

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
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COMBINED MEETING
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Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7:26 P.M.

Ms. Flannery made the following statement: As per requirement of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, notice is hereby given that this is a Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands and all requirements have been met. Notice has been transmitted to the Courier, the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times. Notice has been posted on the public bulletin board.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O'Neil

Absent: None

Also Present: Nina Light Flannery, Borough Clerk
Dave Gilson, Borough Administrator
Dominick Manco, Esq., Borough Attorney

Executive Session Resolution:

Mrs. Flannery read the following Resolution for approval:

Mayor O'Neil offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following portion of this meeting dealing with the following generally described matters shall not be open to the public:

1. Personnel; DPW & Municipal Court
2. Marina on the Bay Possible Litigation
3. J.T. White Clam Depuration Plant

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is anticipated that the matters to be considered in private may be disclosed to the public at a later date when the need for privacy no longer exists; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no portion of this meeting shall be electronically recorded unless otherwise stated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the private consideration is deemed required and is permitted because of the following noted exceptions set forth in the Act:

9. Related to pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may be a party.
10. Falls within the attorney-client privilege and confidentiality is required.
11. Deals with personnel matters of public employees and employee has not requested that the matter be made public.

Seconded by Mrs. Little and approved on the following roll call vote:

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ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O'Neil
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The Governing Body then entered into Executive Session.

Mayor O'Neil called the Combined Meeting back to order at 8:40 P.M.

Mayor O'Neil asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O'Neil

Absent: None

Also Present: Nina Light Flannery, Borough Clerk
David Gilson, Borough Administrator
Dominick Manco, Esq., Borough Attorney

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

Mrs. Flannery read the titles of the following Resolutions for approval:

Mayor O'Neil offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

R-06-70

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 05-195 AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES TOMAINO, TOMAINO, IAMELLO & ASSOCIATES, PA ROBERT D. WILSON COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATIONS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands adopted Resolution R-05-195 at a meeting held on December 7, 2005 awarding the above contract to Tomaino, Tomaino, Iamello & Associates , 136 Brighton Avenue, Deal, New Jersey 07723 for an amount not to exceed \$58,570 plus reimbursable expenses for renovations to the Robert D. Wilson Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has determined and certified in writing that the value of the contract will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, this contract is to be awarded for an amount not to exceed an additional \$19,062 for architectural services per Tomaino, Tomaino, Iamello & Associates proposal dated January 31, 2006 for expanded bid services (including one additional bid round if necessary) and the addition of food service design for the Robert D. Wilson Community Center Renovations for a total contract not to exceed \$77,632 plus reimbursable expenses; and

WHEREAS, Tomaino, Tomaino, Iamello & Associates has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Tomaino, Tomaino, Iamello & Associates has not made any reportable contributions to a political candidate, local party committee or candidate committee in the Borough of Highlands in the previous year and that the contract will prohibit Tomaino, Tomaino, Iamello &

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Associates from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract;
and

WHEREAS, certification of availability of funds is hereby provided by the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Highlands as follows

Bond Ordinance O-05-20

Stephen Pfeffer, Chief Financial Officer

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et. seq. requires that notice with respect to contracts for professional services awarded without competitive bids must be publicly advertised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

1. Tomaino, Tomaino, Iamello & Associates are hereby retained to provide professional architectural services as described above for an additional amount not to exceed \$19,062 for a total contract not to exceed \$77,632 plus reimbursable expenses.
2. The contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a) because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. A copy of the Resolution as well as the contract shall be placed on file with the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Highlands.
4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O'Neil

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor O'Neil offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-06-81
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND
TO EASTPOINTE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
FOR APPEAL#05-13**

