonight's meeting to present the Re-examination Report of the Master Plan. Mr. MrGroarty stated that the Planning Board had adopted the Re-examination Report of the Master Plan in October of 2015. It is supposed to be

done at least every 10 years. (It used to be every 6 years and was changed to 10 years in 2011 as regulations require it).

Attorney Schettino asked if Mr. McGroarty could highlight any major changes made to the master plan.

Mr. McGroarty stated that there were a number of issues raised, including a focus on parking and providing parking to merchants in the Borough and if any other recommendations were made. New Jersey statute sets up a five question framework on how to approach the reexamination report. Mr. McGroarty stated that you first have to look at issues from the last master report. Secondly, if there were any issues that were addressed, reduced or if there was an increase in problems. The third is to examine any changes made in assumptions, policies, and objectives made including directives from the Mayor and Council. Next, the reexamination offers specific changes to the master plan and for the development of regulations for Mayor and Council consideration. Lastly, recommendations would be made for the redevelopment in municipalities if there were any.

Mr. McGroarty stated specific issues and changes made to the regulations was regarding a resolution to adopt mixed land use. The Borough has authorized this study funded by New Jersey Highlands Council regarding commercial corridors. Mr. McGroarty stated that other recommendations made were regarding the fair share plan which is on the agenda to be discussed later. Mr. McGroarty stated that specific changes for the master plan include taking a closer look to B1 and B2 zoning areas and to consider residential changes to zoning Home Place and West Johnson. Mr. McGroarty stated that recommendations were made to change Westside, East Side, and E. Johnson to residential zone districts.

Mr. McGroarty stated that a parking analysis was done back to the 1996 master plan regarding parking issues and since then we are still trying to address that issue. It is interesting that parking was an issue 50 years ago and parking is still a major concern. One recommendation in the reexamination of the master plan is to do a future traffic study and to identify the basis of parking structures. It was suggested that mixed use structures could be utilized.

Mr. McGroarty stated that the report will be edited to be clear and distinct as recommended by the Mayor and Council.

Councilperson Tully expressed concern that the reexamination of the master plan was adopted in October, and is being presented to the governing body now. He inquired if there are any other parts of the report that are not a recommendations.

Council President Steinel stated that he read in the report that there are parking spaces that are privately owned and recommendation was made that these spaces be taken over by the Borough or the S.I.D. Council President Steinel asked if anyone had taken into consideration that the Borough would have to bid and win for the current owned property. Council President Steinel stated that the report should be clarified with a specific listing of recommendations.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired why Mr. McGroarty would present the information if they are not his recommendations. Councilperson Kornbluth stated that Mr. McGroarty should put it at the end of document separate from recommendations.

Councilperson Lodato stated that the recommendations to report are alternatives to S.I.D study and that this is using Borough lot parking.

B. Cooper's Pond Vineyard Proposal – Fred Clark, Jr.

Fred Clark stated that he was back to discuss his proposal for restoring the Marchbank property, the specific portion of land he is referring to is just east of the well, east of the main house. Mr.

Clark stated that his purpose is show what happens to historical locations. Mr. Clark stated that you don't want historical locations become a museum in which people go one time and never again. You want to restore the property and that's where real barn weddings could be held. Mr. Clark stated that it would be a real nice nest egg for the Borough and the community that the Borough can rent down the road. Mr. Clark explained that the point is to restore the property, utilize it, and have people enjoy the property. Mr. Clark stated that he does so with his family all the time.

