

BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
Mayor & Council
Regular/Workshop Meeting
February 19, 2014

Meeting Location: Highlands Elementary School 360 Navesink Avenue, Highlands, NJ 07732

Mayor Nolan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Cummins read through the following statement: As per requirement of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, Notice is hereby given that this is a Work Shop/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: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

Also Present: Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

Tim Hill, Borough Administrator

Bruce Padula, Borough Attorney

Dale Leubner, Borough Engineer

Steve Pfeffer, Borough CFO

Executive Session Resolution

Mayor Nolan 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:

2.Contract: Shore Grafx Contract

Shared Service Agreement for C2 License

3.Real Estate:

4. Personnel Matters:

5. Attorney-Client Privilege: Police Dept. Matters

Website Problems

RCA Monitoring

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. Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion. Rendered confidential by Federal law or that if disclosed would impair receipt of Federal funds.
2. Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government.
3. Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or

institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned

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(or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.

4. Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and the conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body.
5. Any matter involving the purchase lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investments of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.
6. Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of law
7. **Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.**
8. Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting. Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under *South Jersey Publishing Co. v. New Jersey Expressway Authority*, 124, NJ 478 (1991).
9. Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that action may be taken after the executive session.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor and Council entered Executive Session.

Mayor Nolan called the Regular Meeting back to order at 8:03 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Nolan asked the governing body if they had any questions on the resolutions.

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

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R-14-64
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
RENEWAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT
WITH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SPCA

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands has a need for providing housing services for stray animals in the Borough of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, the Borough currently uses the Monmouth County SPCA as a drop off site to be used by our Animal Control Officer to drop off stray animals at the following rates:

Canines - \$200
Wildlife - \$25.00
Cats - \$190.00
Small Exotics \$40.00

; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's current service agreement expired on January 31, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the Service Agreement with the Monmouth County SPCA is hereby approved for the period of February 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-14-65
Resolution Calling on the Legislature to Make Permanent the 2% Cap on Interest Arbitration Awards

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2010, Governor Christie signed into law reforms to the Arbitration process that took effect January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the reforms capped arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2%, provided for random selection of arbitrators, expedited the determination of awards, required the arbitrator to provide a written report detailing the weight accorded to each of the required considerations and expedited the appeal process; and

WHEREAS, these reforms marked a dramatic change to the arbitration process and have helped municipalities to control the never-ending rise in public safety personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, a key element of the reforms, capping arbitration awards on economic factors to no more than 2% of the property tax levy will expire on April 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, while municipalities are statutorily limited to raise their property tax levy by no more than 2%, with very limited exceptions, failure to extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards will force municipalities throughout the State to further reduce or even eliminate crucial services, personnel, and long-overdue infrastructure improvement projects in order to fund an arbitration award; and

WHEREAS, the 2% Interest Arbitration cap has controlled one of the largest municipal expense, public safety salaries, not only through arbitration awards but through contract negotiations; and

WHEREAS, absent further action by the Legislature, any contract that expires on or after April 1, 2014, will be subject to all new procedures and requirements, EXCEPT the 2% awards cap; and

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WHEREAS, without those limits, arbitrators will be able to impose awards that do not account for the 2% limit on the property tax levy, which would immediately threaten funding for all other municipal services; and

WHEREAS, without the 2% cap on Interest Arbitration Awards but with the 2% cap on property tax levy local budget makers could be forced to reduce other essential municipal services to fund an arbitration award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the governing body of the Borough of Highlands strongly urges the Legislature to permanently extend the 2% cap on interest arbitration awards prior to the April 1, 2014 sunset; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a that a copy of this duly adopted resolution be forwarded to Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto, the legislators of the 13th Legislative District, Governor Chris Christie, and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-14-66

Resolution Approving a Shared Services Agreement between the Borough and the Borough of Atlantic Highlands for a C2 Sewer Operator

Whereas, the Borough is in need of a C2 sewer operator; and

Whereas, the Borough of Atlantic Highlands is capable of providing these services to the Borough; and

Whereas, the Borough and Atlantic Highlands wish to enter into a shared services agreement in substantially the form attached hereto for the provision of C2 sewer operator services to the Borough.

