

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AT BOROUGH HALL

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

BOROUGH CLERK: this meeting is being held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by forwarding a Sunshine notice which included the time, date and location of this public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilman Yampaglia, Councilman Bianchi, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Tanelli and Councilman Kearney

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Peter C. Massa, Borough Clerk, Terence M. Wall, Borough Attorney, Gregory Randazzo

Mayor Massa – Everyone please rise for the

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Massa – At this time I will open the meeting to the hearing of citizens anyone wishing to be heard please come forward, state your name and address for the record, please try to confine your comments to 5 minutes to give everybody an opportunity to be heard and please confine your comments to municipal matters

PUBLIC COMMENTS

George McDermott – 216 Rutherford Place – I have a question about garbage and recycling. I know the bids went out again. I know there is a possibility of an opportunity to make money or bring money back to recycling and I am looking to inquire if that has been taken advantage of or we stand on it?

Mayor Massa – At this time I will entertain a motion to close the hearing of citizens.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli

SECONDED BY: Councilman Bianchi

Councilman Bianchi – I think there is a gentleman who wants to get up. Did you want to say something about that speed bump?

Gentleman – No

Councilman Bianchi – Oh, OK. I didn't want you to be left out.

Councilman Bianchi – I seconded the motion

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

Mayor Massa – Mr. McDermott had a question about recycling and garbage. With respect to our operations and the bids that were sent out, the Administrator is managing that part of Municipal operation and I will give him the opportunity to explain.

Mr. Wall – Very briefly Mayor and Council the bids are out for garbage and recycling. They will be open in the next couple of weeks. Approximately 12 different companies have requested the document so we are hopeful you will have a robust bidding process and to the question the Borough retaining ownership and resulting profit to the extent it would be profit after carting that has been listed as an option in the bid which is new to this particular bid. So to the question of did we put that option the answer is yes and we will find out from the 12 so far who picked up to bid, we will see how competitive it will come back for the taxpayers for the Borough of North Arlington.

Mayor Massa – thank you. That is pretty much the situation we always follow the bidding requirements and all of these legal aspects of the bidding process especially when it comes to recycling or any major contract that the Borough is involved in it is always reviewed by the Borough attorney and monitored by the Borough attorney's office.

Mayor Massa – Approval of minutes

Mr. Wall Approval of minutes - March 24, 2011

Mayor Massa – Motion to introduce approval of minutes March 24, 2011

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli

SECONDED BY: Councilman Yampaglia

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT

R-197-11 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS

R-198-11 RESO RE: REFUND OF MONIES DUE TO OVERPAYMENT

R-199-11 RESO RE: MEMBERSHIP INTO THE NORTH ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

R-200-11 RESO RE: ESTIMATED THIRD QUARTER TAX BILLING

Mayor Massa – any discussions on these resolutions?

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Hughes *

SECONDED BY: Councilman Bianchi

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

*Councilman Hughes yes with the exception of fire department purchases for which I recuse myself

ORDINANCES

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2079

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 187 §9(B) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

(HANDICAPPED PARKING 33 HENDEL AVE)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2079 TO THE PUBLIC

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Bianchi
SECONDED BY: Councilman Tanelli
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

Mayor Massa – At this time I will open the public hearing of citizens on Ordinance 2079. Any one who wishes to be heard on 2079 come forward, put your name and address on the record and please confine your comments to Ordinance 2079

No citizen wished to be heard

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Kearney
SECONDED BY: Councilman Tanelli
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

BOND ORDINANCE NO. 2080

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$850,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$807,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Mayor Massa – At this time I will open the public hearing of citizens on Ordinance 2080.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2080 TO THE PUBLIC

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Bianchi
SECONDED BY: Councilman Hughes
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

Mayor Massa – Any one who wishes to be heard on 2080 come forward, put your name and address on the record and please confine your comments to Ordinance 2080

George McDermott – I am just inquiring as to what that majority of that money is going to be spent on?

Councilman Bianchi – I can answer part of it. Mayor, I can answer part of it.

Mayor Massa – you want to answer that

Councilman Bianchi - \$255,000 of it is dedicated to repairing and purchasing, repairing the DPW trucks which are in desperate need of repair and to purchase one truck

Mr. McDermott – repairing the trucks that are 25 years old?

Councilman Bianchi – yeah

Mr. McDermott – we are not going to replace them?

Councilman Bianchi – here's the problem. If we had to replace all the four trucks, a new one plus the three that have to be repaired you are looking at a bond of maybe \$2 or 3 million dollars, so this our cheapest way out. That's only \$255,000 of this bond.

Mr. Wall – just to follow on Councilman Bianchi's comments. There is \$150,000 for various road improvements including replacement of sewer catch basins including all or expenditures incidental thereto. The Borough's share of cost and improvements to upgrade some renovations to the North Arlington Lyndhurst Joint meeting facility including but not limited to new pumps,

choppers, wiring and installation of same including all equipment cost improvements and inaudible necessary related to that project Improvements to the roof in anticipation of and installation of solar panels, firehouse down off of Disposal Road, \$110,000 and acquisition of various trucks for the Department of Public Works including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto including the cost for a new vehicle as well. That would summarize the total cost, \$850,000.

Mr. McDermott – thank you

Mayor Massa – Any other Council want to comment on this bond issue?

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councilman Kearney

ROLL CALL:

Nays – Councilman Yampaglia, Councilman Tanelli

Ayes – Councilman Bianchi, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Kearney

BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING

Mr. Wall – next item would be a budget amendment hearing, this is also an item that the Mayor had requested the Clerk's office to draft regarding a budget amendment recommendation, so depending on the order that the Governing body chooses to handle these items would be so directed

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Massa – I will make a motion for an introduction on this resolution

Councilman Hughes – actually Mr. Mayor, I believe point of order is the fact that we have the hearing on the amendment that we already submitted and passed at the last Council meeting and then we have to vote on that, and then we can consider any further action after that, because further action after that may require a second reading and may require a hearing of citizens.

Mayor Massa – Clerk in agreement with the request by the Council president?

Mr. Wall – Yes

Mayor Massa – okay. So the order of the business will reflect the motion to open the hearing on the budget amendment. We are going to follow the agenda. So I will have a motion to open the meeting to, open the hearing on the budget amendment.

No motion to open the hearing?

