

BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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OF
MEETING MINUTES

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North Arlington, NJ 07031

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B E F O R E:

BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

A P P E A R A N C E S:

RANDY PEARCE, ESQ.,
Attorney for the Borough of North Arlington.

ALSO PRESENT:

PETER C. MASSA, Mayor
TERENCE WALL, Borough Clerk.

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1 MR. WALL: Good evening. This meeting
2 is being held in accordance with the rules and
3 regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act of the
4 State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this
5 meeting was provided by forwarding a Sunshine
6 Notice, which included the time, date, and
7 location of this public meeting of the Mayor and
8 Council.

9 MAYOR MASSA: Call the roll.

10 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?

11 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Here.

12 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

13 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Here.

14 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

15 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Here.

16 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

17 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Here.

18 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

19 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Here.

20 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

21 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Here.

22 MR. WALL: Also present Mayor Peter C.
23 Massa, Borough Clerk Terrence Wall, and Borough
24 Attorney Randy Pearce.

25 MAYOR MASSA: Ladies and gentlemen,

1 please rise for a salute to the flag.

2 (Pledge of Allegiance)

3 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. At this time I'd
4 like to open up the meeting to the hearing of
5 citizens. Anyone who wishes to be heard, please
6 come forward. State your name and address for the
7 record. Please confine your comments to five
8 minutes to give everybody the opportunity to be
9 heard. And please confine your comments to
10 municipal business. Neither myself nor the
11 members of the Council will comment on the hearing
12 of citizens or -- or comments by the public until
13 the hearing of citizens is complete.

14 MS. WORLACH: Deborah Worlach
15 (phonetic), 85 Exton Avenue in North Arlington.

16 MAYOR MASSA: Good evening, ma'am.

17 MS. WORLACH: Good evening, Mayor. I'm
18 here because I heard about the six policemen being
19 laid off. And I'm truly concerned for the safety
20 of our citizens and for my grandchildren. I know
21 that North Arlington is -- safe small town. But
22 any crazy person with a gun can drive through this
23 town at any point in time. So each time a police
24 officer approaches a car, he's taking his life to
25 his -- into his own hands and -- and he's

1 protecting our town. He's -- he's protecting our
2 children.

3 When Tara couldn't breath recently, it
4 was Officer Gabe (phonetic) that came to the house
5 first before the EMT's. If she had needed mouth-
6 to-mouth resuscitation or any kind of CPR, he
7 would have been qualified to do that before the
8 EMT's get -- got there. I can tell you that my
9 grandson had a grand mal. Officer Carroll
10 (phonetic) was the one that showed up first. When
11 he saw that my grandson was lifeless, he expedited
12 the EMT's. They said that they're never -- they
13 -- they're usually never asked about it when they
14 hear that, they really put a -- put the gas on.
15 And -- and that wouldn't have happened if that
16 officer wouldn't have been there first.

17 That's two times that someone came there
18 and -- and got there first from the police
19 officers, rather than having to wait for the
20 EMT's. These men are trained in life support and
21 CPR. When my husband was dying, it was -- in
22 Lyndhurst Officer Sponza (phonetic) was the one
23 that gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until
24 the EMT's got there. So I feel that they -- they
25 serve a very important part of keeping our

1 children and our -- our families safe.

2 Officer Peck he -- he's from what I
3 understand one of the officers to go. Well, he
4 has autism experience. So now isn't that a
5 valuable thing to have in this town, since we have
6 quite a few kids diagnosed with autism? We have
7 Harrison, Jersey City, Belleville, Kearney, Newark
8 right by us. Okay. Easy access to Route 7, to
9 Route 21. You have a diversion at one end of
10 town, and pretty much there's a bank at the other
11 end of town getting robbed, and who's going to be
12 there if you only have a limited amount of
13 officers?

14 We have 15,700 people roughly in this
15 town. There should be 36 police officers
16 according to the State. We have 25. If you get
17 rid of six, we have 19. That's 11 under what we
18 should have. We should be hiring 11 officers to
19 keep us safe, instead of getting rid of six
20 officers that we can't afford to lose in this
21 town.

22 There was a robbery right down the
23 street from my house the other day. The police
24 officers not only got there, but arrested them.
25 It was literally blocks from my house. My house

1 could have been the next house. My grandson and
2 I, who has autism, the two of us would have been
3 alone in that house and at their mercy. Because I
4 wouldn't have been able to stop them from entering
5 the house. My concern is that EMT's, firemen, and
6 policemen those are the last things that we should
7 cut in a budget. They're the last things to go
8 because they're the people that keep us safe and
9 secure.

10 You -- you cut a budget -- I understand
11 budget cuts have to be made. I -- I understand
12 that. Our town and every town is at a financial
13 deficit right now. But there are people out there
14 that won't even take a pay freeze, and I'm even
15 going to mention who that is, and -- and so we --
16 we say we're going to raise -- we're going to pass
17 our budget. But these men who protect us and
18 serve us every day we can't find a way to keep
19 them. There's no way that we can find a way to
20 keep these guys so we can feel and secure in this
21 town. There's got to be some other way to cut the
22 \$500,000 other than putting us vulnerable to all
23 the -- the gangs, and the robbers, and whatever
24 other crazy people are out there carrying guns.

25 I -- I just feel I had to come forward

1 tonight because I'm really concerned about losing
2 these policemen. I really am. And -- and that's
3 all I have to say. I just -- I hope that you'll
4 reconsider, and you'll find a way to keep these
5 men because I don't feel that being so many under
6 -- we have 25 now, we should have 36. If you lay
7 them off, we have 19. That's 11 under what the
8 State requires us to have. Isn't that a State
9 requirement when they -- or a State -- State
10 suggestion to have 36 for our size town?
11 We're going 11 under. That to me is -- is not a
12 good thing.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, ma'am.

14 MR. PRONTI: Good evening. I'm Dan
15 Pronti from 138 Hedden Terrace. I come to the
16 meeting --

17 MAYOR MASSA: Would you spell your last
18 name, sir?

19 MR. PRONTI: P-r-o-n-t-i.

20 MAYOR MASSA: P-o?

21 MR. PRONTI: P-r-o-n-t-i.

22 MAYOR MASSA: Pronti?

23 MR. PRONTI: Pronti.

24 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you.

25 MR. PRONTI: All right. I come to these

1 meetings a lot, and you're not going to hear me
2 talk unless it's something that pretty important.
3 And I feel that the -- the safety of North
4 Arlington is pretty important. And I just wanted
5 to make a couple of points that I jotted down
6 while I was outside in the parking lot on my way
7 in.

8 And I wanted to make the point that with
9 the -- with the grant money that we -- that we're
10 receiving and we're making Ridge Road more
11 attractive, we're trying to bring businesses to
12 the town, and the best way to do that is to give
13 the people a safe feeling while they're shopping.
14 You know, and let's -- let's make a mental note
15 there aren't too many businesses going to
16 Irvington, Camden, the not-so-safe cities. And we
17 really don't want to turn North Arlington into one
18 of those cities.

19 A few months back we dimmed our street
20 lights. And now we're going to reduce the number
21 of police officers. It's bad enough we have
22 dimmer street lights. I have small -- a small
23 child. A lot of us have small children. They're
24 going to start walking around outside at night, we
25 want it as bright as possible and as safe as

1 possible.

2 To me, the best way to do that is to
3 have more police officers out there. And, you
4 know, North Arlington makes a name for themselves
5 as far as safety. You know yourself. You've
6 experienced it. The West Orange Police Department
7 recently laid off police officers. If you watched
8 the news the last couple of days, West Orange is
9 getting bombarded with burglaries, thefts, and the
10 residents are all up in arms. They're all out
11 there. They're protesting because they don't know
12 what to do because crime has -- has risen so much.

