

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 3, 2017**

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Schmelz and Council President Arvin Amatorio, Council members Thomas A. Lodato, Buddy Deauna, Ora Kornbluth, Hernando Rivera, and Rafael Marte

ABSENT: No one.

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

Mayor Schmelz called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 Marte.

Mayor Schmelz held a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting in Las Vegas.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Schmelz stated that the front of Borough Hall is lit up in pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He also stated that the Police Department is selling pink hats to support the cause. Captain Rabboh stated that the caps are \$25 and can only be paid by check. Capt. Rabboh stated that anyone who is interested should contact Police Records.

Mayor Schmelz read the proclamation in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month into the record.

Mayor Schmelz stated that he would like to add the Veterans Ad Hoc Committee to the agenda and invited Mr. Bob Gallione to speak.

Mr. Bob Gallione explained that he learned about the home town heroes' project during a trip, and High School students expressed interest. Mr. Gallione further explained that Bergenfield has several Veterans that were lost in the wars. He told the story of a Veteran from Brey Lane that was a pilot that was shot down. He commented that there are many Veterans that made great sacrifices that were from Bergenfield, and would be honored as Hometown Heroes. Mr. Gallione stated that he spoke with the BSID and they were very supportive of the idea and approved to have the flags hung up until it is time to put up the holiday decorations. There will be a ceremony to honor the families of the heroes, and the VFW Post #6467 will be present. A file with all the information will also be kept at the Bergenfield museum.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired whether approval should be provided by the BSID or the governing body.

Council President Amatorio stated that the council is fully supportive of the idea, but he would like to make sure that the appropriate procedures are followed.

On a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Councilperson Lodato, and all present voting in favor, the Veterans Ad Hoc Committee proposal to display Hometown Heroes banners on Washington Avenue is approved.

Mr. Bob Gallione thanked his wife for all her help and support throughout the process.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BOROUGH ENGINEER

A. Engineering & Inspection Status Report

Borough Engineer Paul Cray stated the 2017 Riverside Cooperative project is proceeding and going to through November. The concrete work is being done right now and then the resurfacing will be done.

Mayor Schmelz stated he noticed some of the work being done is sloppy and he had sent some pictures to the administrator.

Mr. Cray stated they have to stay on the subcontractors to redo the work. The utility repair project is approaching completion and they will develop a punch list. Mr. Cray stated the invasive part of the pipe grouting for the sanitary sewer infiltration and repairs project was done and the pipe lining will begin shortly. There will be trucks on the streets but there won't be any disruption to the road itself. The work for the fire department signal design at Church and Front Street will begin shortly. The DOT municipal aid application for W. Central Avenue will be filed shortly.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated the CDBG application will be coming around December 8th, 2017.

Council President Amatorio stated the construction company that did the milling and paving in front of Hoover School did a bad job and it was embarrassing when residents noticed.

Mr. Cray stated it was not acceptable the job they did and the contractor had to come back and redo the job correctly. It's unfortunate but it is not costing the Borough to have it redone.

Council President Amatorio stated the paving should have been done before the crosswalk. The residents think it is the Borough money that is being thrown away.

Mayor Schmelz stated if the work was started July 1st instead of August 1st, it would not have been rushed. The work should have been done earlier.

Mr. Cray stated the Borough benefited from better pricing from the Riverside Cooperative with the resurfacing and they are at the mercy of the Riverside Coop scheduling. They didn't have any control of the schedule.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tabled Ordinances

ORDINANCE 17-2501 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” **(Tabled 3-7-17)**

No action taken.

ORDINANCE 17-2515 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “DEPARTMENTS” **(Tabled 9-5-17)**

Councilperson Lodato stated that the Fire Department has submitted their recommendations and the ordinance should be ready for the next meeting.

B. Adoption of Ordinance

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on September 19, 2017, and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

ORDINANCE 17-2500 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”

Public comments on Ordinance 17-2500.

Barry Doll, resident, stated that the ordinances have been going around and no action has been taken. He inquired about the sponsors of the ordinances, and questioned when the public will have the opportunity to comment on the ordinance.