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councilman Bianchi

ROLL CALL All Council present vote in the affirmative

Mayor Massa – anyone wishing to be heard on the municipal budget, come forward, state your name and address for the record and please confine your comments to the municipal budget.

Councilman Hughes – point of order Mr. Mayor actually you can confine your comments to the resolution that is being addressed.

Mayor Massa – to the resolution that is being addressed at this time

Mr. McDermott – What area specifically are covered that section that you guys are referring to now, I guess on the amendment to the budget? I guess it is reference to the request for the committee to investigate the committee to investigate the committee who did the finances?

Councilman Hughes – No, these are the amendments that were submitted at the last Council meeting to modify the budget, to reflect a \$1.4 million dollars reduction in spending and to finalize the budget that would come, that would reflect most homeowner's getting a small reduction in their taxes.

Mr. McDermott – roughly 1.975 tax increase?

Councilman Hughes – the average home because of the way the reval was done would actually see a reduction in taxes.

Mr. McDermott – of around \$40.00

Councilman Hughes – correct, between \$40 and \$50, I believe it is.

Mayor Massa – anyone else wished to be heard on the municipal budget

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AMENDMENT AND ADOPT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Hughes - I make a motion we close the hearing of citizens and adopt the amendment to the budget.

Mayor Massa – this is a motion, however we do have a resolution to make further amendments, so that will be heard after the vote on this adoption.

Councilman Hughes – correct. That would have to be a separate action by the Council.

Mayor Massa – introduction on the resolution to adopt the amended resolution, amended budget from the previous Council meeting.

SECONDED BY Councilman Tanelli

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

Mayor Massa – At this time I will ask the Clerk to read a resolution which I had asked him to submit, based on a recommendation made by myself and the committee to review the budget made by Councilman Tanelli specifically, came up with some amendments to further reduce the budget. I had made a recommendation for further review of the proposed budget last week at the last Council meeting which would bring this budget to a zero tax increase. The reason I did that was in order to try good faith to this community that we can even go further in our cost cutting and at a time when people are struggling to pay their bills and a time when the federal government is having a difficult time agreeing to what cuts should be made at the federal level and what cuts should stay place, what tax you should increase so forth and I won't really get into that to much, but I did ask the members of the committee to further review the budget and I want to go on the record as I did at the last Council meeting, that I have a great deal of regard for the budget process, and I want to commend the very difficult work that was done by our professionals and the members of the Council on the committee. However, I did identify some potential cuts myself after taking a look at the budget and which would come out to \$260,000, now the Council could agree to these cuts, they could agree to some of these cuts, or they could deny all of these cuts, that would be a decision of the Council would make because we are ultimately accountable to the people of the community not the auditor, CFO, not the Borough Administrator, so I want to ask for a resolution to introduce, a motion to introduce this resolution.

Motion made by Councilman Tanelli

Seconded by Councilman Yampaglia

Any discussion.

Councilman Kearney – Mr. Mayor may I inquire as to, did you personally evaluate the trends, the costs in spending trends with regard to the cuts that you made?

Mayor Massa – I have been taking a look at the cost and spending trends, and the cost spent for the last few years. Of course if I hadn't taken a look at the budget and made these suggestions and recommendations we would not have it on the table for us tonight. But again, did you then?

Councilman Kearney – Yes I did through our experts. I would like to know if you did it through experts or did you do it on your own I guess accounting expertise?

Mayor Massa – I am not an accountant expertise and I don't purpose to be, I rely on the professionals but I also rely on my responsibility as to what I believe we can do, and what we can't do based on how we appropriate and spend our money and that's ultimately why we put a committee together to look at additional cuts, I identified some of the cuts myself and we have an amendment, a resolution. We can vote on this, we can discuss it all night, I don't want to go make this a protracted process because I don't think it should be a protracted process and I think every member of the Council will make a decision as to how they feel about making further amendments or not making further amendments.

Councilman Hughes - Point of order Mr. Mayor - I would like to, I understand there were three people on this committee and I would like to know the feelings of the other two members of the committee as to what their opinion are is concerning this amendment or whether they should let the budget stand as is.

Mayor Massa – Councilman Johnson – I am all for a zero percent tax increase and I see what's been listed here in the amendment. I would like to hear what the ramifications are of these further cuts from Mr. Lerch.

Mayor Massa – Well Mr. Lerch has made his presentation last week and I don't see any further need to have Mr. Lerch make any further presentation as to what he did as the previous meeting.

Councilman Johnson – I don't think Mr. Lerch, I know he sat in with us on Monday, but you weren't aware of these further cuts at the last meeting? I would like to get your input.

Councilman Hughes – He is probably not aware of them now because I don't think he has seen this document.

Councilman Johnson – well that's a problem.

Councilman Hughes – sorry Mr. Mayor

Mayor Massa – Councilman Kearney. I will tell you what I like if I had my way. I would have my taxes reduced to the point where when I first came into the community as a homeowner where I was paying \$11,000 in taxes that was back in 2005, now I am paying \$16,000 in taxes. If I had my way and I was wishfully thinking and I could do it without being reckless, I would retard the taxes, unfortunately with the pitfalls that have been left while myself and Councilman Johnson came into office here as Council people, we are unable to do that. For instance there was a nine million dollar bond that was taken out and believe it or not in 2011 is the first one point two or one and a half million dollar payment. Unfortunately, and this goes on through I think the year 2018 and if I am wrong I hope a Council person will tell me I am wrong but unfortunately coming into office last year having a 10 plus tax increase that was to cover the pitfalls of the prior power that was in authority of the Council at that time and I don't want to finger point, and I don't want to politicize, but after listening to our experts at our last meeting and knowing that they were given marching orders to go below the 2% cap back in March, and then I know in setting up this committee we were to look at it independently because Councilman Johnson, myself, Councilman Tanelli were not part of the original budget committee from July 20 we were given the opportunity to try and see what we could cut. I have spoken to our experts, James Mangin, Mr. Lerch who is in the audience here and it seems unfortunately the way we could make responsible, I don't even now if they could be called responsible cuts but the only way that we could cut our budget is to lay people off. I think 6-1/2 people off to try to make this budget come to where this budget come to where its going to be \$280,000 less and actually realize that benefit of the cut of budget and that cut of budget by cutting and laying off

