

**Borough of Highlands
Mayor & Council
Regular/Workshop Meeting
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Mr. O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Highlands and all requirements have been met. Notice has been transmitted to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times. Notice has been posted on the public bulletin board.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy
Absent: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
Also Present: Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk
Tim Hill, Interim Borough Administrator
Steve Pfeffer, Chief Financial Officer
Mike Halfacre, Esq., Borough Attorney
Dale Leubner, T&M Engineers

Executive Session Resolution:

Mrs. Cummins read the following Resolution for approval:

Mr. 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.Litigation: Baymens Protective Association
Tree Removal at Navesink Avenue(Possible Litigation)
2 Private Road (Possible Litigation)
Washington Ave Road Collapse(Possible Litigation)
Landslide Shore Drive Condos (Possible Litigation)**
- 2.Contract: Seastreak Ferry License negotiations
Fifth Street Parking Lot Dan Rob Contract Expired**
- 3.Real Estate:**
- 4. Personnel Matters:**
- 5. Attorney-Client Privilege:**

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. Connelly and approved on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
ABSTAIN: None

The Governing Body then entered into Executive Session.

Mr. O'Neil called the Regular Meeting back to order at 8:13 P.M.

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy
Absent: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
Also Present: Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk
Tim Hill, Acting Administrator
Steve Pfeffer, Chief Financial Officer
Mike Halfacre, Esq., Borough Attorney
Dale Leubner, T&M Engineers

Consent Agenda:

Mrs. Cummins stated that we are removing R-11-185 which requires four affirmative votes.

Mr. Francy asked to remove R-11-184.

Mr. Connelly offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

**R-11-183
RESOLUTION APPOINTING TEMPORARY
PART-TIME DAY LABORERS FOR HURRICANE CLEAN UP**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands is need of hiring a temporary part/time day laborers to assist the Department of Public Works in clean up from Hurricane Irene; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council recommends: Robert W. Dill, Peter Lynch, Jim Delucia, Joseph Blewett II, William O'Neil and Matthew Morell be appointed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that Robert W. Dill, Peter Lynch, Jim Delucia, Joseph Blewett II, William O'Neil

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and Matthew Morrell are hereby appointed to the temporary part/time position of Day Laborer effective September 1, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said appointment is to be compensated at a rate of \$15.00 per hour with work hours being as needed.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Connelly offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

**R-11-186
RESOLUTION APPROVING THREE (3) SOCIAL AFFAIR PERMITS
AND TWO RAFFLE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, the American Legion and Highlands Business Partnership have submitted the following applications:

American Legion – Social Affair Permit for Oct. 15, 2011 with Rain Date of Oct 22nd
American Legion – Social Affair Permit for Dec. 16, 2011 with Rain Date of Dec. 23rd
Highlands Business Partnership – Social Affair Permit for Oct. 1, 2011 with Rain Date of October 2, 2011
Highlands Business Partnership – Raffle License #RA#1319-11-18
Highlands Fire Department Raffle License #RA1317-11-17
Hi-Mar Striper Club – Raffle License RA#1317-11-16

WHEREAS, the submitted application forms are complete in all respects, fees have been paid, and the license has been properly reviewed and approved by the Chief of Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor & Council of the Borough of above said Social Affair Permits and Raffle Licenses are hereby approved.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Connelly offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

**R-11-187
RESOLUTION
Borough of Highlands Joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of
September 11th**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Highlands expresses their support of the United State's Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, at 8:46 a.m., on September 11, 2001, hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City, New York; and

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WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m., the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by hijacked American Airlines Flight 77, the impact of which caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the taking of additional American lives by crashing the airliner in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and, in doing so, gave their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, nearly 3,000 innocent civilians were killed in the heinous attacks of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, tens of thousands of individuals narrowly escaped the attacks at the Pentagon and World Trade Center and, as witnesses to this tragedy, are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, governmental officials, workers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to those horrific events; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department of New York suffered 343 fatalities on September 11, 2001, the largest loss of life of any emergency response agency in United States history; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority Police Department suffered 37 fatalities in the attacks, the largest loss of life of any police force in United States history in a single day; and

WHEREAS, the New York Police Department suffered 23 fatalities as a result of the terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the impact of that day on public health continues through 2011, as nearly 90,000 people are at risk of or suffering from negative health effects as a result of the events of September 11, 2001, including 14,000 workers and 2,400 community residents who are sick, and tens of thousands of others whose health is being monitored; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, the people of the United States and people around the world continue to mourn the tremendous loss of innocent life on that fateful day; and