WHEREAS, The Construction Board Of Appeals has reduced the penalty amount issued to Eastpointe Condo Association and Reviewed the records and has determined that the Borough of Highlands acted correctly but has reduced the fine amount and now certain monies are due and payable to the **Eastpointe Condominium Association**, 1 Scenic Drive Highlands, NJ 07732; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Official recommends the immediate refund of the \$1500.00 for a reduction of a notice of violation collected by the Borough of Highlands to **Eastpointe Condominium Association**; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2005 payment was received by the Borough in the amount of \$2000.00 check #102 for a Notice of Violation for working without a permit. The Construction Board of Appeals determined that the Borough acted properly but reduced the fine amount ton \$500.00; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to immediately refund and pay the amount of \$1500.00 to **Eastpointe Condominium Association.**

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following Roll Call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O'Neil

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor O'Neil offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

R-06-82

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR THE 2006 SUMMER
FOOD PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands have reviewed the material received from the State of New Jersey regarding the 2006 Summer Food Service Program; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands agree that the Borough's participation in the Summer Food Program will be of benefit to the Borough and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that the Borough Administrator and Director of Recreation be and hereby are authorized to make application to the State of New Jersey for the 2006 Summer Food Program for the amount of \$13,141.27.

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O'Neil

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor O'Neil offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

R-06-83

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING POSTPONEMENT OF MORTGAGE

WHEREAS, is Theresa Mancinelli, 28 Cornwall Street, Highlands, is desirous of refinancing her residence and has requested a Mortgage Subordination of a certain mortgage which she made with the Borough of Highlands; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that in accordance with the recommendations of the Borough Attorney, Dominick Manco, Esq, that the Mortgage between Theresa Mancinelli, Block 52, Lot 16 or 28 Cornwall St., Highlands, NJ dated April 30, 2001 and recorded on May 17, 2001 in the office of the County Recording Officer of Monmouth County, New Jersey in Book OR 8085 Page 6380 and to expire on July 25, 2007 be issued a Postponement of Mortgage to be duly executed by the Mayor, and attested to by the Borough Clerk.

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Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O' Neil
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor O'Neil offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**R-06-84
RESOLUTION TO CORRECT HOURLY SALARY
CROSSING GUARD/KAREN GEIGER**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body, CFO, and payroll clerk have determined that Crossing Guard, Karen Geiger's hourly pay rate should be changed from \$11.98 to \$12.90; and

WHEREAS, the CFO and Payroll Clerk have researched and determined that Karen Geiger has been underpaid and by this resolution her hourly pay rate will be corrected; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said hourly pay rate of \$11.98 will be changed to \$12.90 and will be made effective as of January 1, 2006 and Karen Geiger will be compensated in the May 15th, 2006 payroll.

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following Roll Call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O' Neil
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor O'Neil offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

**R-06-85
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF LICQUOR LICENSE 1317-33-024-011
BACK BAY ASSOCIATES (t/a ORLEANS) to
STL, Inc. (t/a ORLEANS)**

WHEREAS, an application has been filed for a Person to Person transfer of Liquor License 1317-33-024-011, heretofore issued to Back Bay Associates (t/a Orleans) and located at 297 Bay Avenue, Highlands, NJ to STL, Inc. (t/a Orleans) and located at 297 Bay Avenue, Highlands NJ; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33;

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WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed and the issuing authority has reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with license business;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands does hereby approve, effective May 3, 2006, the Person to Person transfer of the aforesaid Liquor License #1317-33-011-024 from Back Bay Associates to STL, Inc., 297 Bay Avenue. The Borough Council hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership and location.

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O'Neil
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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Mayor O'Neil offered the following Payment of Bills and moved on its approval for payment:

**RECAP OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
05/03/06**

CURRENT:		\$ 978,140.47
Payroll	(04/30/06)	\$ 103,349.74
Manual Checks		\$ 87,493.56
Voided Checks		\$
SEWER ACCOUNT:		\$ 74,565.75
Payroll	(04/30/06)	\$ 5,459.82
Manual Checks		\$ 2,912.19
Voided Checks		\$
CAPITAL/GENERAL		\$ 1,274.37
CAPITAL-MANUAL CHECKS		\$
Voided Checks		\$
TRUST FUND		\$ 3,587.99
Payroll	(04/30/06)	\$ 5,673.41
Manual Checks		\$
Voided Checks		\$
UNEMPLOYMENT ACCT-MANUALS		\$
DOG FUND		\$ 198.00
GRANT FUND		\$ 58.00
Payroll	(04/30/06)	\$ 1,863.29
Manual Checks		\$
Voided Checks		\$ -1,121.88
DEVELOPER'S TRUST		\$ 5,934.65
Manual Checks		\$
Voided Checks		\$