Mayor Schmelz explained that one ordinance is on hold given litigation issues, and issues were raised with the second ordinance and are being addressed. The traffic ordinance, now is the time provide public comment.

Motion by Council President Amatorio, **Second by** Councilperson Kornbluh, to pass Ordinance 17-2500 on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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

C. Tabled Resolutions

1. **17-308**/To Approve Agreement – Fencing of Dog Park at Memorial Park – Bergen Fence (**Tabled 9-5-17**)

Councilperson Kornbluth commented whether the governing body should further discuss the ordinance prior to approving an agreement.

Mayor Schmelz stated that the governing body needs to discuss changes to allow the dogs in the park.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that there was a need to create a specific time, instead of dusk to dawn.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated a specific time is easier to enforce, and that the hours can be changed from summer to winter months. He noted that is also easier for residents to understand.

Mayor Schmelz commented that it should be transparent and available to all to discuss and open for debate.

No action taken.

D. Reexamination Report of the Master Plan

Mayor Schmelz stated that all the members should have received a copy of the master plan and inquired whether the governing body wanted to take any action. He commented that most of the changes are clerical, and an ordinance can be created to make the ordinance changes. He also advised that he can request a parking study. Mr. Schmelz stated that the planner is recommending changes to items #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, others have to wait for more studies for section 7.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the governing body can set a committee to discuss the changes, and then approve them in bulk rather than keep coming back to the governing body. He advised that given the expected settlement, the Zoning Ordinance may also have to be amended, and the committee can review those changes as well. He further advised that a timeline can be set to introduce in the first meeting of December and adopt in the second meeting of December.

Motion by Council President Amatorio, second by Councilperson Lodato, and present voting in favor, that Councilmembers Lodato, Amatorio, and Marte form the committee to review the Master Plan.

E. Recommendations and Nominations for Boards and Committees (**Tabled 9-19-17**)

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Shade Tree Committee for an unexpired term (*vacancy*), term expiring December 31, 2017.

Mike Cassidy

Councilperson Deauna explained that the Shade Tree Committee Chairman approached him and respectfully requested that Mr. Cassidy be appointed to the committee, given his expertise in the field. He confirmed that Mr. Cassidy is a resident of the town.

On a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Deauna, and all present voting in favor, the Shade Tree Committee appointment is removed from the table.

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Councilperson Lodato, and all present voting in favor, the nomination is approved.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Mayor appoints the following to serve on the Board of Health for a 4-year term (unexp. Connell), term expiring December 31, 2020.

Cindy Kneisler

Mayor Schmelz stated that he submitted a resume for all to review. He advised that if there are other candidates, they should submit a resume as well.

No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Lost Time Accident Frequency Report

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the Risk Manager advised that the Borough has made a significant improvement and has one of the best numbers. He noted that the loss ratio is down, and is a result of automated garbage. Mr. Gallo stated the Borough went from being one of the worst with the most frequency of claims to one of the best, dollar wise.

Mayor Schmelz stated that he asked this be added to the agenda because it is important to discuss safety. He commented that top management should always review this information as it is important for insurance.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Gallo stated that he received notification on Friday the Federal Highway Safety awarded the Borough a \$15,000 grant for patrol and traffic guidance that offsets the cost of the Borough. The Borough Engineer is working closely with the contractors to complete the work from 2015 and 2016 with part of the work completed by SUEZ. He stated that the systems were upgraded on Somers, Ames, and Woods Avenues and the streets was repaved. However, the street did not look proper and started to unravel. The contractor stated they would take a core sample, and stated that they were fine. However, there were significant differences in the samples completed by the Borough Engineer and the Borough. This work had to be redone. The Administrator explained that sometimes he is in the office, and sometimes he is working out of the office to inspect the projects. He advised that with the ADA ramps and the paving of Washington Avenue, the County is unable to start the work until the end of October, which will push the end of the project to December. He commented that there is too much of a risk to put monies into a project that may not fully cure correctly. He noted that it usually takes 30 days for cement to cure, and that the salt used in the winter could hurt the cement. Mr. Gallo stated they will wait until March to do the project.

