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BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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1 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
2 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Hughes
3 is excused. Councilman Johnson?
4 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
5 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
6 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
7 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?
8 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
9 MAYOR MASSA: It isn't very often that
10 we have the opportunity to recognize a
11 distinguished citizen in our community who has
12 served his country and his community well in the
13 past. And just this past Memorial Day we had the
14 opportunity to recognize those who served in the
15 military and the government, law enforcement, and
16 fire services and emergency services. And -- and
17 those other folks in the community that may not
18 have been part of any official organization but
19 served their community and served their families
20 well, and were good, responsible, productive
21 citizens of the community.
22 It's indeed an honor for me tonight to
23 recognize someone who Tom Brokaw calls, and I
24 think a lot of commentators call, one of the
25 members of the greatest generation. It's a

1 proclamation honoring the World War II service of
2 a local resident, Mr. Walter Warivonchik, who
3 fortunately with is -- is with us here tonight to
4 receive this proclamation.
5 We learned of this -- his actions and
6 the recognition that he received from the Russian
7 government during the second world war. And I
8 instructed the members of the -- my office to do
9 some research and prepare a formal recognition
10 from the municipality to Mr. Warivonchik.
11 So at this time it gives me great sense
12 of pride and -- and honor and responsibility and
13 duty to read this proclamation honoring Mr.
14 Warivonchik.
15 The proclamation states, "Whereas after
16 the attack on Pearl Harbor, Walter Warivonchik
17 went to volunteer in the armed services. And it
18 was shortly thereafter that he was drafted and
19 ended up in the Persian Gulf June of 1942. And
20 whereas Mr. Warivonchik served in the Army's first
21 ordinance detachment, which later because the 5th
22 Ordinance Service Platoon which specialized in
23 testing and making sure that equipment, ammunition
24 and weaponry were all up to par.
25 "And whereas after his family researched

1 the patch that he wore on his uniform, it was
2 shortly thereafter they sent a letter to the
3 Russian Embassy with their father's discharge
4 information.

5 "And whereas 65 years later in October
6 of 2010 Mr. Warivonchik received a gold medal and
7 red ribbon from the Russian government thanking
8 him for his service to their country in which he
9 helped send U.S. and allied supplies through the
10 region into the Soviet Union which helped Soviet
11 troops push the Germans from Stalingrad which
12 helped swing the tide of the second world war.

13 "So be it further resolved that the
14 nation and the free world are eternally grateful
15 for the contributions of American Veterans like
16 Walter Warivonchik who have made major
17 contributions toward the preservation of freedom
18 of this nation and her people."

19 So now, therefore, be it resolved by the
20 Mayor and Council and the Borough of Arlington
21 that we are honored to present this proclamation
22 to Walter Warivonchik who has served his nation to
23 preserve the principals of justice, freedom and
24 democracy, thereby approved by myself and the
25 members of the Council of the Borough of North

1 Arlington.

2 So I'd like to formally make this
3 presentation to Mr. Warivonchik.

4 MR. WARIVONCHIK: So I broke my leg
5 three -- three years ago, and I can't still walk.

6 (Unrelated matters discussed)

7 MAYOR MASA: I'd like to do this the
8 official way. Just please turn toward Councilman
9 Tanelli. Bring the family.

10 (Photo taken)

11 MAYOR MASA: Congratulations.

12 MR. WARIVONCHIK: Thanks very much.

13 MAYOR MASSA: And best wishes.

14 Okay. A motion to return to the regular
15 order of business by --

16 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I'll make that
17 motion.

18 MAYOR MASSA: -- Councilman Tanelli.
19 Second? Councilman Kearney. Call the roll.

20 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
21 Yampaglia?

22 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

24 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

25 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?

1 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
 2 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
 3 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
 4 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?
 5 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 6 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Ladies and
 7 gentlemen. At this time I'd like to open up the
 8 meeting to the Hearing of Citizens. Anyone who
 9 wishes to be heard, please come forward, state
 10 your name and address for the record.
 11 Please confine your comments to five
 12 minutes to that everybody has an opportunity to be
 13 heard. And please confine your comments to
 14 municipal business.
 15 Neither myself nor the Council will
 16 comment on the public comments until everyone has
 17 been heard and the Hearing of Citizens has been
 18 closed.
 19 MR. MATALONE: Good evening, Mayor,
 20 Councilman. Michael Matalone (phonetic), 223
 21 Rutherford Place. I was here a few meetings ago,
 22 and I addressed the Council and the Mayor about
 23 our fence situation. And as the meeting
 24 progressed, and at the end of the meeting I was
 25 told by Mr. Wall or Mr. Wall had told you that

1 bids were being taken on it. So I would just like
 2 to know if there's any progress on it.
 3 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.
 4 MR. MATALONE: If there's any headway,
 5 because I have a contractor on hold. So I don't
 6 know what the -- how it works over here. I guess
 7 you take three bids, and is that the bidding
 8 process here? And then the --
 9 MAYOR MASSA: I'll have the
 10 Administrator explain that to you --
 11 MR. MATALONE: Okay.
 12 MAYOR MASSA: -- at the end of the
 13 hearing.
 14 MR. MATALONE: Well, I would appreciate
 15 that.
 16 MAYOR MASSA: Sure. Absolutely. You're
 17 entitled to that.
 18 MR. MATALONE: I don't know if there was
 19 any bids taken, any contractors being contacted.
 20 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.
 21 MR. MATALONE: Okay. Thank you very
 22 much.
 23 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, sir. Anyone
 24 else?
 25 At this time I entertain a motion to

1 close the Hearing of Citizens by Councilman
2 Tanelli. Seconded by Councilman Bianchi. Call
3 the roll.
4 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
5 Yampaglia?
6 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
7 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
8 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
9 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?
10 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
11 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
12 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
13 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?
14 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
15 MAYOR MASSA: Will the Administrator
16 explain the status of that request to the
17 resident, please?
18 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Yes, sir. Thank
19 you. Stephanie Santos (phonetic) from Neglia
20 Engineering is, I believe, waiting on quotes to
21 come in. They've solicited quotations as I
22 understand it. And as soon as the quotations come
23 in, we'll review them, and hopefully just
24 establish the funding source, and then award --
25 award the work. We haven't received them yet.

1 But the --
2 MAYOR MASSA: Yeah. Go on, please.
3 Continue.
4 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Just if we can
5 kindly follow up on that and just to -- to --
6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: To the best of my
7 understanding.
8 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Thank you. Okay.
9 Perfect. Thank you.
10 MAYOR MASSA: Sir, please feel free at
11 any time that you want to get an update as to
12 what's going on to give the Administrator a call.
13 So that -- so -- well, we hope to save you the
14 trouble and time having to come to a meeting. We
15 like having you come to a meeting, but --
16 MR. MATALONE: Mayor, I don't want to
17 make myself a nuisance.
18 MAYOR MASSA: No, no, no. You're a tax
19 payer.
20 MR. MATALONE: (Indiscernible) set a
21 precedent.
22 MAYOR MASSA: We work for you. That's
23 -- that's who -- that's who we work for. We work
24 for you. You don't work for us. We work for you.
25 MR. MATALONE: I appreciate that.