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the Borough hereby approves a shared services agreement between itself and the Borough of Atlantic Highlands in substantially the same form as attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

Be it further resolved that the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign this agreement on behalf of the Borough.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

R-14-67

RESOLUTION APPROVING DISABLED PARKING SPACE

WHEREAS, a application for a Disabled Parking Designation was submitted to the Highlands Police Department by Arlene Dorsey of 70 Fourth Street, Highlands; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has reviewed the application and recommends the approval of said Disabled Parking Designation;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands that the application for Disabled Parking Designation for the following is hereby approved:

1. Arlene Dorsey – disabled parking designation sign be erected on twenty eight feet south of an existing designated handicap parking space (P858061). The space should be designated with placard #P1163353.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-16-68

AUTHORIZING REFUND OF SEWER OVERPAYMENT

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector of the Borough of Highlands has reviewed the rolls and determined that certain monies are due and payable by the Borough of Highlands to certain residents and property owners within the Borough of Highlands, as a result of an overpayment of sewer fees, and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends the immediate reimbursement of the excess funds currently collected by the Borough of Highlands to certain enumerated individuals,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is authorized to immediately refund and pay the overpayment of taxes to the individuals and property owners of the specific properties listed below, and attached hereto:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
Re: Taxpayer Excess Payment				
68	2.02	2013	\$530.69	Kevin Melton (Acc#7820-1)
29	4	2013	980.00	Dawn Ciccone (Acc#1938-0)

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

RESOLUTION -R-14-69

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR SNOW
REMOVAL AND STREET LIGHTING REIMBURSEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH
OF HIGHLANDS AND THE GATEWAY VILLAS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION**

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WHEREAS, the Municipal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.2, et seq., and amendments thereto, provides in pertinent part that a municipality, in lieu of providing certain municipal services to the private community, may opt to financially reimburse the qualified private communities for the cost of certain municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the Gateway Villas Condominium Association is a qualified private community, as defined under the Act, and the Borough of Highlands is a municipality governed by the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and The Gateway Villas Condominium Association have mutually agreed that the Association shall perform its own snow removal and pay the cost for street lighting and that the Borough shall reimburse the Association for the cost of those services at a rate not to exceed the cost that would be incurred by the Borough in providing those service directly; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.5 requires a written agreement to annually reimburse a qualified private community.

WHEREAS, the Borough has prepared a written agreement to annually reimburse Gateway Villas Condominium Association and wishes to enter into an agreement in substantially the same form as this agreement that has been prepared for, presented to, and approved by, the Governing Body; and

WHEREAS, the Gateway Villas Condominium Association has not yet reviewed or approved the proposed agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, that the appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement for Municipal Services between the Borough of Highlands and The Gateway Villas Condominium Association in substantially the form attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agreement for Municipal Services shall become effective upon approval of the Agreement by the Gateway Villas Condominium Association in a manner acceptable to the Borough.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-14-70
AUTHORIZING REFUND OF LANDLORD REGISTRATION FEE

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WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Highlands has reviewed the rolls and determined that certain monies are due and payable by the Borough of Highlands to certain residents and property owners within the Borough of Highlands, as a result of an overpayment of a 2013 Landlord Registration fee, and

WHEREAS, the Code Enforcement Officer recommends the immediate reimbursement of the excess funds currently collected by the Borough of Highlands to certain enumerated individuals,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY 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 refund of a 2013 Landlord Registratio Fee to the individuals and property owners of the specific properties listed below, and attached hereto:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>NAME</u>
90	5	\$325.00	Charlene Fentiman
2013 Landlord Reg Fee			

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

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R-14-72
TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands desires to constitute the 2014 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of Highlands by inserting therein various capital projects,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands as follows:

Section 1. The 2014 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of Highlands is hereby constituted by the adoption of a schedule to read as follows:

Temporary Capital Budget
 Borough of Highlands
 County of Monmouth, New Jersey

Projects Scheduled for 2014
 Capital

Project	Estimated Costs	Improvement Fund	Other Funds	Debt Authorized
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 Supplemental Bond Ordinance
 to Bond Ordinance O-14-2
 Dissolution of the Atlantic
 Highlands-Highlands Regional

