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Mayor & Council
Workshop/Regular Meeting
May 21, 2014**

Mayor Nolan called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Mrs. 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
Steve Pfeffer, Chief Financial Officer
Patrick DeBlasio, Tax Collector
Bruce Padula, Labor Attorney
Dale Leubner, Borough Engineer

Executive Session Resolution

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution for approval:

**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:**
- 3. Real Estate: Deannexation of Highlands Property**
- 4. Personnel Matters:**
- 5. Attorney-Client Privilege: 5K Run
38 Cornwall Street
Millennium Presentation
Facilities Update
Navesink Capital Sewer Connection**

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

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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 (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 collecting 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 publics 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. Francy and approved 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

The Governing Body then entered into Executive Session.

Mayor Nolan called the Regular Meeting back to order at 8:15 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
NAYS: None

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ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Nolan asked if anyone had questions on the resolutions on consent agenda.

Mr. Padula had a comment of R-14-136. There is a minor change in the first introductory paragraph. It should read that the application has not been sent.

Mayor Nolan briefly discussed the resolution with Mr. Padula.

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its approval for payment:

**R-14-134
RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX EXEMPTION
TO DISABLED VETERAN
FOR BLOCK 120 LOT 10.2-14**

WHEREAS, Thomas Abelson is a 100% disabled veteran and is the owner and resident of 255 Shore Drive #13, Highlands (Block 120 Lot 10.2-14). A 100% service connected disability having has been awarded to Thomas Abelson by the Veteran Administration for medical conditions arising from his military service; and

WHEREAS, the petitioner has applied for exemption of the taxes assessed for his property located at 255 Shore Dr #13, Highlands, as a 100% disabled veteran pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30(A), and the Abelson residence is exempt for its tax assessment commencing on April 1, 2014 as the residence of a 100% disabled veteran; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands, upon recommendation of the Tax Assessor, has determined that Thomas Abelson is entitled to a tax exemption as a 100% disabled veteran for conditions received in the honorable service of his county and his fellow citizens, and the effectuating the policy of tax exemption as of the appropriate date is proper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that pursuant to the authority of N.J.S.A. 54:4-3(A) the Tax Assessor is hereby authorized to exempt Block 120 Lot 10.2-14, 255 Shore Dr #13, Highlands, the residence of Thomas Abelson, a 100% disabled veteran, from the prorated assessment of property effective April 1, 2014.

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
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

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

**R-14-135
Resolution Amending Resolution R-14-115 Setting Bid Threshold**

**AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS TO INCREASE THE BID
THRESHOLD AND TO APPOINT A QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT**

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq. permits local contracting units to increase their bid threshold up to \$36,000.00; and

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WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3a permits an increase in the bid threshold if a Qualified Purchasing Agent is appointed as well as granted the authorization to negotiate and award such contracts below the bid threshold; and also sets the quotation limit threshold to \$5,400; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:34-5, et seq., established the criteria for qualifying as a Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, Kim Gonzalez possesses the designation of Qualified Purchasing Agent as issued by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:34-5, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands wishes to increase the bid threshold and to appoint Kim Gonzalez as Qualified Purchasing Agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Borough of Highlands, County of Monmouth, New Jersey that the Borough of Highlands increases its bid threshold to \$36,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands hereby appoints Kim Gonzalez as the Qualified Purchasing Agent authorized to exercise the duties of a purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(30), with specific relevance to the authority, responsibility, and accountability of the purchasing activity of the contracting unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to take such ministerial actions as are necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

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

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

**R-14-136
Authorizing Treatment Works Approval (TWA) Application**

WHEREAS, Navesink Capital Partners, LLC intends to submit a Treatment Works Approval (TWA) application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental protection (NJDEP) for the Navesink Shores/Sandy Hook Bay Marina Project located at Shore Drive and Locust Street Block 101 Lots 17.02,27,27.01,30 & 30.02; and Block 102 Lots 8 & 9 in the Borough of Highlands, NJ to construct 49 residential units, a restaurant, office space and reconstruction of the existing marina, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended that the Borough approve the TWA Application; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Highlands, NJ must approve said TWA Application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Highlands at their Regular Meeting held on May 21, 2014, approve the aforementioned TWA Application and authorize and direct the Mayor to sign the WQM-003 form and any other related and necessary documents on behalf of the Borough in order to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution.