Council President Amatorio stated that the only concern is whether the funding will be in place.

Mr. Gallo stated that the County officials assured him the funding is in place. He explained that there is only one town ahead of Bergenfield, and the contractor is finalizing a project in Princeton. The contractor does not have enough crews to complete all the work at once.

Councilperson Deauna inquired if the Borough can be notified in writing.

Mr. Gallo stated that the contract has already been awarded to this particular contractor. The County went out to bid and locked in a price with the lowest bidder.

Council President Amatorio inquired whether the ramp takes a month to complete.

Mr. Gallo explained that the concrete is more tedious, will take about a week and two days to mill. He advised that Woodbine & Front Street was completed in four days. He expressed that his goal is to ensure the road is perfect by Memorial Day.

Mr. Gallo also stated that there are a few projects he is hoping to get to the finish line, and is wrapping up purchasing for the year in order to work on the 2018 Budget. He advised that there will be work to be done, but the Borough will have to focus on other areas such as the Fire Trucks and continuation of automation. The goal of the County is to pave Prospect Ave, River Edge Road, and so the Borough will have their share of the obligation.

He stated that when he started working in the Borough back in 2015, the challenge was that the two-family owner occupied were never inspected or monitored. He reported that to date, there have been 776 registered single and two family and inspected properties. There are 19 registered vacant properties. He further reported that the Code Enforcement Office has issued 837 letters identifying complaints, and 576 of the complaints have been resolved. There have been 141 summonses issued for not complying, and 120 pending because they are working out their situations. There are less and less homes that are run down and the community is looking better.

Mayor Schmelz inquired the result of the abandoned properties.

Mr. Gallo explained that the water is tested, DPW cleans and cuts the grass, and then the owner is charged for the services on their tax bill.

He advised that more and more services are being provided by DPW, and garbage is being collected on holidays and weekends. There are only four DPW guys scheduled instead of fourteen.

Mr. Gallo stated that the BSID is having a meeting on October 16th for all business and property owners. There's been revitalization at Foster Village.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

Councilperson Kornbluth

stated she attended the mandatory CDBG workshop in the County for the 2018 grant. BVAC has responded to 1,560 calls to date, and members attended a course on how to treat high risk car crash victims. The Police Department is working with the recreation committee on the Halloween event, and the recruits are doing well and should graduate from the academy in the end of March. OEM has obtained a light tower for Halloween Parade and is working on the event along all other Emergency Services and Recreation. Recreation is working on the Halloween Event and the Food Crawl, and are seeking donations. Fall Sports is well underway, and all coaches will be attending CPR classes.

Councilperson Rivera

stated last Sunday, Councilman Marte and he attended the Hispanic Heritage month event celebrated at the Bergenfield Library, which was a great success with singers and food.

Councilperson Marte

stated the business district is moving along with the parade and is gaining much enthusiasm. The BSID has contributed \$15,000 to market all events, which will cover the Halloween Parade and the Food Crawl, and all holiday events. He also attended the Prospect Fire Department 100th year celebration, which was a beautiful event.

Council President Amatorio

stated the VFW Post #6467 held a POW Veteran celebration on September 15th, which was a very sharp and meaningful event. This upcoming Thursday, the Veterans Committee will meet to discuss the Veterans Day Ceremony. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is carefully reviewing the proposal for the synagogue, there have been cross examinations by residents and the attorney, and the board is expected to have two to three more meetings on the proposal.

Mayor Schmelz inquired if there were other applications are being considered by the board.

Council President Amatorio stated that there was one other application, which was moved to the next meeting. He noted that the discussion on the synagogue lasted three hours.

