

BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
7:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY 19, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Schmelz, Council President Ora Kornbluth, Council members Thomas Lodato (arrived at 8:20 p.m.), Arvin Amatorio, Hernando Rivera, and Rafael Marte

ABSENT: Councilperson Buddy Deauna

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

Mayor Schmelz called the meeting to order at 7:15 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.

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution 19-076/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Session to discuss:

- A. Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. Bond Rating and Financial Strategies
 - 2. Update on Utility Infrastructure Repairs

Motion Offered by Council President Kornbluth, Second by Councilperson Rivera, and all present voting in favor, the meeting entered into Closed Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion Offered by Council President Kornbluth, Second by Councilperson Rivera and all present voting in favor, the meeting returned to Open Session.

The Salute to the Flag was led by Councilperson Marte.

AGENDA CHANGES

Council President Kornbluth made one addition to New Business, appointment of Public Defender, Kristopher Beralo, Esq. and Alternate Public Defender, Steven Sciancalepore, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, Second by Councilperson Rivera, to approve minutes of the January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting, January 15, 2019 Closed Session (not to be released), February 5, 2019 Work Session Meeting, and February 5, 2019 Closed Session (not to be released). All present voting in favor, none opposed.

PRESENTATIONS

- A. American Heart Month Proclamation

Mayor Schmelz read proclamation into the record. Mayor stated that the building is decorated in red for American Heart Month.

B. "MLK Day: Changing Bergenfield One Community Service at a Time"

Mayor Schmelz stated that a great community service program was started in town by Christian Guillan and 13 other students in 2015 to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and has become a tradition. Mayor Schmelz presented certificates to the students that started the program. Mayor Schmelz also presented certificates to the students who have spent more than 120 hours in organizing the program over the past five years.

C. Department Hires and Appointments

19-077/To Hire Full-Time Telecommunicator – Andre Astudillo

Motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #19-077 be approved.

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

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

19-078/To Hire Per-Diem Crossing Guard – Sharon Stewart

Motion by councilperson Rivera, second by Council President Kornbluth, that Resolution #19-078 be approved.

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

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

19-079/To Hire Part-time Laborer – Juan P. Valencia

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #19-079 be approved.

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

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

On a motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Rivera and all present voting in favor, the meeting is recessed. The meeting was re-opened at 8:35 p.m.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS I

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

Fred Sahlberg, resident, inquired if the governing body will be voting on the BSID tonight and whether anyone will motion to have it tabled.

Councilperson Amatorio stated that it depends on the outcome of the public hearing.

John Smith, resident, handed out copies of minutes of previous mayor and council meetings showing how it was voted on and what was said regarding the BSID budget. Mr. Smith inquired why the complaints regarding the zoning board attorney were discussed in closed session, if the chairman received a RICE notice, and why he was never notified.

Borough Attorney John Schettino stated that he is not considered an employee of the borough and the matter was discussed in closed session under two exceptions. The purpose of the closed session was for me to give legal advice to the governing body as to what action, if any, could be taken in respect to removing any member of any appointed board. The process involves a hearing and possible litigation, which falls under the litigation exception and attorney-client exception. If there was going to be a hearing, the board member would be given a notice that the discussion could be held in closed session or the board member could request to be heard in public session. Mr. Schettino stated he listened to the tape and there wasn't anything criminal. In addressing the removal of a board member, the law states that if it's criminal conduct, the governing body has the right and should remove board member. There are other reasons a board member can be removed. Anything less than criminal conduct becomes less objective and more subjective.

Mr. Smith inquired if it is unethical and advised that he will go to the Local Finance Board.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

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| A. Alfano/Senior Citizens Committee | RE: Request to Reserve Memorial Park for the Annual Senior Picnic/Wednesday, June 12, 2019/12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| B. Naylis/Board of Fire Officers | RE: Personnel Action – Letter dated February 13, 2019 |
| C. Malley/Bergen County Council of Irish Associations | RE: 38 th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade/Washington Avenue from West Englewood Avenue to Church Street/Sunday, March 10, 2019/2:00 p.m. (1:30 lineup) |

Motion by Councilperson Rivera, Second by Councilperson Marte, to approve Correspondence Items A through C. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

ORDINANCES

- A. Adoption of Ordinance

Mayor Schmelz read into the record:

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on February 5, 2019 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

19-2540 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM”

Public comments on Ordinance 19-2540.

None.

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte, to pass Ordinance 19-2540 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>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

B. Introduction of Ordinances

Motion by Council President Kornbluth that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and setting Tuesday, March 5, 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 ordinance. Second by Councilperson Amatorio.