Mr. Clark stated that he was reading about Green Acres and some of the requirements for the repurpose portions of land concerning Green Acres. There already are grape vines and you would just be sprucing up. Instructional wine making is something that Mr. Clark he would be interested in doing with the approval of the mayor and council down the road. Mr. Clark stated that the project stands on its own. Mr. Clark explained that he is open to doing it at any time. If planting grapes this year, then a decision needs to be made rapidly in order to get in touch with the supplier from California. Soil testing can be done concurrently with ordering dormant plants. Doing soil testing would allow us to know whether any supplements need to be added to the soil. Mr. Clark stated that some of the trees would need to be pruned. This could be done over the summer or as late as next year. Mr. Clark went on say that there is interest from people when he had posted his intentions on Facebook. A dozen people had said it was a great idea and were interested in volunteering to help. Mr. Clark stated that he would write a letter and submit it to Twin Boro inviting the whole town to help out.

It wouldn't take much time for upkeep with the growing of grapes. A Charleston system would be built. A line would be built across the street and Mr. Clark would go there every day with my kids.

Mr. Clark stated that it wouldn't take much time for the upkeep of the grapes. Mr. Clark also stated that in the first year, he would go there every day to water the grapes and then only need to check the grapevines on the weekends. Mr. Clark stated that it would take a minimum of three years and maximum of five years to make wine from the grapes. Mr. Clark stated that he would try to get a grant to pay for the necessary supplies and would not be asking for money from the mayor and council. Mr. Clark stated that chicken wire about 4 to 5 feet high would be put around the grapevines so that the deer would not be able to get to the grapes.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired at to what the time frame would be and if soil testing was needed. Councilperson Kornbluth also asked what would happen to the trees in that area. Councilperson Kornbluth inquired if the council were to approve, would Mr. Clark be taking care of the grapes. Councilperson Kornbluth asked what the \$2500 that Mr. Clark was asking for was.

Councilperson Amatorio inquired whether it would be done privately or by volunteers. Councilperson Amatorio asked whether he has spoken with the Shade Tree Committee to review the gardening as they are responsible. Councilperson Amatorio suggested that DPW could make some suggestions. The council likes the idea but would feel more comfortable if some recommendations were made by the DPW.

Administrator Corey Gallo stated that the Shade Tree Committee coordinates with DPW as to whether or not a tree is healthy. There are steps and parameters. You can't remove a healthy tree just because it's in the way. The question is whether the state historical society permits removal of trees. Administrator Gallo stated that the garden location would be best for this project.

Councilperson Rivera asked whether the \$2500 was for the startup cost to grow grapes and what will happen when it is time to make the wine. Councilperson Rivera asked who will be paying for the supplies needed to make the wine.

Attorney John Schettino stated that this program will be run as a program of the Borough. If it was private then it would need to be an open bid process. Attorney Schettino explained that it would be like baseball in which the Borough runs the program, where you follow the direction of the

Borough. If the mayor and council approves this, then it will be under the auspices of the Borough. Another example is like the Garden Club. Attorney Schettino stated that it has a community garden which is under the auspices of the Environmental Committee.

Council President Steinel inquired how long it would take to make wine from the grapes.

Mayor Schmelz inquired what would happen if deer got into the area.

Barry Doll stated that he met with Fred Clark and the Board of Directors of museum and welcomed him to coming to the meeting. Mr. Doll thought it would be great to bring people to the area and would be glad to supply the water. Mr. Doll stated he thinks it is a good project and salutes Fred Clark for coming up with it to help restore the property.

Motion by Councilpresident Steinel, and second by Councilperson Kornbluth, to have DPW do a soil sample and install the post.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Amatorio:	aye	Councilperson Tully:	aye
Councilpresident Steinel:	aye	Councilperson Rivera:	aye

C. Proclamation in Honor of Autism Awareness Month

Mayor Schmelz read the proclamation into the record.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BOROUGH ENGINEER

A. Remington & Vernick Report

Borough Engineer Dave Gleassey stated that the bid specifications for the ADA ramp improvements are currently being developed and will be finalized shortly.

Mr. Gleassey stated the Borough was awarded a 2015 grant of \$149,000 to repave the entire length of Woodbine St. and North/South Front Street. Mr. Gleassey stated that this project is currently under design and the field survey has begun. Mr. Gleassey stated that once the field survey is complete, development of base mapping would begin.

