

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 2, 2019**

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Schmelz and Council President Ora Kornbluth, Council members Thomas A. Lodato, Buddy Deauna, and Rafael Marte (8:13 p.m.)

ABSENT: Hernando Rivera

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 Lodato.

Mayor Schmelz stated that in honor of Local Government Week and the Borough's 125th Anniversary celebration, the governing body invited the Bergenfield High School Student Council students to join them on the dais for the meeting. Mayor Schmelz introduced the students and read their biographies into the record:

Kristina Podwin, 2019 Executive President:

Kristina Podwin has been involved in several school activities, both extracurricular and school related alike. This includes student congress, a secretary position in the board of National Art Honor Society, president of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, National English Honor Society, Rho Kappa Honor Society, and National Honor Society. She was also a field lieutenant in this year's marching band, and captain of the girls' varsity bowling team. Kristina has spent my summers volunteering in the summer enrichment program. Her favorite class this year is probably AP Government and Politics, largely because of its intriguing coursework.

Jonathan DeLaCruz, 2019 Executive Vice President:

Jonathan DeLaCruz is a proud member of the Executive Board and currently holds the position of being Executive Vice President. He has partaken in the Indoor Percussion ensemble, Big Brother Big Sister program, and Student Congress throughout this school year. In addition, he participated in the Xavier Mission once this school year. The Xavier Mission is a program that allows you to cook for the homeless and feed the homeless, as their goal is to feed over 2,000 poor New York citizens. Within the four years of high school, he's been a part of the Baseball team, Action Team, Yearbook Club, and the Peer Leaders program. Jonathan has taken a total of 8 AP classes and one of his favorite classes was his Junior Year history class. The reason? History has taken a big part in his decision-making for his major, as he will be going into college studying Sociology.

Sebastian Castro, 2019 Executive Treasurer:

Sebastian Castro, is a member of several student organization, Student Congress being one of them and is what landed him here. In addition, part of marching band, winter track, MLK Club, buddy up, and 5 honor societies. Sebastian's favorite class may have to be AP Statistics because of the teacher - the curriculum itself is not the most exciting yet it's somewhat interesting. His favorite non-school related item is going out with friends and driving around in search of new food adventures.

Taylor Blain, 2019 Executive Secretary:

Taylor Blain is in her senior year and is a member of Bergenfield High Schools executive Congress. Throughout the four years at high school she has been on the soccer team and the marching band. She is actively enrolled in clubs like Buddy-up, and culinary club and a member of the honors societies NHS, Tri-m, and is president of the French Honors Society. Her favorite class is AP Literature because it gives her the opportunity to share ideas and interpretations in an open and welcoming environment. Outside of school Taylor enjoys participating in volunteering opportunities to make a difference in the community.

Alyssa Agustin, Class of 2020 President:

Alyssa Agustin is part of R.I.S.E. and is a peer transition leader. She is also a member of the National, English, Social Studies, World Language honor society and a varsity cheerleader. Her favorite class is AP human geography and she also likes to workout in her free time. Alyssa's favorite season is summer and favorite place is the beach.

Hana Muñoz, Class of 2021 Vice President:

Hana Munoz is part of the 2021 congress. In 7 clubs: Debate team, big brother big sister, SAVE, TEEM, Model UN, chamber orchestra, and of course, student Congress. Hana plays two sports, tennis and wrestling. Hana enjoys English and history and when out of school enjoys volunteering.

Deanna Miano, Class of 2022 President:

Deanna Miano is class president of Class of 2022. Currently enrolled in all honor classes and plans to continue a path to all A.P within her years. Besides from being enrolled in Congress she is a member of several school sports and has made junior varsity in her first year of basketball and softball. Deanna is a trumpet player in the marching band and French horn player in class as well as, a certified volunteer coach to P.A.L. Deanna is part of an all year police academy outside of school academics and sports were she studies the field of law enforcement and Training.

