

**Mayor and Council
Workshop Meeting with Special Action
October 7, 2009**

Mayor Little called the Meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Mrs. Cummins read the following statement: As per requirement of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, notice is hereby given that this is a Work Shop Meeting with Special Action of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands and all requirements have been met. Notice has been transmitted to the Two River Times and the Asbury Park Press. Notice has been posted on the public bulletin board.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor Little

Absent: None

**Also Present: Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk
Bruce Hilling, Borough Administrator
Scott Arnette, Esq., Borough Attorney
Stephen Pfeffer, Chief Financial Officer**

Executive Session Resolution:

Mrs. Cummins read the following Resolution for approval:

Mr. Caizza 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.Litigation: AHHRSA**
- 2.Contract:**
- 3.Real Estate: Dan-Rob Property Lease**
- 4. Personnel Matters: Employment Positions – Administrative Staff & Recycling Yard Attendant**

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:

1. Rendered confidential by Federal law or that if disclosed would impair receipt of Federal funds.
2. Rendered confidential by State Statute or Court Rule.
3. Would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- 4. Deals with collective bargaining, including negotiation positions.**
5. Deals with purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds.
6. Related to setting of bank rates or the investment of public funds and disclosure could adversely affect the public interest.

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7. Related to tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public disclosure may adversely affect the public interest.
8. Related to investigation of violations or possible violations of the law.
- 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.
12. Quasi-judicial deliberation after public hearing that may result in imposition of a civil penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

Seconded by Mr. Francy and approved on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

The Governing Body then entered into Executive Session.

Mayor Little called the Combined Meeting back to order at 8:16 p.m.

Mayor Little asked all to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor Little

Absent: None

Also Present: Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk
Bruce Hilling, Borough Administrator
Stephen Pfeffer, Chief Financial Officer
Scott Arnette, Esq., Borough Attorney

Consent Agenda Resolutions:

Mr. Urbanski requested that check number #43605 \$2,875.00 be removed from the payment of bills.

Mr. Pfeffer – that has been paid and the check has been cashed.

Mr. Francy requested that the payment of bills be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Urbanski offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

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R-09-178

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A NON-FAIR AND OPEN
CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT REPORT FINDINGS
AND SITE INVESTIGATION – 2 PRIVATE ROAD
PMK GROUP – A DIVISION OF BIRDSALL SERVICES GROUP**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has a need for professional engineering services for the preliminary assessment report findings and site investigation of 2 Private Road as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, such professional engineering services can only be provided by licensed professionals and the firm of PMK Group, a Division of Birdsall Services Group, 611 Industrial Way West, Eatontown, N.J. 07724 is so recognized; and

WHEREAS, the 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 \$20,400 plus reimbursable expenses per PMK Group's proposal dated July 15, 2009 for Professional Engineering Services for the preliminary assessment report findings and site investigation of 2 Private Road provided to the Borough of Highlands for the period of one year; and

WHEREAS, PMK Group, a Division of Birdsall Services Group, has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that PMK Group, a Division of Birdsall Services Group, has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Highlands in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit PMK Group, a Division of Birdsall Services Group, from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, PMK Group, a Division of Birdsall Services Group, has completed and submitted a Political Contribution Disclosure form in accordance with P.L. 2005, c 271; and

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

I hereby certify funds are available from Bond Ordinance 08-12.

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. PMK Group, a Division of Birdsall Services Group, is hereby retained to provide professional engineering services as described above for an amount not to exceed \$20,400 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. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the contract.
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.

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4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of this award as required by law.

Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Urbanski offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**R-09-179
RESOLUTION – COMPENSATED ABSENCE-RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Edward O’Neil has been employed by the Borough of Highlands DPW Department since October 1971; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2009, Edward O’Neil has retired; and

WHEREAS, Edward O’Neil is entitled to compensated absence benefits for his accrued vacation time of 136.25 hours equating to \$4,767 (rounded) and accrued sick time of 100 hours equating to \$3,499 (rounded) totaling \$8,266; said benefits are in accordance with the terms of the Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Borough of Highlands and CWA Local 1032 as authorized by Resolution 09-111. The above payment is subject to final audit by the Chief Financial Officer; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-165, the governing body must authorize all benefits, and;

WHEREAS, before any payment is made, the Chief Financial Officer must certify that sufficient documentation exists as to the amount of the accumulated absence, and that funds are available to pay the amount due.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that subject to the certification of funds availability by the Chief Financial Officer, that Edward O’Neil receive the aforementioned compensated absence benefits.