WHEREAS, 10 years later, thousands of men and women in the United States Armed Forces remain in harm's way defending the United States against those who seek to threaten the United States; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day, the thoughts of the people of the United States are with all of the victims of the events of September 11, 2001 and their families; and

WHEREAS, the lives of Americans were changed forever on September 11, 2001, when events threatened the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Congress and the President joined together to designate September 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance under the Serve America Act (Public Law 111-13; 123 Stat. 1460); and

WHEREAS, in September 2009 and 2010, President Obama issued Proclamation 8413 (74 Fed. Reg. 47045) and Proclamation 8559 (75 Fed. Reg. 56463) proclaiming September 11, 2009, and September 11, 2010, respectively, as Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance; and

WHEREAS, September 11 will never, and should never, be just another day in the hearts and minds of all people of the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Highlands:

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(1) recognizes September 11, 2011, as a day of solemn commemoration of the events of September 11, 2001, and a day to come together as a Nation; and

(2) offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends, and loved ones of the innocent victims of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks; and

(3) honors the heroic service, actions, and sacrifices of first responders, law enforcement personnel, State and local officials, volunteers, and countless others who aided the innocent victims of those attacks and, in doing so, bravely risked and often gave their own lives; and

(4) recognizes the valiant service, actions, and sacrifices of United States personnel, including members of the United States Armed Forces, the United States intelligence agencies, the United States diplomatic service, homeland security and law enforcement personnel, and their families, who have given so much, including their lives and well-being, to support the cause of freedom and defend the security of the United States; and

(5) reaffirms that the people of the United States will never forget the challenges our country endured on and since September 11, 2001, and will work tirelessly to defeat those who attacked the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day in United States history the governing body of the Borough of Highlands calls upon all of the people and institutions of the United States to observe a moment of remembrance on September 11, 2011, including (i) media outlets; (ii) houses of worship; (iii) military organizations; (iv) veterans organizations; (v) airlines; (vi) airports; (vii) railroads; (viii) sports teams; (ix) the Federal Government; (x) State and local governments; (xi) police, fire, and other public institutions; (xii) educational institutions; (xiii) businesses; and (xiv) other public and private institutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Borough of Highlands encourages the observance of the moment of remembrance to last for 1 minute beginning at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time by, to the maximum extent practicable ceasing all work or other activity; and marking the moment in an appropriate manner, including by ringing bells, blowing whistles, or sounding sirens.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Connelly offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-11-188

**RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY CONDITION FROM HURRICAN
IRENE AND AUTHORIZING TO OBTAIN CONTRACT WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING
PURSUANT TO THE
PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6**

WHEREAS, an emergent condition developed on Sunday, August 28, 2011 as a result of Hurricane Irene's intensive wind and rain storm which caused massive flooding in the borough; and

WHEREAS, the pump stations ceased to operate as a result of the flooding, trees and branches were blown down throughout the Borough of Highlands as well as other damage; and

WHEREAS, provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 permit the Borough to award contracts without public bidding or quotes when an emergency affecting the health, welfare and safety of the public requires the immediate performance of services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, Frank Nolan declared the situation an emergency condition affecting the health and safety of the public.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that authorization be and is hereby given to the Borough Administrator to proceed with processing the necessary payments for services and material rendered to rectify the problems caused by Hurricane Irene.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Connelly offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

**R-11-189
RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY CHANGING THE HOURLY RATE OF CERTAIN
BOROUGH EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands currently employs the following employees:

Wallace Hartsgrove, P/T Casual Laborer at an hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour
Barry McKellar, P/T Casual Laborer at an hourly rate of \$11.00 per hour
Wayne Occhipinti, P/T Recycling Yard Attendant at an hourly rate of \$13.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Borough had an emergent need to hire day laborers for Hurricane Irene clean up at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, the above three employees hourly rates are to be increased to \$15.00 effective September 1, 2011 through the Hurricane clean up period.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Council of the Borough of Highlands that the hourly rate of pay for the following three part-time employees are hereby increased to \$15.00 effective September 1, 2011 for Wallace Hartsgrove, Barry McKellar and Wayne Occhipinti until such time as the Borough Administrator determines that the Hurricane Clean Up is complete.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon completion of Hurricane cleanup Wayne Occhipinti's hourly rate of pay will revert back to \$13.00 as well as his duties to Recycling Yard Attendant. The services of Barry McKellar and Wallace Hartsgrove as temporary day laborers will cease upon the Borough Administrators determination that there services are no longer needed for cleanup.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Connelly offered the following payment of bills and moved on its approval for payment:

**RECAP OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
09/07/11**

CURRENT:		\$ 589,702.93
Payroll	(08/30/11)	\$ 113,526.32
	Manual Checks	\$ 6,447.49
	Voided Checks	\$

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SEWER ACCOUNT:		\$	93,193.54
Payroll	(08/30/11)	\$	5,633.20
Manual Checks		\$	602.97
Voided Checks		\$	
CAPITAL/GENERAL		\$	
CAPITAL-MANUAL CHECKS		\$	
Voided Checks		\$	
WATER CAPITAL ACCOUNT		\$	
TRUST FUND		\$	29,021.84
Payroll	(08/30/11)	\$	1,250.00
Manual Checks		\$	
Voided Checks		\$	
UNEMPLOYMENT ACCT-MANUALS		\$	
DOG FUND		\$	46.80
GRANT FUND		\$	900.00
Payroll	(08/30/11)	\$	1,798.86
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.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL BILL LIST
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CURRENT FUND

Century Office Products	Copy Machine Maint. & Supplies	900.70
Future Sanitation	Tipping Fees 8/17/11-8/31/11	7,164.53
Future Sanitation	Solid Waste/Recycling 8/15/11-8/31/11	8,366.67
Horizon Blue Cross	Dental Sept 2011	458.24
Nextel	Cell Phones - Emergency Mgmt & Fire Dept.	173.06
N.J. Division of Pensions & Benefits	Health Insurance - Sept. 2011	63,113.47
NJ. American Water	Water/Hydrants #12-02	5,192.83

Total Current Fund

85,369.50

CAPITAL FUND

T & M Associates

Emergency Generators 590.80

Total Capital Fund

590.80

SEWER UTILITY FUND

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N.J. Division of Pensions & Benefits		
NJ. American Water	Health Insurance - Sept. 2011	6,854.38
	Water #12-02	10.00

Total Sewer Utility Fund 6,864.38

TRUST FUND

State of N.J.		
	2010 Unemployment Annual Assessment	606.95
Total Trust Fund		<u>606.95</u>

Total Supplemental Bill List 93,431.63

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Connelly, Mr. Francy, Mr. O'Neil

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

ABSTAIN: None

Minutes Approved on Consent Agenda:

Mr. Connelly offered a motion for the approval of the August 17, 2011 Regular and Executive Session minutes, and seconded by Mr. Francy on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

ABSTAIN: None

Mr. Francy offered a motion to table R-184, seconded by Mr. Connelly and all were in favor on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Connelly, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

ABSTAIN: None

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Mr. Pfeffer gave an update of the general budget with some of the changes and information that came from the State. We were able to reduce the tax implication of the budget by about \$99,000.00. We are inside both CAPS at this time. The budget is set except for cost of the storm. We do not know the timing of the FEMA reimbursement. He also discussed a letter from the AHHRSA from December 2010 regarding budget issues that they have had and the impact of \$92-93,000 additional user fees on us. Our flow percentage is up. Any increase will have an effect on the rate. He is waiting to see what the increase is on their budget. Mr. Pfeffer explained the situation with the computer system. We need to make a decision soon on where we are going and how we are going to finance it. He recommends that we bond the full package. The State would have to approve the system. He further explained.

Mr. Francy would like Ms. Kane and Mayor Nolan to be in agreement with the system that he is looking into.

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Mrs. Cummins got price quotes of hardware.

Mr. Pfeffer said the company he is talking to was in the \$20,000.00 range.

Mr. Francy asked Mr. Pfeffer to provide him spreadsheets with updates on the budget.

Mr. Francy then spoke of cost of lighting installation for the non Memoria part of Veteran's Park. The hardware has been donated. The estimate for installation is \$10,000.00. We are thinking of taking the money from the Open Space Budget.

Mr. Pfeffer explained that we have \$68,000.00 in the Open Space levy. It is not part of the General Budget. It's a dedicated separate trust account.

Discussion continued.

Mr. O'Neil stated that we are dispensing with the rest of the committee reports.

Mr. Pfeffer left the meeting at 8:26 P.M.