13 There's ways to reduce money. There's
14 ways to reduce costs. But this isn't the way to
15 do it. What we can do -- I mean, Paterson also.
16 And if you -- if you notice Paterson just laid off
17 cops. Two days later there were what, maybe three
18 shootings, three armed robberies. It's crazy
19 what's going on over there. We really don't want
20 North Arlington to turn into one of those towns.

21 All right. If crimes goes up here, what
22 are people going to do? If the crime raises in
23 North Arlington, people are going to pack up and
24 they're going to move somewhere else. And they're
25 most likely going to move somewhere where they're

1 going to pay higher taxes so they feel safer. So
2 if the taxes go up here, you're going to pay --
3 you're going to pay your higher taxes to -- to
4 live in a safer area. That's the way I look at
5 it.

6 And, you know, there's -- there's ways
7 to do it and there's ways not to do it. And the
8 solution here is not to -- it's not to lay off
9 police officers. You know, I mean, why would we
10 even threaten layoffs to begin with? Because we
11 know we can't afford layoffs here. We -- we may
12 not be able to afford what we view as paying
13 police officers, but we can't afford to lay off
14 police officers in this town. And keep the cops
15 here happy because happy police officers are
16 productive, and we all know that. There are
17 studies out there that show that if they're happy,
18 they're productive. And they will keep our
19 streets safer. And I strongly believe that.

20 Thank you for your time.

21 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, sir.

22 Anyone else?

23 At this time I'll entertain -- Mr. --

24 MS. TIA: Eileen Tia (phonetic), Bernice
25 Road. I have two things tonight. I brought this

1 up once before I believe at the earlier Council
2 meeting that possibly things can be frozen like
3 they do in the business world. I'm sure the
4 police and firemen -- I know there are unions
5 involved, but I feel if they went to the unions in
6 mass to say we will accept a freeze on our salary
7 to keep our jobs, I think that might be a viable
8 point to take.

9 Another thing I don't understand is, if
10 the town we want to save money, why are we having
11 two Council meetings a month? Doesn't that cost a
12 lot of money to open up this building, and have
13 air conditioning, lighting, telephones, et cetera,
14 et cetera? We've had one Council meeting a month
15 for years where everything gets taken care of. I
16 feel -- I don't see the need to have two a month.

17 I'm sure you gentlemen have other things
18 to do. I know my calendar it out of sight. And
19 if I have to attend two, you know, meetings for
20 one club or one organization, to me it makes no
21 sense. I don't see where you're accomplishing
22 anymore than going over more things again and
23 again, and again.

24 So that's my point. I feel if everybody
25 just cooperates and they take the freeze, I don't

1 see where anybody has to lose their job. I know I
2 came from the business world. My salary was
3 frozen on occasion over several years. I didn't
4 lose my job. I didn't lose my security, and I
5 didn't lose my medical. Yeah. You tighten your
6 belt a little bit. But in the long, run you still
7 have your job and you still can put food on the
8 table and pay your bills.

9 So I thank you. And I hope something
10 can be worked out.

11 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Ms. Tia.

12 Anyone else wish to be heard?

13 MS. WORLACH: Can I say one more thing
14 now?

15 MAYOR MASSA: Yes, ma'am.

16 MS. WORLACH: Thank you.

17 MAYOR MASSA: Just repeat your name and
18 address --

19 MS. WORLACH: Sure.

20 MAYOR MASSA: -- for the record.

21 MS. WORLACH: Deborah Worlach, 85 Exton
22 Avenue, --

23 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you.

24 MS. WORLACH: -- North Arlington. I
25 just want to bring up something that came to my

1 mind several years ago. One of our support group
2 members has a severely autistic child. Their
3 alarm was broken in the middle of the night and
4 they were aware of it, and the child got out of
5 the house. She was wandering the streets on one
6 of the coldest days of winter. And I'm sure that
7 some of the police officers might remember that.
8 If she had veered off to a side street, she would
9 have been dead. She was in her pajamas. She left
10 her front door wide open and just took off.

11 Luckily, she went to Ridge Road. And a
12 police officer saw her and brought her to the
13 station and took care of her. And they drove up
14 and down the streets of this town tire --
15 tirelessly trying to figure out where she lived.
16 They saw an open door, and they took a chance and
17 they walked in. And Josephine found two police
18 officers staring her in the eye in her bedroom,
19 and they said, are you missing a child with
20 autism? And she went to look in the bedroom, and
21 that child had been gone.

22 If there weren't enough police officers
23 to drive through the town at night -- this was
24 about four or five in the morning, that child
25 would have been dead no matter what street she was

1 on. So it is really important to have enough
2 police offices patrol -- patrolling our town.

3 My grandson could get out at any point
4 in time, and he would wander the streets. And if
5 I didn't have the wonderful men back here to look
6 out for him, as they always do, I don't know what
7 would happen to him. So I'm just pleading with
8 you to reconsider this. Because I just remembered
9 what happened to that child, and I would never
10 want that to happen to any child.

11 Thank you.

12 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, ma'am.

13 At this time I'll entertain a motion to
14 close.

15 Motion by Councilman Tanelli. Seconded
16 by --

17 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I'll second that.

18 MAYOR MASSA: -- Council President
19 Hughes.

20 Call the roll.

21 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

22 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

23 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

24 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

25 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

1 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

2 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

3 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

4 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

5 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

6 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

7 MR. WALL: Thank you.

8 MAYOR MASSA: Any of the members of the
9 Council wish to comment on the hearing of
10 citizens? Well, if the Council -- obviously, by
11 their silence they're taking these statements
12 quite seriously, just as I am. And, of course,
13 the resolution that was passed at the last Council
14 meeting is a worst-case scenario. And I think
15 again it's my responsibility to explain the
16 legality of it.

17 In order to comply with Civil Service
18 rules, if in the event the Borough gets to that
19 point, these notifications have to be made. The
20 action has to be taken to put the State of New
21 Jersey on notice that the Borough will do certain
22 things regarding personnel. Reduction --
23 reduction of the force through layoffs. That, of
24 course, as I said is a worst-case scenario.

25 For the record, there's a number of

1 police officers here at this Council meeting
2 tonight, some of whom are senior staff commanders
3 who worked under my command and worked with me.
4 And for the comments that the people have made
5 regarding public safety, I don't think anyone
6 sitting here, besides myself and the members of
7 the fire service, the Council President, and
8 Council Bianchi, can be as tuned in to what public
9 safety is. You -- you don't know it till you walk
10 in the shoes.

11 I lived for many years with the comments
12 of cops have a great job, cops this, and cops
13 that. But the people that said that never
14 wrestled around the floor of a diner and took a
15 knife off a 16-year-old drugged up kid. The
16 people that said that never took guns off
17 criminals. The people that said that never
18 responded to the scene of a traffic accident and
19 administered CPR waiting for the ambulance.

20 Fortunately, and I've said this many
21 times, we are very fortunate to have a volunteer
22 fire department. We are fortunate to have a First
23 Great Emergency Medical Services unit, which is
24 supplemented by a top-notch volunteer emergency
25 squad. The only public safety elements of this

1 community is our police force, which it has to be.
2 We couldn't expect to have a volunteer police
3 department. That would be short of tragedy. It
4 would be chaotic. We need professional police
5 officers in the State of New Jersey, in the United
6 States of America.