Certification of Funds: Trust Fund – Reserve for Accumulated Leave
Contingent upon adequate funds being
appropriated in the adopted SFY 2010 budget.

Stephen Pfeffer
Chief Financial Officer

Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor Little

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Payment of Bills:

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Mr. Urbanski spoke against a payment that was made for relocation assistance.

Mr. Arnett stated that there was a letter from the landlord stating that he will make payment to the Borough for the relocation expenses.

Mr. Urbanski further spoke against the Borough paying for the relocation assistance for a tenant that occupied a unit without a Certificate of Occupancy.

Mr. Francy also questioned why the Borough has legal standing to make relocation payment for tenant who had no Certificate of Occupancy.

Mr. Arnette explained the statutory requirements.

Mayor Little gave an explanation of the history of facts pertaining to the relocation assistance that was provided by the Borough and how legal assistance was sought and obtained prior to her providing relocation assistance for this matter.

Mr. Urbanski continued to express his objection to the Borough paying for the relocation costs.

Mr. Caizza stated that there was no Certificate of Occupancy for the new housing unit that the Borough posted the rent deposit for this tenant.

Mr. Urbanski stated that he wants an investigation of all C/O's for every unit at the subject property.

Mr. Caizza further expressed his objection to payment by the Borough for relocation expenses.

Council continued to discuss the facts of this situation.

Mayor Little suggested that the Council sit down and discuss policy because there is no ordinance on the books currently with any resolution with regard to policy in this type of situation. She explained that the Landlord would be responsible to reimburse the Borough.

Mr. Pfeffer stated that he authorized the payment based on the information that was provided by the Mayor that this was an emergency situation. He also stated that this situation occurred here before. He stated that both the prior and current situation involved code enforcement issues.

Mr. Francy suggested that both the Construction Official and the Code Enforcement Officer be served with a Rice Notice to further discuss this matter at the next meeting.

Mr. Caizza left the meeting room for a brief moment during the vote of the Payment of Bills.

Mr. Francy offered the following Payment of Bills and moved on its adoption:

**RECAP OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
10/07/09**

CURRENT:	\$	52,666.79
Payroll (09/30/09)	\$	255,661.85
Manual Checks	\$	110,150.30
Voided Checks	\$	
SEWER ACCOUNT:	\$	5,388.34
Payroll (09/30/09)	\$	13,021.94
Manual Checks	\$	4,074.46
Voided Checks	\$	
CAPITAL/GENERAL	\$	7,024.11
CAPITAL-MANUAL CHECKS	\$	

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WATER CAPITAL ACCOUNT	\$	
TRUST FUND	\$	26,393.46
Payroll (09/30/09)	\$	33,586.46
Manual Checks	\$	
Voided Checks	\$	
UNEMPLOYMENT ACCT-MANUALS	\$	
DOG FUND	\$	1.20
GRANT FUND	\$	516.30
Payroll (09/30/09)	\$	1,154.08
Manual Checks	\$	
Voided Checks	\$	
DEVELOPER'S TRUST	\$	
Manual Checks	\$	
Voided Checks	\$	

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

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS

Supplemental Bill List for October 7, 2009

CMX	Sewer Plant Demo	\$ 1,321.18
Monmouth County Regional Health Commission	4 th Qtr. Health Service Fee	12,524.00
Horizon	Dental Insurance 10/09	436.43
Nextel	Cell Phones – Fire, Emergency Mgt & Fire Prevention	422.00
Total Supplemental Bill List		\$ 14,703.61

Seconded by Ms. Kane and approved for payment of the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Little
NAYES: Mr. Urbanski
ABSENT: Mr. Caizza (Not Present During Vote)
ABSTAIN: None

Committee Reports:

Finance

Mr. Pfeffer stated that the Borough is in the process of moving forward with once a year billing for the sewer. He then spoke about the Borough's budget and stated that he needs a consensus for the Capital Budget.