AGENDA CHANGES

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth to amend the Consent Agenda to change Resolution #19-127 from RFP to Bid and add Resolutions #19-132 to approve transfer of appropriations and #19-133 to authorize LOSAP list and payment.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation – Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

Mayor Schmelz read the proclamation into the record.

B. Proclamation – Autism Awareness Month

Mayor Schmelz read the proclamation into the record and stated that the building is lit up in blue in honor of Autism Awareness Month.

C. Proclamation – Distracted Driving Crackdown

Mayor Schmelz read the proclamation into the record.

D. Environmental Committee Presentation

Joe Verga, Chairman of the Environmental Committee, the Green Team, and Sustainable Jersey, stated that the committees have several gardens in town that the residents can enjoy, provide beauty and food, and help the Borough earn points for certification. He explained that there

another proposal to start a garden by the historical part of Cooper's Pond near the museum. He explained that the pollinator club was started by two teachers at Transfiguration Academy, and now the Environmental Committee would like to open it up to other teachers and residents in town. Mr. Verga stated that hand-outs with information will be at the museum, for residents and teachers in town to review and register students.

Council President Kornbluth stated that the actual garden was never the concern, she inquired where the program will be held.

Mr. Verga stated that the prep will be done on the weekend when adult volunteers are available.

Council President Kornbluth expressed that the concern was the Borough was funding a private school project.

Mr. Verga stated that once the garden is set-up, residents and students that are interested can contact the Environmental Committee to participate. He expressed that the garden will be open to the entire community. He explained that once the Committee receives approval, they will pick a date and location to set-up the garden. The information will be provided to Superintendent Chris Tully, and he will notify all the schools in case any teachers are interested. He expressed that this will help with the Green Team and Sustainable Jersey.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that any school that have students interested in the sciences will be able to use the garden.

Mr. Verga confirmed it is an environmental project through the Green Team and Environmental Committee.

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte, to approve the pollinator garden.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

E. Girls Scouts Silver Star Project Presentation

Girls' Scouts Troop #94739 proposed to place warning signs advising the drivers to stop ahead in case geese are crossing the road. The Girls' Scouts stated that this will help the community be more environmentally friendly.

Council President Kornbluth inquired where the signs will be placed.

Girls' Scouts stated that the signs will be placed on both sides of the road near Cooper's Pond.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the Girls' Scouts should contact him to coordinate the making of the signs with the DPW and the placement of the signs with the Police Department.

Motion by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Council President Kornbluth, and all present voting in favor, the project is approved.

On a motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Amatorio, and all present voting in favor, the meeting is recessed. The meeting reopened at 8:29 p.m. R.C.

F. Department Hires and Appointments

19-115/To Hire Full-time Code Enforcement Officer – Joseph S. Jezequel

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Amatorio, that Resolution #19-115 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

19-116/To Hire Per-Diem Crossing Guards – Lisa Avellan and John Katsigeorgis

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Councilperson Amatorio, that Resolution #19-116 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BOROUGH ENGINEER

A. Engineering & Inspection Status Report

Paul Cray, Remington & Vernick Borough Engineer, stated that the 2019 road program will involve a DOT grant, a CDBG grant, and capital funds. He explained that there will probably be two contracts out to bid very soon. He further explained that the BID process will be expedited, so that the Borough can award by mid-May. Mr. Cray stated that there isn't a significant amount of sewer work that needs to be done this time. He stated that work will be done on West Central Avenue. The 2019 application for N. Prospect came in and \$218,000 was awarded to the Borough. He explained, however, that the cost for the project is a lot more. He also state that the fencing at Memorial Park will be replaced later in the year.

Mayor Schmelz inquired about the activity on W. Johnson Avenue on Saturday. He stated that a Remington & Vernick engineer was onsite.

Mr. Cray stated that the engineers were completing field survey work.