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

19-2541 – AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “VACATING AND TERMINATION OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT”

19-2542 – AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “CREATION OF UTILITY EASEMENT FOR MAINTAINING DRAINAGE AND WATER STRUCTURES”

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

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT RESOLUTION 19-080. 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. **19-081**/To Approve Bill List
- b. **19-082**/To Approve Temporary Emergency Appropriation
- c. **19-083**/To Approve Transfer of Appropriation Reserves
- d. **19-084**/To Approve State Contract Purchase – Barrier Free Playground Equipment & Sensory Garden – Picerno Giordano Construction
- e. **19-085**/To Approve Proposal – WAN Services & Internal Network – Educational Technology Integrators
- f. **19-086**/To Authorize the Foreclosure of Properties referenced on the In Rem Foreclosure List

Motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Councilperson Rivera, that the Consent Resolution be approved.

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

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

B. Resolutions

19-087/To Approve Contract – Department of Public Works Superintendent

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #19-087 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>absent</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

19-088/To Approve Proposal – RSC Architects

Councilperson Amatorio inquired if this is a new contract.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that when the project was started, it was project involved re-developing the existing building. Now, a new building is going to be built, and there are some different costs associated with it.

Council President Kornbluth inquired if RSC can come to the next meeting to explain why the costs went up.

Mayor Schmelz stated that they can do that, but it will delay the project from moving forward.

Mr. Gallo stated that the information was given to the entire governing body for review. Mr. Gallo stated there are certain parts they need to subcontract. There are also additional engineering costs that will be coming out of these numbers. The difference in cost is between renovations versus a new project.

Council President Kornbluth stated that percentage wise the project number went up.

Councilperson Lodato stated that the engineering costs are going to be absorbed by RSC Architects even though the charges are at higher rates.

Mr. Gallo reviewed the fees and stated there was a breakdown of the fees in the proposal.

Councilperson Amatorio stated that the fees increased from 6.5% to 7.1% with extra engineering costs.

Mayor Schmelz stated that if everyone had questions about this, they should have called the Borough Administrator and requested for the architects to come in and explain.

Councilperson Amatorio stated the right thing to do is to discuss this in open session, when the public is in front of us.

Motion by Councilperson Marte, second by Council President Kornbluth, that Resolution #19-088 be tabled.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 2019 Bergenfield Special Improvement District Budget

1. Public comments on BSID 2019 Budget

Motion by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Councilperson Marte, to open public hearing on the 2019 Bergenfield Special Improvement District Budget.

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

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

John Smith, resident, inquired if the governing body reviewed the minutes of what was said last time. Mr. Smith stated NJ 40;56-71.1 is the definition relative to the downtown business improvement zones, including the cost of appraisal, economic, environmental, planning design, architectural survey, and other professional service necessary to improve the district. BSID hasn't done this. Chapter 69 of the borough ordinance gives the definition that the district management corporation will provide administrative and other services to benefit businesses, employees, residents and consumers in the special improvement district. Mr. Smith stated he has been stating over the past five years, the BSID has not made any improvements. The BSID hasn't done anything to help the new businesses in town or addressed the parking problem in town.

Fred Sahlberg, resident, stated he gets the impression the governing body knows how they are going to vote. It's all going to be resolved tonight one way or another. If it's voted to do away with the improvement district, it is going to be replaced. If there were issues with the BSID, it should have been addressed three to four months ago, not at the last hour. Business owners are complaining because they are reaching into their pockets and there is no support.

Mayor Schmelz stated there haven't been any businesses who have complained to the council that he is aware of.

Tom O'Reilly, owner of Tommy Fox's and Chairman of the BSID, stated they will answer questions regarding the budget. The BSID has never claimed credit for Holiday in the Park. The cleaning has always been handled by the DPW. It's targeted, supplemental cleaning that was brought forward by two to three BSID board members as special interest projects in certain areas of the avenue where garbage gathers because of the wind. It was never meant to replace DPW cleaning. They have worked hard on the budget.

Stuart Koperweis, Executive Director of Go Bergenfield district, stated that he has been involved in improvement districts for over 25 years and have helped municipalities to revitalize and grow. The assessments are raised from property owners and they are not known as taxes. They work for the common objectives of the business and property owners in the municipal business district. The mission is to increase economic activity and prosperity in the Borough of Bergenfield. It is not a business improvement zone. There has been an increase in vibrancy, visibility, consumer engagement, and positive feedback from retailers in this community.