these people I don't that would be prudent for the town's people at this point and time. So, I know that there is a list here of proposed cuts and while I ask Mr. Mayor and not to put you on the spot, I have been keeping in communication with the experts that are hired by us to look at, evaluate the trends of our budget on where we could cut responsibly. I will remind your Mr. Mayor, I know that your hats off to the Council people and to the experts that have dwindled down the budget \$1.4 million, and I want to remind you that Bergen County the County itself only dwindled down their own budget which encompasses all of our communities by I think half of that \$700,000 if that. I mean what we did was magnanimous in this, what a result, what a miracle of a result that we worked out and to try to work anything out I think from July 20th to when we met on August 1st, I think was an unrealistic goal but the experts looked at it, they rehashed it, I know that Councilman Tanelli looking at line item type items and anybody can do that, we can say what we are going to cut from our budget as if we did it in our own families, well I am going to cut out dinner tonight, I am going to cut lunch out the next day, it can't be done that way without I think with an evaluation of spending trends in our budget without experts that have been looking at this since March, 2011 just to try and cut it down to where it is today, so we need made an agreement I thought here on the record that we would not lay anybody off, we made an agreement that if we brought this down below that 2% or at the 2% budget cap that our towns people that are on the marine court type skeletal staffing system right now that they would not be laid off and I think that with services where they are today, I don't suggest we impose these layoffs but I know that I am being asked personally as part of this committee what my opinion is and I am saying as part of the committee not making a decision for the rest of the Council people here, that we not cut by way of layoffs, that we have this little bit of leeway with the 1.9 % increase in our taxes and again saying to you if I had my wish I would reduce them and I would retard them in the negative but that is not the case today that we can do that with the expenses, the debt that we have incurred over the last few years. So my recommendation is not to layoff, listening to our experts and with regard to what is being proposed in resolution R-11 and looking at the line items it looks good in black and white, and I want to say yes, but I cannot because I think at this point it would be careless and reckless and listening to the experts and I thank you Mr. Mayor for letting me speak.

Mayor Massa – thank you Councilman. However, if you take a look at this, we are looking at ten line items. We are looking at 10 line items that don't involve any layoffs, that comes out to \$280,000 out of a \$21 million dollar budget, so I want to hear from the rest of the councilmen and you could take your position and vote on it. Call the roll

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Councilman Yampaglia, Councilman Tanelli

NAYS: Councilman Bianchi, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Kearney

Mayor Massa – Motion is defeated and the budget will stand as previously introduced.

Councilman Hughes – as amended Mayor.

Mayor Massa – Do you need the resolution off consent on 202.

RESOLUTIONS OFF CONSENT

R-202 RESO RE: ADOPTION OF 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councilman Bianchi

ROLL CALL:

NAY: Councilman Yampaglia, Councilman Tanelli

AYES: Councilman Bianchi, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Johnson, Councilman Kearney

Mayor Massa – Again want to commend the very diligent work upon everyone involved in this budget process. Irrespective of political affiliation, irrespective of personal attitudes with respect to potential layoffs that we face, unfortunately we do not have to deal with that issue tonight, and

I also want to thank the Administrator for his very diligent work that he done with me just about everyday we were on the telephone, and everyday has a different issue regarding expenditures and so forth. Again, it has been a very difficult process, irrespective of what the opinions and attitudes are the various members of the governing body, so quite sincerely gentlemen, you worked very hard and I think our community is better for that on a bi-partisan basis, I think that I have tried to be as much bi-partisan executive as I can with respect to spending, operations in municipal government on a day to day basis, again I want to thank everybody who sits here for there very hard work, diligence and the amount of time that they put in to the work of this community. I want to recognize the comments of Councilman Kearney and I respect his opinion and the opinion of the Council president and the rest of the Council members regarding their commitment on how we appropriate funds and how we manage our funds, how we spend our money.

George McDermott – Does that mean there are no layoffs?

Mayor Massa – I don't want to hold you out of order George but Council can address that. Is there any further action want to be taken by the Council?

Councilman Hughes- point of order. It is my intention now to reintroduce the resolution I put forth two weeks ago and recommend that the layoff plan be tabled and put aside or cancelled and that we notify all of our employees that as far as we know for this year there will no further layoffs, or no layoffs what so ever.

Mayor Massa – Motion to introduced by Council president Hughes, seconded by Councilman Tanelli, any discussion?

Mr. Wall- Yes, Mayor I would like to read the resolution 205-11 if this is appropriate language.

Be it resolved that the layoff plan of the Borough of North Arlington will not move forward at this time.

Mayor Massa –Is it admissible counselor?

Councilman Hughes – is is legal?

Mayor Massa – feel acceptable to that language. The Mayor feels acceptable to that language. With respect to discussion any members of the Council want to comment on that?

Councilman Hughes – I want apologize to the Borough employees to have put them through some of the angs that we put them through this year. We started out facing a 1.6 million dollar deficit in our budget. At that time back in January, February we really didn't know where we were able to find the where with all to get that down and cut that without having to resort to layoff. We have had seven or eight years of cutting budgets in this town, year after year, after year just cutting it and two weeks ago there is not fat in this budget. I do want to publicly apologize for putting them through this uncertainty and I want to recognize the fact that they do perform their jobs admirably for this community, they do it well, they serve the residents of North Arlington extremely well and in no way reflected in any way the performance of their job. It was a strictly a financial problem because we didn't know where we were going to get the money to pay our bills. Those problems were solved and I am glad tonight we can actually cancel that layoff plan.

Mayor Massa – any other member of the Council? This has been a very difficult year and this is a very difficult time for not only the Borough of North Arlington but for communities throughout New Jersey and communities throughout the country. It is even a difficult time for the national government which as trillions of dollars spend annually on a myriad of different services from social welfare project, from social security, Medicare, taking care of our elderly, taking care of our very young, taking care of those that are least able to help themselves, and one of the things we try to do here in the Borough of North Arlington is take good care of the community, work within the resources and the finances that we have. It has been a difficult time. The days of easy money from host community fees and millions of dollars in State aid are gone. We lost like many other suburban communities we been essentially the victim of loss of State aid that goes to other cities that are failed politically and failed governmentally, but we still manage to march on.

I want to say again I have the utmost respect for our municipal employees, I was one of them those of you who don't recall that for a number of years and I know what our local employees do. We ask them to do quite a bit with minimum resources and again I want to take an opportunity to thank the member of the Council for their diligence, working together in a bi-partisan manner is a very important thing to me, me as an elected official, a lot of people don't know what goes on in executive session where some of the partisan battles that take place in public are put aside and at the end of the night the decisions are made and what everybody here feels to be in the best interest of the community,. Call the roll.