Councilperson Deauna

state he had a highly educational meeting with Deputy Chief Chris Naylis and other officers about the hiring process and a potential amendment to the ordinance. He attended the 100th anniversary celebration, which was a very nice event. He hopes to have the ordinance prepared for adoption. The Shade Tree committee is very busy, they

truly solve the problems of the residents, and are short-handed. They will appreciate Mr. Cassidy's appointment to the Shade Tree committee. They currently have 16 requests for tree trimmings and several for the removal of old trees. The Rent Leveling Board tried to have a meeting, but had no quorum. There is an opening for a landlord and tenant position. The Municipal Alliance only meets a few times during the year.

Mr. Gallo stated when residents call about a tree, the DPW checks if it is a Borough tree, and if there is a gray area, the Shade Tree gets involved. Mr. Gallo stated there is strong coordination, but the issue is man power.

Councilperson Lodato

stated the Fire Committee had a meeting with the Deputy Chiefs Naylis and Saito to discuss the ordinance that was tabled. The hope is to put together a comprehensive package that allows membership from contiguous towns. The Police Department allows members from Police Auxiliary if the town is within 5 miles, and so the Fire Department hopes to have a lesser distance.

Council President Amatorio requested clarification if it would be an issue if volunteer firefighters from other towns take property and vehicles to other towns.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that it is a local decision. If you restricted the fire vehicles not to leave the boundaries of the Borough, then it's your prerogative.

Mr. Gallo stated the Police Chief and the DPW superintendent currently have a 10 mile radius.

Councilman Lodato

stated some of the changes are to have a Crew Chief to supervise in the absence of the Chief, and also create the position for an administration purpose. They also mentioned that they would like to move their annual election to be moved to a date in December, to allow a more flexible schedule. They held a 9/11 Ceremony which started at Alert Fire House and proceeded to Cooper's Pond, and would like to have it again next year.

Mr. Gallo stated that the Fire Department has been assigned a secretary for a few months now.

Mr. Gallo stated that if the Council would like to have an annual ceremony, then it will be done. However, it was decided by the committee that it would be done every 5 years as of the 15th Anniversary. Mr. Gallo stated he was not happy how the situation was handled, because he felt they took a shot against the Mayor and Council. This could have been handled like all other events, and the meeting would have been held in July and August to ensure all was prepared by September.

Mayor Schmelz stated that there was a brief conversation that the event would be held every 5 years and there was a state mandate that the ceremony would be every five years. Mayor Schmelz stated the event was very tasteful and does not see why something can't be done as a town.

Mr. Gallo stated if it was going to be done as a town, it should have been addressed that way. The ceremony should have remained at Alert Fire House, and not walk over to the park which was disrespectful to the council.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that the issue is that the fire department had the ceremony when they knew since they were part of the committee that had decided to have the event every 5 years.

Mr. Gallo explained that back in 2016, a member of the fire department had submitted a letter to the Mayor and Council requesting to have the fire department take over the ceremony, and the request was denied. Mr. Gallo was asked to set an entire committee to host the event. They wanted to take control of the event and it was inappropriate.

Mayor Schmelz stated that seeing what they did, it was a very nice event in comparison to the political disaster it was the year before.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that the entire committee should be involved.

Mayor Schmelz stated the council will have to relook this discussion.

Mr. Gallo expressed that this caused a lot of buzz around town, and lots of bad language.

Mayor Schmelz stated last night he attended a meeting regarding the Bergenfield Public Library centennial celebration. They are planning to hold events all throughout the year in 2018. Residents interested should sign up to the Zombie Run. Every Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 is the Mayor's Wellness Walk and walk around the track for an hour. All are welcome to join and walk. He attended the Planning Board meeting the other night and there was a minor subdivision application.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Neira/St. Joseph's Healthcare System

RE: Request to Reserve the Courtroom for WIC Program/2nd & 4th Monday of every month in 2018/from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