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

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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:

**R-14-137
RESOLUTION INTERNSHIP
FOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICES**

WHEREAS, Michelle Ketcham a student at Monmouth University has applied to the Borough of Highlands for an Internship; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has reviewed her application and recommends that the Borough approve this Internship;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands that the Internship of Michelle Ketcham is hereby approved for the period of May 27, 2014 through August 31, 2014 at no compensation.

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
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

**R-14-138
RESOLUTION
A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the Borough and Highlands Elementary School have had a Shared Service Contract since 2004 to provide snow removal and trash collection services to the school to save Highlands Taxpayer dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the contract will be expiring on June 30, 2014 and Governing Body wishes to renew the Interlocal Shared Service Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands, that the Interlocal Services Agreement between the Borough of Highlands and the Highlands Board of Education is hereby approved for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract agreement.

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
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

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ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Nolan offered the following Payment of Bills and moved on its authorization for payment:

**RECAP OF PAYMENT OF BILLS
05/21/2014**

CURRENT:		\$	136,314.25
	Payroll (05/15/2014)	\$	116,889.99
	Manual Checks	\$	
	Voided Checks	\$	
SEWER ACCOUNT:		\$	52,503.27
	Payroll (05/15/2014)	\$	3,467.08
	Manual Checks	\$	22,360.00
	Voided Checks	\$	
CAPITAL/GENERAL		\$	9,642.02
CAPITAL-MANUAL CHECKS		\$	
	Voided Checks	\$	
WATER CAPITAL ACCOUNT		\$	
TRUST FUND		\$	19,796.23
	Payroll (05/15//2014)	\$	775.00
	Manual Checks	\$	11,169.45
	Voided Checks	\$	
UNEMPLOYMENT ACCT-MANUALS		\$	
DOG FUND		\$	
GRANT FUND		\$	7,544.56
	Payroll (05/15/2014)	\$	1,899.28
	Manual Checks	\$	
	Voided Checks	\$	
DEVELOPER'S TRUST		\$	
	Manual Checks	\$	
	Voided Checks	\$	

Minutes Approved on Consent Agenda:

Mayor Nolan offered a motion for the approval of the May 7th, 2014 Regular Minutes and Executive Session Minutes, 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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

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Ordinances: Introduction & Schedule Public Hearing Date:

O-14-7 – Ordinance Changing Municipal Elections Back to November

Mrs. Cummins read the title of O-14-7 on Introduction and setting of a public hearing date of June 18th, 2014.

Ms. Cummins explained that the table agreed to bring this back to the table after the May election.

Mr. Francy offered the following Resolution and moved on its approval for introduction and setting of a public hearing date of June 18, 2014 at 8:00 PM at the Highlands Elementary School located at 360 Navesink Ave, Highlands, NJ at 8:00 PM. Authorization for publication granted.

O-14-7

**BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

AN ORDINANCE PLACING THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE BOROUGH OF HIGHLANDS REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CURRENTLY HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN MAY SHALL BE HELD ON THE DAY OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, THE TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER

WHEREAS, the “Uniform Nonpartisan Elections Law” at N.J.S.A. 40:45-5, et seq. permits a municipality to, by ordinance, choose to hold regular municipal elections on the day of the general election, the Tuesday after the first Monday in November; and

WHEREAS, the Borough residents at the November 5, 2013 general election adopted, by referendum, an ordinance providing that “The Charter of the Borough of Highlands governed by Small Municipality Plan C is hereby amended to provide for the holding of regular (i.e., non-partisan) municipal elections in May”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-196(a), the Governing Body may within 3 years immediately following the date of adoption of the ordinance changing the date and type of municipal elections, submit a proposition for the amendment of that ordinance to the voters at the succeeding regular municipal election; and