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Sewerage Authority

Replacement of Force Mains		
Project # SU-14-01	\$ 50,000	\$50,000

Section 2. The Borough Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution with the Division of Local Government Services, within three days after the adoption of these projects for the 2014 Temporary Capital Budget, to be included in the 2014 Permanent Capital Budget as adopted.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Nolan offered the following Payment of Bills and moved on its approval for payment;

RECAP OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
02/19/2014

CURRENT:		\$ 33,662.45
Payroll	(02/15/2014)	\$ 113,611.61
Manual Checks		\$ 5,861.08
Voided Checks		\$
SEWER ACCOUNT:		\$ 110,957.55
Payroll	(02/15/2014)	\$ 3,368.20
Manual Checks		\$ 12.10
Voided Checks		\$
CAPITAL/GENERAL		\$ 39,435.00
CAPITAL-MANUAL CHECKS		\$
Voided Checks		\$
WATER CAPITAL ACCOUNT		\$
TRUST FUND		\$ 38,447.31
Payroll	(02/15/2014)	\$
Manual Checks		\$
Voided Checks		\$
UNEMPLOYMENT ACCT-MANUALS		\$
DOG FUND		\$
GRANT FUND		\$ 335.50
Payroll	(02/15/2014)	\$ 3,026.91
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.**

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SUPPLEMENTAL BILL LIST
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CURRENT FUND

First Priority	Repairs - Ambulance	1,550.44
First Priority	Repairs - Firetruck Mack Pumper	3,455.98
First Priority	Repairs Seagrave Pumper #17-77	6,281.86
Future Sanitation	Garbage/Recycling 2/1/14-2/15/14	8,450.00
Future Sanitation	Garbage/Recycling 2/16/14-2/28/14	8,450.00
Monmouth County Treasurer	E911 for 2014	13,953.15

Total Current Fund		42,141.43
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CAPITAL FUND

Total Capital Fund		0.00
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GRANT FUND

Total Grant Fund		0.00
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SEWER UTILITY FUND

Total Sewer Utility Fund		0.00
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TRUST FUND

Total Trust Fund		0.00
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Total Supplemental Bill List		42,141.43
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Minutes Approved on Consent Agenda:

Mayor Nolan offered a motion for the approval of the Regular & Executive Minutes from January 15th, 2014, and seconded by Mr. Redmond and all were in favor on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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Other Resolutions:

R-14-71 – Resolution Making Application to Local Finance Board

Mrs. Cummins read the title of R-14-71.

Mr. Pfeffer explained that this resolution is an application from the Bond Counsel.

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-14-71

**RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF
MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL
FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(e) AND N.J.S.A.
58:11B-9(a)**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey (the "Borough") desires to make application to the Local Finance Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-26(e) and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a) for its review and approval of a financing through the 2014 New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Financing Program;

WHEREAS, the Borough believes that:

- (a) it is in the public interest to accomplish such purpose;
- (b) said purpose or improvements are for the health, welfare, convenience or betterment of the inhabitants of the local unit;
- (c) the amounts to be expended for said purpose or improvements are not unreasonable or exorbitant;
- (d) the proposal is an efficient and feasible means of providing services for the needs of the inhabitants of the local unit and will not create an undue financial burden to be placed upon the local unit;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. The application to the Local Finance Board is hereby approved, and the Borough's Bond Counsel and Auditor, along with other representatives of the Borough, are hereby authorized to prepare such application and to represent the Borough in matters pertaining thereto.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Borough is hereby directed to prepare and file a copy of this resolution with the Local Finance Board as part of such application.

Section 3. The Local Finance Board is hereby respectfully requested to consider such application and to record its findings, recommendations and/or approvals as provided by the applicable New Jersey Statute.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Ms. Kane, Mr. Francy, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-14-73 – Resolution Emergency Appropriations:

Mrs. Cummins read the title of R-14-73.

Mr. Pfeffer gave a brief description. It is a temporary budget resolution.