B. Lanzilotti/Board of Fire Officers

RE: Personnel Action – October 3, 2017

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, second by Councilperson Deauna and all members present voting in favor, Correspondence Items A through B are approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Barry Doll stated the Environmental Committee has applied for Sustainable New Jersey certification. Mr. Doll stated they will continue to put programs together during the year. The Barrier Free committee is hosting a special needs dance for children on October 29th from 1:00-3:00pm at the high school. We have been working with Laurie Brown. There are 600 children in Bergenfield who are considered to have special needs. Mr. Doll stated they are continuing with the fundraising for the Play for All at Memorial Park. Bob Gallione has donated \$6,000 on behalf of the American Legion. Mr. Doll stated they have started painting MarchBank. There is a painting party this Saturday. Mr. Doll stated they have spent less than \$350 to have 1/3 of it done. The budget is \$1,000. Mr. Doll inquired what the results were from the investigation and the assessments of the homes. Mr. Doll inquired if the former prosecutor still involved with it?

Borough Attorney John Schettino stated it is still under investigation and the council would not be able to comment. The information will be released to the public, when the report is completed. Mr.

Schettino stated it is a review. John Molinelli was appointed as the special council. At the last meeting, there were 3 people and an alternate were appointed to serve on committee that the attorney will report and then this committee will report back to the governing body.

Mr. Gallo stated that add-ons were extended to October 10th. The records will be released to the taxes when the report is completed. There are 150 to 200 properties to be assessed. Every property is different.

Mr. John Smith had inquired of the council at the last meeting what the punishment would be for a group of people using Borough property without permission from the governing body. There were two individuals from the fire department and the ambulance corps. that were at the September 11 meeting. They should apologize to the council for the comments they made and why all the secrecy. Everyone was present. Comments were made on both political sides which speeches should not have been made. In November, the Zoning Board is going to have meetings twice a month since the synagogue is taking up a lot of time and there are a lot of other applications. The chairman of the Zoning Board had stated a special deal was made for special parking privileges and would like know if there is a referendum allowing for overnight parking and weekends.

Captain Rabboh stated for any holidays there is a Borough wide parking ban. There is no special treatment. Captain Rabboh stated he does all the postings when a holiday comes up.

Mayor Schmelz stated that it is in the parking ordinances.

Captain Rabboh stated they take into consideration people that take off and visit their families. There isn't ample parking.

Mr. Smith inquired if the governing body made aware that this was going to be Borough wide. Mr. Smith inquired who notified the chief for the request.

Captain Rabboh stated the governing body was not notified. Captain Rabboh stated it was him who notified the chief. We get requests through emails when the holidays are.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated the synagogue contacts, herself and Shimmy Stein, ask for no parking in front during holidays and to hire officers to help coordinate. The synagogue pays to have officers there during high holidays.

Mr. Smith stated he thought it was improper to have a special favor.

Mr. Charles Lipman stated he was told by the building inspector that he needed an up to date survey since original survey was done in 1929. He was turned down by maximum lot coverage and was told the deck size affects the lot coverage. Mr. Lipman stated he only wanted to build a deck so he can use his backyard. The town has dragged its feet over the years to alleviate the flooding. The piping underground is inadequate to provide drainage. The basketball courts behind the house are feet higher than his yard and water has come up from there.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated he has go to the Zoning Board to get a variance.

Mr. Schettino stated the deck should not be considered towards the impervious coverage. It's up to the governing body to decide what constitutes impervious coverage. He would have to go to the Zoning Board and apply for a variance.

Mr. Gallo stated Harry is working within the confines of the law he is given and provided the right legal answer. Mr. Gallo told Mr. Lipman to call him tomorrow and they would speak with Harry together and facilitate with zoning.

Mr. Smith stated Harry should have told Mr. Lipman to go to the Zoning Board. How much of a variance is needed? It should have been no more than 5 feet.

Ms. Kathy Sahlberg stated she hopes the reassessments will be done by the October 10th extension deadline.

Mr. Gallo stated an appraisal was hired and working off the lists that was compiled by the building department, himself, and the tax assessor. There have been two guys that have been going out all day for the past few weeks taking pictures and doing all the assessments that need to be done. Mr. Gallo stated he will get the list tomorrow and will review it with the billing department and the tax assessor to make sure to capture what needs to be captured, the additions and big things. It's consumed a lot of time and we have been working diligently. It's a byproduct of constriction and cutting down on things and it happens.