Mr. Gleassey reported that the project to remove and replace sanitary sewer main in Glenwood Drive East is currently under design. The field survey has begun and will be completed shortly.

Mr. Gleassey explained that Remington Vernick had submitted an updated proposal for the grant application that was awarded for Carlson Place. Mr. Gleassey stated that the project was currently under design, the field survey was started and once complete, development of base mapping would begin.

B. Remington & Vernick Professional Services Proposals

1. Municipal Complex Parking Lot Improvements

Mr. Gleassey stated that the resurfacing of the municipal complex parking lot may include drainage system upgrades and coordination with the proposed DPW truck wash. The project was scheduled for field survey and would begin shortly.

Mr. Gleassey explained that Remington Vernick had submitted a proposal for the installation of a traffic beacon at the firehouse on Church Street.

Mr. Gleassey stated that Remington Vernick is developing a preliminary/budgetary cost proposal to replace or re-line existing sanitary sewer facilities, in order to reduce inflow/infiltration into the existing sewer system. Remington Vernick will submit a proposal to the Borough shortly to assist with the installation/additional upgrades for a truck wash facility with the DPW garage area.

Mr. Gleassey stated that the agreement between the Borough and CSX was finalized and was sent to CSX for execution.

Remington Vernick has been coordinating with the NJ Department of Transportation and letters have been circulated with several property owners regarding the "safe routes to school" project. Mr. Gleassey stated that the final ramp plans/details for the Washington Avenue handicap ramps were submitted to the Bergen County for approval and construction.

Mr. Gleassey stated that the installation of the drainage pipe/structures have been completed for the Main Street sewer rehabilitation project and the remaining construction work is scheduled to begin the week of April 4, 2016.

Mr. Gleassey explained that the contractor has completed the installation of the storm sewer improvements for the reconstruction of Highgate Terrace (Phase II). The recommencement of construction for the remainder is scheduled to begin the week of April 11, 2016.

2. Murray Hill Terrace Roadway Improvements

Mr. Gleassey explained that the scope of services for this project will include topographical field survey and base plan preparation, engineering, design and bid document preparation, inspection and construction oversight and contract administration service associated with the project.

Administrator Gallo inquired whether Mr. Gleassey had heard from the County yet regarding the safe routes to school project. Mr. Gallo stated that the goal was to start the process of getting ready for the project so it would begin as soon as school ends.

Mr. Gleassey stated that United Water was commencing work on Cameron Road on Monday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Swim Club

No Report.

B. Taping of Council Meetings

Mayor Schmelz stated that he received a couple of quotes and included it in the packet for the council. Mayor Schmelz stated that one quote listed the cost of installing and having a stationary camera that is plugged into the system the Borough uses. There would be a one time fee and then you would be able to download to their server and then hit the link to the website. The next quote is for a more sophisticated system, which is also more expensive. The Mayor explained that it depends on how it should be streamed. Mayor Schmelz stated that the cameras are all different sizes and prices. One quote was reasonable which just plugs into the system we have now. Mayor Schmelz explained that they can get more quotes from other companies. However, the Mayor stated that he does not want to spend \$50,000 on a camera system.

Council President Steinel stated that one quote does not have an address for the company. Council President Steinel stated that he has reservations having the meetings taped. He stated that if someone gets up and says something that's outrageous, we are promoting it to the whole world. If someone wants to know what it going on, they should just come to the meeting or can read the minutes that are posted on the website.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that she agrees with Council President Steinel.

Councilperson Tully asked if they do camera work with other municipalities. Councilperson Tully also asked Attorney Schettino if he had any thoughts to the tapings of council meetings.

Attorney Schettino stated that when cable television started, some municipalities were required to have their meetings taped. Many came to regret it and hasn't caught on well. Council President Steinel raised good points that it is not conducive to business. It has been available for so many years and only a few towns have done it. Attorney Schettino stated that people don't think it's conducive or necessary to have council meetings taped.