7 And I don't want to belabor the point of
8 saying that it's my responsibility at the end of
9 the day, even with decisions that are made by
10 these Councilmen here, to make sure that the
11 community is properly protected.

12 So what my expect -- my expectations are
13 is that the Council will work diligently to
14 maintain protection of this community, and to
15 maintain the police force at its current levels.
16 It's been said that we need 36 cops. That's a
17 professional opinion by government administrators.
18 It's the opinion of the Chief's Associations.
19 It's the opinion of those public managers who are
20 responsible for public policy that make sure that
21 all of our communities are properly policed,
22 properly staffed.

23 There have been comments about reducing
24 staffing in certain bureaus. But when that
25 happens, it not necessarily makes for more

1 efficient police -- police operations. It's --
2 it's important to be able to investigate crime.
3 We can't expect the State Police, the County
4 Police, the County Prosecutor's Office, the
5 Sheriff's Department to do the things that we have
6 to do here on the local level with respect to
7 investigating crime.

8 And as the Chief of Police and I have
9 had a number of discussions, the bad guys know
10 when there aren't enough cops around. They know
11 it in Newark. They know it in Paterson. They
12 know it even in suburban communities. So it will
13 be a principle priority on my part to do
14 everything we can to maintain the levels that we
15 need in this community to protect the people. So
16 -- and that's the only thing I could say at this
17 point right now and at -- at this Council meeting
18 to the general public.

19 So we will be working to maintain those
20 staffing levels. We will be looking to find other
21 economies, all the economies. But there may come
22 a time when decisions regarding staffing in
23 departments may have to be made. And those
24 difficult decisions will -- will be made. So I'm
25 asking the community for their indulgence. And

1 it's not my desire to negotiate collective
2 bargaining agreements from this dias. As I have
3 said before, that's done at the bargaining table.

4 But I have asked the Board of Education
5 establishment, the Municipal Government
6 establishment to be judicious. To be open minded.
7 To recognize the serious economies that take
8 place. I just recently read that the State of New
9 Jersey came into a -- well, anywhere -- it's
10 estimated anywhere between a five hundred thirteen
11 million dollar and a nine hundred million dollar
12 windfall from taxation that the Governor says he
13 may use for assistance to schools and possibly
14 assistance to municipalities.

15 And it does cause me a great deal of
16 consternation when, as the gentlemen who made
17 mention before talks about the crime-ridden cities
18 in New Jersey that receive so much money in State
19 aid, when the urban suburban communities, suburban
20 communities such as this, they're on the fringes
21 of -- of the urban centers, that can easily become
22 the targets of the criminal element, are neglected
23 when it comes to State aid.

24 And even the Federal Government now has
25 taken a turn with respect to the needs of the

1 states. These are issues -- the public safety of
 2 North Arlington not only is my responsibility, but
 3 I think it's a responsibility of the State
 4 Administration. I think it's a responsibility of
 5 the National Government. And the National
 6 Government has to recognize that states such as
 7 New Jersey need the funding and State grants, not
 8 only to beautify our streets, to fix our roads, to
 9 build bridges, and to build -- and to maintain our
 10 infrastructure, but to assist us in protecting our
 11 people.

12 Because if we fail to protect our
 13 people, we haven't done the core mission of
 14 government. So that's my feeling. And we will be
 15 working diligently to do what we have to do to
 16 protect the people of this community. So
 17 everybody that spoke tonight I want to thank you
 18 for your concerns and your suggestions. And I
 19 want to say to you also take this message from me
 20 back to the people in your -- in your
 21 neighborhoods. And we like to see them at Council
 22 meetings. We like to hear from you.

23 Okay. So, Mr. Clerk, you can continue
 24 with the regular course of business?

25 MR. WALL: Yes, Mayor and Council.

1 Resolution 144-11 is a resolution
 2 regarding authorization to pay claims.

3 Resolution 145-11 is a resolution
 4 regarding membership into the North Arlington Fire
 5 Department.

6 Resolution 146-11 is a resolution
 7 regarding Change Order No. 1 Ridge Road
 8 Streetscape Phase III.

9 Resolution 147-11 is a resolution
 10 regarding approval of 2011 business licenses.

11 Resolution 148-11 is a resolution
 12 regarding agreement for professional services for
 13 2011 CDBG Municipal Resurfacing Program, Fifth
 14 Street, Brandenburg Place, and Union Place.

15 And Resolution 150-11 is a resolution
 16 regarding temporary budget amendment.

17 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to introduce the
 18 consent agenda.

19 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I'm introduce that.

20 MAYOR MASSA: Introduced by --

21 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Point of --

22 MAYOR MASSA: -- Council President

23 Hughes.

24 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Point of order,
 25 Your Honor. Can we have 150-11 pulled, and I have

1 one other question regarding 148-11. Is that --
 2 those services come out of the grant, professional
 3 services?
 4 MAYOR MASSA: Yeah. The Councilman
 5 requests that 148 be pulled --
 6 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: No. 1 --
 7 MR. WALL: Yes.
 8 MAYOR MASSA: -- from such a vote.
 9 MR. WALL: Yes.
 10 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: 150 --
 11 MAYOR MASSA: I'm sorry.
 12 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: -- I want to be
 13 pulled.
 14 MAYOR MASSA: Was it 1 --
 15 MR. WALL: Yes. I'm sorry.
 16 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: 1 -- 150-11 I just
 17 wanted to confirm that the money --
 18 MAYOR MASSA: That's the amendment?
 19 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Right. And I
 20 wanted to check the -- the 148-11 to be sure that
 21 the money for those professional services are
 22 coming out of the grant?
 23 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.
 24 MR. WALL: The engineer is here today.
 25 I'll -- we'll verify that. But I believe they're

1 eligible the -- the costs related to program. But
 2 we'll verify that as well.
 3 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Okay.
 4 MR. WALL: Okay. So that's --
 5 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Motion to remove
 6 those resolutions from consent by Council --
 7 Councilman Tanelli. So we will entertain a --
 8 A COUNCILMAN: Take the roll.
 9 MAYOR MASSA: -- motion to vote on the
 10 balance of the -- the --
 11 MR. WALL: This will be a roll call on
 12 Resolutions 144 through 147.
 13 Councilman Yampaglia?
 14 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
 15 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
 16 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
 17 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?
 18 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes. With the
 19 exception of the claims reso on any Fire
 20 Department purchases I recuse myself on them.
 21 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?
 22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
 23 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
 24 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
 25 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

1 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 2 MR. WALL: And Resolution 148-11. It's
 3 a resolution regarding agreement for professional
 4 services for 2011 CDBG Municipal Resurfacing
 5 Program, Fifth Street, Brandenburg Place, and
 6 Union Place the engineer is here.
 7 Stephanie can you confirm whether or not
 8 the professional services --
 9 MS. SANTOS: (Indiscernible)
 10 MR. WALL: Okay. We believe they are
 11 eligible under the grant. However, the -- the
 12 grants would not be able to be deployed unless the
 13 professional services for the surveying is
 14 rendered. But if -- if you want, depending on
 15 what you'd like to do. Typically the engineering
 16 services are -- are includable in the
 17 disbursements for Community Development Block
 18 Grant funds. These are Federal HUD funds. These
 19 particular streets are included in the -- in the
 20 Housing and Urban Development map. And it's part
 21 of our annual grant applications that we do with
 22 -- with the County.
 23 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: So this grant has
 24 been awarded already?
 25 MR. WALL: Yes. This -- yes. This

1 grant is -- has already been awarded and it's
 2 slated to be deployed now.
 3 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Okay.
 4 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Motion to introduce
 5 the resolution.
 6 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I'll introduce it.
 7 MAYOR MASSA: Introduced by Councilman
 8 Tanelli.
 9 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'll --
 10 MAYOR MASSA: Seconded --
 11 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- second it.
 12 MAYOR MASSA: -- by Councilman Bianchi.
 13 Any further discussions?
 14 Call the roll.
 15 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?
 16 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
 17 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
 18 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
 19 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?
 20 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.
 21 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?
 22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
 23 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
 24 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
 25 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

1 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

2 MR. WALL: Resolution 150-11 is a
3 resolution regarding temporary budget amendment.
4 Each year the Borough Council would pass a
5 temporary budget approximately -- well, to equate
6 to 26.25 percent of the prior year's budget. That
7 is in order to pay the bills accordingly while a
8 budget is introduced, and discussed, and modified,
9 and finally passed by the Governing Body.