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Mayor Nolan offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

R-14-73
Resolution - 2014 Emergency Temporary Appropriations #1

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen due to the anticipated delay of the adoption of the 2014 budget and no adequate provision has been made in the 2014 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purposes, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in 2014 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total:

Current Fund Appropriations:	1,862,845.00
Sewer Utility Appropriations:	429,225.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made for the following appropriation:

Current Fund Appropriations:	1,862,845.00
Sewer Utility Appropriations:	429,225.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriation will be provided in the 2014 budget under the following titles:

Current Fund Appropriations:	1,862,845.00
Sewer Utility Appropriations:	429,225.00

See Attached Sheets

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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2014 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS: # 1
MUNICIPAL BUDGET

<u>Department</u>	<u>Salaries</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
"IN CAPS"			
Borough Council	3,250.00	40,000.00	43,250.00
Borough Clerk	10,000.00	4,000.00	14,000.00
Borough Administrator	15,000.00		15,000.00
Central Services	15,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00
Financial Administration	16,000.00		16,000.00
Audit			0.00
Assessment of Taxes	4,000.00	15,000.00	19,000.00
Collection of Taxes	7,000.00	3,000.00	10,000.00
Legal Services & Costs			0.00
Municipal Prosecutor	2,000.00		2,000.00
Engineering Services		40,000.00	40,000.00
Public Building & Grounds		5,000.00	5,000.00
Shade Tree Commission			0.00
Planning Board	1,000.00		1,000.00
Zoning Board	1,000.00	2,000.00	3,000.00

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Insurance:

Group		400,000.00	400,000.00
Other			0.00
Workmen's Compensation			0.00
Unemployment			0.00
Uniform Fire Safety	4,000.00		4,000.00
Fire		5,000.00	5,000.00
Police	300,000.00	10,000.00	310,000.00
Dispatch	25,000.00		25,000.00
Municipal Court			0.00
First Aid		4,000.00	4,000.00
Public Defender	500.00		500.00
Emergency Management	500.00		500.00
Streets & Roads	20,000.00		20,000.00
Snow Removal	13,000.00	10,000.00	23,000.00
Monmouth County Regional			
Health Commission			0.00
Environmental Commission			0.00
Dog Control			0.00

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Beachfront Maintenance	13,200.00		13,200.00
Parks & Playgrounds		5,000.00	5,000.00
Celebration of Public Events			0.00
Community Center	7,000.00	4,000.00	11,000.00
Code Enforcement	5,000.00	2,000.00	7,000.00
Code Enforcement - Substandard Housing			0.00
Sanitation			0.00
Sanitation-Contractual		100,000.00	100,000.00
Monmouth County			
Reclamation Center		20,000.00	20,000.00
Construction Code Official	11,000.00		11,000.00
Mechanical Garage		500.00	500.00
Condo Services		5,000.00	5,000.00
Accumulated Leave			0.00
UTILITIES:			
Electricity			0.00
Street Lighting			0.00
Telephone			0.00
Water			0.00
Natural Gas			0.00
Telecommunications			0.00
Gasoline & Diesel		10,000.00	10,000.00
Fire Hydrants			0.00

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Deferred Charges:

Social Security System	15,000.00	15,000.00
PERS	104,271.00	104,271.00
PFRS	339,124.00	339,124.00
DCRP	1,000.00	1,000.00

TOTAL INSIDE "CAP"	473,450.00	1,148,895.00	1,622,345.00
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"OUTSIDE CAPS"

Recycling Tax	500.00	500.00
Stormwater Management		0.00
Interlocal:		
Atlantic Highlands Garage	5,000.00	5,000.00
PFRS		0.00
GRANTS:		
Summer Food	5,000.00	5,000.00
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D.D.E.F.		0.00

TOTAL OUTSIDE "CAP"	0.00	10,500.00	10,500.00
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SUB-TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Statutory Additions:

Capital Improvement Fund	30,000.00	30,000.00
Restoration - Firehouse	200,000.00	200,000.00

SUB-TOTAL STATUTORY ADDITIONS	0.00	230,000.00	230,000.00
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TOTAL TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL BUDGET	473,450.00	1,389,395.00	1,862,845.00
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SEWER UTILITY:

Operating:	15,000.00	400,000.00	415,000.00
Insurance:			
Group		6,000.00	6,000.00
Other			0.00
Workmen's Compensation			0.00
Capital Improvements:			
Improvements to Sewer System			0.00
Statutory Expenditures:			
PERS		7,225.00	7,225.00
Social Security System		1,000.00	1,000.00
Unemployment Compensation			
Insurance			0.00
Interest on Bonds			0.00
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Total Water Sewer Utility	15,000.00	414,225.00	429,225.00

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

R-14-74 – Resolution Approving Raffle License

Mrs. Cummins read the title of R-14-74.