1 MAYOR MASSA: So --
2 MR. MATALONE: Well, I'll remember what
3 you said.
4 MAYOR MASSA: Absolutely. Hold --
5 MR. MATALONE: I will (indiscernible) --
6 MAYOR MASSA: -- hold me to it. Hold me
7 to it. Councilman Bianchi has a point of order.
8 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I've known him
9 since he's been about 14 years old, and he's
10 always been a nuisance. Always.
11 A COUNCILMAN: Wow.
12 MAYOR MASSA: Just when I thought we
13 were moving along, now I see Councilman -- well, I
14 know that he says that in jest for the record, and
15 it's -- it's nice to have a little bit of levity
16 every now and then at -- at an official municipal
17 function.
18 Any other Council want to comment?
19 A COUNCILMAN: Why don't you give him an
20 opportunity to come back to the microphone and
21 rebut.
22 MAYOR MASSA: All right. Anyone else
23 have any comments? Okay. Okay.
24 Resolutions on percent?
25 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Yes. Resolution

1 151-11 is a resolution regarding authorization of
2 pay claims.
3 Resolution 152-11 is a resolution
4 regarding refund of monies due to duplicate
5 statement.
6 Resolution 153-11 is a resolution
7 regarding temporary leave of absence.
8 Resolution 154-11 is a resolution
9 regarding resignation of a crossing guard.
10 Resolution 155-11 is a resolution
11 amending Resolution 140-11 authorizing the Borough
12 Clerk to advertise for bids for the collection of
13 solid waste and collection of recyclables. Simply
14 extending the deadline. We have a 60-day
15 statutory deadline for receipt of bids. We want
16 to make sure that the bids were -- that the bid
17 documents were as accurate as possible showing the
18 different alternatives discussed on the dais. So
19 we're extending by a couple of weeks the bid
20 receipt time frame.
21 Next item is a Resolution 157-11, is a
22 resolution regarding youth center summer program.
23 And Resolution 158-11 is a resolution
24 regarding temporary budget amendment. The correct
25 amount -- the -- the CFO who just -- who was not

1 in the office for a few days, he had referenced
 2 95,000 for the budget amendment. The actual
 3 number is 65,000. Just -- and we'll reference
 4 that on the notes. So the number is not 95,000.
 5 It's -- it is 65,000. Thank you.

6 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Motion to introduce
 7 consent agenda?

8 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'll introduce it.

9 MAYOR MASSA: Motion introduced by
 10 Councilman Bianchi. Seconded by --

11 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: I'll -- I'll do it.

12 MAYOR MASSA: -- Councilman Kearney.

13 Any discussion? Call the roll.

14 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
 15 Yampaglia?

16 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

17 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

18 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

19 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

21 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

22 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?

24 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

25 MAYOR MASSA: Ordinances.

1 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Second reading and
 2 adoption of ordinance, Ordinance No. 2078 is an
 3 ordinance to amend Chapter one-eighty -- 187,
 4 Section 9B, of the Code of the Borough of North
 5 Arlington entitled, "Vehicles and Traffic." This
 6 is a handicap parking space at 146 Bathurst
 7 Avenue.

8 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. At this time I'll
 9 entertain a motion to open a public hearing on
 10 Ordinance 2078 to the public.

11 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'll make that
 12 motion.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Motion by Councilman
 14 Bianchi. Seconded by Councilman Tanelli.

15 Any discussion? Call the roll.

16 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
 17 Yampaglia?

18 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

19 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

20 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

21 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?

22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

24 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

25 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?

1 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 2 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Ladies and
 3 gentlemen, at this time we will entertain the
 4 Hearing of Citizens on Ordinance 2078. Anyone who
 5 wishes to be heard on 2078, please come forward,
 6 state your name and address for the record, and
 7 please confirm your comments to Ordinance 2078.
 8 There be no -- no one wishes to be heard
 9 on Ordinance, I'll entertain a motion to close and
 10 adopt. Introduction by Councilman Tanelli.
 11 Seconded by Councilman Yampaglia.
 12 Call the roll.
 13 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
 14 Yampaglia?
 15 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
 16 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
 17 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
 18 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Hughes?
 19 I'm sorry. Is excused. Councilman Johnson?
 20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
 21 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
 22 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
 23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?
 24 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 25 MAYOR MASSA: Administrator's report.

1 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Yes, Mayor and
 2 Council. A couple brief items. We're -- we're
 3 waiting for documents from Trenton regarding
 4 relieving North Arlington of the "Memorandum of
 5 Agreement with Transitional Aid." We've been
 6 compliant up to this -- this juncture.
 7 As you know, we did not receive
 8 transitional aid of late. The transitional aid
 9 memorandum of agreement, typically sunsets at the
 10 end of this year, but they're reviewing a process
 11 to release the Borough from the -- from that
 12 documentation and that process early. And I'll
 13 share with you when -- when we receive that
 14 documentation.
 15 Also the -- June 23rd is the -- the
 16 potential -- is currently scheduled day for a
 17 budget hearing. We are anticipating an
 18 arbitrator's award either Friday or Monday most
 19 likely. Notwithstanding an appeals process if --
 20 if we're able to construct a final budget
 21 according to your -- your guidance, we would -- we
 22 would also endeavor to have regardless have a
 23 public hearing on the 23rd for possible adoption
 24 unless it's carried forward.
 25 One other item. There -- there is -- on

1 your (indiscernible) today there was a rather
2 extensive bill for snow removal. There were some
3 questions regarding the -- the process on how we
4 manage the -- that particular account. We're --
5 we're awaiting FEMA funds to reimburse a
6 substantial portion of that expense, but I did
7 want to ask if -- if the Superintendent of Public
8 Works can briefly go over the -- the -- the -- the
9 -- how we manage the -- the -- the acquisition of
10 catalyzed efforts during the -- the major
11 snowstorm that we had. And in the event that
12 there are any questions, that we can address those
13 too.

14 MR. MC CABE: Mr. Mayor, Council. This
15 is how I --

16 MAYOR MASA: So the record identifies
17 James McCabe --

18 MR. MC CABE: Superintendent of Public
19 Works.

20 MAYOR MASA: Thank you.

21 MR. MC CABE: The snowstorm we had was
22 declared an emergency by the governor. I called
23 up Cal-I (phonetic), Kearny, can I get some -- any
24 vehicles available: plows, dump trucks, so on,
25 loaders. I asked them how much per hour. Then I

1 agree on everything with him, and I meet him on
2 the job. I give him a list of streets. I also
3 called police headquarters for traffic control.

4 I also show him where he could dump.
5 Every hour John calls me, or I call him. Where
6 are you, progress, what's going on. After every
7 street that he does he calls me, let's me know
8 where he's going next. I log in when he's
9 leaving.