Mayor Little stated that she will be seeking a Bond Ordinance for drainage improvements.

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Mr. Pfeffer spoke about the drainage program and how we may want to get this drainage program into the State's Infrastructure Trust Fund which is a low cost financing vehicle, which would allow us to proceed without a down payment. He stated that we need the Engineer to come up with a dollar amount for this.

Mayor Little stated that the deadline to submit the application is November 2nd, so we will need a Resolution of support for the October 22nd meeting.

Mr. Pfeffer spoke about the budget and stated that the SFY 2010 budget will be under the budget cap. He also spoke about the Budget Review Committee and the many meetings that they have had on the budget.

Mr. Francy stated that the Budget Review Committee would like to make a presentation to the Council at the next Work Shop Meeting.

The Council discussed the budget with Mr. Pfeffer.

Mr. Pfeffer leaves the meeting.

DPW

Mr. Hilling stated that we do have a new Acting DPW Supervisor. Effective October 5th the Borough sent to once a week garbage pickup. He also stated that the Community Service Workers are coming and he described the areas that will be worked on.

Public Safety

Chief Blewett reviewed the following report:

Report to Council
October 2009

* On October 1, 2009 the Highlands Police Department executed a search warrant and seized a 2006 black Land Rover owned by Bret E. Thompson, 28 years old, of Miami, Florida. Mr. Thompson was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession with the intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance. Bail was set at \$150,000.00.

Officers confiscated a total of 731 pills believed to be oxycodone and xanax from the vehicle after Officers Ruth and Siegle developed information in regard to the transporting and distribution of narcotics in the Borough. The street value of the narcotics is estimated to be approximately \$20,000.00.

* During the early morning hours of Sunday, October 4, 2009, officers were summoned to the Shadow Lawn Trailer Park. As a result of the officer's investigation Alfonso Lopez, 43, was arrested and charged with two counts of aggravated assault and possession of a weapon. Bail was set at \$61,000.00 and Mr. Lopez was subsequently transported to the Monmouth County Correctional Institute, Freehold, NJ.

* Officers are investigating the attempted luring of a child which occurred September 25, 2009 in the area of Huddy Park.

* The 5th Annual Highlands Cares Breast Cancer Walk hosted by the Lenny T. Abbott, III Memorial Foundation in cooperation with the Highlands Police Department will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2009. All donations will benefit the American Cancer Society.

* Total Calls for Service: 524

* Arrests: Adults: 25 (6 for possession of CDS)

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JV: 1

* Summons: Total: 108

Moving Violations:	57
Non-Moving:	39
DWI:	2
Boro Ordinance:	10

(Statistical Information is from September 1 – 30, 2009)

Building & Housing

Ms. Kane read the following report:

Code Enforcement

**MONTHLY REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2009**

43 CCO INSPECTIONS. (43 X \$85 =\$3570.00)

2 MERCANTILE INSPECTION

32 SUMMONSES ISSUED

OCTOBERFEST WENT WELL

ADMINISTRATOR CAN ADVISE ON SUBSTANDARD HOUSING COMMITTEE.

PAUL MURPHY

Mr. Hilling gave an update on the Substandard Housing Committee work.

Parks & Recreation

Ms. Kane reviewed the following report:

Program:

AH/ H Fall Soccer – Season is underway (games started 9/12/09), 20 teams playing with over 265 children participating.

Bike Helmet Distribution – ongoing. **Contact the center if in need of a bike helmet.**

Farmers Market Voucher Program for Seniors continued in Sept. for eligible seniors.

7th Annual Fishing Derby held Sunday, September 13th. 47 children participated with their families.

