

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD**  
**MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**8:00 PM**  
**OCTOBER 20, 2020**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Arvin Amatorio and Council President Rafael Marte, Council members Thomas Lodato, Buddy Deauna, Ora Kornbluth, and Marc Pascual

**ABSENT:** Council member Hernando Rivera

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

Mayor Amatorio called the meeting to order at 8:02 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 Council President Marte.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion offered by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Council President Marte, to approve minutes of the September 15, 2020 Regular Public Meeting, September 15, 2020 Closed Session Meeting (not to be released), October 6, 2020 Work Session Meeting, and October 6, 2020 Closed Session Meeting (not to be released). All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS I**

Mayor Amatorio opened the meeting and invited the public for comments on agenda items only, limited to five minutes per speaker.

Paul Pattery, stated that he is concerned about the commercial parking ordinance on the agenda. He commented that there are a lot of contractors that live in town as this is a working community. Mr. Pattery commented that if someone has a utility body on their truck or have a one-ton pickup truck, they will not be able to park in the driveway. However, many people use their trucks for personal and business use.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated the weight class number was received from the Police Department. He stated that the number may need to change. He further stated that a big box truck or dump truck should not be parked in the driveway, but the weight needs to be adjusted to a better number.

Diana Flagg, resident, stated the ordinance is obscene. She commented that Bergenfield has always been a working-class town. Ms. Flagg inquired how the town can go against residents paying their taxes on their property, and ask them to pay for a garage and park their vehicles in another town. Ms. Flagg stated there are notary public signs on the front lawn of Councilman Deauna's office and inquired how that improves the quality of life of residents. She also stated that Councilman Rivera parks his car on the front lawn. Ms. Flagg commented that the Council should not give in to Mr. Gallo.

Joan Compton, resident, stated that she feels ashamed of the town for the salaries listed on the salary ordinance. She commented that the pay for the Zoning Board Clerk used to be \$100 per meeting, regardless of whether the clerk was there from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. or half hour, 1 hour or worked no hours. She commented that Clerks are paid because it takes time to prepare for the meetings and send the information. She commented that she did this on her own time. She further commented that she wondered whether people who are employed for the Borough, who have these positions, are doing their minutes on their own time. Ms. Compton stated that \$2,400 is far too much, and \$200 per meeting is outlandish. Ms. Compton also stated that it is far more dangerous to prohibit left hand turns on W. Central onto N. Prospect. She stated that drivers will now head to Church Street by Franklin School to make the left-hand turn onto N. Prospect.

Carolyn Schmelz, resident, inquired if a resident is allowed to park six cars in a four-car driveway in a residential area. Ms. Schmelz stated she has never heard any complaints and inquired the number of complaints it takes for the Council to take action. Ms. Schmelz stated she's known some of the men in the crowd her entire life, and knows that they work hard and have businesses in town. She commented that what is being done to them is cruel. Mr. Schmelz expressed her concern about the safety of the crossing guards, because the crosswalk signs are only on one side of Washington Avenue and Prospect Avenue.

Brian Gilligan, resident, stated he received the letter yesterday which explained that personal property cannot be used for any commercial use whatsoever. Mr. Gilligan stated that it is more difficult now because all small businesses are struggling. He commented that it will hurt even more when everyone has to find a parking lot and pay additional money to store their vehicles. Mr. Gilligan stated he has two commercial vehicles and office space on Woodbine. Mr. Gilligan commented that his work vehicle is parked there because he drives to and from work.

Edward Rajner resident, stated that he has been a resident of Bergenfield for 28 years. He commented that after all these years, he received a letter in the mail stating that what he has been doing is wrong, and inquired where this is coming from.

Mark Notarangelo, resident, inquired where this originated from and how the council came up with vehicle weights. Mr. Notarangelo stated that he has lived in town his entire life, has done a lot for the town, has received numerous letters of appreciation, and has made a lot of donations. Mr. Notarangelo stated his family has been in Bergenfield for 100 years. He stated that it is an outrage to be told in a letter that he is in violation. He commented that this is not fair, and that something should be worked out between everyone.