10 A few times the DPW workers worked with
11 him on some snow removal. I also believe a few
12 times on Ridge Road when we were doing snow
13 removal some of you guys saw me out there with
14 him. I believe Mr. Johnson came up to me, talked
15 to me, said what a great job Cal-I is doing and
16 the DPW's doing.

17 So if there's any questions about what's
18 going on I'd like to address it for the record
19 right now.

20 MAYOR MASSA: Do any Councilmen have any
21 questions for Mr. McCabe regarding the operation?

22 MR. MC CABE: You have no questions?
23 All right. Thank you.

24 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Mr. McCabe. I
25 just want to comment on my own regarding -- no.

1 You could -- you don't have to stay there.

2 MR. MC CABE: Thank you.

3 MAYOR MASSA: I just want to comment on
4 my own that FEMA funds will be available for
5 compensating us for that major snowstorms that we
6 experienced this past winter, probably some of the
7 toughest that we've all experienced.

8 Joe, I think maybe you recall the many
9 years you -- you lived here all -- we -- you and I
10 have lived here all our lives essentially, and we
11 know that this was one of the worst years.

12 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: It was.

13 MAYOR MASSA: And I got a number of
14 compliments on the way our public works department
15 with minimum staffing and minimum -- minimum
16 vehicles was able to handle that heavy backlog of
17 work. Of course, there were some folks who
18 complained. Sure they're going to complain. But
19 when we investigated some of the complaints we
20 found that a number of people were taking the snow
21 from the sidewalk or from their driveways and
22 throwing it back into the street. Of course
23 that's a very big inconvenience for the public
24 works operation to do that, and it's illegal. And
25 I don't know if the police department issued any

1 summonses or how many summonses they did issue,
2 but I know a number of warnings were given.

3 We don't like to issue summonses to
4 residents who are frustrated with being inundated
5 with snow. But we do have to expect that
6 residents will be cooperative with us, and we've
7 -- for the most part that's -- that's what's
8 happened. The people are cooperative. They
9 realize that we can't have those plows on every
10 street at the same time. It takes hours and hours
11 to get the streets plowed. We have to be
12 concerned with fire streets, fire apparatus. We
13 have to be concerned with streets that are
14 emergency passage roadways for our emergency
15 vehicles. The main streets -- the main connecting
16 streets: Noel Drive, Prospect Avenue, all those
17 snow streets we have in town.

18 So in any event I'm glad you were able
19 to stop up tonight to explain that we do have to
20 hire the services of outside contractors who have
21 been working for us for a number of years now when
22 we encounter these type of -- of snow emergencies.
23 So I -- I thank you for -- for that report. And
24 again if any of the Councilman come up with any
25 questions or have any or -- any questions they

1 want to ask about the policies or procedures for
2 snow removal or any other emergency operations, I
3 know they can always direct them directly to the
4 Administrator or to myself.

5 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Mayor, if I may
6 just as a final note. No -- no operation is
7 certainly perfect, but part of the process with
8 FEMA, we had a meeting with them for the -- to
9 secure reimbursements for the emergency. I
10 believe Captain Mulbacher was at the meeting --

11 MAYOR MASSA: Chief.

12 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Chief. I'm sorry.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Chief Mulbacher.

14 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: I'm looking at
15 Captain Insinia (phonetic) who did --

16 MAYOR MASSA: Captain --

17 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: -- all the work on
18 the grants.

19 MAYOR MASSA: He'll get there some day.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He will.

21 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Chief Mulbacher was
22 in a meeting with also, I believe, Mr. McDermott
23 from EMS and the Chief of Police, myself, and the
24 gentleman from FEMA. And they go through a
25 process of documentation for salary and wages and

1 contractual items. And they go through it very
2 carefully. And we document and provide all -- all
3 the relevant documentation that they need so they
4 can process it through the federal government.
5 And Superintendent McCabe was there as well. I
6 apologize.

7 We -- we had a good meeting with them.
8 We were one of the first municipalities -- the
9 first entities in fact that had all of our
10 paperwork together, all of the facts and figures
11 prepared. And this is a comment that the FEMA
12 individual made. And so we're waiting for a
13 substantial reimbursement for the snow removal.

14 And I would note that we believe all the
15 documentation is accurate and proper. The vendors
16 do certify under oath that their documentation is
17 accurate. And it is a federal offense if it is
18 not accurate. So there's certainly motivation to
19 make sure it is. We do the best we can. And --
20 and as soon as we book the FEMA reimbursement,
21 we'll certainly advise you. That'll -- that'll
22 certainly help mitigate the tax consequence to
23 that rather large bill that you received for this.
24 So that's all I have on that.

25 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Mr. -- Mr.

1 Wall. Will you continue the report if --
2 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: The report is
3 complete, and --
4 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.
5 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Mayor, engineer's
6 report?
7 MAYOR MASSA: Any questions on the
8 engineer's -- on the Administrator's report?
9 Engineer's report? Mr. Neglia?
10 MR. NEGLIA: Good evening, everyone. We
11 -- I submitted the June 9th report, and I'll go
12 over it with you. Ridgewood Street -- Ridge Road
13 Street scape is -- is well -- well along. I'm
14 waiting for them to turn the lights on. I don't
15 know. I'll check tonight on my way home whether
16 they went on, but they're supposed to go on within
17 the next several weeks.
18 The DOT Municipal Road Program. As
19 everybody is aware, that will start right after
20 school close, in or around June 20th.
21 The DPW underwater storage tanks. The
22 work had been done, the samples have been
23 collected. We're waiting for the lab reports to
24 be sent to DEP. And hopefully that will be
25 wrapped up shortly.

1 Municipal parking lot, walls, and
2 Melrays. I've submitted a reduced and revised
3 proposal to the Borough Administrator for your
4 review.
5 The 147 Morgan Place zoning issue. That
6 will be done as soon as the contractor enters
7 town. He's agreed to do that.
8 40 Geraldine wall. Myself and the
9 municipal attorney met there yesterday with the
10 homeowner. I know he's here tonight. What we're
11 going to look for now is we want to see where the
12 settlement is in reference to the property line.
13 And the Borough attorney is going to be reviewing
14 that and will report back to you at your next
15 meeting.
16 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.
17 MR. NEGLIA: He needs a little time to
18 get the survey information which we don't have.
19 The homeowner at the time didn't have a property
20 survey. So I'm going to put together whatever I
21 have in my office and see what we can find in
22 terms of a property survey, and I believe the
23 municipal attorney will report on that at your
24 next meeting.
25 The CDGB grants. We were authorized to

1 do that. The field work is about 85 percent
2 complete. I'm hoping it's going to be completed
3 by the beginning -- the middle of next week. And
4 then we will jump into the design. At your next
5 month's meeting we will hopefully be ready to
6 advertise for bids for that project.

7 Twenty -- 223 Rutherford Place, as we
8 discussed tonight and the resident's here
9 questioning it. Stephanie is putting together the
10 -- the proposals required for the Borough and
11 should have those forwarded to you next week for
12 your review.

13 The 2011 mine shaft is the same as last
14 month. That's just still on the report. I will
15 remove that from the report after tonight's
16 meeting.