10 Once you get past a certain period of
11 time, the temporary funding would -- would --
12 would -- would diminish and you periodically need
13 to have temporary budget amendments. This
14 particular budget amendment was prepared only in
15 the last couple of days by the CFO. If there are
16 questions or issues regarding it, we can move it
17 to June 9th.

18 The purpose of the temporary budget
19 amendment is to continue to pay our bills, such as
20 gasoline, some older snow removal bills, and
21 things along those lines for the general day-to-
22 day operations of the Borough that exceed the
23 26.25 percent initial temporary budget that you
24 approved in reorganization.

25 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to introduce?

1 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I'll introduce that.

2 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Hughes.

3 Second?

4 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: I'll second it.

5 MAYOR MASSA: Seconded by Councilman

6 Kearney.

7 Any discussions?

8 Call the roll.

9 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?

10 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

11 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

12 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

13 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

14 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

15 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

17 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

18 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: No.

19 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

20 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

21 MR. WALL: Thank you.

22 Next are ordinances.

23 MAYOR MASSA: Ordinances.

24 MS. COLLINS: Yes, Mayor. Second

25 reading and adoption of ordinance.

1 Ordinance No. 2075. This is an
 2 ordinance regarding outdoor dumpsters and other
 3 refuse containers as required by the Storm Water
 4 Management Annual Report. This will be a motion
 5 to open a public hearing on the ordinance.
 6 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to introduce?
 7 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I'm introduce it.
 8 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Tanelli.
 9 Seconded by Councilman Yampaglia.
 10 Discussion?
 11 Call the roll.
 12 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?
 13 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
 14 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
 15 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
 16 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?
 17 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.
 18 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?
 19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
 20 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
 21 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
 22 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?
 23 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 24 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.
 25 Ladies and gentlemen, at this time I'll

1 open up the meeting to the hearing of citizens on
 2 Ordinance 2075. Anybody who wishes to be heard on
 3 Ordinance 2075, please come forward. State your
 4 name and address for the record, and confine your
 5 comments to Ordinance 2075.
 6 No one present wishes to be heard on
 7 2075.
 8 I entertain a motion to close and adopt.
 9 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I'll make that.
 10 MAYOR MASSA: Motion by Councilman
 11 Tanelli. Seconded by Councilman Yampaglia.
 12 Call the roll.
 13 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?
 14 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
 15 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
 16 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
 17 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?
 18 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.
 19 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?
 20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
 21 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
 22 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
 23 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?
 24 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 25 MR. WALL: Thank you.

1 The next item is Ordinance No. 2076.
 2 This is an ordinance to amend Chapter 187, Section
 3 9B of the Code of the Borough of North Arlington
 4 Entitled Vehicles and Traffic.

5 MAYOR MASSA: At this time I'll
 6 entertain a motion to introduce Ordinance 2076.

7 MR. WALL: Do a public hearing also.

8 MAYOR MASSA: Public hearing.

9 Councilman Tanelli, seconded by
 10 Councilman Bianchi.

11 Discussion?

12 Call the roll.

13 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?

14 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

15 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

16 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

17 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

18 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

19 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

21 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

22 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

23 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

24 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

25 MR. WALL: Thank you.

1 MAYOR MASSA: Ladies and gentlemen,
 2 anyone who wishes to be heard on Ordinance 2076
 3 please come forward. State your name and address
 4 for the record, and please confine your comments
 5 to Ordinance 2076.

6 There being no one who wishes to be
 7 heard on Ordinance 2076, I'll entertain a motion
 8 to close and adopt.

9 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: I'll make the
 10 motion.

11 MAYOR MASSA: Motion by Councilman
 12 Yampaglia. Seconded by Councilman Bianchi.

13 Call the roll.

14 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?

15 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

16 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

17 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

18 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

19 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

20 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

21 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

22 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

23 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

24 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

25 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

1 MR. WALL: The next item is Ordinance
2 No. 2077. This is an ordinance to amend Chapter
3 187, Section 9B of the Code of the Borough of
4 North Arlington Entitled Vehicles and Traffic.

5 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to introduce
6 Ordinance 2077 by Councilman Tanelli. Second by
7 Councilman Bianchi.

8 Discussion?

9 Call the roll.

10 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?

11 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

12 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

13 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

14 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

15 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

16 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

17 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

18 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

19 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

20 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

21 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

22 MR. WALL: Thank you.

23 Anyone that wishes to be heard on
24 Ordinance 2077 please come forward. State your
25 name and address for the record. And please

1 confine your comments to Ordinance 2077.

2 MR. MC DERMOTT: George McDermott, 260
3 -- (indiscernible) Place. With all due respect,
4 Mr. Mayor and present Council members, going
5 through these motions, and just listing off
6 numbers really does no benefit to the public.
7 They have no idea what these ordinances are for.
8 And unless they're here particularly just on that
9 item, nobody knows what it is. I'd request that
10 for future reference that we at least give an
11 explanation of what these are for, so if anybody
12 indeed want to stand up and say something or be
13 heard, they know why. Thank you.

14 MAYOR MASSA: Well, Mr. McDermott, the
15 ordinances are published and available from the
16 Borough Clerk's Office if anyone wants to --
17 wishes to read them ahead of time. They have that
18 ability to do that.

19 MR. MC DERMOTT: So basically you just
20 said no?

21 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to -- anyone else
22 wish to be heard on Ordinance 2077?

23 A motion to close and adopt on Ordinance
24 2077. Motion by -- by Councilman Tanelli, --

25 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Second.

1 MAYOR MASSA: -- seconded by Councilman
 2 Kearney.
 3 Call the roll.
 4 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?
 5 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
 6 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
 7 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
 8 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?
 9 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.
 10 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?
 11 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
 12 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
 13 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
 14 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?
 15 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 16 MR. WALL: Okay. The next item is a
 17 first -- an introduction first reading of an
 18 Ordinance No. 2078. This is an ordinance to amend
 19 Chapter 187, Section 9B of the Code of the Borough
 20 of North Arlington Entitled Vehicles and Traffic a
 21 Handicapped Parking Spot beginning at a one 110
 22 feet north of the northerly curb line of Hendell
 23 Avenue and extending to a point 22 feet north
 24 therefrom.
 25 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to introduce

1 Ordinance 2078.
 2 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'll make that
 3 motion.
 4 MAYOR MASSA: By Councilman --
 5 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Bianchi.
 6 MAYOR MASSA: -- Bianchi. Seconded by
 7 Councilman Tanelli.
 8 Discussion?
 9 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Very quickly,
 10 Mayor. I just want to address Mr. McDermott just
 11 for a second. The -- we usually give the summary
 12 on the first reading, like Terence just told you
 13 where the handicapped spot was. Some of these the
 14 ordinances are very lengthy. So to sit here and
 15 try and -- and read -- read them when we do the
 16 adoption, we're hoping that if -- if people know
 17 about the ordinance, they're going to go up and
 18 read it after we do a summary on the first
 19 adoption and then we vote. We're hoping that if
 20 it's in your area, you're going to go up and see
 21 -- it's usually posted on the board at least to
 22 get a review or inquire about it. But some of
 23 these are so lengthy to sit here and read through
 24 everyone of these ordinances it would take all
 25 night. I mean, I know that doesn't help you. You

1 want to know -- you're here tonight for a specific
2 ordinance that we're passing, but that's the
3 explanation. Some of them are very lengthy.

