

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
April 3, 2018**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Norman Schmelz and Council President Arvin Amatorio, Council members Buddy Deauna, Hernando Rivera, and Rafael Marte

**ABSENT:** Councilmembers Ora Kornbluth and Thomas A. Lodato

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

Mayor Schmelz called the meeting to order at 8:10 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 Rivera.

**PRESENTATIONS**

A. Proclamation – Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month

Mayor Schmelz stated Former Councilperson Ray Gorman’s wife had this and passed away from it.

Mayor Schmelz read the proclamation into the record.

B. Proclamation – Autism Awareness Month

Mayor Schmelz read the proclamation into the record.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BOROUGH ENGINEER**

A. T & M Associates

Antonios presented the engineering report on behalf of Robert Keady who is on vacation. They have prepared the handicap ramp improvements for the county roads. There are four roads that are being upgraded for ADA compliance including North and South Prospect Avenue, East and West Main Street, River Edge Road, and New Bridge Road. Verbal approval was received from the county. Washington Avenue will be done also. A multi-phase plan has been developed for Twin Boro Field improvements inclusive of the entire park. The bid opening for the Riverside Coop Road Improvements is April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. A pre-construction meeting will take place once bids are received. The construction cost estimates are being updated for the development of the 2018 road program. There is a proposal on for approval tonight for authorization to design a trash rack at Coopers Pond and an operations manual. The storm water pollution prevention plan is being updated in accordance with DEP permit passed in January.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated part of the grant received last year was to put down a grate by the brook located by Church Street. It was broken and the DEP told the Borough we had to put together certain criteria. The Borough needs to create an operations manual that needs to be approved and needs drawings. It’s more intensive now than it was 20 years ago.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tabled Resolutions

1. **18-073/To Approve Developer’s Agreement (Tabled 2-20-18)**

Motion by Council President Amatorio, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #18-073 be removed from the table.

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

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

Motion by Council President Amatorio, second by Councilperson Rivera, that Resolution #18-073 be approved.

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

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

B. Adoption of Ordinance

The following ordinance published herewith was first read by title only on March 20, 2018 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

**18-2525 - AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “ESTABLISHMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR A DOG PARK”**

Public Comments on Ordinance 18-2525.

Mr. John Smith, resident, inquired if a dog will be impounded if it is off the leash. Will a summons be issued? Mr. Smith inquired if there will be receptacles to pick up dog poo and who will be emptying the receptacles. Mr. Smith suggested the dog park be at the swim pool area not at Memorial Park.

Council President Amatorio stated they don’t expect the ordinance to be perfect. We tried to capture from other towns’ ordinances and if something needs to be changed, it can be amended.

Mr. Smith stated that Diana had previously brought up an issue of what would happen if one dog attacks another dog. The dog owner, the county and the town of Leonia is being sued because a dog was impregnated at Overpeck Park. Mr. Smith stated it will become a liability. Dog owners should complete a hold harmless.

Council President Amatorio stated a public announcement can be put in the park stating bring your dog at your own risk.

Mr. Barry Doll, resident, suggested the dog park should be outside of Memorial Park since it is so congested. There’s plenty of room at Twin Boro Fields. Mr. Doll inquired how many trees will be taken down, if any. Mr. Doll inquired if anyone has been injured from a tree limb in Memorial Park. Mr. Doll recommended that dog owners that bring their dogs to the park should sign a release or a legal document stating the town is not responsible if something happens to the dog, giving them a certain tag like a license.

Mr. Gallo stated there are trees throughout Memorial Park that need to come down as they are dead and some need to be thinned in the other parks.

Mayor Schmelz stated some trees are thinned out and removed to keep the other trees healthy.

Councilperson Rivera stated every dog has to be licensed. At the beginning of the year, the dog needs to be registered and vaccinated.

Mr. Fred Sahlberg, resident, stated if he had a dog and his dog bit you, you would sue him. The dog owner is responsible for their dog. Mr. Sahlberg stated signing the liability might or might not be a good thing. All dogs will bite eventually.

Ms. Kathy Sahlberg, resident, stated she has a problem with a 10-11 year old to be responsible for their dog and then put them in a park with another dog whose owner is not responsible. She inquired who will be enforcing all the rules. The last thing the police want are telephone calls every other day from people saying this dog is looking at that dog. Ms. Sahlberg stated she is against this as it is taxpayers money being used. It's a great idea but not everyone gets to enjoy or benefit from it.