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Wall: Mayor and Council we have your indulgence subsequent to the passage of your budget and congratulations by the way. We would like to add now resolution 204 for your consideration. I had a consultation with the Mayor earlier. Based on representations made from the offices of the Director, Tom Neff in regard to our ongoing fiscal responsibility and compliance with the MOU, they have agreed to terminate the MOA or MOU subsequent to the adoption of your 2011 budget. What I would like to do is read this brief document that they have submitted and if it is in order.

Mayor Massa – the Clerk will read that into the record

Mr. Wall:

Whereas, the Borough of North Arlington, this is an agreement for early termination of Calendar year 2010 – Calendar year 2011, Transitional Aid Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Borough of North Arlington and the Division of Local Government Services; and

Whereas, the Borough of North Arlington a municipality and the Division of Local Government Services entered into a Memorandum of Understanding set in forth certain restrictions and controls over Municipal finances as a condition as a Municipality receiving Transitional Aid to localities in support of its calendar year 2010 budget; and

Whereas, the Memorandum of Understanding is set to expire as December 31, 2011; and

Whereas, the municipality is moving forward with a balanced budget in 2011 without any reliance on Transitional Aid; and

Whereas, the municipality and the division desire to provide for an earlier expiration of the memorandum.

Therefore be it resolved and agreed by the municipality and the division (1) the memorandum shall expire immediately which would be tonight upon adoption of the municipality's calendar year 2011 budget and this item may require discussion,

The municipality agrees that it shall not be eligible to apply for Transitional Aid or similar discretionary aid from the division in support of any its budget through calendar year 2013.

That item I want to emphasize for you while you haven't been qualifying and based on balanced budgets we don't believe we will its important to note that we would not be applying through calendar year 2013 if we approve this termination of Memorandum of Understanding

Mayor Massa – I would like to comment on that resolution is based upon current statutes and current statutes are always subject to change with the State of New Jersey budget cycle from year to year from July to July, so hopefully if the State of New Jersey sees itself in a more favorable financial light in the future they may allow municipalities such as ours to further apply for additional aid or extraordinary aid, whatever aid you want to call it. Any further comments?

Councilman Kearney – It rubs me the wrong. I am very pleased that we North Arlington received this letter and I just have to ask the town administrator that was the whole document you read here on the record Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Wall – yes

Councilman Kearney – and nothing is said in there that we would not get transitional aid till the year 2013 because we did not file our pay to play statute on time, is that accurate?

Mr. Wall – there is nothing other what I read in this document.

Councilman Kearney – Mr. Attorney did we file our pay to play stat, did we file that on time with the State of New Jersey do you know? I know that you are just sitting in for Mr. Pearce and I don't want to put you on the spot.

Mr. Randazzo – I believed we filed it in accordance with the Division of Local Government Services, we were in contact with them and they rejected what we did.

Councilman Kearney – and that document doesn't say that we are being banned from applying for transitional aid because we didn't file it on time is that accurate Mr. Administrator?

Mr. Wall – correct. You can choose to stay within the constraints of it and apply in the future, although its unlikely based on your fiscal stability that you qualify.

Councilman Kearney – and that letter says nothing about we not be able to apply for this transitional aid because we had given raises to certain officials and that in our town, is that accurate? I just want to make a point Mr. Mayor that again with the NA today and what they have put on their internet sightings with regard to how anonymously a phone call was made and transitional aid was not given to the Borough of North Arlington because of raises being given being totally inaccurate and it is inaccurate that we did not do what we were suppose to do to follow that pay to play statute on time.

Mayor Massa – Councilman

Councilman Kearney – yes sir

Mayor Massa – I was present at the meeting with the Local Finance Board when they addressed those issues, with the Borough Administrator and me and it was a concern that they had. At this point I can't speak for the Local Finance Board but what we did was, we did comply with 88 other requirements that they encumbered us with which were best practices, many of which we had been doing prior to entering into this agreement with the State. So essentially what the State of New Jersey does is at the end of the day they agree that the work that we done here is sufficient and that we complied with all of the caveats of this particular agreement. With respect to what they did not give us and why they did not give us any aid, if you want to get a formal report from the Local Finance Board, I am sure that the chairman of the Board will give you minutes of the meeting and then you can read for yourself what their concerns were, but I don't want to encumber the community tonight with all the back and forth that took place.

Councilman Kearney – Mr. Mayor with all due respect, if any council people or anybody in our community has a document that say that we did not initiate the pay to platy statute on time I want them to come forward or I want any documentation that you have that supports that Mr. Mayor, just because NA today said it, does not mean it to be true and equally so with regard to increasing anyone's salary I want to know if we as the community have any documents to say that, because to my knowledge as a council person which I should know, I have not seen anything. Do we have any documents Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Massa – I do recall at one point they did want that pay to play ordinance adopted by September.

Mr. Wall – I do not have a specific date

Mayor Massa – and we did not adopt it until after the first of the year. We went through this at reorganization meeting in January.

Councilman Kearney – I am just asking Mr. Mayor is there anything because there is nothing in this document that we have, there was nothing in what was stated in the document presented on the July 20 meeting, Mr. Mangin had testified that it was the most neediest communities that had received that transitional aid so we have nothing to substantiate the truth of that statement.

Mayor Massa – Well if you want to scrutinize that issues specifically you can take a look at the communication from the State of New Jersey, that documentation

Councilman Kearney – where is it?

Mayor Massa – it is in the Clerk's office, that documentation has the deadlines that were set. Then you can take a look at when that Ordinance was past and then you see for yourself whatever discrepancies existed. I do not have them in front of me right now, if I knew you were going to raise the issue I would have asked the Clerk to produce those documents for the Council meeting tonight, but Councilman if you are concerned we will have him produce the next council meeting.

Councilman Kearney – I would like to have documentation that we have received from the State which said we cannot get transitional aid because we did not file the pay to play statute on time if it exists, and I would like the documentation to be presented that we did not receive transitional aid because we have given salary increases to a few of the employee's. I would like that documentation be brought to the forum next time.

Mayor Massa we did not get any documentation from the State telling us specifically that the neediest of communities were going to get the money either.