Special thanks to Scott Williams, Highlands PD, DPW, Rec. Staff, and all volunteers who made this event successful. Also – Gateway National Park (platforms), Schupp’s provided bait, Julian’s provided fishing poles for prizes and Twinlights Marina gave additional gift certificates.

Henry Hudson Regional School – “Volleyball Tournament” held Sept. 13th at the Snug Harbor Beach - over 100 people were in attendance

OLPH Grandparents Day picnic – Held Sept. 13th at the Snug Harbor Beach / Center with over 150 people attending.

Flu Shots are scheduled for October 1st. at Ptak Towers. Non-residents of the building need to pre-register by calling the community center.

Senior Citizen Programs for September – Held meeting on Thursday, Sept. 3 and 10, had pizza lunch/bingo on 9/17, and held 37th Anniversary of group’s organizing on 9/25 at the center. In addition to the scheduled meetings, plans are underway for a Halloween Party, Thanksgiving Luncheon and Holiday Party.

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Plans for upcoming fall / winter programs: Adult Basketball, Adult indoor soccer, Teen nights at Community Center, "Kids on the Move" (after school drop in ages 8 to 12), UK Elite Soccer Clinic, Twinlights Sports Camps - Basketball Clinic, Senior Citizen programs, and the Monmouth County 4-H program.

Group Use for September: 4 condo / homeowner meetings, Highlands Garden Club, AH/H Soccer Program, Historical Society Neighborhood Watch., Highlands First Aid, Girl Scout troop and adult meetings, Highlands Community Singers, OLPH, HHRS, Bike NY event. (2 groups canceled meetings that had been scheduled – no problems.)

Parks / Facility:

Skatepark – Sign delivered, **DPW needs to mount on plywood, plexiglass and install.** Equipment repair, painting needs to be scheduled. Grass areas need to be regularly scheduled for mowing / weeding.

Community Center Projects – **Generator** – submitted letter to CDBG requesting follow up meeting for approval of modification. Cost estimates / budget / finance of crawl space insulation and heating system still outstanding. Grass cutting needs to continue into the fall at all park facilities.

Veterans Park - Replacement pieces of Playground have been delivered, need to be scheduled for DPW installation. **Huddy Park** – need split rails re-installed. **Kavookjian Field** – Softball leagues still in play through early Sept. with soccer practices starting for HHRS and AH/H soccer league. KFRC committee met in late Sept. to review items that can be addressed this fall and for next spring. Lots of activity in morning hours with un-sanctioned soccer use.

Other: During September:

Recreation dept. has a part-time staff position open: (Kids on the Move Program) – 10 hours per week (M, T, W, Th).

Further information for 2 Private Road is requested with Grant Agreement Extension filed with the Monmouth County Park System pending outcomes of site work.

Items completed for submission to Monmouth County Park System for application #05-05 (Community Center Playground Improvements). County has sent final list – copy of original deed for file and voucher for reimbursement of \$58,000.

Mr. Hill will be attending the National Recreation and Park Congress in Salt Lake City, Utah from October 12 to Oct. 17th, 2009. As President of the New Jersey Recreation and Park Association he will be involved in various activities and meetings representing NJ and our town.

Special Event Review meetings held for Bike New York event (9/26/09), Oktoberfest 10/4/09.

Timothy G. Hill, Director of Parks and Recreation

HBP

No Report

Public Relations

Ms. Kane stating that she is gearing up for the next newsletter that will go out early next year.

Environmental & Shade Tree Commissions

Mr. Francy stated that the Environmental Commission is working on responding to the Shadow Lawn Application. He stated that there are openings on the Environmental Commission and he requested that notice of this be placed on the bulletin board and website.

Mr. Francy stated that the Shade Tree Commission has not met yet. He suggested that both the Environmental & Shade Tree Commission be combined into one board.

Mayor Little explained that they cannot be combined.

Mr. Francy stated that he is no longer able to run the Shade Tree Commission.