17 Holy Cross Cemetery. We were advised at
18 your last meeting. We've advised you that they
19 were supposed to start on May 31st. May 31st came
20 and went, and they didn't start. We went out to
21 the field today and talked to the contractor and
22 the archdiocese. They're still negotiating a
23 contractor to do the work, and will advise us of
24 the schedule as soon as the contractor is hired
25 and selected by them. So we will keep on them and

1 keep the pressure on them. That's where it stays
2 -- stands as of 4:00 p.m. today. And that's all
3 we have to report. Any other questions, let me
4 know.

5 MAYOR MASSA: Just a question on the
6 wall behind the parking lot up at -- the municipal
7 parking lot next to Melrays.

8 MR. NEGLIA: Yes.

9 MAYOR MASSA: When would we anticipate
10 getting that in the -- in the pipeline, Mike?

11 MR. NEGLIA: As soon -- as soon as I'm
12 authorized, we would probably -- we would probably
13 take two to three weeks to get that out to bid,
14 and then we'll have to secure the funding I'm
15 sure, as well as award the contract. So I know a
16 couple people -- a couple councilmen asked, you
17 know, the situation with that wall. And if you
18 want I'll give you a brief picture of it. I'm
19 sure most of you -- some of you have seen it.

20 You basically have a wall at the -- at
21 the parking garage that's leaning over, in the
22 beginning signs of failure. It needs to be
23 removed and replaced. It is a little complicated
24 because it is under the parking deck, so you have
25 to access from the rear property.

1 There's also a telephone pole directly
2 to the rear of the wall. And you've got to find
3 out where your property line is to make sure that
4 any new wall construction remains on the municipal
5 property (indiscernible) improvements.

6 And the wall has to be designed with --
7 can't use a keystone wall with tie-backs because
8 we don't own the property directly behind us. So
9 it needs to be designed, it needs to be
10 constructed, and it needs to be, in my -- my
11 opinion, publicly bid.

12 So as soon as we're authorized to do it,
13 the revised approvals will be submitted, we'll get
14 right on it for you immediately, but it can be two
15 to three weeks to -- to finish the -- the work and
16 design. I think that's all -- all it should take.

17 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Okay. Mayor, can I
18 ask you a question?

19 MAYOR MASSA: Any other questions on the
20 engineer's report?

21 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Can I ask a couple
22 of questions? How long do you anticipate to build
23 the wall?

24 MR. NEGLIA: The wall is probably going
25 to be -- be built -- I don't know if it's in the

1 construction time estimate. That'll be time and
2 material, that last portion of it.

3 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Right.

4 MR. NEGLIA: I'm estimating it's
5 probably going to take two weeks.

6 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Two weeks?

7 MR. NEGLIA: Two to three weeks, you
8 know. It all depends, you know, it's -- it all
9 depends on -- I don't want to say how good the
10 contractor is, but it all depends on how good the
11 contractor is.

12 A COUNCILMAN: It'll be the best.

13 A COUNCILMAN: Right.

14 MR. NEGLIA: And the public bid.

15 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Now are those
16 parking --

17 MR. NEGLIA: Some work slow; some of
18 them work fast.

19 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Are the parking
20 spots in front of the wall, are they blocked off
21 or --

22 MR. NEGLIA: They will have to be roped
23 off, blocked.

24 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: No. I mean,
25 currently. If there's a immediate threat of

1 collapse or, I mean, is that something that --

2 MR. NEGLIA: They were not roped off the
3 day I made the inspection. The cars were parked
4 there.

5 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Is that something
6 we should consider?

7 MR. NEGLIA: I think Robert Kairys
8 should go out and take a look. If he feels it's
9 -- we'll go out with him. Again, this wall is
10 leaning. It's obviously -- it's leaning. And
11 it's obviously in the initial phases of failure.
12 I don't -- I can't tell you when it would fail.

13 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Right.

14 MR. NEGLIA: But if -- I think the
15 parking spot -- I think the parking spot should be
16 -- be removed.

17 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I agree.

18 MR. NEGLIA: I mean, you know, bottom
19 line is -- is it's leaning. It's sloping at this
20 angle. It could have been leaning for that way
21 for a very, very long time.

22 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Uh-huh.

23 MR. NEGLIA: But I can't, you know --

24 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I think the mere
25 fact that we're going to reconstruct the wall and

1 we took this effort to go and have it redesigned,
2 and we should block those spots off.

3 MR. NEGLIA: I -- I would suggest that
4 --

5 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: For the sake of
6 liability, right.

7 MR. NEGLIA: -- that would be a very
8 smart move. If you -- you'd like, I can write a
9 letter to the construction office in town. I'm
10 making that recommendation now because I was out
11 on site myself.

12 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Right, right,
13 right.

14 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: One opportunity
15 that council has then this evening is to authorize
16 the professional services contract subject to the
17 certification of funds. If we're going to be
18 blocking off the spots now, you may not want to
19 wait until the June 23rd meeting.

20 So if you're interested in doing that,
21 you can certainly move on that as well today, or
22 if you want to discuss it further. I just want to
23 -- because right now it hasn't moved forward
24 because it would just need an authorization from
25 the governing body.

1 MR. NEGLIA: Right.
2 MAYOR MASSA: Any discussion on any
3 interest on any part of the Council on the --
4 making that proposal, form of resolution at this
5 time, or do you want to wait to have the
6 inspection by the construction official?
7 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I think we should
8 just probably approve it.
9 MAJOR MASSA: Does council want to make
10 a -- introduce a resolution?
11 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yeah. I'll --
12 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Johnson wants
13 to initiate a resolution to have the project in --
14 in progress pending certification of funds as per
15 the Administrator?
16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
17 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: This will be
18 Resolution 159-11. This is the resolution to
19 approve a professional service contract with
20 Neglia Engineers in the amount not to exceed 8,700
21 --
22 MR. NEGLIA: Right.
23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: -- for surveying
24 and engineering services related to the municipal
25 parking lot. Award will be subject to

1 certification of funds by the chief financial
2 officer.
3 MAYOR MASSA: That's a motion by
4 Councilman Johnson. Do I have a second?
5 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'll second it.
6 MAYOR MASSA: Seconded by Councilman
7 Bianchi. Any other discussion?
8 A COUNCILMAN: I have a discussion.
9 This has been a problem for some time now. I --
10 my question is, how is the structure above it
11 allowed to be built without this wall being
12 straightened out as part of the issue. The wall
13 is part of the structure that was there
14 previously. How -- why wasn't that -- why wasn't
15 it removed? Why wasn't it fixed? Why is it now
16 our problem now that the structure is up and this
17 wall is collapsing, and now falls back on us.
18 My question is why was this wall allowed
19 to stay in that shape while that construction was
20 going on, and why was it allowed to be there in a
21 parking structure, basically enclosing a parking
22 structure.
23 MR. NEGLIA: I don't have the answers to
24 all your questions on that.
25 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I do.