Other Business:

Slope Failure 315 Shore Drive Condos:

Kim Skorka of 315 Shore Drive is the secretary of the Hillside Village Condo Association. She stated that in April of 2007 they had their first slump. It was brought to the Council's attention. In March of 2010, there was another slump that this council is aware of. The town did clean out the drain. She came to April 2010 council meeting with concerns of the hill. They incurred two major mud slides from Hurricane Irene. Two units are uninhabitable due to the amount of mud. She further explained damage. She asked when the town will get involved and will the Borough Engineer inspect the hill and the units. She also expressed concern with development on the trailer park site. She does not feel that it is a good idea.

Mr. O'Neil stated that the engineer did look at it today. He will let us know what service T&M can provide.

Mr. Halfacre explained two phases, see what can be done to stabilize the hill as soon as possible and the second phase is to come up with a permanent fix. The engineer will look at the hillside to determine if it's stable. Then, the Association with the town would make a determination if the units are habitable. The clean up is determined by the Association.

Mr. Leubner said that they will look at the hill in its current state. The construction official will need to get involved as to deeming the unit inhabitable.

Mr. Halfacre explained that T&M and the construction officials will go out and generate a report and a decision will be made at that time.

Mr. Connelly spoke of his personal experience with a similar situation.

Mr. Francy stated that it's all private property.

Mr. O'Neil feels that we need geo-technical studies and permission from the owners.

Mr. Halfacre stated that the property owner refused access, we could get access. We can only have landowners do the fix. We are a facilitator not a participant in this. We want to make sure there is no imminent hazard.

Mr. Francy stated that a resident of 315C Shore Drive called him for permission to remove three trees. He gave her Mr. Rauen's contact information. She needs his permission to remove the trees.

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Mr. O'Neil said that we have a tree guy coming in this week to do tree work. Have him look at the trees for an opinion.

Discussion continued with Kim Skorka and Council.

Jeanne Rich of 319B Shore Drive spoke of a need to remove the dirt from the rear yard. He wants to know where to dispose of the dirt.

Kim Skorka said she should hire someone to remove it or do a bucket brigade.

Jeanne Rich said she is waiting to hear from her insurance company to see if she is covered.

Mr. Halfacre stated that it is not town property. We can't come on to your property to clean up. Speak to your association.

Kim Skorka said the condo association is requesting Mrs. Rich to remove the dirt from her unit and add it to the existing pile in the back.

Jeanne Rich stated that her property value has dropped. The tenant moved out. She inquired about a tax abatement.

Mr. O'Neil said she has spoken about this with Mr. Hill. She will submit a letter to the tax assessor and we will send a copy of it to the County.

John Murray of 319A Shore Drive wants to know about tax relief.

Mr. O'Neil stated that each owner should send a letter to Mr. Heck, tax assessor.

Cathleen Murray finds it odd that the Borough can't force the clean up. She is concerned about the hill coming down.

Brian Weinstack of 317C Shore Drive stated that the creek is not owned by the condo association. It is currently blocked.

Mr. Halfacre explained that the town can do that but we don't want to further destabilize the slope. Our engineers will look at this tomorrow.

Kim Skorka asked if the town could pump out the water.

Mr. Halfacre said you could probably ask the fire company.

Discussion continued with Brian Weinstack and Council about who owns property on top of the hill and the creek.

Mr. Leubner stated that it is not Borough systems, the creek is private property.

Kim Skorka believes the State owns the creek.

Mr. Francy disagreed.

Bayside Drive Project:

Mr. Leubner stated that he was asked to provide a proposal to the Borough to reconstruct a portion of Bayside Drive. He spoke of Exxon possibly paying for design and reconstruct of this roadway.

Mr. Francy stated that his understanding was that Exxon would pay for T&M's design efforts.

Mr. Hill will provide T&M's proposal to Exxon.

Mr. Francy said that we need to know what Exxon is paying for.

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DOT Grant:

Mrs. Cummins stated that Mr. Leubner needed to add one item to the agenda which is the DOT Grant.

Mr. Leubner explained the need to pick out a road for the Municipal Aid Grant deadline next week. He suggested Shore Drive. Valley Street was discussed by Mr. Francy. These are two viable options.

Discussion continued.

Mr. Leubner further explained Valley Street, which we have to tie the drainage in to the road project.

Mr. Francy stated that Valley Street has a higher urgency because we are jetting this pipe out.