C. Commercial Garbage Collection

Council President Steinel stated that the DPW committee met several times regarding the commercial garbage collection and came up with the following:

Do not change the ordinance regarding commercial garbage pick-up. There is no way to do a clear and fair regulation. DPW would still collect card boxes from commercial properties as it is recyclables. Some commercial properties have a lot. Commercial property owners would have to decide by July 1st if DPW would continue collecting their garbage or they would be responsible. The conditions of dumping on Washington Avenue was also discussed. The supervisor, who starts at 6:00 a.m., usually drives down Washington Avenue on his way to work and will send DPW workers to clean up if needed at 7:00 a.m. Council President Steinel stated that this will still continue. He stated that they would amend the ordinance to allow the superintendent to enforce getting compliance with recycling.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that according to the ordinance, we should not be picking up commercial.

D. Resolution 16-086/To Approve Shared Services Agreement – Fire Apparatus – County of Bergen (*Tabled 3-1-16*)

Administrator Gallo stated that the language in the agreement is going to stay the same as per the County. There are over 40 towns that accepted the agreement and there will be no changes made.

Councilperson Kornbluth asked who would be signing agreement to authorize use of the truck and equipment.

Council President Steinel stated that he had spoken to Chief Saito about the ultimate buy and because the equipment breaks down from normal wear and tear. Council President Steinel stated that if we break it, we fix it. Council President Steinel stated that they need to tell you in advance if there is something wrong with the apparatus. The chief needs to know that he can call the County and will be able to use it. He needs authority that can't wait for the approval from the Mayor and Council.

Deputy Chief Lanzilotti stated that all the towns are signing the agreement. This is for an absolute last resort option and when all other options are exhausted. The request has to be done 2 days in advance. Chief Saito explained that he would discuss it with administration and the council liaison about it prior to doing it.

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, Second by Council President Steinel, and all present voting in favor, Resolution #16-086 is removed from the table.

Motion by Councilperson Tully, Second by Council President Steinel, to approve Resolution #16-086.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Amatorio:	aye	Councilperson Tully:	aye
Council President Steinel:	aye	Councilperson Rivera:	aye

E. Adoption of Ordinances

The following ordinances published herewith were first read by title only on March 15, 2016 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE 16-2490 – BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

ORDINANCE 16-2491 – CALENDAR YEAR 2016 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Public Comments on Ordinances 16-2490 and 16-2491.

Barry Doll questioned whether the capital bank was done last year and how it affects the taxes this year.

CFO Rich Cahill stated that the ordinance was passed in 2015 and that very little was used in this year's budget. The purpose is to create a bank that provides the Mayor and Council flexibility in managing the budget. It doesn't affect the budget at all and wouldn't have an effect on taxes.

John Smith stated that he is confused about the report written regarding the draft reexamination of the master plan. There was \$645,000 put aside for sewage expenses. Mr. Smith stated that there is no way that this amount could cover the cost of sewage.

Council President Steinel stated that it's the starting cost for the year.

John Smith stated that on page 3 there are various improvements needed for the library that was for a total of \$28,550. \$80,000 was previously cut from the library's budget and why is \$28,000 being given back to the library for improvements. This should be in their budget. Mr. Smith stated that the master plan was approved in October 2015 and why the Mayor and Council did not know about it. The master plan is about the SID. It should be about the Borough, not just businesses.

There are complaints to improve lighting. One recommendation is to improve lights on roads and alleyways. The town should not pay for it.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Schmelz closes Verbal Communications II.

Motion by Councilperson Tully, Second by Councilperson Kornbluth, to pass Ordinance 16-2490 on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Amatorio:	aye	Councilperson Tully:	aye
Council President Steinel:	aye	Councilperson Rivera:	aye

Motion by Councilperson Tully, Second by Councilperson Kornbluth, to pass Ordinances 6-2491 on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Amatorio:	aye	Councilperson Tully:	aye
Council President Steinel:	aye	Councilperson Rivera:	aye

NEW BUSINESS

A. Goose Eggs and Nests Management

Administrator Gallo stated it this was put on the agenda in anticipation of getting the report, which was not received, and will hold off on this.