4 MR. MC DERMOTT: (Indiscernible) --
5 explanation. I --

6 MAYOR MASSA: All right. We -- Mr. --
7 you had your opportunity, sir. Thank you.

8 Okay. Any --

9 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Thank you, Mayor.

10 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'd like to say
11 something too.

12 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Bianchi?

13 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: In the case of Mr.
14 McDermott, I think it's a good idea that -- he's
15 got a -- he's got a good point. And I -- and I
16 think that for the last three and a half years
17 when we were reading these ordinances, even
18 though, Steve, we say it the first time, I think
19 maybe what we should do is when we read it the
20 second time, we should just abbreviate it. You
21 know, like if it's a parking handicapped, where it
22 is and something like that. That, you know, just
23 briefly go over it, instead of reading the whole
24 ordinance. But I think it's good that the people
25 do know. I think he made a valid point.

1 MAYOR MASSA: So the Councilman is
2 suggesting a synopsis --

3 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yeah.

4 MAYOR MASSA: -- be listed on the
5 agenda.

6 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: The first time we
7 read it like we usually do. The second time we go
8 to vote on it, I think it's good that we just have
9 like a short little summary on it.

10 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.

11 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I think that's a
12 good idea. I think it was a good point.

13 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Council.

14 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Absolutely.

15 MAYOR MASSA: All right.

16 Call the roll.

17 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?

18 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

19 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

20 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

21 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

22 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

23 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

24 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

25 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

1 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
2 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?
3 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
4 MR. WALL: The next item is the
5 Engineer's report.

6 Would you like to come up and go over
7 your report briefly?

8 MS. SANTOS: Good evening, Mayor and
9 Council. The first item is the Ridge Road
10 streetscape. As you may have noticed, the lights
11 have been put up. According to PSE&G, we're on
12 the work schedule to be in -- to be on in two
13 weeks. They said that they might be turned on a
14 little bit earlier, but that's their schedule for
15 right now.

16 Today you voted on Change Order No. 1
17 which is an inclusion of Change Order 1 and 2
18 which was to DOT. It's actually a reduction in
19 the overall contract. So that was toward the
20 reduction in lighting and also some upgrades to
21 and that's along the streetscape.

22 The second item is the NJDOT Municipal
23 Aid Project. That one has not changed. They are
24 scheduled to begin work at the end of June.

25 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I -- I have a

1 question. I'm sorry.

2 Point or order, Your Honor.

3 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman?

4 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Regarding the
5 change order we did tonight does that afford us an
6 opportunity to fix 144 Ridge Road, the woman's
7 sidewalk that was here with the concern?

8 MAYOR MASSA: I'll -- I'll defer to the
9 Borough Administrator, who is going to be able to
10 tell us whether or not we have the funding to
11 handle that.

12 MR. WALL: We -- we did have an audit
13 conducted today that went exceptionally well. And
14 regarding the ARA grant, the -- so the -- that's
15 the positive. The negative is that they are, as
16 of today's conversation, and the Engineer can go
17 over this in more detail, they are looking to see
18 the projects closed out as opposed to extending
19 them. So we're going to see if we can identify
20 additional sources to -- to meet that objective of
21 extending your streetscape.

22 So we have been competitive as far as
23 coming under budget. And then I'll defer to you
24 now to -- and the objective was to also extend
25 that work. We are now being told that we're going

1 to have to secure other -- other measures to be
2 able to extend the streetscape equally along down
3 the line, including that particular property.
4 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Thank you.
5 MAYOR MASSA: So essentially what the
6 Administrator has said, if I'm correct, is --
7 MR. WALL: They won't let us do it.
8 MAYOR MASSA: -- the grant has been
9 closed out. And we have to -- we can't extend the
10 grant -- we can't expend -- extend the project
11 with the grant money.
12 MS. SANTOS: Right.
13 MAYOR MASSA: Because the job came in
14 under budget.
15 MS. SANTOS: Well, according to DOT
16 because of the strict Federal guidelines, --
17 MAYOR MASSA: Right.
18 MS. SANTOS: -- you can't extend the
19 scope of the work under this grant. Basically, I
20 mean, when it comes in under budget, it just has
21 to go back to the State. They're not going to
22 allow us to extend even though it is --
23 MAYOR MASSA: And let us not violate any
24 Federal guidelines. Okay. Okay. That being
25 said, we'll take a look at what we can do to

1 address that issue --
2 MR. WALL: Correct.
3 MAYOR MASSA: -- with respect to the
4 municipality and the -- the people who reside in
5 that -- that -- that street.
6 MS. SANTOS: Continuing, the second
7 item, again, the DOT project, we are going to
8 prepare a change order for DOT which is the speed
9 bump and the additional lighting -- the additional
10 signage that was requested by the Chief of Police.
11 So as soon as that gets going, like I said, at the
12 end of June so it doesn't interfere with any of
13 the schools.
14 The DPW underground storage tanks the
15 samples were taken on May 11th. I actually got
16 the report back this afternoon. And I'll be
17 sending those to DEP. Hopefully, we can get this
18 notice of violation resolved.
19 The 20 Geraldine Road we issued our
20 final report and closeout. There hasn't been any
21 activity since that time. Again, now it becomes a
22 legal matter to dispute with the lower property
23 owner.
24 The municipal lot Melraise (phonetic)
25 property we submitted a proposal for the retaining

1 wall design. That's going to be renegotiated, and
2 we'll present that again at the next Mayor and
3 Council meeting.

4 147 Morgan Place, again, no activity on
5 that. Only when D&L Paving comes in to do the DOT
6 project at the end of June is when they're going
7 to mobilize to do that project as well.

8 40 Geraldine I'll leave to the end
9 because we have attached a report to the end of
10 our Engineer's report. Okay.

11 The CDBG grant we touched on that, and
12 now that it's been approved, we are going to do
13 that immediately because those funds were from
14 2008 so they want to see that project go forward
15 so that you don't lose that grant money.

16 223 Rutherford Place that's right behind
17 the youth center, and that was a collapsed fence.
18 And we're going to be soliciting some bids in
19 order to get that repaired for as it is town
20 property.

21 The 2011 mine shaft mine monitoring
22 program, again, we submitted a proposal for that
23 so we can continue that situation.

24 The Holy Cross Cemetery, the sidewalks
25 along Ridge Road the streetscape that is actually

1 going to be moving forward. I spoke with the
2 Administrator for the Arch Diocese, and he told me
3 that the DOT application has been approved.
4 They're looking to start after Memorial Day and
5 they're going to be doing the concrete work and
6 the pavers, and also -- (indiscernible) -- along
7 Ridge Road, and also the Schuyler Ave
8 improvements.