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Administration

MEMORANDUM

DATE: OCTOBER 6, 2009
TO: MAYOR LITTLE, BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS; COUNCIL MEMBERS
FROM: BRUCE HILLING, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR
RE: SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES • SEPTEMBER 2009

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)

1. Effective October 5th, "once a week garbage pickup" for Borough residents was implemented. Area residents were notified beforehand via "hand delivered" flyers.
2. Effective October 1st, Reggie Roberson became acting DPW Superintendent.
3. Instructed DPW to landscape and clean up area surrounding firehouse in preparation of building dedication. Excellent job done.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT)

1. New sidewalk and curbing have been installed on the Bridge's South Ramp.
2. Proposal for DOT's placement of Borough Communications Repeater on Bridge is pending.
3. DOT states JH Reid is on track for scheduled October 31st Bridge span opening.
4. Closure of North Bridge ramp remains scheduled for December.
5. Borough's request for curbing on South Bay and Portland has been submitted to DOT. In addition, "curb cuts" request for Portland Road, Highland and South Bay Ave has been submitted.
6. Received police voucher monies for July from DOT. August and September voucher payments are in process.

CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

1. Seventeen permits (sixteen alterations) were issued in September, resulting in the collection of \$2,546 in fees.
2. As of October 1st, new construction fees are being implemented.

PURCHASING AGENT

1. A proposal for the purchase of gasoline and diesel fuels over the next two years is being prepared.
2. Based on specifications provided by mechanic Mike Johnson, the purchase of the new DPW dump truck is moving forward.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Interviewed and hired contractor to install new tile flooring and toilet in employee bathroom.
2. Monmouth County cancelled and rescheduled community service workers for October 19-23rd. Requests for service worker assistance should be directed to the Borough Administrator's office.
3. Borough Administration hosted separate retirement ceremonies for Nina Flannary and Ed "Booty" O'Neil, whose combined service to Highlands equaled fifty years.
4. Although requested, no counter proposal from UFCW Union has yet been received.
5. Appraisal for property located at Waterwitch and Bay is still pending.
6. CMX's Joe May continues his work of decertifying the old sewer plant. As required by the state DEP, the results of a "fecal coliform test" on standing water are still pending.
7. New Jersey State Police have recommended that both Highlands and Sea Bright, designate a "slow speed no wake zone" from Plum Island (Highlands) to Sedge Island (Sea Bright). More information should be provided by the state police shortly.

Clerk's Office

Mrs. Cummins read through the following report:

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DEPARTMENT REPORT

TO: Mayor and Council

Fr: Carolyn Cummins

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Borough Clerk

RE: Report for September 2009

In September meeting packages and material were prepared for Two Council Meetings and two Board Meetings.

Minutes were typed for the 1 Council Meeting and 1-Board Meeting.

The Registrar issued 5 Marriage Licenses and 1 Civil Union License.

11 copies of certified vital records were issued.

2 Dog Licenses, 4 Cat Licenses were processed.

2 Pending Mercantile Licenses were issued for two new businesses and the Clerk's Office renewed 2 Mercantile License Applications.

Liquor License there is still one license that pending approval. One Licenses that was renewed and one change of corporate structure were processed.

13-Resolutions Processed (typing, recording votes, sending out certified copies, advertisement if necessary)

9 Ordinances were being processed during the month of September.
(recording votes, sending out certified copies, advertisement)

We filled 6 OPRA requests.

All phone calls and emails to the Clerk's Office have been satisfied.

That concludes my report for the month of September 2009.

Library Committee Report

Tara Ryan spoke about fund raising for the library.

Breast Cancer Walk Donation

Mr. Caizza offered a motion to authorize the annual \$150 sponsorship add for the Breast Cancer Walk, seconded by Ms. Kane and all were in favor.

Girl Scout Veterans Dinner Donation

Mr. Urbanski offered a motion to authorize a \$200 donation to the Girl Scouts for their Veterans Day Dinner, seconded by Mr. Francy and all were in favor.

First Aide Clothing Allowance

The Governing Body reviewed the First Aid's request for a clothing allowance increase from \$100 to \$200.