Councilman Kearney - that is not the issue Mr. Mayor. The issue is what is being presented to us and I question it and I raise it as a question for the purposes of accuracy's and what I believe not to be true.

Mayor Massa – I am sure the Clerk will produce all the proper documentation then we can present it to you in black and white at the next meeting.

Mr. Wall – If there is not documentation I will share that with you as well.

Councilman Hughes – on another subject. I am very happy the fact that Local Finance sent us this letter, I would like to ask a simple question of Mr. Lerch our auditor, do you foresee I know you have been working with Mr. Mangin doing some projections and forecast for next year and the year after, do you foresee North Arlington having any dire need to apply for transitional aid over the next two years that we would maybe want to not accept this cancellation of the Memorandum of Agreement at this time?

Mr. Lerch – yes, yes we actually did spend some time, we were at the meeting two or three days ago to reduce the budget down to a 0.

Councilman Hughes – can you maybe speak into the microphone so we can get this on tape?

Mr. Lerch – The Mayor charged certain members of the governing body as well as myself and the CFO to go through the budget process and to help identify the possibility of bringing the budget roughly 1.9 % down to a 0% budget. In doing that we had gone through an extensive review, Jim had done most of the leg work and the purpose of that was to save the Borough of North Arlington professional fees which we have been doing.

Councilman Kearney – that's Jim who?

Mr. Lerch – Mangin

Councilman Kearney – just for the record to reflect that

Mayor Massa – CFO

Mr. Lerch – so the process started with meetings with Councilman Tanelli and Councilman Kearney, Johnson, myself, Terence Wall as well as the CFO. During those discussions there were certain line items or particular line items that were brought up by Councilman Tanelli at that point which equated to \$228,000 worth of cuts, we originally had a copy of it then Councilman Tanelli took that back so I did not have an opportunity to see the \$228,000 in cuts, specific line items. Having said that it's not really that relevant

Mayor Massa – well that's where I want you to concentrate on what the Councilman asked you rather than discuss issues that already have been resolved.

Mr. Lerch – Mayor I am trying to paint the picture if you will. Having looked at those cuts it really becomes irrelevant because as I indicated in that particular that it would be irresponsible for us as professionals when you are asking our professional opinion as to whether or not we can take individual line items and cut line items. I did happen to agree with Mr. Tanelli, that certainly, absolutely correct that if we were to examine those particular line items there may be a viable and accurate reason as to why certain lines can be cut but it would be foolish for us not to look at the entire picture. By saying that I indicated to Mr. Tanelli that we cannot sit here today and say lets arbitrarily look at these lines and cut some of the lines because they are well in fact maybe ten other lines that are projecting to be short. As I indicated to Councilman Tanelli that what needs to be done is a forecast. We need to look at 2011 in whole, we cannot sit here today and just put our blinders on and be concerned only with the particular line items and taking it one step further not only just focusing on 2011 as it is today. We need to do proper budget planning, and looking at least one year in advance, hence 2012. When we did look and projected 2011 because I want to start there first before I go to 2012, we did have the opportunity looking at 2011 and as I thought there were certainly were certain line items that were projecting under, some over, I think that the 2011 budget as it is, is a very austere budget, certainly a very tight budget and I think that it is going to take great effort and diligence from the staff and yourselves to keep ourselves within the adopted 2011 budget. My only opinion at that point was that if you were going to try and reduce the 2011 budget any more that it could only be done through layoffs.

We looked at 2012 as well. 2012 right now is projecting at this point about 11% tax increase. It is hard to go through the process today we are using assumptions, we are assuming certain things are going to happen, 2012 becomes a bit of an issue, one of the main reasons is that the pension deferral which was enacted in 2009 is now coming to roost. Those payments are due in 2012 and so on and those are so traumatic increases in the budget, those are some of the issues we are dealing with in 2012. Could have possibly some loss of revenue surplus certainly down because the budgets have been very tight so you are not generating surplus in those subsequent years and you have some issues that need to be resolved obviously with the health care and the direction that is going in. So, can I sit here and say to you today that I think that we will not ever need or have the opportunity to go ahead and address transitional aid if it is still available in 012 and 13m, no, I can sit here today and tell you that I would take the advice and pass that resolution and block yourself out for the next two years. I think before you do that you to really take a look at 2012 a little bit further, ramifications of not adopting that MOU, I am assuming the ramifications would simply be to run the MOU out through 12/31. As I remember reading that MOU

Mayor Massa – in 1213

Mr. Lerch – As I remember that MOU, that MOU was in existence though 12/31/11 it dies. By adopting that resolution tonight you simply knock the resolution off 5 months in advance, but you put yourself in irreparable harm by blocking yourself out for transitional aid. Transitional aid, the reason we didn't get transitional aid I was on the phone with Trenton just to give you my two cents of advice here or at least perspective, that transitional aid was based on an application that was using the assessed values as it were from 2010. In 2011 because of the reval there was a shift and because of the shift in the reval took money or take assessed values and shifted more the burden to commercial properties and less of it to the residential properties. The application is originally produced based on the 2010 assessment, that was the number that had to be relied upon, those are the only numbers out. That produced an average increase per home which had to exceed \$250.00, if it did not exceed \$250 you were not eligible for transitional aid. After the

numbers were released the final numbers were released on the assessed value change and the shift because of the shift the Borough of North Arlington residential impact was going to fall right below, actually it was \$252.00, originally it was over \$350.00 based on the original numbers because of the revaluation the assessment shifted from residential to commercial, the average impact in the homeowner on the application as Trenton was arguing that we only be \$252.00 per year. Based on that simple fact alone Trenton said that you do not qualify you needed to have the \$250.00 or more. The argument from our perspective at that point was you have to match apples to apples, you have to compare based on the 2010 rate to rate, impact to impact, they argued no, it simply a mathematical equation and the mathematical equation that produced because of the reval lower it from \$350.00 to \$250.00 as far as they were concerned they were looking for ways to eliminate the number of municipalities that are participating it makes their life a little easier. That was a very simple answer for them, you simply failed because of the reval. If you didn't have the reval and the shift you would have been in the process have you had gotten it I don't know, I can't answer that question. Looking forward to 12 & 13.

Mayor Massa – point of order

Mr. Lerch – no, I am done. I am looking forward to 12 & 13.

Councilman Tanelli – the answer to this is we do most of the things that are in the MOA area so it doesn't hurt us to just let it ride and not pass a resolution ending it. We do everything that the MOA requires anyway, so what I am hearing is that we should leave our options open.