Ralph Fiorelli, resident, stated his father started a business in this town over 40 years ago. He parked two to three oil trucks in his parent's driveway on 26 O'Neil. He stated that they own a plumbing company and have numerous trucks that are parked in a lot. Mr. Fiorelli stated he pays \$1,500 a month for a lot. He has other things on his property because he has cannot afford to put them anywhere else. Mr. Fiorelli stated that he is opposed to this ordinance. He commented that this is a blue-collar town and wondered how many people were not present at the meeting because they were working.

John Smith, resident, inquired how many times will it be waivable for a person who violates wearing a helmet, as per the bicycle ordinance in item R. He commented that there is no information in the ordinance pertaining to bicycles with motors and small electric scooters. Mr. Smith stated there are some that do not need to be licensed, but should be taken into consideration since it is a safety issue.

Mary Sullivan, resident, stated she bought her home in a residential area and is seeing more and more commercial activity taking place in the neighborhood. She commented that she has seen properties with their entire backyard paved and full of trucks. Ms. Sullivan commented that the trucks are starting up at 7 a.m. in the morning. Mr. Sullivan further stated that people can have a private truck that they use for their business, but the big trucks belong in a commercial use area, not in a residential zone.

Jacqueline Romney, resident and representative of the Traffic Safety Committee, read a letter into the record that was sent to the governing body related to auto accidents. She inquired if the governing body had the opportunity to read the letter. Ms. Romney had inquired in her letter where the \$50,000 that the state granted for traffic safety issues was and what is the town's representatives plan for action.

Mayor Amatorio stated the ordinance being introduced regarding commercial and non-commercial vehicle parking is not meant to hurt anyone or businesses in town. There were complaints from residents and a recommendation was made by code enforcement. It was brought to the attention of the Administrator and the Council. Mayor Amatorio stated they understand there are issues and concerns. They will make changes and make it applicable to promote the quality of life in town.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated there are two separate issues at hand regarding the commercial vehicle parking ordinance. Mr. Gallo stated he has received countless emails complaining about commercial vehicles being parked. He commented that the ordinance will be evaluated and the weight limit will be adjusted. He stated that there were complaints about loaders, stone in the backyards, and bobcats. He further stated that there are zoning laws for residential and commercial areas. Mr. Gallo commented that not every commercial business is doing something wrong, but the Borough needs to be consistent. The problem is that the zoning and code enforcement laws that exist are related to the property, not the commercial vehicle weight.

Councilperson Lodato stated before the ordinance is amended to weight, there should be a survey done to find out what the vehicles weigh.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated there are two to three issues with respect to what is occurring. He commented that this is a zoning issue. You can not operate or store commercial goods, supplies or materials in a residential zone. Mr. Schettino stated it's a violation of the zoning ordinance. He commented that contractors can put stuff in their garage. If you're in a residential zone and you have a grass backyard, you cannot pave over it, because it increases the impervious coverage, which would require a variance as well as needing a use variance to operate business in a residential zone. Mr. Schettino stated many people have pick-up trucks and just having that vehicle would not be a violation. If someone had that vehicle to pick up employees at their house, drive them from their house or drive that truck to move and store materials would be operating a commercial business in a residential zone. Mr. Schettino further explained parking large commercial vehicles on your property and using the side or rear yard to store supplies for your business would be a violation. It would not be a violation if you are moving some supplies back and forth from your garage. However, it is not fair to the neighbors who bought properties in a residential zone and realize that people in the area are conducting business on their property. The ordinance can be changed to prohibit outdoor storage. The residential zones specifically state the what the permitted uses are, for example a one- or two-family home and excludes commercial business. There are some areas in town that may allow a mixed use that would be residential and commercial.

Mayor Amatorio stated the governing body receives the recommendations from the statistics and studies of the Police Department. The members of the traffic safety committee are members from the Mayor and Council, the Borough Administrator, the Police Department, DPW, and the Fire Department members that were involved in implementing the bicycle program. It is not accurate to say that the traffic safety committee was not involved with the program. Mayor Amatorio stated they will continue to listen to the recommendations made by the Police Department to make sure the town is safe.