1 MR. NEGLIA: I know that was done some
2 time ago. I also know that there was a fire, I
3 believe, in the building.

4 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yeah.

5 MR. NEGLIA: And the rear portion of the
6 building during the fire and the removal of the
7 building actually turned into this retaining wall
8 in some form or fashion. I don't have all the
9 details, because I forget how many years ago it
10 was. It might have been -- Joe, maybe you can
11 help me. I don't know when that building burned
12 down and when that parking deck was built.

13 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: First of all, when
14 that building burned down -- point of order.

15 MAYOR MASSA: Council?

16 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: When that building
17 burned down that was -- that's not a wall. That's
18 part of the building that was -- that remained.

19 MAYOR MASA: All of the existing
20 structure.

21 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yeah. Now what had
22 happened was way back when, maybe 15 years ago --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 1988.

24 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- 1988 that was
25 when the fire was. But when the building was sold

1 to build this -- build this structure, everything
2 was going along fine. That wall would probably
3 have been done. But then there was a change of --
4 of mayors. It became a political issue. Nothing
5 got done, and it's still not done. And it became
6 basically a political issue, and that's what it
7 was.

8 One mayor started it, another mayor took
9 over, and it became a political issue. Melrays
10 couldn't do anything. They got a standstill. He
11 was going to sue the town; the town was going to
12 sue him. Back and forth it went, because it was a
13 political issue.

14 And here we are today 15 years later
15 still fighting over this issue. And that's why it
16 got dumped on us, Steve.

17 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: That's why I want
18 to get it resolved.

19 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: So if we can
20 resolve it, I've been trying for three years
21 basically to get this wall done and put a sign up
22 at the North Arlington Municipal Lot, enter and
23 exit, real nice, still not done. And I've been
24 talking about it for three years when I came here.

25 MAYOR MASSA: Well, tonight we voted on

1 a resolution. We're voting on a resolution,
 2 rather. You -- it was introduced by Councilman
 3 Johnson. You second it.
 4 A COUNCILMAN: What was the amount?
 5 MAYOR MASSA: It's up for discussion.
 6 So any --
 7 A COUNCILMAN: Seventy-five hundred.
 8 MAYOR MASSA: -- further discussion?
 9 Counsel Tanelli, by the way has raised a very
 10 important point as to why this piece of that
 11 building, and I remember well, because I was
 12 working in the police department that day when the
 13 firemen were in that building. And it was brought
 14 to my attention there was a gas line, an active
 15 gas line in the building, and I yelled at the
 16 fireman over the public address system from the
 17 police car to get out of the building.
 18 So I remember that whole situation
 19 vividly, just as Joe does as a firefighter,
 20 probably as Councilman Hughes, who's not here
 21 tonight. Anybody else who was on the fire
 22 department that day, and I know some of these
 23 gentlemen sitting here were --
 24 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Bobby was.
 25 MAYOR MASSA: -- responded to that fire.

1 So it's time for us to take the bull by the horns
 2 and straighten it out. And that's what my
 3 intention has been, and that's what our objective
 4 is going to be now.
 5 A COUNCILMAN: Okay.
 6 MAYOR MASSA: So any further discussion?
 7 Call the roll.
 8 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
 9 Yampaglia?
 10 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
 11 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
 12 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes. Yes.
 13 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?
 14 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
 15 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
 16 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
 17 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?
 18 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 19 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Thank you.
 20 MR. NEGLIA: That's all I have to
 21 report.
 22 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Mr. Neglia.
 23 MR. NEGLIA: Thank you.
 24 MAYOR MASSA: Council reports.
 25 Councilman Yampaglia?

1 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Thank you, Mayor.
2 Mr. Mayor, I had the chance to attend the D.A.R.E.
3 program last month, Mr. Mayor. I want to commend
4 the -- Chief Ghione and the North Arlington Police
5 Department. Officer Ryan -- Ryan here tonight.

6 I think the most impressive thing about
7 that night was the parents who were -- who came
8 out that night. Again our students was terrific.
9 I mean, they -- so many hundreds of our students
10 graduated or they received awards, but the -- the
11 parents coming out was very big, you know.

12 The reason why I say this we do in my
13 line of work I unfortunately represent many
14 individuals relating to drugs and alcohol. But
15 the one central theme I see in -- in just about
16 99.9 percent of it is lack of parental involvement
17 in the children's lives. I mean that's 99.9
18 percent.

19 Very rarely do we represent anybody who,
20 you know, where the parents are actively involved
21 in our lifestyle. So that's the most impressive
22 thing. Again I want to commend the Chief and the
23 North Arlington Police, and keep up the great
24 work. That's all I have.

25 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you. Councilman

1 Bianchi?

2 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Well, I have two
3 reports tonight, Mayor, but the one person that I
4 wanted to be here had -- he's got something to do
5 with the Little League tonight. And he's their --
6 Michael Kraft. He's the youth center director.
7 And he was going to give a report on the youth
8 center and the summer program, but he's not here.
9 I thought he was going to be here. He might come
10 in any minute.

11 In the meantime I'm going to give the
12 fire report. Before I give my fire report I want
13 to congratulate Chief Mulbacher for a spectacular
14 turnout down at the firehouse, you know. You guys
15 looked great. The fire apparatus all looked great,
16 and I want to commend you. You did a nice job,
17 Bob.

18 With that we had 33 calls in the month
19 of May. We had one dryer fire, two electrical
20 fires, three motor vehicle accidents, one motor
21 vehicle rollover, two mutual aid requests, 13
22 activated fire alarms, seven carbon monoxide
23 alarms, and four miscellaneous calls.

24 And just the other night -- I think it
25 was last night, June 8th, we had a -- a house fire

1 on Biltmore. And when I got the call, I thought
2 that house was going to go to the ground when I
3 first got the call. And our fire department
4 stopped it in the attic. I don't know how you did
5 it with that heat, but you did it. And it was a
6 tough building to work because it was so high.
7 And not only that, there was, like, at least 20
8 steps just to get up to the first floor, one of
9 the old-fashioned type houses.

10 The first person I seen was Bob limping
11 down the street like this, and I says, he's going
12 down. But anyway you did a great job. The fire
13 department did a great, great job. And we have to
14 really be thankful that we have volunteer fire
15 department that we don't have to pay you guys, you
16 know, and that we have, you know, sometimes -- I'm
17 going to tell you what I hear. Why do we need
18 these fire engines. Why do we need these high
19 class fire what -- we have the best fire engines
20 around. We all -- we've all heard that.

21 Why? We don't pay our fire department,
22 so we get them good equipment. We get them the
23 best. And so far I think that the fire department
24 in North Arlington is one -- one of the best in
25 the state, if not the best. So I commend you.

1 You did a great job.

2 And I'd like to come back to my report
3 if -- if Michael Kraft comes.

4 MAYOR MASSA: Absolutely. You'll be
5 granted that opportunity, council.

6 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Okay.

7 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Hughes is
8 absent tonight. Councilman Johnson?