Councilperson Rivera stated the police will be enforcing the rules. If someone has a concern, they should call the police department.

Mayor Schmelz stated it will be policed by other dog owners. Dog owners don't want their dog hurt and will discuss it with the other dog owner without the police having to get involved.

Mr. Rich Dickman, resident, stated condominiums have their own dog runs and are used solely by condominium owners. Mr. Dickman stated if a resident wants to take their dog to the dog park, they should get a sticker allowing entrance to dog park and when they don't want to anymore, the sticker should be removed. There would be less issues in town and less for the police to deal with.

Mr. Gallo stated it's a Green Acres property. The state overrides it and says everyone has access to the park.

Council President Amatorio stated if the proposal doesn't work, the ordinance can be changed.

Councilperson Marte stated they had gone around town asking people for their opinion and a good majority of the people were in favor of the dog park.

Councilperson Deauna stated it will a trial run and there is no harm in trying.

Motion by Councilperson Rivera, second by Councilperson Marte, to pass Ordinance 18-2525 on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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

C. 2018 Local Municipal Budget  
1. **18-112**/To Read Budget by Title Only

Motion by Council President Amatorio, second by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #18-112 be approved.

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

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

## 2. Public Comments of Adoption of 2018 Local Municipal Budget

Mr. John Smith, resident, inquired how much is being given to the library. The library tax is \$932,000. They are being given an extra \$500,000. The state law says the library tax is the minimum needed to operate. Mr. Smith inquired which year will the library be given only the library tax. Mr. Smith inquired how much more would each taxpayer get if the extra \$500,000 wasn't given to the library.

Mr. Rich Cahill stated the library budget is \$1,375,000.

Council President Amatorio stated they are encouraging the library to fundraise.

Mr. Smith stated Allison is doing a wonderful job but needs to get rid of the babysitting service. Let the parents pick up their kids afterschool, they should not hang out at the library. They should close the library from 3-5 pm and you will see the parents pick up their kids from school. Mr. Smith stated the council should say no to the library. Why not give only \$100,000. Mr. Smith inquired how much of the percentage given is for salary and wages. You can't operate a business that way. The kids go in one door and out the other door in the library.

Mr. Gallo stated it's called socialization. Many libraries are changing their structure to try to bring kids in for socialization.

Mr. Barry Doll, resident, stated it's great the library is open for the kids. It gives them exposure and visibility. It introduces them to the library, where they can take out books and get to know people. Mr. Doll stated Mr. Smith should go to the Board of Education and find out what they're doing with the taxes. Mr. Doll inquired if anyone knows how much the Board of Education is raising the taxes by this year.

Council President Amatorio stated he is not sure but as far as he's aware they have not made a decision yet. He had challenged the Board of Education to make a zero budget as well.

Mayor Schmelz stated it is going to be close to 2%.

## 3. **18-113**/To Adopt 2018 Local Municipal Budget

Motion by Council President Amatorio, second by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #18-113 be approved.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

A. Lost Time Accident Frequency Report for the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund

Mayor Schmelz stated he will put this on the agenda every month so all the town employees know they care about safety. There were no accidents in January. He did not get the report for February and March and doesn't know if there were any.

Mr. Gallo stated there was an accident in March during the snow storm. The safety officer is doing an investigation.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gallo stated it was posted on the website and on Nixle to let the public know the reasons behind the closure of the building on Monday. Suez had a large water main in front of the building that needed to be replaced. The water main shut off ran from Borough Hall all the way through Dumont. The Borough wasn't going to have water for 8 hours and was going to be problematic for the employees. The Borough Clerk had to be here for the election. It was well organized and with the inclement weather there wasn't a lot of traffic. This work needed to be done in a timely manner because of the depth of the hole, there's still the ability of sinkage occurring and it needs to settle for 4-6 weeks prior to paving Washington Avenue and the ADA ramps being completed. All staff and DPW were well prepared for the spring snow storm. The DPW were out there first plowing ensuring emergency services can get through and respond to calls. Mr. Gallo stated on Friday night a private, massive tree fell across Main Street pulling down electrical wires, causing electrical fires and power outages along Main Street. PSE&G was there and serviced it to get the power up and running to ensure people's Easter wasn't ruined. Mr. Gallo stated he is working with Remington & Vernick on projects that remain open. There are some issues with the infrastructure done last year. The negotiations of the punch list of items are taking place with the contractor. Mr. Gallo stated they may need to go down different roads and start pulling bonds. The ADA ramps are on schedule to begin in the early weeks of May. Mr. Gallo stated he has a Veterans committee meeting tomorrow and needs to speak with the council about moving the Memorial Day parade from Washington Avenue to Prospect Avenue as Washington Avenue is a disaster to walk on.