WHEREAS, some Borough residents have expressed a desire to hold regular municipal elections on the day of the general election; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that it is in the best interests of the residents of the Borough to submit to the voters of the Borough of Highlands at the next regular municipal election, the question of whether regular municipal elections shall be held on the day of the general election, the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

Section One. The following question shall be submitted to the voters of the Borough of Highlands at the next general election to be held on November 4, 2014:

	Yes	Shall the Borough of Highlands adopt an ordinance changing the date of the regular municipal elections from the second Tuesday of May to the day of the general election, the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, commencing with the 2015 municipal election
	No	

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

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

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

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYS: Mayor Nolan

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

O-14-14 – Ordinance Authorizing Acceptance of Property

Mrs. Cummins read the title of O-14-14 on Introduction and setting of a public hearing date of June 4th, 2014.

Mayor Nolan offered the following Ordinance pass first reading and moved on its introduction and setting of a public hearing date of June 4th at 8:00 P.M. and authorized its publication according to law;

O-14-14

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF
TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY FROM ATLANTIC
HIGHLANDS-HIGHLANDS REGIONAL SEWAGE AUTHORITY
BLOCK 40.01, LOT 21.01**

WHEREAS, the Atlantic Highlands-Highlands Regional Sewage Authority is the record owner of Tax Map Block 40.01, Lot 21.01 in the Borough of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 0-14-01 of the Borough of Highlands and Ordinance No.02-1914 of the Borough of Atlantic Highlands dissolved said Atlantic Highlands-Highlands Regional Sewerage Authority; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinances authorized and directed the Atlantic Highlands-Highlands Regional Sewerage Authority to transfer Block 40.01, lot 21.01 to the Borough of Highlands; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by Arthur H. Sorensen, the Special Attorney for the Borough of Highlands for the Dissolution of the Atlantic Highlands-Highlands Regional Sewerage Authority, that this transfer be authorized because it contains the pumping station and equipment necessary to pump sewerage from Highlands to the Township of Middletown Sewerage Authority, and authority exists for acceptance of this conveyance under N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a)(1).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Highlands that the acceptance of the conveyance of Tax Map Block 40.01, lot 21.01 is

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authorized, and that Borough officials are authorized to take the necessary actions to accept the conveyance from the Atlantic Highlands-Highlands Regional Sewerage Authority.

Seconded by Mr. Francy and introduced 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

Other Resolutions:

R-14-139 – Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Atlantic Highlands to split legal fees

Mr. Padula explained that we previously approved an agreement with Pat McNamara to pursue claims against NJ Natural Gas. This resolution would be to split the fees with Atlantic Highlands.

Mayor Nolan asked if the fees will be split 50/50.

Mr. Padula - no. It would be 52/48.

Mr. Francy feels this split figure is wrong. He feels we should get 55%.

Mr. Padula stated that we can hold this resolution to the June 4th meeting.

Mr. Hill will meet with Atlantic Highlands next week.

Mayor Nolan offered a motion to move Resolution R-14-139 to the June 4th meeting, seconded by Ms. Kane and approved 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

Other Business:

Borough Engineer's Status Report

Mr. Leubner gave his report and answered questions from the governing body.

INSERT ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Leubner will look to see what can be done to alleviate the water problems on Bayside Drive.

Mr. Leubner needs council to pick an option for repairs to the Bay Street wall. He explained the various options.

Mayor Nolan offered a motion to move on the \$114,000.00 option, and seconded by Ms. Ryan and approved 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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Mr. Leubner continued his report. He spoke about various grants.

Mayor's Appointment to Planning Board

Mayor Nolan's appointment to the Planning Board:

Whereby the following appointment is hereby made by Mayor Nolan:

Rick Korn	Regular Member of the Planning Board for the unexpired 4 year term to expire on 12/31/15
John Kovic	Alternate #1 Unexpired Term to Expire on 12/31/14
Chris Francy -Effective 7/1/2014	Alternate #2 Unexpired Term to Expire on 12/31/15

Arts Group – Request for Arts in the Park

Mr. Hill explained that he was approached by Ms. Bajor from the Highlands Arts Council. They are looking for a location. We will be supportive of the event. They may be interested in using the basketball court and hang their artwork on the fencing. He said there is still ongoing discussion. He wanted to update the council.