B. Reexamination Report of the Master Plan

Moved to Presentations.

C. Recommendations and Nominations for Boards and Committee

BOARD OF HEALTH

Mayor recommends and nominates Aurea B. Tobias Quiroz M.D. to serve on the Board of Health for a four-year term, term expiring December 31, 2019.

Motion by Councilperson Rivera, seconded by Councilperson Amatorio, that the nomination be confirmed. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

D. Introduction of Ordinance

Motion that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting April 19, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough as the place for a hearing on said ordinances.

ORDINANCE 16-2492 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 233 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD ENTITLED “PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS”

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Ordinance 16-2492 be introduced.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Amatorio:	aye	Councilperson Tully:	aye
Council President Steinel:	aye	Councilperson Rivera:	aye

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Gallo stated that the Eagle Scouts were working on a project to get the port authority to donate historical piece of steel from World Trade Center to the Borough. The steel will be displayed at Cooper's Pond. Administrator Gallo stated that we had to ensure that it's going to be taken care of and the DPW will be picking up the steel mid April.

Administrator Gallo stated that there was a fire Sunday morning. Five towns offered mutual aid. Mr. Gallo explained that the Bergenfield fire department did a great job and commended all emergency services. The fire was maintained because of everyone's efforts.

Administrator Gallo stated that the milling of Cameron Road started Monday. Administrator Gallo explained that the capital ordinance with the heating system was due to the age of the pipes. Administrator Gallo stated that they are finding that every time a pipe is cut, the pipes are corroded. They just replaced 40 feet of piping. That's why it is so cold.

Administrator Gallo explained that the automated garbage collection started today and the residents have embraced this. It went very well today.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

Councilperson Kornbluth

stated that the rent leveling board had not met yet this year due to a lack of quorum. Council person Kornbluth stated that they had the second meeting for the 2016 CDBG grant and will be presenting the case on Thursday night at 6:00pm. The Bergenfield Volunteer Ambulance Corp. had responded to over 500 calls. There were 3 new people that joined the Bergenfield Volunteer Ambulance and 4 people were enrolled in the EMT training school. They will hold a blood drive on May 17th in honor of Ned Kneisler. The recreation department is working on Family Fun Day activities which will be on June 5th, 2016 and getting the contract together. Councilperson Kornbluth stated that the recreation department had applied for grants for fields in which a new program would be starting along with the assistance from the library to get park equipment for the special needs program. The Lou Harris League held a fundraiser. There with a softball tournament fundraiser that will be sponsored by the Bergenfield High School, PBA and recreation department for

scholarships to be given to local students. Spring sports started this week. The police department had an on site creditation on March 27th. They helped at the St. Patrick's Day Parade. The police department has a new community policing program. Councilperson Kornbluth thanked the 8 officers who will be participating in this program. Each police officer will be assigned a sector in which residents will have someone they can go to if there is an issue. Captain Madalone will be also be purchasing a mobile app in which residents can utilize for free mobile in about a month or two.

Councilperson Rivera

stated that he did not have any reports.

Council President Steinel

stated that barrels were only delivered to two family homes. In two weeks, there will be another 500 barrels delivered. This will continue until all of quadrant 3 is done. 5% of residents had their barrels the wrong way. Notices were left for these people. We will then move to multi-family homes. Councilpresident Steinel stated that the new street sweeper came in and DPW will have two of them out in the next coming weeks. There was nothing new with the SID. The local planning meeting is scheduled for June. The Zoning Board had granted an extension for the Landmark Development because of problems with CSX and DEP. The Senior Citizen's Luncheon is on April 17th, 2016.