Mayor Schmelz inquired if none of the ramps will be done before Memorial Day.

Mr. Gallo stated some of them may be done and some may be incomplete. These contractors can't start a project because it snows. You can't have snow and salt with new concrete. It takes months for the concrete to cure. The project in Fairview gets pushed back and then we get pushed back.

Mayor Schmelz stated many people can't walk to Prospect Avenue from the other end of town. It's a town parade and people enjoy going down the canyon of heroes. The parade should go past the VFW. It used to start at Legion Drive and go to Memorial Park.

John Smith, resident, stated when they moved it a few years ago, Mayor Driscoll broke the tie to move it to Prospect Avenue and only one person crucified him for it. However, he observed there are more participants on Prospect Avenue on both sides of the streets. Washington Avenue is a staging area and a nightmare with the fire trucks. It's safer on Prospect Avenue. You are going to get a rebuttle from the committee. It was easier for the police on New Bridge Road as people disbursed to the park.

Mayor Schmelz felt the parade should start at Main Street and end at Memorial Park.

Police Chief Madalone stated it was moved away from the train tracks for safety. Prospect Avenue is more comfortable for people to watch. It's a downhill walk where participants are walking, easier for the elder and for lineup that ends at the park.

Councilperson Rivera stated he heard complaints that people thought they were being treated like second class citizens since they had to walk on Prospect Avenue since it is not the main street in

town. Part of his campaign was to work on returning the parade to Washington Avenue but his vote now will be no.

Mr. Gallo stated he brought it up because of the ADA ramp issues. He just wants to make sure the construction debris won't be a problem and so it's transparent to everyone. We are not looking to change it for any reason other than potential construction taking place on Washington Avenue.

Mr. Barry Doll, resident, stated the reason it was changed to Prospect Avenue was because the bridge by New Bridge Rd was being constructed.

## MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORT

Councilperson Deauna

stated he missed the March 5<sup>th</sup> Shade Tree Committee meeting. It was a fruitful meeting yesterday with full attendance. The contractor of a construction of a home on 28 Regent St. requested removal of a Borough tulip tree. Approval was granted but contractor has to pay \$1500 to Shade Tree and needs to be removed by a certified tree expert. There were 11 new requests on the agenda for trimming and removal of trees. The rent leveling meeting was postponed as they did not have a quorum. The board needs a landlord.

Council President Amatorio stated he noticed there were trees missing on Washington Avenue. He inquired if BSID or the Borough was responsible for replacing them.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated they are Borough trees and the Borough has to replace to them. The Shade Tree Committee received a grant to replace trees and some of the trees on Washington Avenue will be replaced through the grant program.

Council President Amatorio

stated the Veterans committee was already discussed. There was supposed to be a Zoning Board meeting yesterday but due to the holiday it was moved to April 16<sup>th</sup>. There are big issues and pending applications. There isn't going to be a quick resolution and will probably continue until the middle to the end of this year.

Councilperson Marte

stated some of the events coming up for the Environmental Committee is the poster contest held at Coopers Pond and the park clean up at Coopers Pond on April 14<sup>th</sup>. He encourages everyone to take part and it's good for the town. The BSID met and is excited about upcoming events.

Mr. Gallo stated the BSID is having a summer campaign in which they are encouraging businesses with a Treasure Chest program. Patrons that come to the businesses will be given keys in which they can open treasure chests that will have prizes. This is part of the first steps to building continuance of a database, a customer base to forward and distribute marketing plans for businesses. They are highlighting five businesses a month.

Councilperson Rivera

stated the DPW did a remarkable job in plowing snow during the last two snow storms. The DPW is working in the parks to prepare for spring.