Mayor Nolan explained that this is a raffle license for Henry Hudson PTO.

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-14-74
RESOLUTION
APPROVING RAFFLE LICENSES

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WHEREAS, the Henry Hudson Regional School, PTO has submitted a Raffle License Applications No. RA1317-14-2 and the Highlands Business Partnership has submitted a Raffle License Application RA#1317-14-3; and

WHEREAS, all paperwork appears to be in order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands does hereby approve Raffle License Application RA#1317-14-2 and RA#1317-14-3 and the Borough Clerk is authorized to sign off on licenses.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

R-14-75 – Resolution Approving Memorandum Agreement with PBA Local NO. 48 and Robert White

Mrs. Cummins read the title of R-14-75.

Mrs. Cummins read the resolution in to the record.

Mayor Nolan explained that this is for a retiring officer.

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-14-75
RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM
OF AGREEMENT WITH PBA LOCAL NO. 48
AND ROBERT WHITE

WHEREAS, the Borough and the PBA have negotiated a memorandum of agreement concerning the retirement of Officer Robert White.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the Borough approved the memorandum of agreement between the Borough, PBA Local No. 48 and Robert White in substantially the form attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

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

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Nolan thanked Officer White for his services.

Ordinances –Introduction & Setting of Public Hearing:

O-14-05 – Bond Ordinance for Replacement of Force Main

Mrs. Cummins read the title of Ordinance O-14-05 on for introduction and setting of a public hearing date of March 5th, 2014.

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Mayor Nolan offered the following Bond Ordinance and moved on its introduction and setting of a public hearing date of March 5, 2014 at 8:00 P.M. and authorized its publication according to law:

O-14-5

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL
APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 FOR REPLACEMENT OF FORCE
MAINS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS, IN THE
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF.

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 improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance has heretofore been authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Highlands, in the County of Monmouth, New Jersey (the "Borough"). For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the supplemental amount of \$50,000, such sum being in addition to the \$1,632,800 appropriated therefor by bond ordinance O-14-2 of the Borough, finally adopted February 5, 2014 (the "Original Bond Ordinance"). No down payment is required as the purpose authorized herein is deemed self-liquidating and the bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein are deductible from the gross debt of the Borough, as more fully explained in Section 6(e) of this bond ordinance.

Section 2. In order to finance the additional cost of the improvement or purpose, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$50,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement heretofore authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the replacement of force mains to connect

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with the Township of Middletown Sewerage Authority's interceptor main, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto. The project was originally authorized to be undertaken and performed by the Atlantic Highlands – Highlands Regional Sewerage Authority (the "Authority"). Pursuant to Ordinance O-14-1 of the Borough, the Authority will be dissolved effective March 31, 2014, and the Borough will complete the construction and financing of this project.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is \$1,682,800, including the \$1,632,800 authorized by the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$50,000 bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized herein.

(c) The estimated cost of the Borough's share of the improvement or purpose is \$1,682,800, including the \$1,632,800 appropriated by the Original Bond Ordinance and the \$50,000 appropriated herein. The Borough of Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey by virtue of one or more bond ordinances shall provide for its share of the improvement or purpose.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date. The bond anticipation 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 bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation 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 governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include

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the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a self-liquidating purpose of a municipal public utility. No part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 30 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the 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 \$50,000, but that the net debt of the Borough determined as provided in the Local Bond Law is not increased by this bond ordinance. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$403,600 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement. Of this amount, \$353,600 was estimated for these items of

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expense by the Authority and shall be treated by the Borough as permitted items of expense permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 and an additional \$50,000 is estimated therefor 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 the gross debt of the Borough pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-44(c).

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Rule) for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its

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undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the 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 real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

Seconded by Ms. Ryan and introduced on the following roll call Vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

O-14-06 – Ordinance for Repairs to Structures

Mrs. Cummins read the title of Ordinance O-14-06 on for introduction and setting of a public hearing date of March 19th, 2014.