9 The only two pending projects we have is
10 the River Road repaving. Bergen County still has
11 not given us any time table of when they're going
12 to be paving. But we'll keep asking them and
13 hopefully get some update on that. And the other
14 one is just the -- (indiscernible) construction --
15 (indiscernible) -- we still haven't received any
16 revised plans on that.

17 That's the report. But we do have 40
18 Geraldine.

19 A COUNCILMAN: I have a question on the
20 paving for Belmont and Vanderbilt. Where are we
21 adding speed bumps? Because the one speed bump we
22 put on Sunset Avenue is a nightmare.

23 MS. SANTOS: It's going to be on Sunset,
24 but it's going to be designed properly so that
25 it's not that excessive hump. Because what

1 happened last time was it was too high. There was
2 too much of a pavement thickness --
3 A COUNCILMAN: Uh-huh.
4 MS. SANTOS: -- and it had to be ground
5 down. So we did provide the contractor with the
6 correct detail for the speed hump. It's going to
7 be at the direction of the Police Chief and also
8 our office to decide where the best location for
9 that is going to be.
10 A COUNCILMAN: As long as you don't put
11 it right beyond the crest of the hill so that
12 nobody knows it's coming.
13 MS. SANTOS: Right. It -- it also is
14 going to have signage and striping --
15 A COUNCILMAN: Yeah.
16 MS. SANTOS: -- to indicate that you're
17 going to be coming up to that.
18 A COUNCILMAN: Okay. Thank you.
19 MAYOR MASSA: The Councilman makes a
20 good point there with respect to where that would
21 be located.
22 A COUNCILMAN: What?
23 MAYOR MASSA: Especially the crest of
24 the hill.
25 A COUNCILMAN: Well, the -- the one that

1 -- the one that they put in on the lower part of
2 Sunset was just over the crest of the hill. If
3 you didn't -- weren't paying to the signs, you'd
4 hit this thing and not know it. And it was
5 actually too high the way it was designed. So it
6 was -- we -- we generated an awful lot of
7 complaints about that speed bump when they put it
8 in.
9 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Was there a
10 performance bond by this paving company for that
11 part of the tarring? Can't they be held
12 responsible for putting too much tar there?
13 A COUNCILMAN: Well, that's been
14 corrected.
15 MS. SANTOS: Well, they've -- they've
16 come back and fixed it.
17 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: They corrected it?
18 A COUNCILMAN: Yeah.
19 MS. SANTOS: They ground --
20 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I don't know about
21 that.
22 MS. SANTOS: They ground it down.
23 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I went flying the
24 other day. Well, anyway, my -- my point is the
25 bond -- the ponding on Morgan Place.

1 MS. SANTOS: Uh-huh.
2 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: The performance
3 bond, that's gone?
4 MR. NEGLIA: The performance bond is for
5 a two-year period after completion of
6 construction. So I don't know --
7 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Is it two years?
8 MS. SANTOS: That expired in January I
9 believe. So -- but the -- the contractor is
10 agreeable to come back and try to fix that. We're
11 moving forward with the 2010 DOT project.
12 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Okay. Because --
13 MS. SANTOS: So he is going to work with
14 them --
15 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- across the
16 street from there I have a complaint by a resident
17 that when they were doing some work there, they
18 had the outriggers on their tractor broke the
19 sidewalk through the slabs. And he's been asking
20 to have the slabs replaced.
21 A COUNCILMAN: It's a -- yeah. It's a
22 legit --
23 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yeah. I --
24 A COUNCILMAN: It's legit --
25 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- I know it is.

1 I've -- I've seen them.
2 A COUNCILMAN: It's a legit problem.
3 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I've seen them.
4 But the thing is when the guy put the outriggers
5 down on the backhoe, he cracked two of the slabs.
6 So it's almost directly across the street from the
7 pond -- the bonding -- ponding issue. So --
8 MR. NEGLIA: Joe, the only question I
9 have with that is -- and, you know, it's just it's
10 -- it's very difficult to -- to answer these
11 concerns two years plus after the fact.
12 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: No, no.
13 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: He's --
14 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Michael, this has
15 been ongoing for two years he's been complaining
16 since --
17 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Well, when it
18 happened --
19 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- it happened.
20 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: When he -- when it
21 happened we --
22 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: But we didn't do
23 anything about it.
24 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I believe.
25 MAYOR MASSA: One Councilman at a time,

1 please.
 2 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yeah. So --
 3 MAYOR MASSA: Point of order for the
 4 Councilmen.
 5 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: So what happened --
 6 MAYOR MASSA: Bianchi, --
 7 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- was he's been
 8 complaining --
 9 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Bianchi.
 10 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- for two years --
 11 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Johnson, you'll
 12 have your opportunity.
 13 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- but fell on deaf
 14 ears. So and now if we got the guy to come back
 15 to fix the ponding issue, maybe we can have him
 16 replace those two slabs of concrete. I don't
 17 know. I mean, --
 18 MR. NEGLIA: We -- we can request them
 19 to do it. I can't --
 20 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: You can't --
 21 MR. NEGLIA: -- you know, force them.
 22 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- force them to do
 23 it.
 24 MR. NEGLIA: But we can't definitely
 25 request them.

1 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I think in the
 2 future when we give these jobs out, and they're
 3 bonded, we take for granted that the jobs are
 4 completed. I think what we got to do is we got to
 5 start asking the residents. Especially the speed
 6 bump on Sunset Avenue, people were complaining
 7 about that from the get go. And the first time I
 8 hit it, I almost wound up in Belleville. So, you
 9 know, and we don't do anything about it for TWO
 10 years. So I think we got to be a little bit more
 11 diligent on the performance bonds.
 12 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Johnson?
 13 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Councilman Bianchi
 14 addressed the concerns.
 15 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Thank you.
 16 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Thank you.
 17 MAYOR MASSA: Speed bumps are always a
 18 big problem because Resident A wants the speed
 19 bump. Thinks it's great. Likes the idea of even
 20 seeing somebody speeding down the street have his
 21 car go up in the air. Resident B complains that
 22 it's noisy and it bothers them. So I don't know
 23 if we can ever get to a happy medium on these
 24 things, but we certainly will try because the
 25 objective here is to control the -- the speeding

1 in the residential streets.

2 So the ones that are going to have to
3 live it ultimately is myself and the gentleman
4 that's sitting here and --

5 A COUNCILMAN: The one on Sunset Avenue.

6 MAYOR MASSA: -- and the Police Chief
7 probably once in a while and the Public Works
8 Department.

9 Councilman Yampaglia?

10 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes, Mr. Mayor.
11 The -- in the Riverview Gardens by the Pike, they
12 have the speed bumps there. It has been there
13 since I was a kid. That's I don't know 30 years
14 or it has to be more. The way they're configured,
15 you know, there's -- I think they're much more
16 effective than the ones that I see now, the ones
17 in the streets, whether it be North Arlington or
18 other towns, they're -- they're just much more
19 effective. They discourage the people from
20 speeding more. If you hit them, it's a real jolt
21 and you don't go flying up either. I mean, it --
22 it's not a safety hazard.

23 But the way they're configured, it's
24 much better than these new ones like I see on
25 Hedden Terrace or Sunset or --

1 MR. NEGLIA: Well, with -- the speed
2 humps were really kind of changed to be called
3 speed tables by the DOT because of some safety
4 concerns. You know, people in the neighborhoods
5 and residents in the neighborhoods when they know
6 they're there, they slow themselves down and --
7 and they go over the speed. The problem is, is
8 you don't want to create a situation where the
9 majority is -- is so much that someone could lose
10 control of their vehicle in a snow condition or
11 even in a wet condition, or even in a dry
12 condition for that matter.