Mr. Gallo stated DPW is salvaging the bulbs, lenses, and other parts when the lights were changed at Memorial Park. These lights will be utilized at the PAL field instead of buying new ones.

Mayor Schmelz

stated the recreation department did an Easter Egg Hunt. He thanked the police for putting up signs on Bogert Place and the fire department for coming out on Easter. There was a sunrise service Sunday at Coopers Pond that was very nice. The library is having a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, April 7 at 10 am at Lightbridge Academy. Everyone is invited.

Mr. Gallo stated he is still going through the initial report done for Vivyen Field. They provided a 10 year plan design. Some tweaking needs to be done and he needs to make sure it's done right before the council sees it. The numbers the former engineers gave for turf project under shot the true cost of what it's really going to cost. The costs projected were much lower than the actual costs. We were only given a \$1,000,000. The county grants are only \$60,000-\$70,000.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A. Moonitz/Bergenfield  
Public Library

**RE:** Request to Reserve Cooper's Pond for Borough wide event/Sunday, September 16, 2018/11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Council President Amatorio, second by Councilperson Rivera, and all members present voting in favor, to approve Correspondence Item A.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fred Sahlberg, resident, stated he had reason to come to Borough Hall Monday and wouldn't be surprised about the borough administrator receiving complaints about the plows knocking over garbage cans. The Borough Clerk was the only one there. She took the time out to help him out with his problem and even followed up the next day. Mr. Sahlberg stated she should be compensated for the day since everyone else was off with pay that day.

Ms. Joan Gelb, resident, stated there is a big sign at Hickory Park that dogs are not allowed in the park and there are so many dogs there. Nobody reads the signs anymore. The dogs test each other. The dog park is not a good thing. Dogs should not be allowed when kids are playing baseball and football there.

Mayor Schmelz stated people bring their dogs to Coopers Pond and it says no dogs allowed at Coopers Pond. That was why he had suggested having a park ranger.

Ms. Mary Sullivan, resident, stated DPW did an excellent job plowing on her street during the last two snow storms. She was surprised on Monday morning that they picked up the garbage. The coalition to ban unsafe oil trains will have a protest Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm-3:30 pm by the ACME.

Mr. John Smith, resident, inquired if the PAL completed their new form for the non-profit for the year. Mr. Smith inquired if they did not do their non-profit paperwork, why are they asking for donations. At the last meeting, Mr. Smith had given the council a handout of the ordinance for tables outside. There are tables still out. It's not April 15<sup>th</sup> and the tables have to be 10 feet from the curb. It also states in the ordinance there are no barbeques allowed. At the last meeting, Borough

Administrator Gallo had commented the entire budget was raised by the business owners, not the residential property owners. People paid SID tax. You were given false information. The SID budget was approved tonight. The amount would be \$60,000, a drop of sand, if the SID was disapproved. Property owners are paying their property tax plus the SID tax and some property owners own multiple houses in town. There's one store that's been empty for five years. The code officials should go after the property owner to maintain their property. There wouldn't be a problem if fines were given to business owners who are not doing their job. The BSID hasn't done anything. Mr. Smith stated Mary DeMauro pays SID tax. Mr. Smith inquired who paid for the paving on Washington Avenue and the sewage problems when the SID was first developed. Martin Dubno is a residential owner who is paying a SID tax for the size of his property. Mr. Smith stated Wilma's or Aldi's does not pay the SID tax.

Mayor Schmelz asked Mr. Smith what resident is paying SID tax that doesn't have a business. Mary DeMauro is paying SID tax for her business, not for residential. They are not paying it on their residence, they are paying it for their business.

Mr. Gallo stated the SID tax is an assessment of their budget divided by the number of property owners in the business district. A property owner has a lease with a business.

Council President Amatorio stated some landlords pay the SID tax. It's their choice to pass it down to the business owner or pay it themselves.

Mr. Barry Doll, resident, stated they have replaced a lot of the wood on the mill at Coopers Pond. They are waiting for the weather to break to paint it. Mr. Doll stated power lines should be placed underground and that it would resolve problems with trees taking down power lines during storms. Mr. Doll inquired if contact information for the mayor and council is posted on the website. He would like to see the governing body's contact information on the agenda. There was a good article in the Twin Boro News and The Record about the proposed synagogue going up on Rector Court. It is going to destroy the neighborhood the way it's proposed. The council needs to get involved and it should go before the site plan.