9 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you, Mayor.
10 I'm glad that the Superintendent of the DPW was
11 here tonight. The snow removal bill for this
12 winter was quite large. He provided the
13 explanations. The -- the tax payer deserves to
14 know that their money is being spent in a prudent
15 and efficient way.

16 According to the superintendent they
17 cleared two sewer backups this month, replaced 10
18 street signs. They picked up 29 televisions and
19 computers for recycling. They also picked up 10
20 road kills.

21 On a more important note they work with
22 the Meadowlands Commission in filling the potholes
23 throughout the town. We do have an active and
24 working list. If you know a pothole, just report
25 it to Mr. Wall, and we'll try to get right on

1 that. They set up for the Memorial Day parade
2 which was a huge success. They maintain the
3 soccer, the Little League and the girls' softball
4 fields. And they clean the youth center daily.
5 Thank you, Mayor.

6 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you. Councilman
7 Kearney?

8 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Basically the
9 administration report is the energy efficiency
10 upgrades in the Borough all are now complete,
11 including the lighting, the HVAC unit. There's an
12 expected reduction of costs for the Borough all of
13 approximately 35 percent.

14 And the layoff plan that has been the
15 subject of our Mayor and Council meetings for the
16 past couple of meetings. It's been approved by
17 the state. Notices would be required to be sent
18 out by June 27th of 2011. And that's basically
19 the report, Mr. Mayor.

20 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Council.
21 Councilman Tanelli?

22 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Thank you, Mayor.
23 First of all I'd also like to commend the fire
24 department yesterday with your quick response in
25 that heat. Councilman Bianchi and I were there.

1 It's -- it's amazing to watch them go into action
2 and have to deal with those wires to try to get
3 the ladder truck up onto the third floor was a
4 little bit of a chess game.

5 I'd like to thank the Recreation
6 Commission, the North Arlington Police Department,
7 fire Department, the emergency squad, the VFW and
8 foreign legion, and all the other participants
9 that joined us on such an important day
10 remembering our veterans on Memorial Day.

11 Every year it seems to grow larger and
12 larger, and get more and more organizations
13 involved. And it's really nice, and I know that
14 everyone complains about the heat, but by having
15 it at the time we have it we allow ourselves to
16 get a lot more people involved because all the
17 other towns do it earlier. So we have -- I'm
18 willing to deal with the heat to get the
19 participation that we get.

20 Also, Mayor, just on a different note,
21 the last few months we've been approving a lot of
22 handicap spots. Now for the last two years I've
23 been bringing up the fact that there's a lot of
24 these handicap spots. I want to make sure that
25 what we ask to be done is being done, if we can

1 have Mr. Wall look into it.

2 Unfortunately some of the people pass
3 away over time or they move. These handicap spots
4 don't get removed. And I want to make sure that
5 we're following that process because I want to
6 make sure that we're able to help the citizens
7 that need them. But you go on some of the blocks
8 and there's five handicap spots within like a
9 four-house radius, and then you start looking into
10 it, and this person doesn't live here anymore or
11 unfortunately the individual that it was for
12 passed away, but the wife is still using it.
13 They're not to be handed down to other family
14 members. They can apply for them and be granted
15 them as well, but, you know, pretty soon the
16 entire Borough is going to be a handicap parking
17 spot, you know.

18 We have to, you know, we have a lot of
19 other people. Parking is a major issue on some of
20 these streets that we're awarding these spots on.
21 I just want to make sure that who needs them has
22 them and who don't -- doesn't need them any longer
23 we get them back.

24 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I just want to ask
25 a question.

1 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Sure.

2 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Do we have a list
3 going back say 20 years when these were granted or
4 25 or 30 years ago? Do we have a -- we have a
5 list of these places?

6 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I've asked that
7 before, and I think they know who has them. But
8 it's very --

9 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Who's they?

10 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: The police
11 department.

12 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Oh.

13 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I think Officer
14 Reilly has them. I think it's very difficult to
15 follow up on who has them and who doesn't.
16 Actually if you remember we were tipped off on
17 about five or six that needed to be removed over
18 the last three years, I mean, from neighbors that
19 were -- that informed us that thought the people
20 didn't live there any longer, or unfortunately one
21 of the individuals had passed away.

22 But I just want to make sure that we're
23 being diligent in maintaining because look -- just
24 drive on some of these streets. I mean, there
25 might be five handicap spots, you know. What are

1 you doing with all the other residents. Some of
2 the streets have tenants, you know. They're
3 multi-family homes. I mean, we have to be really
4 -- you know we'll have people coming up here,
5 talking about parking spots again, Joe.

6 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman?

7 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Mr. Mayor, Mr.
8 Administrator, is there something where we could
9 put something in place where we could put
10 something in place where we could review it
11 yearly, or -- or -- these spots, like, every year
12 or every so often, you know? Some --

13 MAYOR MASSA: We could have the PD do a
14 -- an annual audit, sending out letters, perhaps
15 on a computer-generated process whereby letters
16 are sent to the addresses with a questionnaire as
17 to whether or not this handicapped parking space
18 is still a viable space. I've got to find a
19 person who -- who's using it, who it's been issued
20 for and -- and have them send proof that they
21 still have a need.

22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Well, Councilman
23 Tanelli said maybe somebody unfortunately passes
24 away, but what if somebody moves? I mean --

25 MAYOR MASSA: Same thing.

1 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: So it would be the
2 same --

3 MAYOR MASSA: If the letter comes back,
4 no longer here, we know that we don't have a guy
5 using that space.

6 A COUNCILMAN: I think -- point of order
7 on it.

8 MAYOR MASSA: Sure.

9 A COUNCILMAN: We should ask the Police
10 Chief and -- and Sergeant Reilly to look into it
11 and make a recommendation rather than impose
12 something that may not be feasible.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Uh-huh.

14 A COUNCILMAN: They know better than we
15 do. Maybe --

16 MAYOR MASSA: Sure.

17 A COUNCILMAN: -- Mr. Wall could meet
18 with them and ask them what they think might be a
19 possibility, and then we could make -- take action
20 then. But --

21 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: We do periodically
22 remove by ordinance handicap signs. In -- in the
23 last -- last meeting or the meeting before we did
24 just that. But I think we need to verify is it
25 reactive based on intake and -- and a request, or

1 is it proactive that we have a tight list. And I
2 think to your point I'll get a review of the S-O
3 -- the Standard Operating procedure for Sergeant
4 Reilly as it relates to this, and see if he has a
5 current survey of all of the -- all the spots.
6 And -- and make sure it's accurate. And to the
7 extent that there are items that need to be
8 removed, gather a list together and make sure
9 they're all done and removed --

10 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

11 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: -- to free up the
12 spots.

13 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Thanks. That's it
14 for my report.

15 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Council. For
16 my own report I want to thank the members of the
17 community who turned out for the Memorial Day
18 celebration and the members of the community who
19 were volunteers: the fire department, the
20 emergency medical services, our full-time people,
21 our DPW personnel, our police personnel obviously.
22 And of course our volunteer fire department, the
23 KNAD's, and other municipal entities who
24 participated so much, and the volunteer
25 organizations, the youth sports activities, who --

1 and the schools who were so proud to march in that
2 parade.