13 So there are design standards that have
14 to be applied. And the design standards you see
15 in the newer ones are, you know, longer and
16 easier, but they still should slow the traffic
17 down. But you -- you really no longer can just
18 put a hump of asphalt in and let people get jarred
19 when they hit it because, you know, again, there's
20 a give and take, and I think the Mayor -- the
21 Mayor said it accurately with -- with speed
22 tables, the speed is not -- you know, they do slow
23 down traffic, but you don't want to construct it
24 in such a way where they tend to --

25 A COUNCILMAN: Mike, has any work been

1 done on the speed bump down at the warehouse down
2 on Foreed Avenue (phonetic)?

3 MR. NEGLIA: Not that -- not that we
4 have heard. We have requested it, and we've
5 called back up. But I have not heard. We will
6 follow up again with them on the speed bumps.

7 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Point of order,
8 Your Honor.

9 A COUNCILMAN: You've asked them to do
10 it?

11 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I know Robert --

12 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Tanelli?

13 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: -- Robert had a
14 meeting with them. He was supposed to have a
15 meeting this week actually. He had a family
16 tragedy, so he was -- he was out of commission for
17 a little while. He told me at the last meeting
18 last Thursday that he had a meeting with them
19 early -- set up early this week to have those
20 bumps removed, or to change -- like I mentioned
21 last week, to change the traffic pattern so that
22 the full loads are coming in on the one side,
23 where maybe there's not that empty hollow pounding
24 when they go over bumps. But, obviously, Robert
25 wasn't available tonight. So I'm sure he'll

1 report back to us next meeting.

2 A COUNCILMAN: As long as something is
3 being done about it.

4 MR. NEGLIA: Okay. The last item in our
5 report is -- is 40 Geraldine Road. There was a
6 resident concern about some settlements and
7 erosion on the top of -- of -- near our head wall.
8 We did a report on it. There's a 12-inch storm
9 sewer line that goes between two properties and
10 discharges at a concrete head wall. There are
11 some pictures in your report on it. There is some
12 erosion to -- to the -- to the south of the head
13 wall. And there is a fence post that is -- is
14 basically falling down.

15 I've been to the site myself. I've been
16 to the site several times over the last several
17 years on it. We did take a look at the head wall.
18 The head wall does not show any signs of cracks in
19 it. There is some erosion around it. But it's
20 structurally sound. The pipe, as -- as much as we
21 can inspect from the outside, was in good shape.
22 Actually a televising of the storm sewer pipe I
23 think was completed in 2010. At that time, there
24 was no offset joints or no settlements in our
25 pipe.

1 So the erosion is there. And there is a
2 concern there. Also next to the concrete
3 retaining wall, okay, and I'm just trying to
4 describe it. It's basically a square concrete
5 wall around the pipe. There's the fence post.
6 There's some old railroad tie remnants and some
7 block remnants that were in there. That is in --
8 in failure and causing the fence post to be pulled
9 down and causing the fence to have an opening, and
10 the resident is concerned and wants it to be
11 repaired.

12 I can't sit here today and -- and the
13 reports goes into more detail about it. I'm just
14 summarizing it for you. In the past, when we've
15 looked at these head walls in these situations, if
16 we felt that our pipe and the drainage of our pipe
17 was causing a problem, it became -- and I don't
18 want to speak for the attorney, it became a
19 municipal concern to at least address.

20 The problem you have at the edge of the
21 cliff on Geraldine Road and Truman is at the end
22 of the backyards there is a lot of what's called
23 historic fill. Fill was put in the backyards.
24 Over time it's weathering, and the backyards seem
25 to be getting shorter and shorter. Okay. Some

1 residents put their own mechanisms and own -- own
2 retaining wall structures in. And over time it --
3 it still continues to weather off the end of the
4 cliff.

5 We've issued the report tonight. I
6 would suggest that you review it. We've also
7 issued it to the Borough Attorney. And I can't
8 make a determination whether or not this is a
9 municipal responsibility or not. I will tell you
10 from my engineering standpoint is that the head
11 wall and the pipe is intact. The head wall is not
12 falling down and causing addition erosion. It's
13 eroding right at the edge of that head wall. That
14 actually the area above the head wall, you know,
15 is in good shape. And where the fence really
16 pinches down, you can probably see it on this
17 photo here, it's a little bit away from our head
18 wall at the end of the head wall.

19 So our suggestion for repair, since we
20 did take a look at it, is that the area where the
21 fence post is and -- and some type of retaining
22 wall be constructed there and the fence be reset.
23 The other thing is the fence can be reset further
24 back into the backyards away from where the
25 erosion and the cliff is concerned -- is

1 occurring. So there's several methods the
2 property owner could take to try to secure the
3 area. And that's basically our report.

4 So what I would ask is -- is that the --
5 the Municipal Attorney take a look at it and see
6 if there's any -- if he has any other questions
7 from our office. I'd be happy to answer it. But
8 I don't -- I don't believe and I don't know if it
9 -- and if this is a municipal responsibility.

10 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman?

11 A COUNCILMAN: sorry.

12 MAYOR MASSA: No. Go ahead.

13 A COUNCILMAN: Mike, I was there a
14 couple of years ago down this house, and I was
15 looking at this. Can't a pipe be put there so
16 that the water doesn't shoot out and it goes down
17 to the bottom of the hill --

18 MR. NEGLIA: Yes.

19 A COUNCILMAN: -- and drains out?

20 MR. NEGLIA: Yes.

21 A COUNCILMAN: Would that be the way to
22 fix it?

23 MR. NEGLIA: Well, that would have fixed
24 -- you know, obviously, some water coming out of
25 the pipe is also causing some erosion. Now --

1 A COUNCILMAN: Down on the bottom of the
2 hill.

3 MR. NEGLIA: -- years ago I think they
4 put what's called a reno mattress in or some stone
5 in, and there -- there is some -- some erosion at
6 the bottom of the pipe. Okay. But the erosion
7 that's occurring is really to the -- to the north
8 and south of the head wall it's coming in around
9 it. I don't know how far you continue to go with
10 that. Like, you know, just for example say, if
11 the head wall was five feet wider on either side,
12 okay, then, yeah, it would stabilize another five
13 feet on side -- each side of the head wall. But
14 that doesn't say that after that five feet ends,
15 that the same situation wouldn't occur at that
16 location.

17 So, you know, you could -- you could put
18 a new head wall in with wing walls, and there
19 would be separate posts. It's on -- we would have
20 to get access to private property to do it. We've
21 done this in the past on the other head wall. But
22 the other head wall that we fixed, which I believe
23 is 22 Geraldine Road, 22-24, the head wall had
24 shown signs of failure. And additional methods
25 were constructed there.