Councilperson Amatorio

stated the Veteran's Committee had their first meeting yesterday for the Memorial Day Parade. They are seeking participants. The parade will start at 11:30am.

Councilperson Tully

stated that the finance committee wanted to thank the mayor and council for approving the capital budget. Councilperson Tully stated that based on the low debt in the Moody's ratings, it was time to move on the capital budget because of its size. Councilperson stated he has full faith in DPW and Mr. Gallo in implementing it. Councilperson Tully thanked everyone for being understanding about his absence at the last mayor and council meeting since he had to go to the White House for the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Councilperson Tully explained that the Environmental Committee is working on an ordinance to implement water conservation

and getting ready for the tree planting. The multi-cultural event on March 20th, 2016, was a huge success. Councilperson Tully congratulated Joe Verga on receiving the Sustainable New Jersey volunteer of the year award.

Councilperson Tully explained that he had met with DiPaolo of Dumont to discuss the possibility of having a joint municipal complex and sharing services. Bergenfield is not in the same predicament as Dumont. However, the Borough Hall is in need of vast improvements. It is a proactive idea. Councilperson Rivera and Mayor Schmelz will be joining in as bipartisan. Dumont will do the same. Councilperson Tully stated that it would benefit the residents in both towns.

Councilperson Lodato

stated that the Planning Board did not meet. Although it may not be to the liking of the Mayor and Council, the planning board had put a lot of thought and effort into the reexamination of the master plan.

Mayor Schmelz

wanted to thank the finance committee for the countless hours they spent in putting monies into the infrastructure. Mayor Schmelz stated that one town many stories held at the library was great. There was a big turnout. Mayor Schmelz explained that the meeting with the Mayor of Dumont went well. Mayor Schmelz stated that he had attended the sunrise service at Cooper's Pond and he was also present at hazmat training in Teterboro. Mayor Schmelz thanked the VFW for hosting the fish fry. The Little league opener was supposed to be this past Saturday but was cancelled due to the weather. The new date is April 23rd. There will be a pancake breakfast Home Place on April 10th, 2016. The Green Fair will be held at the Bergenfield High School on April 15th. The VFW May Day celebration will be May 1st, 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Van Tassel/Bergenfield Lions Club

Re: Coin Toss Request – White Cane Day – April 24, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Corner of Main Street and N. Washington Avenue

B. Siciliano/Girls Scouts of Bergenfield

Re: Request for an Overnight Camp

Out – Memorial Park – May 7, 2016 at
3:00 p.m., into the morning of May 8, 2016

C. Gallione/Bergenfield Bocce League

Re: Request to use John A. Aversa
Bocce Grove in Memorial Park – Mayor
Driscoll Bocce Tournament – June 12,
2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired if the governing body would be liable for supervising the overnight camp out and if they had to adhere to the noise ordinance.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that they would be using their own certificate of insurance and are liable for themselves. Mr. Schettino stated that they have to comply with all Borough ordinances.

Council President Steinel inquired if the police department was aware of this overnight camp out. Council President stated that the police department should review this request and approve it before it is brought to the Mayor and Council for approval.

The consensus of the majority of the governing body is to place Item B on hold until we have more information and the Police Department will review the request.

Motion by Council President Steinel, second by Councilperson Kornbluth, and all members present voting in favor, to approve Correspondence Items A and C.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Fred Sahlberg stated that a few council meetings ago he was accused of calling Councilperson Tully a criminal. However, he had used the word crime not criminal when he had referred to Councilperson Tully. Mr. Sahlberg quoted and read the statement he had written. Mr. Sahlberg also read the Jewish link that had done an investigation. Mr. Sahlberg stated that he had come to the last meeting with it but Councilperson Tully was not present.