3 It's something that we -- I -- I always
4 felt it was a duty on our part as -- as members of
5 the governing body to recognize those who have
6 given the -- made the ultimate sacrifice in the
7 name of duty for their country.

8 And I was very proud to have Congressman
9 Steve Rothman march alongside me in the parade.
10 He commented to me what a great turnout was.

11 We also had Kathe Donovan, the County
12 Executive, join us. She was very impressed with
13 the turnout.

14 Councilman Tanelli marched along with
15 members of the other Councilman. Councilman
16 Bianchi, Councilman Johnson, I think, was there.
17 And that morning we presided over the inspection
18 of the fire department and the issuance of awards
19 for the volunteer fireman who would risk their
20 lives in the line of duty and perform so
21 admirably.

22 And that day as far as my being mayor is
23 probably one of the proudest days of being mayor
24 of this community. Being able to recognize those
25 ordinary people who do extraordinary things when

1 the -- when duty calls and when the gauntlet is
2 thrown down. So I want to thank everybody for
3 their continued service to the community. I think
4 we now have a -- Councilman?
5 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Point of order?
6 MAYOR MASSA: Point of order.
7 Councilman Bianchi, as I had promised, he said
8 that Mr. Kraft has entered the room, so we move --
9 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Michael, would you
10 come up please and give the recreation report?
11 MR. KRAFT: You want the recreation
12 report?
13 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: The youth center
14 report.
15 MR. KRAFT: Yes.
16 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I think that's
17 good.
18 MR. KRAFT: Sorry I'm late. Running
19 late from Little League All Star.
20 MAYOR MASSA: No problem. You're doing
21 your job. Just step up to the microphone and
22 identify yourself, Mike.
23 MR. KRAFT: Where do you want me?
24 MAYOR MASSA: Right in front there.
25 MR. KRAFT: I want to face them, don't

1 I?
2 MAYOR MASSA: No. Make the report to
3 the -- to the Council.
4 MR. KRAFT: All right. To the Council?
5 To you guys?
6 MAYOR MASSA: To the Council and the
7 public with the mic to pick you up -- you have to
8 face the microphone.
9 MR. KRAFT: My name is Mike Kraft. I'm
10 the youth center director. So far this summer
11 coming up I have changed the program from years
12 past. I -- I've been asked to justify the program
13 this year and keep all the people I had on staff
14 the last couple years was going to be pretty much
15 impossible unless I raised the price of our summer
16 camp. And in years past the camp was \$75 a
17 session, which is four weeks a session. We raised
18 it to a hundred last year. We took over 70
19 children into our camp.
20 We had 15 -- I believe 15, 16 counselors
21 based on children to counsel ratio and state law.
22 If I did not raise the price, we -- last year they
23 cost the town about \$50,000 in salary as far as my
24 report. I raised the price to about \$300 a
25 session, which is still about \$2.80 an hour. We

1 still had about 20 people that signed up. Ten
2 people from last year. About 10 new -- new faces.
3 The 10 new faces thought it was the greatest thing
4 since sliced bread. The 10 faces that we had from
5 last year just signed up because they needed
6 somewhere for the kids to go but didn't agree with
7 the raise in price.

8 The reason we didn't get the next 50
9 children come to our camp was based on the cost
10 from the feel I've been getting from the people in
11 town. Since we didn't get enough kids during our
12 registration, I've taken away the Tiny Tot program
13 as we've known it since Mr. Rizzolo (phonetic) was
14 running the program. I don't believe -- I think
15 that was 2003 until last year, the year before.

16 We didn't take it away fully. I went
17 back to the way I think Jeanette Stroh (phonetic)
18 was running the program. She had it from 9:00 to
19 12:00 in the morning. They still had arts and
20 crafts, gymnastics, and that's it. I'm now
21 keeping the bowling on Fridays, so now we still
22 have gymnastics, bowling on Fridays, and arts and
23 crafts. So it gives them three -- three chances
24 to have a program. They can take one, two, or
25 three of the options.

1 So far we had a lot of people
2 interested. We're probably going to have to turn
3 away a lot of people if they want the gymnastics.
4 We can only fit about 30 children into that
5 building, which is the way it used to be run.
6 It's just the way it is. We're now cutting staff
7 from about 15 to 17 counselors down to eight. The
8 eight people who have been working for me during
9 the school year. They won't be working five days
10 a week. They'll be working about two to three.

11 So I'm just looking to save money, break
12 even, and run a summer program the way I think it
13 should be run. It's also given me an opportunity
14 to concentrate on bringing recreation back in
15 other ways. We have now put out a calendar where
16 each day there's going to be an activity for the
17 children of this town, for the senior citizens, or
18 anyone else.

19 We're having a town recreation fishing
20 trip July 21st. That's back in order. We're
21 looking to run trips to Atlantic City, Monmouth,
22 Yankee -- Yankee Stadium. I have a connection
23 with the Yankees, and hopefully the tickets will
24 be donated.

25 So we're doing things that -- that I

1 think should be done, and when people ask what are
2 they getting for their tax dollars, that's the
3 stuff that -- and it's going to go to the whole
4 community, not just -- not just the young --
5 younger people. The younger people have
6 opportunities to play soccer tournaments, soccer
7 shootouts, basketball shootouts, home run derbies,
8 all different things each day of the week.

9 So it's not that I'm cutting the
10 program. We're just going to do a little bit more
11 with our staff, with less of a staff, and not
12 charge as much. It will cost \$65 for people that
13 want gymnastics, bowling and the arts and crafts
14 for a four-week session. So now the price is down
15 to where, you know, it makes some people happy.
16 But we just can't facilitate enough children
17 unless we hire more people.

18 I've done that, I think, in the best
19 interest of the town, and I'm actually -- I'm
20 pretty happy with the decision, and I think it's
21 being accepted within -- within the town as well.

22 I'm also bringing a basketball camp.
23 St. Anthony's is running the basketball camp in
24 town. Bob Hurley will be the guest speaker on the
25 Friday, the last day of camp. So we're doing some

1 things that haven't been done before and just
2 trying to make everything better. So that's about
3 it.

4 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Can I ask you a
5 question, Mike?

6 MR. KRAFT: Yes.

7 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: With the way you're
8 running the program now, will we at least break
9 even or make money.

10 MR. KRAFT: Yeah. I think --

11 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Because when you
12 mention that word --

13 MR. KRAFT: -- we have --

14 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- \$50,000 that we
15 lost money

16 MR. KRAFT: Yeah.

17 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: --last year and the
18 prior years, this question goes to Terence. Where
19 did that \$50,000 extra come from?

20 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: From your current
21 fund. From your budget.

22 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: The current fund?

23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Yeah. Correct.