Councilperson Amatorio inquired about the status of the ADA work done by the County on Washington Avenue.

Mr. Cray stated there is one remainder for the contract to get final payment for retainer release, and then the town will get the full reimbursement.

ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinances

Council President Kornbluth requested that the ordinances be approved separately.

Motion by Councilperson Marte that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting Tuesday, April 16, 2019 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 Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinances. Second by Councilperson Amatorio.

ORDINANCE 19-2547 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 291 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “TREES”

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

Motion by Councilperson Lodato that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting Tuesday, April 16, 2019 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 Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinances. Second by Councilperson Deauna.

ORDINANCE 19-2548 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BOROUGH PROPERTY LOCATED AT 230 N. WASHINGTON AVENUE, BLOCK 12, LOT 2 IN THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD THROUGH EMINENT DOMAIN

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>nay</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 2019 Local Municipal Budget
 - 1. **19-117/To Read Budget by Title Only**

Motion by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Council President Kornbluth, that Resolution #19-117 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

- 2. Public Comments on Adoption of 2019 Local Municipal Budget

Motion by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Council President Kornbluth to open public comments on the adoption of 2019 Local Municipal Budget.

John Smith, resident, stated that last year the Borough gave the library \$22,499 less than this years' budget. He stated that he understands that the salaries are increasing, but the services have not been increased. He stated that last year, the Library received \$21,235 and has an outstanding bill of \$41,000. He inquired why the Public Library should receive a \$22,000 increase. Mr. Smith stated that the library should be given the library tax.

Council President Kornbluth stated that the minimum wage is going up and the library is increasing their hours on Wednesday to evening hours, therefore expanding their services.

Councilperson Amatorio stated that the library will be open more hours on Wednesday and have expanded their ESL program, in which volunteers teach the class.

Diana Flagg, resident, inquired why the Borough hired Police Officers for the Board of Education. She stated that the Board of Education should pay for the Police Officers. She inquired whether they receive a pension.

Rich Cahill, Borough CFO, stated that the revenue has to be listed as a receivable in the budget.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the officers are compensated out of the municipal budget, are employed by the Borough, but the school district reimburses the Borough for their compensation. He further explained that the officers are Class III, meaning that they are retired and already have pension.

Paul Lerch, Borough Auditor, stated that by statute, this is how it needs to be set-up. The school budget needs to appropriate the monies in their budget and set their payment to the Borough.

Fred Sahlberg, resident, stated that the schools should hire a Class III officer for each and every school.

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, second by Councilperson Deauna to close public comments.

3. **19-118**/To Adopt 2019 Local Municipal Budget

Motion by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Council President Kornbluth, that Resolution #19-118 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bergenfield Special Improvement District

Mayor Schmelz stated that the BSID had a discussion and wanted to disband. He wanted to have a discussion the information Borough Attorney Schettino learned.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the BSID could dissolve by their action, vote on their membership or replace them. He clarified that the governing body cannot replace the existing board. The BSID can dissolve their current board, and the governing body can create a new entity.

Councilperson Amatorio inquired whether there has been any official communication from the BSID. He stated that there has been discussion to disband, but there has never been any official notices.

Mayor Schmelz stated that no, the board only inquired about the process to disband.

Council President Kornbluth stated that the Council was informed that the board wanted to disband.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the BSID was planning the programs, and with the numbers changing in the budget, they unable to do that. He stated that the board took a vote, but no final action has been taken.

Council President Kornbluth inquired how many members are on the board, and inquired about the final vote.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the vote should be a majority of the quorum, unless the bylaws read differently.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that if the BSID decides to close down, they need to continue to complete their annual audit and pay their bills.

Councilperson Amatorio inquired whether the board has entered into any new contracts.

Mayor Schmelz stated that the board has not entered into new contracts, but already have their first quarter payments due.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the costs are about \$33,000 to close out, and so the district would have to be assessed for that amount. The Director also has to be compensated, because he will be responsible for the close out.