Councilperson Amatorio stated that the BSID budget is always approved, because the Council supports the BSID. It is inaccurate to say that the council is anti-SID. It shouldn't be seen as being unsupportive of the BSID, if the governing body questions how things are done and reviews

their budget. The Council is obligated to make sure the assessments are done properly and the budget is spent accordingly to what is proposed. He stated that the Council has been comparing the numbers from previous years' budgets with proposed budget for 2019.

Mr. Koperweis explained that all costs for printing and advertising under marketing were moved to events for 2018. The \$30,000 under marketing for this year is for direct development for the marketing firm to be able to do the marketing and to have a little cushion for marketing on top of that. The vendor is paid \$24,000 to do all of the marketing for the year. There is a 10 page contract that explains all the services they provide which is given to all the board members and is a public document. The management fee of \$48,000 is what Mr. Koperweis receives for his services. He puts in 15-20 hours per week.

Mr. O'Reilly explained that in hiring My Town marketing on a yearly basis, which costs \$9,000 per event, down to \$30,000 for the four in 2018.

Mr. Koperweis stated that they handed out all the candy to the stores for Trunk or Treat and picked it up in coordination with the borough. The food crawl is the same night as Trunk or Treat, so the residents that were already on the avenue for Trunk or Treat can go to the restaurants and enjoy food for \$5.00. It gives vendors new opportunities.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that because of the Food Crawl, the BSID is able to spend money on the Trunk or Treat. The BSID would not be able to spend funds on the event without having the food crawl. He explained that the BSID's support has to benefit the businesses in some way. There were a number of businesses that did not like the street festival, because they did not want to bring their goods onto the street and complained that access to their business was limited on that day. However, they appreciated the Trunk or Treat because it provided a significant boost in business on Halloween, which is usually a dead night. Mr. O'Reilly stated that the Trunk or Treat could be run by the Recreation Department, but the Food Crawl is done by the BSID.

Mr. Koperweis stated that the \$9,000 paid in 2017 was for the first Food Crawl the BSID did. In addition, without the Food Crawl, the BSID would not have been able to participate in the Trunk or Treat program, because it doesn't impact the stakeholders. The Food Crawl and Trunk or Treat is extremely successful. He stated that \$9,000 is needed to spend on these events again. The person responsible for organizing the entire programming charges a fee. His fee for the year to run the four events is \$30,000. The goal of the BSID is to deliver services that the board believes should be delivered to the stakeholders, which is marketing and events. The BSID has sent out thousands of letters to come to stakeholder meetings and only five people show up. The success of the Food Crawl was based on feedback from all of the participants. The total cost of the Food Crawl was \$21,083.03.

Mr. Koperweis stated a full time representative is not necessary to deliver the services necessary for the district management corporation. He was hired for his 25 years of experience.

Mr. O'Reilly stated the BSID has had a volunteer administrator, a part time administrator, a shared services model with Don Smart, and hired Jerry Naylis to do events over the years, and it did not work. He stated that a lot of the administrative work that were required to be done by the BSID were not being done. Mr. O'Reilly stated that Stuart came in and cleaned it up, and the salary is in line for what is being paid for administration. The BSID was asked for the past three years to phase out the economic development portion of the budget by the council. Mr. O'Reilly stated that part of the problem has been that the BSID has not received their funding until April or May in the last four years. There was a carryover of one quarter. If the budget doesn't get passed tonight, the BSID won't be able to continue. The BSID can't amend the budget without a re-introduction. Mr. O'Reilly stated it is a waste of the assessment if the budget is reduced to \$125,000 and a waste of taxpayers' money.

Councilperson Marte told Mr. Koperweis that by no means is the council questioning his abilities. The council wants to see a little more aggression.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that the BSID is a volunteer board. Time is given up from their businesses to volunteer their time on the board. The BSID is there to make sure the money is spent properly. He explained that every dollar spent is documented and open to the public. If the assessment had gone up at the same rate, and kept at 3.82% as it was when created, the BSID budget would be close to \$400,000 now. He explained that the bills do not decrease even though the BSID does not collect more money.

Council President Kornbluth stated that she sees \$78,000 in administrative fees, \$30,000 marketing fees, and \$48,000 to Mr. Koperweis.

Mr. Koperweis stated that's not correct. He explained that \$22,000 of his fees is spent in marketing. He coordinates all of the events, the media and printing, works with third party vendors, puts together the branding programs, and works with the administrator of the third party vendors to put together the programs. Third party vendors are the boots on the ground supporting the activities of the event.