Mayor Nolan offered the following Ordinance and moved on its introduction and setting of a public hearing date of March 19th, 2014 at 8:00 PM and authorized its publication according to law:

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COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
O-14-6

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER X “BUILDINGS AND HOUSING” TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF N.J.S.A. 40:48-1, ET SEQ. AND TO ALLOW THE BOROUGH TO DETERMINE AND ABATE CERTAIN NUISANCES

WHEREAS, the Borough regulates Buildings and Housing by and through Chapter X of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, the Borough regulates the emergency repair, vacation and demolition of “dangerous buildings” by and through subsection 10-4.14 of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to amend subsection 10-4.14 of the Borough Code to conform to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough regulates nuisances, in part, by and through subsection 10:4-7 of the Borough Code; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code does not presently provide a mechanism for the Borough to abate certain nuisances; and

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WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to amend subsection 10-4.7 of the Borough Code to provide a mechanism for the Borough to abate nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that it is in the best interests of the Borough to amend the Borough Code as hereinafter provided; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

Section One. The Borough Code, subsection 10-4.14, "Emergency Cases," shall be amended to provide as follows:

In cases where it reasonably appears that there is immediate danger to the life or safety of any person unless a "dangerous building" as defined herein is immediately repaired, vacated or demolished, the building inspector or other designated official shall report such facts to the public officer and if an actual and immediate danger to life is posed by the threatened collapse of any fire damaged or other structurally unsafe building, the public officer may, after taking such measures as may be necessary to make such building temporarily safe, seek a judgment in summary proceedings for the demolition thereof. The costs of such emergency repair, vacation or demolition of such "dangerous building" shall be collected in the same manner as provided in subsection 10-4.11 hereof.

Section Two. The Borough Code, subsection 10:4-7, "Dangerous Buildings; Nuisances," shall be amended to provide as follows:

- (a) All "dangerous buildings" within the terms of subsections 10-4.5 and 10-4.6 paragraph b. of this section are hereby declared to be public nuisances, and shall be repaired, vacated or demolished as hereinbefore and hereinafter provided.
- (b) The Borough, by resolution of its governing body, may abate a nuisance, correct a defect, or put the premises in proper condition so as to comply with the requirements of any Borough ordinance or State law applicable thereto, at the cost of the owner or lessor, and expend Borough funds for such purpose and charge the same against the premises, and the amount thereof as determined by the governing body of the Borough shall be a lien against the premises and collectible as provided in subsection 10-4.11 hereof.

Section Three. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance, which shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

Section Four. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section Five. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage as provided by law.

Seconded by Ms. Ryan and introduced on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

O-14-07 – Ordinance Placing Question on Ballot

Mrs. Cummins read the title of Ordinance O-14-07 on for introduction and setting of a public hearing date of March 5th.

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Mr. Francy offered the following Ordinance O-14-07 for introduction and setting of a public hearing date of March 5th, 2014.

Ordinance failed due to lack of second.

Ordinances: 2nd Reading, Public Hearing and Adoption:

O-14-03 Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Nonconforming Lots &

O-14-04 Ordinance RE: Enclosure Openings, Review Planning Board Comments

Mrs. Cummins stated that these two ordinances, O-14-03 and O-14-04, cannot be heard this evening and need a motion to carry both to the March 19th meeting. We need the Planning Boards comments and their meeting was cancelled last week due to a snow storm.

Mayor Nolan offered a motion to carry Ordinances O-14-03 and O-14-04 to the March 19th, 2014 meeting, seconded by Ms. Kane and all were in favor on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Other Business:

Borough Engineer's Status Report

Mr. Leubner gave his report.