B. Update on Municipal Building

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that on Friday, March 22nd, the committee met with the grant writers and representatives from the state to discuss whether there were any grant opportunities for the Borough to consider for the new building. Mr. Gallo stated that he learned that there are about \$500,000 in a variation of grant monies that can be used towards the generator, motor for elevator, LED lights, etc. He stated that the Borough should be aggressive and go after all grant opportunities. Mr. Gallo also met with the Architects, IT, security, OEM, and so on to start designing different rooms such as the holding rooms, radios, etc., because its more than just conceptual. He stated that department heads will also need to start looking into the smaller intricate parts of their offices to avoid any overruns. He would also like to place a picture of the new building on display on Government Day on Sunday, April 7th to demonstrate the working process.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that as part of the 125th Anniversary, Government Day will be held on Sunday, April 7th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He mentioned that the committee is looking to have three concerts at Cooper's Pond geared to rock and roll music, country music, multi-cultural music between July 8th – 15th, 22nd – 29th, August 5th or August 12th, and is estimating the cost to be around \$1,000 for the entertainment per event. Mr. Gallo stated that he would like to add a paragraph in the sponsorship letter for these events.

Council President Kornbluth stated that her concern is the funding for Family Fun Day. She stated that the committee had discussed improving entertainment for this event.

Mr. Gallo stated that committee hopes to have a total of four concerts.

Councilperson Kornbluth commented that the committee should start with two concerts, rather than four.

Mr. Gallo stated that the committee would fundraise the monies for the event. He explained that each event can have a specific sponsor, and the sponsorship can be done on a first come first serve basis.

Joe Verga, member of the 125th Anniversary Committee, stated that the committee decided to drop the movies at the park, and having the concert series instead. He explained that these are very popular in other towns, and the event will have food vendors, dancing in the streets, as well as other activities. Mr. Verga explained that the rock and roll event will involve a car show, country music event will involve line dancing, etc.

Mr. Gallo stated that whether the committee is having one or two events, they need approval in order to lock in the music groups for entertainment.

Mayor Schmelz also stated that they need to set all the dates in place to advertise.

Councilperson Lodato stated that he motions to approve the three events.

Councilperson Amatorio stated that he is concerned that after every committee meeting, there is a new development. He stated that the council should be informed ahead of time in order to assist in any way they can.

Council President Kornbluth inquired the dates.

Mr. Gallo stated that the potential dates for the concert are July 8th – 15th, 22nd – 29th, August 5th or August 12th.

Council President Kornbluth advised there are certain dates the Orthodox community cannot listen to live music.

Mayor Schmelz invited everyone to attend the meeting on April 29th at 5:30 p.m.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

Councilperson Lodato

the Stigma Free committee will be meeting on April 4th, but unfortunately, I am unable to attend. On April 8th, Stigma Free will be holding a presentation at the High School remembering TJ. The Planning Board has no new business. The Fire Department discussed their timeline for training and certification, and have been in communication with Sears to use the site for training. The two new apparatus have been delivered to New Jersey.

Councilperson Deauna

the Shade Tree Committee has a productive meeting and hired Dixie Rainey, since Hilda moved to be the clerk for the Zoning Board. The committee is requesting a contingency fund. Aspen will be paying \$2,500 for removing two borough trees. He missed the Barrier Free Committee meeting. The Board of Health had a productive meeting as well, as their inspector is on top of the establishments. A business was closed since it was deemed unsanitary, and completing inspections with other departments, realized that the business has no permit. The Board of Health would like to have a full-time director to improve communications.

Councilperson Amatorio

the Rent Leveling Board cancelled their recent meeting due to lack of quorum. The Zoning Board of Adjustment met last night and discussed Ohr HaTorah, which will stay with the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The letter from the Borough Attorney was also read during the meeting. The Veteran's Committee will meet on May 27th.