**THE COMPLETE PAYMENT OF BILLS IS AVAILABLE IN
THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR ANYONE THAT WISHES TO REVIEW THE
LIST.**

Seconded by Mr. Nolan and approved for payment on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O'Neil

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Ordinance: Introduce & Set Public Hearing - May 17, 2006 at 8:00 PM

Ordinance O-06-06

Mrs. Flannery read the title of the following Ordinance for introduction & setting of a public hearing date:

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Mayor O'Neil offered the following Bond Ordinance pass introduction and that a public hearing date be set for May 17, 2006:

**O-06-06
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$650,000 FOR
REHABILITATION OF SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM FOR AND BY THE
BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW
JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$400,000 BONDS OR
NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR FINANCING PART OF THE
APPROPRIATION**

**BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH
OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY** (not less
than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1:

The improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance (the "Improvements") are hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Highlands, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the said Improvements there is hereby appropriated the amount of \$650,000, such sum includes the sum of (a) \$149,000 from the Sewer Capital Fund Surplus, and (b) \$101,000 from the Sewer Capital Fund Reserve for Capital Outlay. No down payment is required by the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law") as the purpose authorized herein is deemed self-liquidating and the obligations authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Borough, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this ordinance.

SECTION 2:

In order to finance the cost of the Improvements, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$400,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bonds"). In anticipation of the issuance of the Bonds and to temporarily finance said improvements or purposes, negotiable bond anticipation notes of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount not exceeding \$400,000 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law (the "Bond Anticipation Notes" or "Notes").

SECTION 3:

- (a) The Improvements authorized and the purpose for which obligations are to be issued, the estimated cost of each Improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each Improvement and the period of usefulness of each Improvement are as follows:

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Improvements	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Pe Usef
Rehabilitation of the sanitary sewer system, including the reconstruction of various roads in connection therewith, including all work or materials necessary therefor or incidental thereto, all as shown on and in accordance with the plans and specifications thereof on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.	\$650,000	\$400,000	

(b) The estimated maximum amount of Bonds or Notes to be issued for the purpose of financing a portion of the cost of the Improvements is \$400,000.

(c) The estimated cost of the Improvements is \$650,000 which amount represents the initial appropriation made by the Borough.

SECTION 4.

All Bond Anticipation Notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer of the Borough (the "Chief Financial Officer"); provided that no Note shall mature later than one year from its date. The Notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with Notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer upon the Notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All Notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the Notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the Borough Council of the Borough at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the Notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the Notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

SECTION 5:

The capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. The resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended capital budget and capital program as approved by the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey is on file with the Borough Clerk and is available for public inspection.

SECTION 6:

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The Improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses, and are capital improvements or properties that the Borough may lawfully make or acquire as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

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(b) The period of usefulness of the Improvements, within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, and according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the Bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 40 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Borough Clerk and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director, Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough, as defined in the Local Bond Law, is increased by the authorization of the Bonds and Notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$400,000 and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$130,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under Section 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the estimated cost of the Improvements, as indicated herein.

(e) This bond ordinance authorizes obligations of the Borough solely for purposes described in N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7(h). The obligations authorized herein are to be issued for a purpose that is deemed to be self-liquidating pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-47(a) and are deductible from gross debt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

SECTION 7:

Any funds received from time to time by the Borough as contributions in aid of financing the purposes described in Section 3 of this Ordinance shall be used for financing said Improvements by application thereof either to direct payment of the cost of said Improvements or to the payment or reduction of the authorization of the obligations of the Borough authorized therefor by this Bond Ordinance. Any such funds received may, and all such funds so received which are not required for direct payment of the cost of said Improvements shall, be held and applied by the Borough as funds applicable only to the payment of obligations of the Borough authorized by this Bond Ordinance.