Ms. Sahlberg stated they have lost a lot of tax revenue going back years.

Mr. Fred Sahlberg stated police officers have discretion to give tickets. If the chief says no tickets on Rosh Hashanah, the police officer has the discretion not to obey. If he says outrageous, he can give tickets. He's happy the way it is. Mr. Sahlberg stated he has a problem if the chief tells officers to give out 8 tickets a day.

Captain Rabboh stated he and the chief have the discretion to suspend overnight parking, and are respective to holidays

Ms. Mary Sullivan inquired if something could be put on the website.

Mayor Schmelz stated they have done that in the past.

Council President Amatorio stated there is a lack of information provided to the residents. Can it be assumed if there is a holiday, overnight parking will be suspended. It should be for religious as well as American holidays.

Captain Rabboh stated there are people that do not access to a computer or social media.

Ms. Diana Flagg stated she has lived in Bergenfield all her life and never knew there was free parking on Easter and Christmas overnight. Ms. Flagg noticed there were lights out on the avenue and in front of Buddy's establishment. Ms. Flagg inquired how some people were able to get two garbage pails and the rest of the town didn't know about it. The public was not told about the number of garbage pails residents could get.

Mr. Gallo stated it is set by ordinance depending on how many bedrooms, every three bedrooms constitute a pail. If someone needs a gail, they can call.

Ms. Flagg inquired whose money is being used for the Halloween parade. Ms. Flagg inquired if there is hope for the homeowner in seeing any relief in taxes since there is surplus money in the budget. Ms. Flagg stated there is no one in town that has ever walked their dog in a park. Ms. Flagg stated you are breaking an ordinance.

Mr. Gallo stated it is the BSID money. Mr. Gallo stated there is hope.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS TO BE ACTED UPON:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT RESOLUTION 17-326. 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. **17-327**/Pay Bills
- b. **17-328**/Cancel the Balance of the Municipal Alliance Grant
- c. **17-329**/Request Approval for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2017 Budget – Municipal Alliance Grant
- d. **17-330**/Approve Emergency Appropriation for the Grant Match for Fiscal Year 2018 Municipal Alliance Grant
- e. **17-331**/Award Bid & Execute Contract – Electrical Maintenance Services – East West Electrical Contractors, Inc.
- f. **17-332**/Authorize Disposition of Surplus Property
- g. **17-333**/Award Bid & Execute Contract – 2016 CDBG Bergen Avenue Improvements – AJM Contractors
- h. **17-334**/Award Bid & Execute Contract – 2017 Ford E-450 with Medium Transit Bus Body Startrans Senator II
- i. **17-335**/Award Bid & Execute Contract – Two 2017 Ford F-450 with Western Pro-Plus Plows
- j. **17-336**/Approve Change Order No. 1 Final - 2016 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvements Phase 2 – Schifano Construction Corp.
- k. **17-337**/Approve Pay Certificate No. 2 Final – 2016 Riverside Cooperative Road Improvements Phase 2 – Schifano Construction Corp.
- l. **17-338**/Authorize Tax Refund – 90 N. Washington Avenue
- m. **17-339**/Promote Part-time DPW Laborer to Full-time – Carter Murdock
- n. **17-340**/Create an Investigatory Committee

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

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>aye</i>
Council President Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that she thanks everyone for coming, and will continue to keep Jim Lodato and the family in her thoughts and prayers.

Council President Amatorio and Councilpersons Rivera, Marte, Deauna and Lodato thanked everyone for coming and wished all a good night.

Mayor Schmelz thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and congratulated Carter on his promotion.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION **17-341**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Contracts/Agreements
 - 1. PBA Local 309 Agreement
 - 2. Telecommunicator's Association Agreement

B. Personnel

1. Building and Tax Office Personnel Matters
2. Department of Public Works 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 Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 10:16 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Councilperson Kornbluth, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones
Borough Clerk