Mr. Leubner stated that he will try to get State approval as one project, Valley Street and pipe issues. He needs some direction from council.

Mr. O'Neil and Mr. Connelly both agree to go with Valley Street.

Mr. Leubner will submit for Valley Street.

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Public Portion:

Arnie Fuog left meeting.

Kim Skorka passed.

Jeanne Rich passed.

John Bentham of 39 Washington Avenue expressed concerns with bulkhead collapse on Washington Avenue.

Mr. O'Neil said that T&M will be going there to access. The owner stated that he would secure the bulkhead. We will secure the sewer line and the road.

Mr. Bentham feels the road should be closed off to vehicles.

Discussion continued.

Fred Rosiak spoke of the letter from his engineer received tonight, describing his plan to make the bulkhead repair. He needs to resolve some issues prior to repair and would like to hear from T&M on the issues. He has spoken with FEMA

Mr. O'Neil stated that Mr. Leubner will review the letter and come up with a plan.

Patti Petersons of 317A Shore Drive – passed.

Brian Cobb of 11 Recreation Place added to marina comments. He was happy to see the Mayor Nolan and Mr. O'Neil at the site after the storm. The Rogers Avenue side of the marina, he is concerned with the bulkhead and sinkhole. It is getting worse.

Mr. O'Neil said it will be barricaded tomorrow. Mr. Hill will take of that.

Mr. Rosiak said he will put some sand in it.

Mrs. Carla Cefalo Braswell read thru her report.

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Visual Improvement Committee - The irrigation was completed at Miller Terrace; we are still waiting for confirmation from Mr. Hill for the Meter before we can plant. We will be purchasing the new SOD for Veterans Park and we are in the process of trying to complete all new wayfare signs.

The HBP marketing and events committee is busy soliciting sponsors and planning the 911 Memorial service in conjunction with the Memoria Project. The ceremony will begin on Sunday September 11 at 4:30 PM. Memoria Project President and Artist Steve Shaheen, and committee members working very hard to complete the National Monument in Veterans Park. It will be a National Monument because the 10' black granite stones have the names of all victims in the US that were killed on 911. Highlands was the safe haven that day and the ceremony will honor our local Police, Fire and First Aid Departments. The US Coast Guard Color Guard and local Veterans will present the colors. The ceremony will preclude with a candlelight ceremony. Cooperation from borough official's and generous sponsors in excess of \$350,000 include:

Major contributions (5K-10K+)	Large Contributions (1K-5K)
Kudos Construction	Frank Rahm
Reggiani Illumination, USA	Sprinkler Master
Highlands Business Partnership	J.F. Kiely Construction Co.
The Inns of Ocean Grove	Eastern Civil Engineering
Clayton and Montecalvo	Leon's Crane Service
	MP Engineers
	Shoregrafx Photography

Additional smaller sponsors will be recognized later.

On Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 7AM, HBP will host Bike New York for the 10th Annual Twin Lights Ride. We are seeking volunteers and the Police Explorer program under the leadership of PO Ruth have graciously offered to volunteer. HBP is assisting the explorer program in their fund raising initiatives for educational programs and new equipment. Their presence was greatly appreciated and noticed at the 17th Annual Clam fest. We commend PO Ruth and the Explorers. The festival was a great success in spite of losing the ride company. The professional assistance of Dave Parker and Charles Wells for the lighting and public safety of the event should not go unnoticed. We thank all members of the Council, Mayor Nolan, Borough Officials, HPD, HFD, DPW, the Fire Police and the administration for their outstanding cooperation for the event. The Clamfest was covered in 7 newspapers and on WRAT radio (FM 95.9). In addition, we received major airtime on Comcast Newsmakers. The total income was \$39,030.25 and the total expenses were 31,336.35.

The 11th Annual Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday October 1, 2011 from 2-10 PM. We are soliciting volunteers so please get involved. The rain date is on October 2.

The Economic Development Committee made a presentation before the planning board for new zoning recommendations and is pending approval with the Professionals recommendations.

Mrs. Braswell asked Mr. Hill if he could find out if Middletown has mulch for the Veteran's Park Ceremony and authorize Public Works to pick up.

Mr. Hill will have Public Works fill in holes.

Mr. Rosiak may have contact for tree

Mr. O'Neil spoke highly of all Borough Officials response during the hurricane.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 9:29 P.M.

Debby Dailey, Deputy Borough Clerk