Mr. Gallo stated he did respond to Ms. Romney's letter. Mr. Gallo stated there was a resolution at the last meeting that the State asked to be placed on the agenda because they wanted an update. The bicycle event that took place was discussed at the meeting. In the meeting, the Police Chief had referenced it, but did not have the date and time until two weeks prior. The event date was moved due to the weather and other problems. Mr. Gallo stated the traffic safety committee is an advisory committee to the Police Department. Mr. Gallo stated that the Police Department will at all times have the lead when it comes to traffic safety. He stated that the traffic safety committee can provide

them guidance. Mr. Gallo stated they took the traffic safety committee's report, analyzed it, and determined 18 accidents occurred in the area of W. Central Avenue and Prospect Avenue. He further stated that an ordinance was generated by the Police Department, it was introduced, and is on the agenda to be adopted tonight. The Police Department is listening to the traffic safety committee. He commented that the event flyers will do not work, instead over 12,000 calls were made by the reverse 911 to get the message across. He further commented that the Superintendent sent an email chain to all the students advertising the event. Mr. Gallo stated the borough did everything that needed to be done. Mr. Gallo stated they will continue to look at things, receive guidance and will continue to move forward. Mr. Gallo stated he requested the post be taken down from Facebook because the committee had not voted on it. Mr. Gallo stated a Facebook page was created to be a source of information for the borough. Mr. Gallo stated no one was aware that they were going to post on Facebook. Mr. Gallo stated they take the recommendations and ideas made by the traffic safety committee and bring them to the Police Department.

Mr. Schettino stated any county road requires the approval from the county for signage. Mr. Schettino stated if a person owns a one family home and can fit six cars in the driveway, then six cars can be there as long as they are not parked on the lawn.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Amatorio closed Verbal Communications I.

## PRESENTATIONS

### A. Hiring and Appointments

#### 20-310/To Hire Crossing Guards for the 2020-2021 School Year

Motion offered by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Council President Marte, to approve resolution 20-310 to hire crossing guards for the 2020-2021 year

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

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

## CORRESPONDENCE

A. Joe Verga/Resident Bergenfield Lions Club	<b>RE:</b> Request to Reserve Cooper's Pond for Fund Raising Walk/Saturday, November 7, 2020/12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
B. Mike Sanders/Resident	<b>RE:</b> Block Party Request/Campeau Place/Saturday, November 21, 2020/9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Deauna, to approve Correspondence Item A and B. All present voting in favor. None opposed.

## ORDINANCES

### A. Adoption of Ordinances

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on March 3, 2020 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center. **(TABLED 3-17-20)**

#### **ORDINANCE 20-2561 – AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY RANGES OF EMPLOYEES NOT SUBJECTED TO UNIONIZED CONTRACTUAL UNITS OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD**

Public comments on Ordinance 20-2561.

No action taken.

Mayor Amatorio read the following into the record:

The following ordinances published herewith were first read by title only on October 6, 2020 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

**ORDINANCE 20-2572 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”**

**ORDINANCE 20-2573 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS”**

**ORDINANCE 20-2574 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 111 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “BICYCLES”**

Public comments on Ordinances 20-2572, 20-2573, and 20-2574.

Diana Flagg, resident, inquired where food trucks are allowed to park. Ms. Flagg inquired if they will be allowed to move up and down street, where will they operate from, and inquired what the permits are for.

Mr. Gallo stated the information is on page 3 of the ordinance.

Mayor Amatorio stated the trucks will be parked on commercial property. Mayor Amatorio stated they will not be moving. Food trucks will be allowed to operate in certain locations, and will not be driving around town like ice cream trucks. The food vendor would have to request permission from the private property owner. Every restaurant is competing against each other.

Anthony Vasquez, resident, stated he and his wife want to open up a food truck and would like to continue what Mark did. He also stated that they would like to get involved with community events. Mr. Vasquez stated they have been in contact with the property owner where Mark was parked and made a payment to reserve the spot in the event it is open. He commented that it would be a blessing to support their family as well as the community.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated the council has concerns about the food trucks impacting the businesses in town. A few councilmembers stated that starting with 20 food trucks would be too high and suggested lowering the number, doing it for a year, and see how it impacts the businesses.