Mr. Urbanski offered a motion to increase the clothing allowance for the First Aid Squad from \$100 to \$150, seconded by Mr. Caizza and approved on the following roll call vote:

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ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mr. Caizza, Mr. Urbanski, Mayor Little
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

New Jersey State Police Wake Reduction

Mr. Francy spoke about several requests to support a wake reduction on the river.

The Council was supporting and directed the Borough Clerk to place a Resolution for approval at the next meeting.

Discussion RE: Resolution Endorsing the “Green Acres, Water Supply & Floodplain Protection and Farmland & Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009201D.

Council Reviewed Environmental Commission memo on this subject.

Flood Ordinance

Mr. Francy – we need to move on this. He asked that Mr. Leubner review the ordinance and to incorporate the Zoning Officers comments. The ordinance as it is written now removes the power for the Zoning Board to grant floodplain review, we wouldn't want that because residential goes to the Zoning Board. The definition of the lowest floor level is inconsistent without existing definition.

Discussion RE: Change of October 21st Council Meeting Date

Ms. Kane offered a motion to change the October 21st Council meeting date to October 22nd so that the Council can attend a Blue Light Volunteer Ceremony on the 21st, seconded by Mayor Little and all were in favor.

Public Portion:

George Ruth of 333 Shore Drive spoke against the Borough providing relocation funding to tenants.

Diane Korner of 287 Bay Avenue expressed her objections to how the HBP conducted a raffle drawing at the October Fest. She then gave a copy of her written complaint to the Borough.

The Governing Body discussed this and directed the Borough Clerk to contact the Legalized Games of Chance about the HBP October Fest Raffle complaint.

John Stetkowsky stated that the Borough has no funds available to put his daughter through the Police Academy. He expressed his desire to have the Borough finance graduates of the Police Explorer Program to attend the Police Academy.

Mayor Little asked that Councilman Caizza investigate the issue of financing the Police Academy tuition for Explorer graduates.

Tara Ryan of 17 Ocean Street stated that she was awakened at 7:15 am this past weekend due to the jack hammering that was taking place on the bridge project. She stated that the contractor has no disregard to the Borough residents.

Laura Salka of 1 Portland Road Unit 21 stated that she too was woken up by the jack hammering.

Mayor Little stated that if there is a law in the Borough with regard to construction time that it should be enforced.

Tara Ryan also expressed her concerns with regard to the detour signage for the bridge project.

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Lori Dibble of 32 Paradise Park spoke about problems that she is having with the Code Enforcement Officer issuing 31 summonses to the Paradise Park residents.

Mr. Arnette and Mayor Little both explained to Ms. Dibble that she must address the summonses in Court or discuss it with the Prosecutor.

Lori Dibble stated that she felt the summonses were issued in retaliation.

Mayor Little stated that this needs to be investigated through Administration. She also stated that the Borough Administrators need to address which units have Certificates of Occupancy and which ones don't at this Paradise Park location.

Mr. Hilling requested that Ms. Dibble put her complaints about the Code Enforcement Officer in writing.

Don Manrodt of 268 Bayside Drive stated that the Girl Scouts will be having a dinner for the Veterans on November 11th.

Roberta McEntee of 55 Fifth Street stated that John Bentham wrote a bad article about her on the Atlantic Highlands Herald.

Robin Shaffer of 2 Private Road questioned the progress being made with regard to 2 Private Road.

Ms. Kane then spoke about the Open Space Committee Meetings.

Mayor Little stated that a Resolution was adopted tonight authorizing PMK Contract which relates to 2 Private Road.

Arnie Fuog of 50 Valley Street questioned if the Committee Reports are submitted in writing.

Mayor Little explained that not all reports are in writing.

Arnie Fuog commented that the HBP has not made any reports to the citizens for the past couple of months.

Mr. Fuog then spoke about enforcement of Landlord Registration.

Mr. Urbanski spoke in favor of enforcing the Landlord Registration Ordinance.

Mr. Fuog questioned who is in charge of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mayor Little explained that the Code Enforcement is under State Legislation.

There were no further questions or comments from the public.

Mr. Caizza offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Francy and all were in favor.

The Meeting adjourned at 10:31 P.M.