Mr. Lerch – I guess. I would not box myself out.

Councilman Tanelli – so we shouldn't pass the resolution

Mayor Massa – are you referring to that conversation with LFB in April when myself and the Administrator were at that meeting when they spoke to you on the telephone?

Mr. Lerch – no, I had spoken to them many times after that coming up to the deadline on the transitional aid that is when I had spoken directly with them, because I was pushing hard for or trying to convince them that you need to stick with the 10 assessed values and utilize that as a base line, you can't go from a non-reval to a reval year where you skew the number and the percentages that was unfair. They simply said, listen the numbers are the numbers, sorry.

Councilman Tanelli – I just want to repeat what I said last meeting. The fact that the State created the circus for towns to comply with to even be able to apply for aid and then continue to give aid to the towns that bleed the State dry and not give small communities like Lyndhurst, North Arlington, East Rutherford money that we deserve in transitional aid is a flat out disgrace, and we struggle every year working on these budgets, we fight amongst ourselves to try and get these budgets as low as possible and you look at Asbury Park where they are getting 14 million or Camden that got, some of these towns have built in welfare, they are bleeding the system without even having to go before them because they have built in money that they get automatically each year. It is a disgrace.

Mr. Lerch – It is something we have some before to, North Arlington if you do not have a spending problem, you are not spending any excessive amounts

Councilman Tanelli – it is a revenue problem

Mr. Lerch – even the forecast when we did the forecast this budget is basically flat on the spending side. The forecasted budget for 2012 that we have put together is very low on the spending side, I think it is less than 2% it would be 1/12% even dealing with the pension issue. Our problem is really on the revenue side. It's the loss of revenues and that's the real difficult years. That's why when you are talking about transitional aid, do have certain (inaudible) can't recoup on some these revenues and that is causing our problems, you really want to leave yourself open for the ability if it is there, as remote as it may be.

Mayor Massa – so after all that is said and done we will find out next year with the NJ State budget whether or not there will be a package of financial aid for communities such as ours and we will apply for it again and we will go through the same process, if that happens.

Mr. Lerch – It may happen but I think right now it is too unpredictable and I think you should leave all your options on the table.

Mayor Massa – Well the State of New Jersey is always unpredictable when it comes to budgets. I think if you saw the live transmissions from the Senate and the Senate hearings and budget hearings several months ago you get a good flavor as to how decisions are made in Trenton regarding municipal finances, State aid and State finances.

Councilman Bianchi – this resolution where did it come from, the State? Why would they send us this resolution?

Mr. Wall – my view they are short staffed, overwhelmed with work and to the extent there are communities that are functioning at a proper level, they are willing to release oversight.

Councilman Bianchi – why would a municipality vote against not asking to get money from the State, I don't understand that.

Councilman Tanelli – I think they are looking to get off the hook.

Councilman Bianchi – why should we vote in favor of this resolution? Why would any town vote yes to not ask for money next year?

Mr. Wall – if you felt that having various restrictions on hiring and contracts and what have you, if you wanted those decisions to remain at a local level that would be an item you would consider. If you are comfortable having these items reviewed and approved and or denied from the State then between now and the end of the year that depends on your comfort level and what you wish to do.

Councilman Bianchi – Mr. Lerch said that next year we might be starting off around 11%, did you say that? So it would be foolish of us to say, oh we don't want any money from the State that a ridiculous resolution.

Mr. Wall – that is why it is before you

Councilman Hughes – did we have a motion,

Councilman Kearney – point of order Mr. Mayor

Councilman Hughes – I move to table it, why prolong it, table it, do away with it not even act on it

Councilman Johnson – I second that motion.

Mayor Massa – Councilman Kearney – Mr. Lerch with regards to like the forecast as you mentioned about the possible 11% increase as it looks like for next year that nothing that any budget committee has been put together yet to review, you haven't tooled with that we haven't even started to try and peel down that number like we did at the beginning of this year where we were starting out with somewhere I think around 18% and we got it down below 2. Is that accurate?

Mr. Lerch – that is correct

Councilman Kearney – OK. So just without even looking at the budget we are looking at 11% but we still have the opportunity and we haven't been given the opportunity yet to put a committee together its not time for that yet and to tool that down as we did the budget for this year bringing it down to 1.9 from the projected 18% correct?

Mr. Lerch – correct

Councilman Kearney – I just want to put that on the record.

Mayor Massa – one comment on the resolution. (Mr. Lerch) The resolution was prepared by Trenton the only suggestion would be if you want to have any kind of resolution you can pass to eliminate the MOU but certainly not restrict your ability to go back to Trenton. Whether they accept that or not

Inaudible – I won't just say not do anything

Mayor Massa – Local Finance Board they live to the tune of there own drum.

Mr. Lerch – they want to save internal bodies that are attached to these things

Mr. Wall – I would recommend that you pull it or pass it.

Councilman Hughes – we don't have a motion on the floor to adopt it so we should move on to other business. Unless someone wants to make a motion to introduce this one.

Mayor Massa – Want to make a motion to adopt this, early termination

Councilman Bianchi – Well lets talk about this. If we make a motion and say vote no where does that leave us instead of tabling it?

Mr. Wall – We are status quo. We just simply pull it

Councilman Hughes – by not acting you are acting

Mayor Massa – With next years budget, budget laws with the State budget, with respect to State aid this may be moved, we can't say. But what this did, what we did here in North Arlington, we were willing to comply with the caveats and the best practices recommendations and directives of the State of New Jersey which puts us under the umbrella of oversight by the Local Finance Board it gives them the ability to come and scrutinize everything we do. There are some communities the Administrations are afraid to do that quite frankly, we are not afraid to do that. I welcome the State of come in and take a look at what we do, because if they want to make recommendations for improving our operations that's fine. In many areas we go above and beyond what a lot of communities do and when we first became involved with this process one of the things I made mention of at a Council meeting you never see North Arlington in the newspaper for violating these regulations. We may be in the newspaper for a lot of political issues but we are never brought up on the carpet by Local Finance Board at least we haven't lately we do our best to comply with their requirements. If it is your pleasure to forgo this then so be it.

Councilman Bianchi – It doesn't hurt us. They can't say next year that being we didn't act on it we did act on it, that it is scaring me. North Arlington never acted yes or no so that means its no.