Mayor Amatorio stated they can always amend the ordinance if they need to increase the number.

Motion by Council President Marte, second by Councilperson Pascual, to amend Ordinance 20-2573 on page 2, item 3 to 10 food vendors.

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

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

Motion by Council President Marte, second by Councilperson Deauna, to pass Ordinances 20-2572, 20-2573, 20-2574 on second and final reading and are hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>

Council President Marte: *aye* Councilperson Pascual: *aye*

Mayor Amatorio read the following into the record:

The following capital ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on October 6, 2020 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

**ORDINANCE 20-2575 – CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$1,075,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.**

Public comments on Ordinance 20-2575.

No one came forward.

Motion by Council President Marte, second by Councilperson Lodato, to pass Ordinance 20-2575 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:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>nay</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Council President Marte:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

#### B. Introduction of Ordinances

Mayor Amatorio read the title of the ordinance into the record:

**ORDINANCE 20-2576 – AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “COMMERCIAL AND NON-COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD**

Mayor Amatorio stated based on discussion and input from the public, the ordinance will be introduced, but there may be changes to the ordinance based on the recommendations on the weight.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated the modification will be published. He commented that it is up to the governing body whether the ordinance will be introduced tonight.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated there are two items for the Council to consider, one is the weight of vehicles, and perhaps have a separate weight for commercial vehicles and non-commercial vehicles. He commented that some people have large vehicles that exceed 8500 pounds, but is not related to a business. Mr. Schettino suggested confirming the weights, then separating the items and have two weight restrictions depending whether it's a commercial or non-commercial vehicle.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated the ordinance should be held until the amendments are made.

Mayor Amatorio stated they will table the ordinance until all input is received and reintroduce the ordinance with the correct amendments.

Motion by Council President Marte, second by Councilperson Lodato, that Ordinance 20-2576 be tabled.

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

Councilperson Lodato: *aye*  
Councilperson Deauna: *aye*  
Council President Marte: *aye*

Councilperson Kornbluth: *aye*  
Councilperson Rivera: *absent*  
Councilperson Pascual: *aye*

#### A. CONSENT AGENDA

**CONSENT RESOLUTION 20-311.** 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. **20-312/**To Approve Bill List
- b. **20-313/**To Amend Meeting Schedule
- c. **20-314/**To Authorize Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder for TTL #18-00005
- d. **20-315/**To Authorize RFQ for 2021 Professional Services
- e. **20-316/**To Approve Change Order No. 1 – FY' 2020 NJDOT West Clinton Avenue Roadway Rehabilitation – DLS Contracting
- f. **20-317/**To Approve Enabling Resolution – Green Acres Grant Program – NJ Department of Environmental Protection
- g. **20-318/**To Approve Amended Green Acres Project Agreement – NJ Department of Environmental Protection
- h. **20-319/**To Authorize Bid – 2020 Sanitary and Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Project
- i. **20-320/**To Authorize Bid – Heating and Cooling Systems Maintenance

Motion by Council President Marte, second by Councilperson Deauna, that the Consent Resolution be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato: *aye*  
Councilperson Deauna: *aye*  
Council President Marte: *aye*

Councilperson Kornbluth: *aye*  
Councilperson Rivera: *absent*  
Councilperson Pascual: *aye*

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Best Practices Inventory

Mr. Rich Cahill, CFO, stated that every year the Division of Local Government Services puts out a list of questions called the Best Practices Inventory. The municipality is required to complete these questions each year in order to retain all of the state aid allocated to the municipality. Mr. Gallo stated the questions range from financial to managerial. The municipality has to score a minimum of 16 points to retain financial aid. The borough scored 19.5 points. The borough will receive all of the state aid. An open discussion is required to bring the Best Practices Inventory to the public's attention.

##### Committee/Department Reports

Motion offered by Council President Marte that the Committee/Department Reports be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. Second by Councilperson Kornbluth. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

#### VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS II

Mayor Amatorio opened the meeting to Verbal Communications II and invited the public to comment on any subject, limited to five minutes per speaker.