The following is the status of various projects in which we are involved as Borough Engineer:

Capital Improvement Projects

1. **Flood Reduction Program:** We have requested to be included in the 2015 EIT funding cycle at this time. We are also currently seeking other Federal funding options in an effort to move the project forward. We are currently preparing a proposal to finalize the plans, review to current codes and standards and updating permits as required.
2. **The Dredging of Jones Creek at Snug Harbor:** Permit applications and associated plans are completed.
 - County has completed the dredging of the creek and removal of the spoils pile from the vacant lot on Shore Drive.
 - County has repairs to perform due to damage they caused during the operation.
 - Meeting was held with the County on September 16, 2013 to review damaged areas and reject recent repairs. County has agreed to make the requested repairs but has been uncommitted to a date to complete the repairs.
 - NJDEP permit application has been submitted.
3. **The Replacement of the North Street Stormwater Pumpstation:** The station was lost during Hurricane Sandy.
 - A 12" trailer pump is currently in place and utilized as needed until a more permanent pump is installed.
 - Design is substantially complete.
 - Station has been redesigned higher to be out of the new floodplain per recent ABFE's.
 - Design has been revised to utilize electric pumps with a backup diesel generator due to the inability to satisfy NJDEP sound attenuation regulations.

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- Draft plans have been submitted to the Governing Body for review. We will advertise the project once bonding is in place and we are authorized to do so.
 - Awaiting further direction from the Governing Body with regards to the overall size of the station. Now that the new flood maps have been released, the overall height of the station can be reduced by four feet.
 - Access agreements are required from the adjacent property owners for construction purposes.
 - Pumping Services repaired and installed the existing pump to operate the station.
4. **The Reconstruction of Bayside Drive:** The project includes the area between Marie and Matthews Streets and is being funded by Exxon/Mobil as part of the overall remediation project.
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| Bid Date: | April 30, 2013 |
| Award Date: | May 1, 2013 |
| Contractor: | Esposito Construction, LLC, Matawan, NJ |
| Amount: | \$110,955.00 |
- Contracts have been approved by the Borough Attorney.
 - Concerns have been raised pertaining to material disposal and water levels within the ditch area. Test results have been received on the material and the material will be disposed of appropriately.
 - Project has been substantially completed.
 - The only remaining punchlist item is extending the retaining wall an additional 100 feet to the west. That work to be completed in the near future as weather permits.
5. **The Replacement of the Bay Street Retaining Wall:** This project will replace the failing retaining wall on Bay Street along the frontage of house #8.
- Project was recently authorized by the Mayor and Council.
 - Project design is underway.
 - Soil borings have been completed.
 - We provided the Mayor and Council with two options for wall systems. Once an option is chosen, we can proceed with finalizing the design.
6. **The Waterwitch Avenue & Linden Avenue Drainage Project:** The intent of this project is to capture sediment frequently received from Monmouth Hills and Route 36 to keep it from clogging the Borough's infrastructure and causing additional flooding.
- Project study and design are underway.
 - Project survey has been completed.
 - Awaiting Borough DPW and PD assistance to access paved over sanitary sewer manholes throughout the project area. Once that is completed, we can finalize design and advertise the project.

Grants and Loans

1. **Monmouth County Community Development Block Grant:** The Borough has been informed that an award of \$178,077.00 has been made. This funding may be able to be re-programmed towards the replacement of the North Street Pumpstation based on prior discussions with the County.
2. **FY 2013 NJDOT Local Aid Applications:** The application for the resurfacing of Shore Drive between Waterwitch Avenue and Locust Street has been submitted as directed by the Governing Body. The Borough has been informed by the NJDOT that \$200,000 has been awarded for this project.
3. **FY 2014 NJDOT Local Aid Applications:** As requested, T&M Associates prepared and submitted a Local Aid application for consideration for Shrewsbury Avenue from Bay Avenue to Miller Street.

Mr. Francy questioned Mr. Leubner about the pipe for drainage. He also stated that we had authorized T&M for bid specs on the flood control project so we can go out to bid.

Mr. Leubner explained that the Army Corp permit expired so we will need to update plans. He will have that in one week.

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Mr. Pfeffer stated that we are going to have to do another Bond Ordinance and go to the Local Finance Board for waiver of down payment.

Mr. Francy said that we need to move forward on this.

Mr. Pfeffer said when he gets the numbers from Mr. Leubner, he will move forward with the Bond Counsel for the next meeting.

Ms. Ryan questioned Mr. Leubner about his report on the Monmouth County CDBG money. It says that the funding may be reprogrammed towards the North Street Pump. What is it programmed towards now.

Mr. Leubner explained it is programmed to the pipe under the pump.

Review of Zoning Board 2013 Annual Report

Mrs. Cummins stated that this is the Zoning Boards recommendations and we needs motion to accept it.