Councilman Tanelli – It expires the end of the year anyway.

Mayor Massa – this is just an early termination

Councilman Hughes – It expires the end of the year so it's just basically an early termination that we would have to accept. If we don't accept it we have to continue with the reporting requirements which are one more quarter of reporting?

Mr. Lerch – One more quarter

Mayor Massa – the council want to wait until the end of the year for it to expire automatically on its own faith or do you want to vote to terminate it early?

Councilman Hughes – I think that the fact that we haven't had a motion to introduce it it's basically a dead issue.

Mayor Massa – nobody wants to introduce a motion then it will be moved. Thank you.

Mr. Wall – Went out to bid on garbage contracts as mentioned earlier we have 12 bidders and we will see what comes back and we will report back to you. There were some vendors that had questions on various aspects of the proposal and we are advising all the contractors if there are any questions that we answer all of them and will see when the proposals come back.

We received a few days ago a draft of the Audit and we are reviewing that and we are having a conference in the future to finalize the Audit.

Two particular opportunities in terms of funding the Open Space Grant of Bergen County, that deadline is September 1st and the Department of Transportation where we typically receive if we are fortunate, between \$150,000 and \$200,00 in road improvement grants, that deadline is September 23. I just want to reference it for you so you can advise subsequent to this meeting or at this meeting any particular roads you want to see addressed with limited funds they may award and if there are any particular parks or recreation, active or passive you would like to see incorporated into an open space program. The funding is exceptionally small its in the area of \$5,000 or \$10,000 a municipality so I don't want to give a false impression on the level of funding but I just want to share with you that is the deadline of September 1st and the other deadline is September 23rd for the DOT.

The State has approved remaining energy upgrades and virtually at no cost to the taxpayers for several other buildings 2 of the firehouses, first aid building, the library, the State has approved the renovation, the upgrades to those facilities, so subsequent to the equipment coming in we will schedule an install of these energy upgrades, lights, ballasts, HVAC things of that nature.

One item that is related to best practices that been discussed before relates to joint meetings between the Mayor and Council and the School Board. I would like to ask if the Council would consider a joint meeting with the School Board to meet a best practices checklist item but also to simply get together and discuss of topical concern or any specific projects you may be considering working on. Not related to budgets failed or passed, elections and different dynamics simply coming together if we can, one meeting in the future this year. We would also invite the school board to come together so both organizations can openly discuss any particular issues and to the extent there may be acquisition of property or items that is executive session, you can also have a joint executive session. I just want to ask if you would be supportive of that to have the organizations come together. I will discuss off line which meeting would be appropriate with your schedule.

Lastly, the cemetery is nearly complete for the folks who are familiar with it or not familiar with it. They installed approximately 40 new trees, and the sidewalks are generally complete with the exception of the pavers that are also going to be placed. This project is between \$225,000 and \$240,000 in cost, the cost to the taxpayers of the Borough of North Arlington is zero. So that project is moving along quite nicely and that would conclude my administrators report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA – I met with Stephanie regarding the summer program that they had at the library for the children. It was a big hit. Over more than 100 kids had attended over the summer there will be a closing ceremony on August 18th, 6:00 pm in the senior building. There will be a slide show, ice cream for the parents and children.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI - Only one small thing. This Sunday we are running a bus ride to Atlantic City for the recreation and we have a couple of seats left. I would like to see Tanelli spend some of his money in Atlantic City (laughter).

COUNCILMAN HUGHES – Tuesday night when all my compatriots were out sampling food around town, I went to a meeting that was hosted by the Pascack Valley Mayor's Assoc. They had invited the Board of Public Utilities, and Public Service to sit down with them to discuss the solar panel that are being installed all over the area. We have had some issues here because we asked for a meeting with Public Service to discuss particularly for Ridge Road streetscape not putting solar panels up on Ridge Road and with 2 weeks of us sending this letter they had them

all installed. Most communities are not happy with it. BPU says it is to meet our energy requirements for the State, the goals that were set by the legislature for renewable sources of energy, Public Service this is the plan that was approved by BPU, everybody is pointing fingers at everyone else, it was 2-1/2 hours of “yes we feel your pain but there is nothing we are going to do about it”,

I did an the opportunity to talk with Mr. Dave Hollenback who is the regional representative for Public Service, I invited him to come to a Council meeting in the near future where anybody on council or in the community can ask their questions. Panels could collect ice or snow in the winter time and could be dangerous if they fall off, I know Mr. Wall is going to be in touch with Hollenback and set that meeting up for sometime in the near future to have him come to one of our Council meetings.

The second thing I have to report on I reported this last meeting that we have been awarded a piece of the World Trade Center Steel. It was picked up by some of our Emergency personal the other day and is now sitting in our DPW garage. Originally this was a plan that the fire department had created to put a monument down by our Fire headquarters. We had requested a very small piece of the steel, unfortunately they gave us a 13 foot long, 400 pound piece of steel, so we kind of had to go back to the drawing board. What I would like to get is a consensus. We have identified two places in town that may be appropriate to build this monument that we want to develop, one being Daniel Morris Park on River Road and the other being doing something in conjunction at Zadroga Field which is our current 9-11 Memorial at the top of the hill. We already had a meeting with Michael Neglia’s people who are doing some of this work for free for the fire department and we are looking at some design aspects to these two locations. What I would like to get from the council is a consensus for the fire department to proceed utilizing these two properties. If the Council would be in agreement to the fire department going ahead with these two locations we will come up with some designs and so forth.

Councilman Tanelli – point of order your honor. I remember a while back I had mentioned there was a contractor who was interested in helping expand the top parts so it gave people an opportunity to actually stay there and observe, I would like to pass his name along to you and meet with you, he was willing to provide the labor, hopefully we could get a couple of merchants that would be willing to provide some of the materials that we might need.

Councilman Hughes - the fire department will be doing a lot of fund raising in conjunction with this. We are hoping to unveil the piece of steel on 9-11 having a small memorial service and then hopefully we will have some design concepts that we could lay out at that time that would spur our fund raising. We need to come up with what is the best location right now, the location on top of the hill at Zadroga Field where it is open to people, because the biggest complaint I get is the memorial is down on the field and nobody can get to it but once a year.

Councilman Tanelli – Up where it is decorated now is to give them an opportunity to fix it so you can cut out so people can actually stand there and not be near the street and cut into the park a little bit. I will arrange a meeting and try and bring him to meet with you.