Mark Notarangelo, resident, inquired when the restrictions for commercial vehicles and properties will take effect. Mr. Notarangelo stated he did not see anywhere in the notice he received where the weight issue for trucks is referenced. Mr. Notarangelo inquired how a letter of violation could be sent out without prior approval and without discussing it. Mr. Notarangelo stated he has gone back to the 1970's, this has all been the same way, and the working men and the committee have always come up with a compromise. He stated he has received calls against his business, but it has been found not to be true. He commented that there should be guidelines across the board. Mr. Notarangelo stated he received a cease-and-desist letter from Mr. Madaio years ago, but nothing could be found against him. He had complied with all ordinances and nothing has changed since then. Mr. Notarangelo commented that he has less trucks now. He also inquired why landscapers with out of state plates are allowed in town.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the ordinances have been in place since the Borough zoning laws were adopted. He commented that it has always been in effect, in terms of not being permitted to have a commercial use in a residential zone. Mr. Schettino stated that the code was adopted in 1979 and has been in effect since then.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated the letters issued have nothing to do with the ordinance being introduced. He commented that the notice is about commercial businesses running in residential zones.

Mayor Amatorio stated that the ordinance that is being introduced is to make the rules and guidelines applicable to everyone. The ordinance is currently tabled, and further changes will be made based on the recommendations from councilmembers and clarification of the weight. If there are any issues that were a part of the letter that was received, and it is not included in the ordinance, then it has to be dealt with separately.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated the part of the letter that has to do with the weight restriction is no longer applicable since the ordinance has been tabled. He explained that the other part about operating a commercial vehicle out of a residential zone, and if a property owner in a residential zone increased their impervious coverage in their rear yard, those ordinances have already been in place. He explained that those violations, if they exist, will be reinforced.

Diana Flagg, resident, stated there is no signage to indicate that Palisade Avenue becomes two way when you get to Legion Drive. She commented that there are a few cars that have driven there thinking it is one way. Ms. Flagg suggested putting a sign there indicating it is two way. Ms. Flagg hopes the town has good luck with the food vendors. Ms. Flagg inquired if letters have been sent to other businesses in Bergenfield that park in their driveways besides the landscapers. Ms. Flagg inquired if they were told they would have 45 days to rectify the problem. Ms. Flagg inquired if Councilman Deauna received a letter for advertising on his front lawn that he is a notary public. She stated that she has a neighbor who scavenges around town on bulk day and then bring debris back into their backyard.

Mary Sullivan, resident, inquired if there is any influence of when the COVID-19 testing comes to town. She inquired if testing can be done before Thanksgiving.

Mayor Amatorio stated Bergenfield residents can go to Teaneck or New Milford to be tested. He commented that they will try to bring it to Bergenfield, but testing is based on the resources, and therefore has become regionalized.

Carolyn Schmelz, resident, inquired if the light on Prospect Avenue and Vreeland Avenue is up yet. Ms. Schmelz stated there were twelve lights out on Washington Avenue. She stated that she knew two of them were broken, but inquired about the rest. Ms. Schmelz inquired how many complaints does it take for there to be action. Ms. Schmelz inquired why the meetings are not back to being televised or held over Zoom. She commented that there are people that cannot get out of their



homes, but wish to participate. She stated that more and more towns are doing it now, especially with the COVID pandemic, and hopes the Mayor and Council consider it. Ms. Schmelz stated she gets nervous when she sees people getting dropped off, standing, sitting, or sleeping, waiting for someone on the street to come and pick them up for work. She stated that the borough gave a bunch of people a place to sit and wait to be picked up, however, the area is not just there anymore, as it is now all over town. She commented that there are people sleeping on benches around town on the side of the wall by the 7-eleven. Ms. Schmelz stated that because of the pandemic, more people are coming in. Ms. Schmelz stated she sees people coming off the bus. She expressed her concern because there are young girls in high school walking by, and it is very uncomfortable for them. Ms. Schmelz stated she sent pictures of residents parking their cars on the sidewalk during the day to the Borough Administrator and Council. She commented that the Code Enforcement should be enforcing these violations.