SECTION 8:

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

SECTION 9:

This Bond Ordinance constitutes a declaration of official intent under Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2. The Borough reasonably expects to pay expenditures with respect to the Improvements prior to the date that Borough incurs debt obligations under this Bond Ordinance. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Borough under this Bond Ordinance. The maximum principal amount of debt expected to be issued for payment of the costs of the Improvements is \$400,000.

SECTION 10:

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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Seconded by Mrs. Little and introduced on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Nolan, Mrs. Little, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor O'Neil

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Committee Reports:

Public Safety

Chief Blewett stated the following:

1. There an arrest was made in April for the incident that occurred outside of the Sugar Shack on St. Patrick's Day.
2. On April 22nd eight of our Explorers assisted the HBP in the Earth Day Activities.
3. Applications for the Domestic Violence Response Team have been turned in and the background process and interviews are being conducted.
4. Both new Police Vehicles were received and are on the road.
5. There were a total of 544 calls for service. There were 22 adult arrests and 13 juvenile arrests.

Mayor O'Neil expressed his dissatisfaction with the police publicity that has occurred in the newspapers.

DPW

Mr. Urbanski stated the following:

1. He announced that the borough will be accepting application for summer employment.
2. North Street – the pipes are all in and are all connected and the paving should be done by next week.

Parks & Recreation

Mrs. Little stated the following:

1. There has been approval received from the Highlands Elementary School to operate the Summer Recreation Program at the school.
2. Bridge Project – there was a meeting on the bridge project on 4/26/06 and it looks like we will have some construction in 2007. We should start getting a committee together to start talking about what requirements we want to set up prior to the discussions on the construction phase. There was a complaint by some citizens about the bridge project at the last meeting and she believes that those matters have been resolved.
3. There is an outstanding approval that Green Acres is looking for in connection with the bridge project and it has to do with the Bay Avenue Park taking that occurs and the fishing pier design. There needs to be a letter from the borough of Highlands to Green Acres saying that we approve of the presentation by the DOT and if we don't then we need to list the changes. So we need to figure out what exactly we want first.
4. The ten members of the Historical Society did attend the 4/26/06 Aesthetic Task force for the bridge project.
5. There was a beach cleaning demo that was scheduled for last Tuesday.

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Fire House

Mr. Urbanski explained that it was known months ago that there were some extra funds out in Freehold for changes to the fire house that we could apply for and we did apply for and received the second highest amount in the amount of \$78,000.

Valley Street Pump

Mayor O'Neil stated that the Valley Street Pump went out to bid and it was picked up and came in \$30,000 higher than we anticipated so we have to have the CFO look into the funding of this..

Highlands Business Partnership

Carla Cefalo-Braswell stated the following:

1. The Governing Body had a special meeting on 4/25th to reintroduce our budget at \$92,000 and based on that we are moving ahead.
2. The Economic Development Committee is still moving forward with the Water Taxi Operation.
3. The Visual Improvement Committee had the planters all repainted and they will be starting the Miller Street Project.
4. They are in the process of planning the Craft Show which will be Memorial Day Weekend.
5. The new visitor's guides will be sent out for printing by the end of the week.
6. We will be attending the Bike Five Borough Race next Sunday where we will be distributing the Water Taxi information to 30,000 cyclists.
7. The new home page to the Highlands website is up.
8. We are looking into purchasing new tents and picnic tables for our events.
9. The Highlands Sign was repaired by a local contractor and the cost was 1,200 with materials and the repair should last us another two to three years.
10. She requested some minor repair work from the DPW.

Mayor O'Neil advised Mrs. Braswell to prepare a list and submit it to the borough.

Nancy Thomas explained that 60 children attended the Earth Day Event.

Other Business:

Bulk Pick Up

Mrs. Flannery stated that they are trying to work out a pick up system for yard debris.