Councilman Hughes – what I would like from the council is the consensus of permission for the fire department to go ahead and avail ourselves of these plans. Once these plans are drawn up will come back to the Council for approval, but the basically go ahead, if the council is not in favor of doing this I don’t want to put the time and effort in coming up with some design concept that is not going to be approved.

The second question is that we do have a green acres grant out there that is available, it’s a matching grant I believe, did we get the amount Terence?

Mr. Wall – Bergen County Open Space and Recreation grant approximately \$62,500 I would verify that figure. That is a 50% reimbursable grant. For example if you had a project cost of \$40,000 they would reimburse \$20,000 or if its \$50,000 they would reimburse up to the maximum reimbursable amount.

Councilman Hughes – What I also would like to do is have a consensus since this was a grant applied for as a Fireman’s Park and is 50% matching, what I would like to do is ask that this grant could be utilized in conjunction with this monument that we are planning on building, and

then the 50% of the matching would be raised by fund raising. Should not incur any cost to the Borough directly. We could take a consensus vote on it after.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON – No report Mayor

COUNCILMAN KEARNEY - -Your honor, Administrator Wall has covered most of actually all of what I have said, I have nothing new to report

COUNCILMAN TANELLI – No report tonight Mayor

MAYOR MASSA – My own report tonight I want to mention that on Tuesday night several of the council members attended various block parties that were thrown by the community with respect to National Night Out Against Crime. Unfortunately, only about 5 block party's were set up within the community and the people that did participate did a very nice job, unfortunately you met Councilman you had to go to the meeting and you missed some good sausage and pepper but I your share was well consumed by Councilman Bianchi (laughter) and myself.

Councilman Hughes – he didn't save me any.

Mayor Massa – looking forward to next year as there has been a great deal of discussion and dialogue tonight as to what the municipalities financial situation will look like, and again we are going to make a commitment I think, I say this on behalf of the Council and myself that we will do everything we can to secure as much outside revenue as we can from whatever sources of State aid that are available to us and of course moving forward right now, keeping our finger on the pulse of development in the Meadowlands that is something that is going to become a priority and become more of a priority then its ever been now because number 1 we need the revenues and number 2 we need the development, its good for the community, good for creating jobs, it's a home run for everybody. So development on Porete Ave in the Meadowland is going to continue to be one of our key priorities for the future. I don't anything further gentlemen. At this point I would like to have some discussion as to the recommendation of the council president regarding the 9-11 memorial.

Councilman Tanelli – I think that we should just vote all in favor.

Mayor Massa – is there a consensus to have the fire department do some research as to where we should place this very profound memorial

Councilman Bianchi – I think what he proposes is a good idea; we should go with the fire department.

Mayor Massa – If the council is in agreement to have the fire department go forward with a research project to make a determination as to where the World Trade Center steel.

Councilman Hughes – well basically we avail ourselves of the two locations that we identified right now, both being memorial parks that are sell suited for both of them. They both have good aspects to it, both have some negative aspects to it, but look at what would be the best sight and location for this monument.

Mayor Massa – my expectations the fire department will submit a recommendation to the Council for further action. Any further comments or discussion?

Councilman Tanelli – the other was the grant.

Councilman Hughes – can we utilize the grant that was applied for as a firemen's park to do that in conjunction with the monument?

Mr. Wall – that's a question I believed I applied for, for this type of purpose a couple of years ago.

Councilman Hughes – at least the Council needs to be aware of it and then make the decision and then go ahead and utilize it. Do we need a motion?

Mr. Wall – all in favor of the concept?

Mayor Massa – so carried

Mr. Wall – one last item Mayor and Council, I submitted to the Mayor and Council president a document from Senator Frank Lautenberg regarding 9-11 of that day that the tolling of the bells throughout the country and so the other Council may have not seen the letter yet but basically, administrative direction if it would be alright to approve the resolution, it's a resolution indicating that at 1:00 pm on that day fire apparatus, this is if you do not have another meeting in August, because you have another meeting scheduled August 24, unless you cancel it, to go ahead and approve that resolution.

Councilman Hughes –Do we have any pressing items that we would need to take care of at the August meeting? We wanted to do one meeting a month in the summer time so if we really had no pressing, why don't we cancel the meeting and if we need to have it will reschedule it.

Mr. Wall – so cancel and consistent with your conversation on the 9-11 memorial we will approve the document from Senator Lautenberg regarding letting folks know about.

Councilman Hughes – Why one of clock though? What is the significance of one of clock?

Mr. Wall – I have to read the document again.

Councilman Hughes – if they did it at 8:10 in the morning it would be 5:10 in the morning I guess.

Mr. Wall – I will verify the time, but I just want to make sure that we have the opportunity be consisted with other municipalities.

Councilman Bianchi – when 9-11 first happened we had a mass at Queen of Peace Church, the church was packed, firemen, policemen, residents of the town and I think the year after it was packed also. In the years that passed by Queen of Peace has had some special masses on that day, not really masses but get together the church is about ¼ full. So I would say use the ten year if we could get together and put some publicity out there and get the fire department, police department and do something like we did for the first meeting we had. If you would like with your direction I would like to talk to the Monsignor and ask him if it would be alright if we use the church again and somebody put together a program, a speaker, not like the first speaker we had, that one guy spoke for a long time. Yourself as the Mayor, maybe a Senator or Congressman say a few words, but if you like I will get touch with the Monsignor and see if we can get together and have another big turnout like we had.

Mayor Massa – a memorial commorative

Councilman Bianchi – yes on that day. I will get in touch with Monsignor and he can get in touch with Terence Wall and see if they can put together something.

Mr. Wall – I will be happy to

Mayor Massa – is there executive session business tonight?

Mr. Wall – There is a brief executive session.

R-201 -11 RESO RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councilman Tanelli

ROLL CALL: All council present vote in the affirmative

Mr. Wall – we are back on the record

Mayor Massa – motion to return to the regular order of business

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli

SECONDED BY: Councilman Kearney

ROLL CALL: All council present vote in the affirmative

Mayor Massa – If there is no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, motion to adjourn

Mr. Wall – all in favor

ALL AYES

Mayor Massa – good work tonight

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Bianchi

SECONDED BY: Councilman Hughes

ROLL CALL: All council present vote in the affirmative

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