Deputy Chief Massey stated that a patrolman is assigned to go around town and check the lights each and every night, and then a report is submitted to PSE&G.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated he will contact PSE&G again. Mr. Gallo further stated that the borough didn't change its policy. Mr. Gallo stated they are servicing a lot more families at the food pantry due to the pandemic. He commented that families are being screened and need to qualify.

Sonya Chapman, resident, stated that it seems like it is a safety issue to keep commercial vehicles on your property. She commented that there should be some consideration to the neighbors as people are loading bricks into their commercial vehicles at 7 a.m. in residential zones. She commented that the meetings should be put on Facebook live so that residents can hear all that goes on. Ms. Chapman inquired about what is going on with Washington Avenue. Ms. Chapman inquired how many nail salons and barber shops are going to be allowed in Bergenfield.

Brian Gilligan, resident, suggested if the issue of commercial vehicles is going back to the bureau, they should look into what type of commercial vehicle can be used and allowed. Mr. Gilligan stated that he has a power wash company and drives commercial vehicles. He does not run his business from his home. He stores materials in the garage. Mr. Gilligan stated he had seen some of the pictures and stated the first thing that should be addressed is if people cleaned up since last year.

Jacqueline Romney, resident, stated she was looking at the reports from August and noticed there were 54 car crashes and this month there are 52 car crashes. Ms. Romney inquired what has been done to address the crashes and if there is a traffic engineer for the traffic safety committee to address some of the conflicts with the crashes.

Mayor Amatorio stated the statistics for car crashes is shared with traffic enforcement. The Police Department is doing their job. He stated that he does not have the statistics, but most of the crashes are a result of speeding. Mayor Amatorio stated part of the plan is to purchase a speeding radar and that was on the list to purchase when he met with the traffic safety committee. In terms of the funding, the money has not been received yet.

Mr. Gallo stated there are traffic issues related to engineering and commented that cell phones are the number one cause of accidents. Police officers are walking in the crosswalks and issuing warnings and giving tickets. This year it has been impossible because of the COVID-19.

Ed Rajner, resident, inquired what the status of sports and recreation is. He stated that he and his wife do the Challenger program, soccer and basketball. Mr. Rajner stated he tried to contact the Recreation Director twice via email and text message and did not receive a reply.

Mr. Gallo stated the state provided in an executive order that indoor sports will be allowed to occur. There will be a lot of safety precautions and protocols that need to be followed. There is going to be a limit of the number of people allowed due to the social distancing. Mr. Gallo stated he has no issues with the soccer program and will have to discuss the basketball program.

John Smith, resident, congratulated Councilwoman Kornbluth and the Mayor's wife for doing a good job running the COVID-19 anti-body testing. He commented that it was a good success with 225 people there. Mr. Smith stated he already spoke with the Borough Administrator about McDonald's running over the signs with their big 18 wheelers. He commented that there are no more signs by the VFW. Mr. Smith stated that he called the County and even reached out to Freeholder Sullivan. Mr. Smith also spoke to him about signage on Prospect Avenue. He stated that it took 7 minutes for vehicles to stop so that he could cross the street on Washington Avenue. Mr. Smith stated that the sign on Prospect Avenue was run over by a landscaper. Mr. Smith suggested the governing body should hold off on giving the County any monies from taxes received if they do not respond and put up the signs. Mr. Smith inquired who will be enforcing the new ordinances passed. He commented that properties need to be maintained and must be enforced. Mr. Smith suggested hiring another assistance for the Code Enforcement officer.

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

#### COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor and Council thanked everyone who attended the meeting and wished all a good night.

Councilperson Deauna commended the police force and Deputy Chief Massey for keeping the town safe and sound.

#### CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION 20-321/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

Attorney-Client Privilege, Contracts, and Personnel

1. Administrative Contract Updates
2. PBA Local 309 Update
3. Knickerbocker Country Club Tax Status Update

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 Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Pascual, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 9:59 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Council President Marte, second by Councilperson Deauna, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones  
Borough Clerk