Mr. Gallo stated the fire they had underground was as a result of a transformer.

Mayor Schmelz stated each councilperson has their picture, email address, and telephone number posted on the website.

Fire Chief Naylis stated the fire department has responded to 199 calls to date. There have been a slew of oven fires due to the cooking and self-cleaning ovens over the holidays. Easter was interrupted but not ruined by the fire.

Mayor Schmelz stated the fire department and the DPW did a great job with the transformer fire.

Ms. Kathy Sahlberg, resident, inquired if the issue with the breakdown of taxes was resolved. Ms. Sahlberg inquired if the ROBO calls are still made. She never received a call for the water main break.

Mr. Gallo stated it is still under review. At the last council meeting, Mr. Molinelli met with the committee and provided them an update. He's probably still a month away from finalizing his final report. Yes, emergency calls are made. A ROBO call was issued for the snow storm before the last one. It wasn't a water main break. It was preventive work Suez was doing. Suez was supposed to notify all the people. Mr. Gallo told Ms. Sahlberg to call him tomorrow so he can call Suez and ask them why residents weren't notified about their water being turned off.



Mr. John Smith, resident, stated neither Marie nor Hilda can find out who made the Site Committee and what their responsibilities are. Mr. Smith asked the Mayor if he could find the answer by April 16<sup>th</sup> since the Mayor is on the planning board.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS TO BE ACTED UPON:

A. CONSENT AGENDA

**CONSENT RESOLUTION 18-114.** 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. **18-115/**To Pay Bills
- b. **18-116/**To Approve Raffle Application #1329
- c. **18-117/**To Approve Cancellation of Line Item of Appropriation and Offset Revenue
- d. **18-118/**To Authorize Participation in the State Agent for Surplus Property (SASP) Program
- e. **18-119/**To Approve Proposal – Coopers Pond Trash Rack – T&M Associates
- f. **18-120/**To Award Bid and Approve Contract – “Grass Clippings, Yard Waste, Stumps, and Logs, Leaves and Christmas Trees” – Nature’s Choice Corporation Reliable Wood Products LLC
- g. **18-121/**To Authorize Refund of Redemption Monies to Outside Lien Holder for TTL #15-00021
- h. **18-122/**To Authorize Bergenfield Fire & Ambulance Departments Annual LOSAP Payment

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

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

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

B. Resolutions

**18-123/**To Approve Contract – Municipal Court Administrator

Motion by Council President Amatorio, second by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #18-123 be tabled.

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

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

**18-124/**To Hire Part-Time Laborer – Ryan Nelson

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #18-124 be approved.

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

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

Council President Amatorio: *aye* Councilperson Marte: *aye*

**18-125/To Amend Resolution – Community Grant Application Hughes and Madison**

Motion by Councilperson Rivera, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #18-125 be approved.

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

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

**18-126/To Approve Cancellation of Line Item of Appropriation and Offset Revenue**

Motion by Councilperson Rivera, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #18-126 be approved.

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

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>absent</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 Deauna stated it's very rewarding to hear positive comments from the residents.

Council President Amatorio thanked everyone for coming and to have a great night.

Councilperson Marte thanked the first responders, emergency units, police department, DPW, fire department, and the Bergenfield volunteer ambulance corps. It has been a year with severe weather. There's been unpredicted weather, fallen trees, and all kinds of emergencies. He thanked them for their quick response.

Councilperson Rivera thanked everyone for coming and to have a great night.

Mayor Schmelz stated everyone hears about complaints from other towns and it's forgotten how seamless and how well it is in Bergenfield, including the borough administrator. He wished everyone a good night.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION 18-127/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:**

- A. Personnel
  - 1. Police Department Personnel Matter
- B. Attorney-Client Privilege
  - 1. Building and Acquisition Update
  - 2. Municipal Court Professionals
  - 3. Vacation of Paper Street
- C. Contracts/Agreements

1. PBA Local 109 Update
2. Telecommunicator's Contract 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 Marte, second by Councilperson Rivera and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 9:57 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Council President Amatorio, second by Councilperson Marte, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones  
Borough Clerk