Council President Kornbluth

OEM received approval from the State for the Borough Emergency Operations Plan, and secured commitment from Bergen County Communications to provide backup dispatch for BVAC in case of dispatch failure at the Police Desk. The BVAC has responded to 528 calls year to date, and received training in new CPAP devices for patients with severe difficulty breathing. The CDBG committee will be meeting this week to discuss funding for next year. The DPW started their new recycling program this week. The Recreation Department will be having opening day this Saturday for Little League, will be participating at Government Day on April 7th, and is working hard on the Easter Egg Hunt at Coopers Pond, which will be held on April 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a rain date on April 14th. The PAL is under new leadership and working on soccer and a basketball league for the summer.

Councilperson Rivera

No report.

Councilperson Marte

the Board of Education is planning on having the two teachers in one classroom co-model to start in September.

Mayor Schmelz

I read to two classes at Hoover School as part of Read Across America. That same night, they had a book fair at Washington School and had Pajama story time where I read again to those that attended. Captain Byrnes and I attended the Safety Awards Breakfast. Unfortunately, we did not win any awards this year. I attended the Stigma Free Meeting where "Remembering TJ" was discussed as they are having TJ's parents speak at the High School on April 8th at 7:00pm. I attended the Irish Flag Raising at One County Plaza, where the Grand Marshal and Aids to the County St. Patrick's Day Parade were recognized. Tom Neats and Joe Verga of our 125th Anniversary Committee were honored. I married Sharon and Marty Rivard that night as well. (Marty was the State Champions Basketball Coach that we honored a few years back) Also that night, I attended the Knights of Columbus as they had their Lenten Dinner Party. On March 10th, I attended the Flag Raising and marched in the Parade with the Council. The Police and Auxiliary, along with other towns helping, did a great job. The 125th Anniversary club had two meetings this month and I was at both of them, as well as the Garden Club's monthly meeting. I had the great honor of attending Carnegie Hall where the Honors Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Winds groups from the High School performed Invitational Music Festival. It was a wonderful time seeing all the young adults perform in such an iconic venue. Roy W Brown held their March Madness event where students played the Faculty, then faced off in a single elimination tournament against each other. The stands were packed as the High School as kids worked as Facilitators and Referees. Unfortunately, I had to attend the wake of the two young adults in town that perished in a car crash. It was very sad to have to see Sebastian and Sabrina's families go through such a terrible time. Bergenfield Little League held a Tricky Tray at the Bergenfield Elks lodge and it was sold out. The Washington School Parents' association held a fundraiser at Applebee's over the weekend, where the kids served Pancakes. Later that day, Bergen United opened their season at Roy W Brown. As part of the Garden Club, I assisted in handing over a check to the Barrier Free

Committee for a brick, as part of their fundraiser for the sensory park at Memorial Park. As I stated at last meeting, we were informed by New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute that our town was awarded Healthy Town Designation for 2018. This was fantastic news and was a great way to start out the Mayors Key to Wellness program this year. The kick off was held at the Elks on Sunday the 24th, and we had the BHS Drum Line, United Martial Arts Tae Kwon Do, and Zumba by Carol Leyton all perform. Many vendors showed up and it was a great kick off. Monday nights we have Weight Training at BHS from 6-8, Tuesday we have Zumba at BHS from 7-8, Wednesday is walk with the Mayor from 6-7pm at Cooper's Pond, Thursday is Pilates at the Library, Saturday is Powers Yoga and Zumba at the High School, and we also have a fit camp at the High School on Sunday Mornings at 10:00AM. For details and information, you can check the Borough website. We also have Health Lectures at the Library. Last Friday, I attended the BHS concerts, since I enjoyed them so much at Carnegie Hall, I wanted to see more. West Point Cadet Juwan Griffith-James was honored as he was part of the Music Program before graduating in 2014. Saturday, as part of Vietnam War Veterans Day, the DAV had a book signing from Mitchell Barnett who wrote, "When We Die We're All Going to Heaven, Because We've All Been Through Hell". Sunday, Fire House #2 held their annual pancake breakfast, and it appeared to be a very good success as the tables were all full most of the morning. Lastly, on Sunday, I gave blood down at BVAC during their annual Blood Drive.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Rainey/Clean Communities