Kevin Poulton stated that Troop 180 meets on Tuesday nights. Mr. Poulton stated that there are camp outs that have been done at Memorial Field. Mr. Poulton stated that there aren't enough parents willing to drive long distances to take their children to campsites or to other trips. Therefore, it would be very good if the scouts were given approval to use Memorial Field for camping. Mr. Poulton stated that he had gone to school for architecture and had the opportunity to help design the walls for the mall in Paramus. Mr. Poulton explained that he was on the NJ Transit committee that helped put passenger service on the West Shore railroad. There was a parking structure built next to the railroad and then that led to the idea of putting a bridge next to the railroad. Mr. Poulton wanted to let everyone know where that part of the master plan came from.

Barry Doll stated that COAH was mentioned twice tonight and wanted to know how many houses met the requirements. Mr. Doll stated that he knew that the Landmark was settled years ago, but if anyone knew how many units were added. Mr. Doll stated that the work on Highgate Terrace is to restart on May 15th and would like to see the plans. Mr. Doll would like to know how wide the street will be as he was told that they would have to cut into his driveway about 3 feet. He does not want to lose his driveway. Mr. Doll also stated that he does want to lose any trees. Mr. Doll explained that last year during a project, a neighbor's tree had fallen since the tree roots were cut. Mr. Doll stated that the streets are worse now, after the work was done, than before.

Attorney Schettino stated that there isn't an answer right now. There is litigation all throughout New Jersey towns that have no numbers. There is a huge disparity between the state and expert. The majority of towns are presently in a lawsuit to determine what the obligations are going to be.

Attorney Schettino explained that everyone is awaiting the response from the case in the Ocean City litigation to determine what that number will be.

Council President Steinel stated that the Zoning Board of Adjustment had given an extension for the Landmark project.

Administrator Gallo told Mr. Doll that the engineer had already spoken with him directly about the Highgate Terrace project. Administrator Gallo also had previously told Mr. Doll that he could meet with the engineer any time he wanted and had even given Mr. Doll the engineer's email address. Mr. Gallo stated that he remembers that last year Mr. Doll had spoken at a meeting challenging him as to the timing of the project and why they had to wait until the spring to do the second phase of piping. Mr. Gallo remembers having to make a public comment to the press as a result. There were no dramatic and politics involved with this. Mr. Gallo stated that this is why we didn't proceed with the project because of the settling.

Fred Clark stated that the request for the \$375 was for the three soil samples that were to be taken. Mr. Clark stated that he would like Phil to contact him regarding the spacing.

Ed Kochakian stated that he spoke with the Mayor and Council and the Chief regarding the situation on the street with the drug problems and the house that had burned down two years ago. There has noticed that there has been more police activity on the street. Mr. Kochakian stated that he still sees many people coming in and out of homes for drugs during the daytime and asked if the building inspector can check these homes to see who lives there. Mr. Kochakian stated that this is a school zone.

Attorney Schettino stated that the building inspector can't investigate a home to question who lives in the home. The police department can investigate if there is any drug activity, not for someone going and coming out of a home.

Chief Madalone stated that Lieutenant Doherty had contacted everyone who was present at the last meeting. Chief Madalone stated that the mayor and council and residents are not aware of what's going on. It is an active investigation and the work being done can be destroyed by people coming to the council meetings and discuss it. Chief Madalone stated that the best thing residents can do is either call or email the police department. People can also call crime stoppers if they have information.

John Smith stated that the Landmark was granted an extension by the zoning board. Mr. Smith explained that one member had voted no for the extension. Mr. Smith asked when they will have the updated master plan. Mr. Smith stated that the draft of the master plan was submitted in October 2015 and when was it going to be approved. Mr. Smith asked why it wasn't brought to the Mayor and Council earlier. Mr. Smith also asked why the cancellation of the planning board meetings were not posted. The Zoning Board does the same thing. The draft reexamination of the master plan had a lot to do with SID.