24 MR. KRAFT: I still was \$20,000 under
25 budget last year from what I was told. I didn't

1 spend money really. We had a lot of stuff down
2 there right -- that we could have used. So we
3 really didn't -- I think that was just in
4 salaries. And that's why we're cutting back on --
5 on the number of people that are hired. And like
6 I said, we -- we could have broke even or made
7 some money for \$300 and brought in 50 or 70
8 children and kept the staff. It just -- people, I
9 think, you know, they just didn't expect it to be
10 raised that much which I really couldn't help. So
11 --

12 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Thank you, Mike.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Any members of the Council
14 have questions?

15 A COUNCILMAN: I just -- thanks, Mike.
16 You're doing a great job. I just to -- to his
17 point, a lot of people used our recreation over
18 the last three to four years as a babysitting
19 service as opposed to being a -- an instructional
20 program.

21 So I think what Mike's presenting now
22 from what it sounds like is that they're going to
23 get much more instruction and much more structure
24 versus a babysitting service so that people can go
25 shopping, and they were looking at it as an easy

1 way, very inexpensive way to drop the children off
2 and not have to worry about them. And that's not
3 what we're in store for.

4 I mean, it was never that way up until
5 2004, you know. We ran all the, you know, a lot of
6 the same programs, and it -- more about
7 instruction and trying to give the kids structure
8 over the summer versus a free-for-all. So, you
9 know, I'd like to thank you. It sounds like a
10 great program.

11 MR. KRAFT: I appreciated that. Thank
12 you.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Thank you, Michael.
14 Council, you have any other questions or any
15 issues regarding --

16 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: The \$50,000 is
17 stuck in my envelope at, you know.

18 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. We have business
19 for Executive Session, Mr. Clerk?

20 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Yes, Mayor and
21 Council. Resolution 156-11 is a resolution
22 regarding Executive Session.

23 "Whereas the Open Public Meetings Act,
24 Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public
25 from a meeting in certain circumstances."

1 "And whereas the Mayor and Council is of
2 the opinion that such circumstances presently
3 exist. And whereas the Mayor and Council wish to
4 discuss personnel, collective bargaining,
5 anticipate or pending litigation or matters which
6 fall under attorney/client privilege. Public
7 release of the discussion will only occur after
8 Council approval. Action may or may not occur
9 after discussion."

10 May I have a motion, please?

11 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to introduce?

12 All right. Councilman Bianchi. Seconded by
13 Councilman Yampaglia. Call the roll.

14 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
15 Yampaglia?

16 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

17 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

18 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

19 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

21 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

22 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?

24 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

25 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Now therefore be

1 resolved that the Mayor and Council are now in
2 Executive Session. Thank you very much.

3 (Off the record. Back on the record.)

4 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: We're now back on
5 the record.

6 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to return to the
7 regular order of business.

8 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I make a motion.

9 MAYOR MASSA: By Councilman Tanelli.

10 Seconded by Councilman Bianchi. Call the roll.

11 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
12 Yampaglia?

13 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

14 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

15 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

16 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?

17 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

18 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

19 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

20 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?

21 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

22 MAYOR MASSA: Mr. Clerk, resolution.

23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Mayor, we have one
24 resolution for consideration by the governing
25 body. Resolution 160-11. It's a resolution

1 regarding authorization for the purchase of fire
2 apparatus.

3 "Whereas the Borough of North Arlington
4 has need for new fire apparatus, and whereas
5 pursuant to New Jersey local public contracts law,
6 the Borough published the required specifications
7 for fire apparatus and a request for bids. And
8 whereas five bids were received for the purchase
9 of the fire apparatus."

10 "Whereas the Borough has reviewed the
11 quote, submitted and determined that the quote
12 presented by KME Fire Apparatus located at One
13 Industrial Complex, Newsquehoning, Pennsylvania is
14 the most beneficial offer to the Borough."

15 "And whereas the lower bid was received
16 which contained significant material deviations to
17 the public specifications" -- excuse me --
18 "published specifications, and as such has been
19 determined to be an unacceptable bid."

20 "And whereas all five bids received
21 contain certain exceptions to deviations to the
22 published" -- "published specifications."

23 "And whereas it -- it has been
24 determined that the exceptions of deviations
25 contained in the bid submitted by KME Fire

1 Apparatus were" mire -- "minor and immaterial in
2 nature."

3 "And now, therefore, be resolved that
4 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of North
5 Arlington, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby
6 authorize the purchase of a fire apparatus from
7 KME Fire Apparatus located at One Industrial
8 Complex, Newsquehoning, PA, for a total amount not
9 to exceed \$534,531 subject to the certification of
10 availability of funds by the chief financial
11 officer."

12 "And be it further resolved that the
13 chief financial officer certified availability of
14 funds. And be it further resolved that this
15 resolution shall take effect immediately."

16 May I have a motion, please?

17 MAYOR MASSA: Motion introduced --

18 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I make that motion.

19 MAYOR MASSA: -- by Councilman Bianchi.

20 Seconded by Councilman Tanelli. Any discussion?
21 Call the roll.

22 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
23 Yampaglia?

24 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

25 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

1 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
2 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Hughes
3 is excused. Councilman Johnson?
4 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
5 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
6 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
7 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?
8 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
9 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Thank you.
10 MAYOR MASSA: Carried. Any other
11 business come before the Mayor and Council of the
12 Borough of North Arlington?
13 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: No, Mayor.
14 MAYOR MASSA: All right.
15 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Point of order.
16 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Your Honor, just a
17 point of order.
18 MAYOR MASSA: Point of order by
19 Councilman.
20 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: We had talked about
21 some time ago that in the summertime hours that we
22 were going to maybe reduce the amount of meetings
23 of this Mayor and Council to one a month just over
24 th summertime hours. Now I know that Council
25 President Hughes is not here for this, and it's

1 not an attempt to do anything. We discussed it
2 with him here.
3 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: We did.
4 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: And I thought that
5 maybe I would introduce that if possible for
6 consideration.
7 MAYOR MASSA: I believe that we did have
8 one meeting scheduled for this month which was
9 this evening's meeting, Councilman. But the
10 meeting for the 23rd was tentatively for the
11 introduction of the municipal budget.
12 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Yes. Consistent
13 with Councilman Kearney's objectives, the -- there
14 will be one meeting in July and one meeting in
15 August currently scheduled. And then we're back
16 to two meetings for September and moving forward.
17 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Okay.
18 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: And the reason
19 there's a second meeting in June is for the
20 purposes of public hearing on your budget.
21 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Thank you very
22 much.
23 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Council.
24 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Make a motion to
25 adjourn.

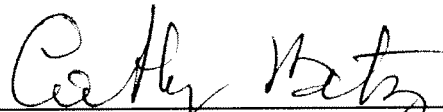
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MAYOR MASSA: Motion to adjourn by
Councilman Tanelli.
COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I second.
MAYOR MASSA: Seconded by Councilman
Bianchi. Call the roll.
BOROUGH CLERK WALL: All in favor? Any
opposed? Unanimously carried. Thank you.
MAYOR MASSA: Adjourned.
A COUNCILMAN: Thank you, guys.
MAYOR MASSA: All right, guys. Thank
you.
(Meeting adjourned)

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