RE: Request Permission to Clean-up Cooper's Pond during Tree Give-a-Way/Saturday, April 13, 2019/10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

B. Suero/Bergenfield Little League

RE: Coin Toss Request/Washington Ave. & Main St., Washington Ave. & Clinton Ave., Washington Ave. & New Bridge Rd./May 18, 2019 and June 15, 2019/10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

C. Flores-Notghi/Class of 2019 Project Graduation/Parents Association

RE: Request to Reserve Cooper's Pond for Prom Show-off/Thursday, June 6, 2019/4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

D. Lampousa Cypriot American Association

RE: Request to Reserve Memorial Park Pavilion/Sunday, June 16, 2019, 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

MOTION OFFERED by Councilperson Amatorio, **SECOND** by Councilperson Marte, to approve Correspondence Item A through D. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Please be advised there will be a limit of five (5) minutes per speaker and each may speak only once.

John Smith, resident, inquired why there was a voucher listed twice with the same number and different amounts. He also inquired the status of the pedestrian crossing signs. He stated that at 7 a.m. there was a sign right in front of the VFW, and then it was moved in front of Bergenfield Pizza. He further stated that on Washington and Main, there is a hole by the Chicken and Ribs. Mr. Smith inquired when the lease is up for PAL. He also inquired who approved the Bergenfield United banner on Washington Avenue.

Lisa Blain, resident, stated that she would like to have a four way stop sign on Whitman and Highview, because many drivers speed by that street.

Borough Attorney Schettino explained that the state and law enforcement agencies may frown down around them, perhaps the Police Department could look into it further.

Diana Flagg, resident, stated that she attended the Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, and after an announcement was made to turn off all cell phones, members were doing research on their phones, and the Chairman said they could be on the phone. She also commented that she received a flyer from the PAL seeking donations, and inquired about Blue Sombrero. Ms. Flagg also inquired whether the special garbage truck will be placed at the park on Good Friday.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the members could have the phones on, but cannot communicate with each other. For OPRA purposes, the members would have to certify that there are no municipal messages.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that Blue Sombrero is a way to donate. He explained that the app is utilized to obtain donations and for parents to register their kids and follow their game schedules.

Ray Gorman, resident, thanked the Mayor and Council for the Proclamation on Parkinson's.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Schmelz closes Public Comments.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS TO BE ACTED UPON:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT RESOLUTION 19-119. 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. **19-120/**To Pay Bills
- b. **19-121/**To Support Gateway Project
- c. **19-122/**To Support Arbor Day – April 26, 2019
- d. **19-123/**To Approve Carnival Application
- e. **19-124/**To Approve Raffle Application 1348
- f. **19-125/**To Approve Raffle Applications 1349, 1350, and 1351
- g. **19-126/**To Approve Retirement – Philip Sheldon
- h. **19-127/**To Authorize Bid Specifications – Complete Custodial Services
- i. **19-128/**To Authorize Issuance of Tax Sale Certificate
- j. **19-129/**To Approve Proposal – Site Investigation at Twin Boro Fields Per Green Acres Directive – T&M Associates
- k. **19-130/**To Approve Agreement – Bergenfield Police Department Civilian Employees Association
- l. **19-131/**To Approve Agreement - Atlantic Coast Fibers, LLC
- m. **19-132/**To Approve Transfer of Appropriations
- n. **19-133/** To Authorize Bergenfield Fire & Ambulance Departments Annual LOSAP Payment

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Councilperson Marte, to approve the Consent Resolution.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and wished all a goodnight.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones
Borough Clerk