Mayor Schmelz stated that a couple of months back, it was brought to him to speak to COAH and he was told to hold off until COAH was taken care of.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that there are two steps in order to approve the master plan. Mr. Schettino stated that when recommendations were made to amend the zoning ordinance had to be presented to the mayor and council. Then it goes back to the Planning Board to make the necessary changes. Mr. Schettino explained that once the changes are made, it goes back to the Mayor and Council for approval. This process takes about two months.

Charles Yannetti stated that during his last appearance at the meeting he had made several statements about the conditions on Fairview Ave. Mr. Yannetti stated he was appalled by the lack of

knowledge by the Mayor and Council regarding the drug problems. He was told he would be contacted by the Chief, but there were no calls from the Chief or Mr. Gallo. Mr. Yannetti thanked Councilperson Rivera for coming to Fairview Avenue to meet with the residents. MR. Yannetti stated that he had made some comments that the Chief was untruthful during an interview in May. He wanted to apologize for telling the Chief she was untruthful.

Ray Johnson, stated that he had gotten a copy of the audio version of the last meeting and pleaded that everyone get a copy and listen to it, including Attorney Schettino. Mr. Johnson stated that he had listened to it twice. Mr. Johnson stated that in all the years he attended meeting, he had never seen such courage and bravery from the residents. It took a lot to get the residents to come to the meeting. Mr. Johnson stated that it is unfortunate that their lifestyles is set around drug activity. There is an disconnect between the residents and the Mayor and Council and residents and the police department. Chief Madalone inherited a lot of problems. Mr. Johnson thanked Councilperson Rivera for meeting with the residents. Mr. Johnson read the Bergenfield Stigma Free flyer. Mr. Johnson stated that this explains why Ms. Scogba has been labeled by the police department and by the community. Mr. Johnson read a letter from a brave resident. This resident had saved Ms. Scogba's life. Mr. Johnson questioned how the Mayor and Borough Administrator could speak to Diana Flagg and John Smith about who called and when the calls were made regarding Fairview Avenue.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS TO BE ACTED UPON:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT RESOLUTION 16-108. All matters listed below are considered by the Governing Body to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Governing Body, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- A. **16-109/**To Pay Bills
- B. **16-110/**To Authorize Emergency Temporary Appropriations
- C. **16-111/**To Approve Raffle Applications RA1300 & RA1301
- D. **16-112/**To Authorize Grant Agreement – NJDEP Community Stewardship Incentive Program
- E. **16-113/**To Approve Extended Agreement – BCUA Cooperative Marketing Plan
- F. **16-114/**To Authorize Tax Collector Outside Part-Time Employment – Lidia Leszcynski
- G. **16-115/**To Authorize Refund – Tax Overpayment – Block: 171 Lot: 1 Qual. C113A
- H. **16-116/**To Authorize Refund – Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder for TTL#15-00018
- I. **16-117/**To Proclaim April 29, 2016 as the Celebration of Arbor Day

Motion by Council President Steinel, second by Councilperson Rivera, to approve the Consent Resolution.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	aye	Councilperson Kornbluth:	aye
Councilperson Amatorio:	aye	Councilperson Tully:	aye
Council President Steinel:	aye	Councilperson Rivera:	aye

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Lodato thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilperson Amatorio wished everyone a good night.

Council President Steinel thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilperson Kornbluth thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilperson Tully thanked Mr. Sahlberg for proving him right regarding comments that were previously made. Councilperson Tully thanked the Fairview Avenue residents for coming forward.

Councilperson Rivera thanked the residents of Fairview Avenue for coming forward and working with the police department in improving the community.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION **16-118**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Personnel
 - 1. Police Department Personnel Matters
 - 2. Building Department Status Update
- B. Collective Bargaining
 - 1. Contracts Negotiations Update
- C. Litigation
 - 1. Status Update on COAH

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in the Executive Chambers to adjourn this public meeting.

On a motion by Council President Steinel, second by Councilperson Kornbluth and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 11:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Council President Steinel, Second by Councilperson Kornbluth, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones
Acting Borough Clerk