Mr. Francy feels we should be aggressive to give support.

Mr. Hill said we are waiting for them to put in a formal request.

Website Committee

Ms. Ryan stated that she has two people committed and waiting on a third. She is still gathering the interested people. She will then decide on a meeting date next week.

Ms. Ryan spoke about the free Summer Program for children in Highlands. The only cost is for t-shirts and off site trips.

Mayor Nolan mentioned the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday at 1:00, starting at Huddy Park.

5K Race

Mr. Hill stated that we were approached by "Friends of Twin Lights." They would like to host a 5K run on August 10th. They discussed the route. It will be a Sunday evening event. They would be sure to notify residents of road closures.

A woman from the Friends of Twin Lights stated that the museum is closed and we are putting in a new museum historic flag exhibit.

Mayor Nolan offered a motion to send a letter of support, and seconded by Ms. Kane and approved 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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Public Portion:

Carol Bucco of 330 Shore Drive asked why Mayor Nolan voted no to change election back to November.

Mayor Nolan explained his opinion.

Kim Skorka of 315 Shore Drive spoke about the \$20,000.00 extra being spent on a decorative wall on Bay Street. We are on a tight budget. Where is this money coming from? She also feels the turnout for the Rutgers meeting was low. She feels we should email residents about all meetings and events.

Ms. Ryan stated that we are working on communications.

Ms. Kane spoke of the Swift 911 program. That is for emergencies. We will have to come up with other options.

Kim Skorka asked for an update on the sidewalk on Shore Drive.

Mr. Hill stated that the contractors have not responded yet.

Kim Skorka asked about the status on borough hall.

Mr. Hill will be attending a meeting next week regarding borough hall.

Kim Skorka asked for the status on the community rating system application.

Mr. Leubner said additional applications have been sent in.

Carolyn Broulon of 12 Miller Street spoke of a free email service for residents. She will get the information and forward to the council.

Carolyn Broulon stated that the metal pole at Miller Street and the beach was removed by teenagers.

Mr. Hill will send the DPW down there tomorrow.

Carolyn Broulon asked Mr. Padula to explain the 3rd whereas in the election ordinance O-14-7.

Mr. Padula explained that it is part of the statute that allows the governing body put the question back to the people on whether to move the election back to November.

Lori Dibble of 2 Matthew Street asked about the status of the Transit Village Application.

Mr. Hill stated that we are working on it. There is no update at this time.

Lori Dibble asked if the Master Plan would go out to bid.

Mr. Padula explained that the Planning Board handles that. He recommended that she attend a Planning Board meeting for further information.

Lori Dibble spoke about nonpartisan elections and option for a runoff.

Mr. Padula explained that the way it was proposed by the petitioners, did not include the option for a runoff.

Barbara Ianucci of 28 Shrewsbury Avenue spoke about the Monmouth County Planning Board meetings. She said she did not receive a call about the meetings. She found out about an upcoming meeting by calling Monmouth County.

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Mrs. Cummins stated that the resolution with Barabar Ianucci's contact information was sent to the County.

Mr. Hill stated that he was contacted. He thought he would see more representation there. He is not sure how they are designating who gets email. He further explained that all meeting dates are posted on the County website.

Jennifer Olson of Barbarie Avenue spoke of the pipe project on Barbarie and that the repairs are shotty.

Mr. Hill will bring this to the attention of the NJ Natural Gas Project manager.

Eileen Scanlon of Fifth Street feels the town's technology needs to be updated.

Mr. Hill announced a new Sandy Relief Program Housing Resource Center. They are having an open house meeting on Thursday, May 29th from 6:30 to 8:30 in Union Beach. He has flyers available now and will have them at Borough Hall trailers. Sea Bright Rising partnered with St. Bernards project and he also has information available on that.

There were no further questions.

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

The Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Debby Dailey, Deputy Clerk