Mayor Nolan offered a motion to accept the Zoning Boards recommendations, seconded by Ms. Ryan and all were in favor on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Ms. Ryan, Mr. Redmond, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Sandy Grants:

Ms. Ryan stated that she has applications available for victims of Sandy for various grants. There is a grant for people who are having trouble paying their energy bills. There is help with any Sandy-related problems except lawsuits thru the Community Health Law Project. She also recommends all to apply for the SHRAP Program which will help you with bills and replacement of items. If anyone has questions or needs further information, do not hesitate to contact her.

Arcadis:

Lee Wordsmen gave a status report for FEMA reimbursements. He provided council with a spreadsheet. He explained the appeal process they are going thru for denials. He also is working with Mr. Hill on the house lifting project. They will set a date within the next few weeks to meet with homeowners who are on the Irene Grant.

Mr. Francy asked Mr. Wordsmen about NJEM Grant reduction.

Mr. Wordsmen explained it includes the deduction of FEMA money initially given in advance.

Mr. Francy further questioned Mr. Wordsmen on various projects and programs.

Public Portion:

Carolyn Broulion of 12 Miller Street said that she is upset with council for not moving forward with the ordinance to move the election back to November. It would save the town money.

Kim Skorka of 315 Shore Drive asked the council why they did not want to move the date back to November.

Mayor Nolan stated because most felt it would be confusing to the public. We can still do it later, after the election.

Mr. Padula stated that is could be voted on at the November Election.

Kim Skorka asked if there is an ordinance for time frame for people to clear sidewalks of snow and if not, we need to create one.

Bruce Padula will look into the ordinance.

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Kim Skorka stated that the storm drains need to be cleared.

Mr. Hill said he has the DPW doing this tomorrow.

Kim Skorka mentioned that 313-317 Shore Drive needs drains cleared and the curb line cleared also.

Mrs. Cummins stated that she does not have to wait for a meeting, she can call Borough Hall with snow removal issues.

Kim Skorka asked if there is an Army Corp meeting update.

Mr. Hill explained that the next meeting will be March 11th or 12th. They are working on confirming a meeting location. He hopes to have a confirmation by Friday. He explained that the meetings will focus on sections of town initially.

Jerry Feliciano of 14 North Peak Street said that he applied for a gas line over a year ago. Who can he go to get this line started?

Mr. Hill stated that he was under the impression that the gas company was proceeding with this project.

Mayor Nolan directed Mr. Hill to follow up on this.

Mr. Hill will contact NJNG.

Melissa Pederson of 17 Chestnut Street asked about the status of revisiting the Master Plan.

Mayor Nolan responded that the Planning Board meeting was cancelled because of snow storm. It will be discussed at the March Planning Board Meeting.

Melissa Pederson asked why we are revisiting the master plan.

Mayor Nolan stated because of all the problems in town, demolitions, grants, development and changes made from the last one.

Discussion continued.

Melissa Pederson feels we should adhere to the existing Master Plan. She does not feel the money and time spent will be worth it. She also spoke of problems with garbage pickup.

Mr. Hill explained the problems and we have documented them. Future Sanitation needed to clean up some problems before the new contractor begins.

Mr. Padula will look at the contract regarding a release.

Mr. Hill stated that the new contractor is M&S Waste Services and is looking forward to working with them.

Jen Olsen of 61 Barberie Avenue thanked the police department for arrest of drug dealers. She also asked what the procedure is to get streets plowed and who does she report pay offs for plowing.

Mr. Hill asked her to contact him in the future. He will speak with DPW about snowplowing on storm drains.

Carol Bucco of 330 Shore Drive stated that it was her understanding that we do not need the ordinance for elections.

Mayor Nolan explained that we will do it after the May elections.

Carol Bucco reminded council to let M&S know not break the dumpster wheels. She also mentioned that Shore Drive was not plowed to Willow.

Mayor Nolan said that Mr. Hill did go over this in the meeting with M&S.

Mrs. Cummins told Carol Bucco to call Borough Hall or the Police Department when there is an issue with snowplowing.

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Mayor Nolan offered a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kane and all were in favor.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Debby Dailey, Deputy Clerk

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