Mr. Urbanski stated that we have been having monthly bulk pick up and it's been working out pretty well.

Valley Street Storm Water Pump Station

Mrs. Flannery stated that the Borough accepted bids yesterday for this project and two bids were received one from Electrical Design Corp \$332,000 and the other from Quad Construction Co. for \$340,000. The apparent low bid is EDC for \$332,000 and the bond ordinance was written for \$378,000 with engineering, etc so we are about \$24,000 short in the bond ordinance. The CFO feels that we would have put at least \$60,000 to \$70,000 as an amendment to the bond ordinance. We would like permission to contact the Bond Council tomorrow to prepare the bond ordinance amendment.

The Governing Body authorized the amended bond ordinance to be prepared.

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Portland Road

Mr. Manco explained that he spoke with T & M Associates and they have been requesting the map from Middletown and they still have not been received. So he has contacted a Title Company and ordered the title search on the road and he should have a report by Monday.

Public Portion:

Carla Cefalo-Braswell, HBP – in regards to the County Grant that was spoken about earlier was that a benefit of having a Freeholder on our Council.

Mrs. Little – no, but it did come to her and she did praise the project.

Carla Cefalo wanted to know if there is an ordinance against garbage pails on Bay Ave and she complained about garbage being piled up on Bay Avenue by the residents.

The Governing Body had a discussion with Mrs. Braswell about the bulk pick up scheduling and notification about the temporary scheduling.

Chris Franczy questioned if Off the Hook would be affected by the Bridge Project.

Mrs. Little stated that they would not be affected which she further explained.

Joseph Dorin of 102 Valley Avenue asked Mr. Manco if he would be making a recommendation with regard to the issue of lot 12.

Mr. Manco stated that he will have the recommendation soon.

Don Manrodt of 268 Bayside Drive stated that the Veterans did not approve the location Memoria statues and they are opposing them.

Jerry Feliciano of 14 North Peak Street – are they going to put lights on those flags? If they are going to keep them flying at night then you need to put lights on them.

Mr. Caizza stated that there are no light underneath the flags.

Donna Conrad of 13 Washington Avenue wanted to know if the Recreation Center will be offering any programs.

Mrs. Little stated that they will be offering a Summer Program which will be held at the Elementary School because the Community Center will be under construction.

Donna Conrad wanted to know when the reconstruction of Washington Avenue would begin.

The Governing Body explained that it's being worked on.

Donna Conrad wanted to know why there is a sign stating that all BID events were being cancelled.

Mrs. Braswell, HBP explained that the BID budget was not approved that's why there is a sign that the events were cancelled but on May 17th the budget is scheduled to be approved so that BID events can proceed.

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Sean Fitzgerald of Fourth Street stated that the cats were eating out of the garbage that was put out for pickup with out being placed into a garbage container. He then questioned Ms. Flannery about the current contract for animal control services.

Mrs. Flannery explained that the Humane Society contract has not been signed yet and she is working on some issues with regard to that but you have to call the police department for animal control and they call the Humane Society.

Mr. Fitzgerald expressed his frustration with having to call the police department instead of being able to call the Humane Society by himself. He believes that the borough is paying the blanket coverage amount and that the town should utilize that. Perhaps the borough should really look at the animal control contract. With regard to garbage can the town send out notices about garbage's being placed in containers.

Mayor O'Neil stated that he does not believe that a notice is necessary and feels that it's a Code Enforcement problem.

Lori Dibble of 32 Paradise Park questioned the status of the GIS system for the Borough of Highlands and stated that she has been in contact with the Monmouth County to find out the status of Highlands.

Mayor O'Neil stated that he will inquire about this.

Chris Francy of Fifth Street questioned the archeological dig that is being done by the bridge.

Mrs. Little stated that that it has to do with some artifacts from an old pub and they wanted to do it before the bridge project begins.

Carla Cefalo stated that she believes that T & M did that GIS tax maps.

Mayor O'Neil offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Nolan and all were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 P.M.

CAROLYN CUMMINS, DEPUTY CLERK