Council President Kornbluth stated that the events are bringing people to only certain parts of the avenue.

Mr. Koperweis agreed with Council President Kornbluth and stated he would like to expand, but he would need more money. He further stated that the Food Crawl and the holiday deals covered the entire district.

Mayor Schmelz stated the BSID wanted to put holiday lights going down to Foster Village, but there wasn't money in the budget and couldn't be done. It costs more money putting the lights up with a yearly contract, \$24,000 on an annual basis, than it does to have a three year contract, which would be \$16,000. The BSID tried to spread out the lights throughout the district.

Councilperson Amatorio suggested allocating more money so the entire district can have the lights.

Mr. Koperweis stated that the holiday deals and the key in the spring is open to every business in the entire district. He noted that 71 retailers had signed up for the holiday deals.

Councilperson Lodato inquired if the BSID budget is substantially underfunded.

Mr. Koperweis stated the amount of funds that was spent in the last two years was \$187,000. The BSID is asking for \$187,000 to maintain that momentum and deliver the same amount of services. They will accept whatever budget is approved, but it has to be done in line items. Each line item has to be specified.

Motion by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Council President Kornbluth, to close public hearing on the 2019 Bergenfield Special Improvement District Budget.

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

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

Mayor Schmelz stated he is a member of the BSID board per ordinance. He explained that liaisons don't always show up to the meetings. Mayor Schmelz stated that it is disheartening when they ask for comments and no one gets back to them. He markets the BSID and shares their post every day,

because the more you share on Facebook, the better the BSID and the downtown will be. It will cost the taxpayers more money if the BSID is reduced or gotten rid of.

Councilperson Amatorio stated this is the right time to discuss the BSID budget, at a public hearing.

Mayor Schmelz stated he's very happy the council is discussing it, but it should have been done in public or at a BSID meeting, back in September 2018.

Councilperson Marte stated that the Council has been dealing with people who have positive and negative positions. He explained that the Council is trying to come up with a solution. He explained that he voted yes for the assessment of \$162,000 budget. He explained he is not able to attend all of the meetings for personal reasons, but remains in contact and conveys all the information he obtains with the Council.

Council President Kornbluth stated she does not feel comfortable voting on the budget as is.

Mayor Schmelz stated that the first part of the notes Mr. Smith had given out were about issues residents on the avenue had.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated the conflicts that existed the first time continue to remain. He explained that there are two councilmembers that have property within the BSID district, and one councilmember who rents property that is presently in litigation with the Borough. He explained that this would disqualify three council members from voting. He further explained that four votes are required for the adoption of the BSID budget, and the Mayor is able to vote if there is a tie. Mr. Schettino explained that even if all three eligible members voted, they would not be able to take any action on the budget. Therefore, all the councilmembers would be permitted to participate.

Councilperson Amatorio stated the issue has been addressed by the ethics committee and he was cleared by the board.

Councilperson Lodato stated the lawsuit still exists.

Mr. Schettino stated that Councilperson Lodato would have to recuse himself. Mr. Schettino stated the BSID budget can be tabled until a new number is decided.

Motion by Councilperson Amatorio, Second by Council President Kornbluth to keep discussion open.

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

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

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, Second by Councilperson Marte to carry over hearing to next meeting.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Councilperson Marte, that Kristofher Beralo, Esq. be appointed Public Defender.

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

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

Motion by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Steven Sciancalepore, Esq. be appointed Alternate Public Defender.

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

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

Committee/Department Reports

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

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS II

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

John Smith, resident, asked Mr. Gallo how much was spent on advertisement for the Memorial Day parade. Mr. Smith stated the BSID would be able to use the borough website to advertise and it would not cost them anything. Mr. Smith stated there were a couple of business owners that complained about the BSID. There has been mismanagement with the BSID for many years. Mr. Smith inquired what the BSID has done for new businesses.

Tom O'Reilly, BSID member, thanked the council for their time. Mr. O'Reilly stated that John Smith makes a good point as to why the BSID budget is too small. Rents have not come down and there have been long term vacancies in Bergenfield. It is not fair to hold the BSID responsible for trends in retail.

Diana Flagg, resident, stated that the planters around the trees on the avenue are coming up and are dangerous.

Mr. Gallo stated the sidewalks have to be pulled and the trees need to be trimmed.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The governing body thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a good night.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION **19-090**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Personnel
 - 1. Police Department Personnel Matters

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 Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 10:35 p.m.

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 11:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones
Borough Clerk