1 A COUNCILMAN: Who owns this property?
 2 MR. NEGLIA: We have it --
 3 A COUNCILMAN: The property that we have
 4 to fix --
 5 MR. NEGLIA: There's --
 6 A COUNCILMAN: -- on --
 7 MR. NEGLIA: It's between --
 8 A COUNCILMAN: -- on the east side of
 9 the fence on the cliff side?
 10 MR. NEGLIA: I believe it's Borough
 11 owned.
 12 A COUNCILMAN: Borough owned?
 13 MR. NEGLIA: And that's another --
 14 that's another issue that in previous -- in
 15 previous situations there, at that point in time,
 16 the Borough did not own that other property. At
 17 that point in time, the -- the property was owned
 18 by the -- by the --
 19 A COUNCILMAN: That property was donated
 20 to the town --
 21 MR. NEGLIA: -- NA Associates --
 22 A COUNCILMAN: -- to North Arlington.
 23 MR. NEGLIA: -- or whatever -- whatever
 24 their name is name. But so what I would like the
 25 Borough Attorney to do if I get a chance to talk

1 to him about it is that does present another
 2 situation to us that didn't occur in the past in
 3 these situations. Because you know our -- one of
 4 the property owners involved in it. You could put
 5 a pipe -- the answer to you is -- to your question
 6 is you can put a pipe in, and that didn't bring it
 7 down the cliff. That is probably the best way to
 8 handle it. It's -- it's -- it's just an expense.
 9 MAYOR MASSA: I have a question myself.
 10 If this was private property at one point, how
 11 would it have become public property is another
 12 point? When -- when did that --
 13 MR. NEGLIA: I think during --
 14 MAYOR MASSA: -- transfer of title
 15 occur, if -- if it did at all?
 16 MR. NEGLIA: My --
 17 MAYOR MASSA: If you know.
 18 MR. NEGLIA: My understanding was -- my
 19 understanding was that -- that that occurred
 20 during the site plan approval for the A&B Cosmetic
 21 Building. That the rear portion of the property
 22 was deeded over to the Borough for -- for -- for
 23 public use. And that there was access agreements
 24 also put in place so you can access the property
 25 from Truman Avenue. So it was part of a Planning

1 Board application.

2 A COUNCILMAN: Yeah. I was on the
3 Planning Board at the time, Mayor.

4 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman?

5 A COUNCILMAN: And he's right. That was
6 donated to the town of North Arlington for
7 basically for recreation to build a park, or a
8 little league field, or whatever. But it never
9 materialized. But that it was donated to the town
10 of North Arlington to grant them the right to
11 build that warehouse.

12 MAYOR MASSA: So it was --

13 A COUNCILMAN: It was part of the deal.

14 MAYOR MASSA: It was part of an
15 agreement?

16 A COUNCILMAN: Yes.

17 MR. NEGLIA: Yes. And -- and approval.

18 So that's our report. The situation does exist.

19 The resident does have a concern. But until we
20 get further direction and determination from the
21 governing body.

22 MAYOR MASSA: I'd -- I'd like to have
23 the homeowner kept in the loop on this --

24 MR. NEGLIA: Absolutely.

25 MAYOR MASSA: -- so that he has the

1 paperwork. Because I -- for the record, I see his
2 expressions may not necessarily agree with what's
3 been presented here tonight. And I think it's
4 important that he be advised as to what the status
5 is and what the remedies are. And ultimately
6 who's going to be responsible for the remedies.

7 The Councilman has represented that at
8 one point there was a change in title. Property
9 was given to the Borough for recreational
10 purposes. That didn't happen. I'm just concerned
11 of whether or not that was done just for the
12 expediency of getting a zoning approval through at
13 the time. I don't know. I'm not going to
14 speculate on it or -- or -- or form an opinion on
15 it at this point. But I think we have to do some
16 research on it. So we'll have the Borough
17 Attorney examine that thoroughly.

18 Any other comments by members of the
19 Council on the Engineer's report?

20 Thank you, Michael.

21 MR. NEGLIA: Thank you.

22 A COUNCILMAN: Mayor?

23 MR. PEARCE: Mr. Mayor -- Mr. Mayor, if
24 I may. Point of order?

25 MAYOR MASSA: Certainly. Point of order

1 from the Borough Attorney.

2 MR. PEARCE: I -- it just -- it just
3 struck me, Mr. Mayor, that Ms. Worlach, Mr.
4 Pronti, and Ms. Tia were not here at the last
5 meeting. And there may be some misinformation
6 flying around town. So I just want to clarify
7 something. We have a good -- good group here
8 tonight. I know the Mayor and Council would like
9 everyone here to be at every meeting for your
10 input.

11 But some of the comments that were made
12 tonight had to do with reconsidering certain
13 decisions. I -- I want everybody here to
14 understand where we are in this process. At our
15 last meeting, a vote was taken and a vote was
16 taken to approve the submission of a plan to
17 Trenton simply for their approval for the right of
18 the Mayor and Council, if they chose to do so at a
19 later time, to be able to lay off police officers.

20 It's just a procedure. And so any --
21 there is no decision been made. I want -- I want
22 everyone to leave here tonight with the right
23 information. It -- it had to be done, and it
24 can't be actually implemented for several months.
25 So there won't be any action taken on that

1 particular issue until the budget is finalized.
2 And we have a PBA arbitration hearing on Tuesday.

3 One of three things is going to happen.
4 We're currently operating without a contract.
5 There either -- there's either going to be a
6 reduction in the cost of the police to the
7 Borough. The same costs or an increased cost.
8 Depending on the arbitrator's decision, the budget
9 is either going to be worse off, the same, or
10 better.

11 And depending on the outcome of that
12 hearing, then the Mayor and Council have to again
13 look at the overall budget, weighs the things that
14 can or cannot be cut toward the finalization of
15 the budget, which may or may not include laying
16 off police officers. So I just --

17 MS. WORLACH: That I just wanted you to
18 consider --

19 MR. PEARCE: Please. I just want you to
20 make -- but there were comments made that this --
21 this should be reconsidered. There has no -- no
22 decision has been made along those lines. Simply
23 the process has been initiated so that if that
24 eventuality occurs, it's set up. There will be no
25 meeting -- there will be no vote tonight on this

1 issue. It was already taken at the last meeting.
2 And it's been sent down to Trenton.

3 Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

4 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Counselor.

5 I thought I tried to cover that also,
6 but you were a little bit more thorough than --
7 than my comments on it to Council, so I thank you
8 very much. Especially with respect to the legal
9 aspects of the issue.

10 Any further --

11 MR. WALL: Mayor and Council, there's no
12 further business this evening.

13 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Point of order,
14 Your Honor.

15 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman?

16 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I was going to do
17 it last meeting, but I figure I would put --I
18 thought we were going to have Council reports
19 tonight. I just wanted to give a special thank
20 you to Mrs. Strahan (phonetic) and the Women's
21 Club, the North Arlington Women's Club for taking
22 the bull by the horns and -- and dressing up the
23 flower pots out on Ridge Road. I had looked into
24 doing it, and I was very quickly alerted to the
25 fact that they were handling it. I just wanted to

1 thank them for their time. They did it two
2 weekends ago. So I want to -- I want to thank --
3 I know that the DPW assisted in that. So I'd like
4 to thank them.

5 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Actually, --

6 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Council.

7 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: -- point of order,
8 Mr. Mayor. That -- I was going to bring that up
9 at the next --

10 MAYOR MASSA: Council President, point
11 of order.

12 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: The North -- North
13 Arlington Education Association has actually paid
14 for all the flowers. So in conjunction with the
15 Women's Club, they did the work. The Education
16 Foundation paid for it. And the DPW provided a
17 worker for the day which was paid for by the
18 Education Foundation so it didn't cost the Borough
19 anything to get those flower pots beautified.
20 Thank you.

21 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Council.

22 While the Council reports are listed on
23 tonight's agenda in error, because Council reports
24 were made at the previous meeting, any other
25 members of the Council want to make a comment on

1 any municipal business, I'd -- I'll entertain
2 that?

3 I do want to make a comment. A letter I
4 received from the Mayor of the Borough of East
5 Newark asking the Social Security Administration
6 to reconsider closing the regional office -- it's
7 not a regional office, the satellite Social
8 Security Office in Kearney on this month. Because
9 this satellite office provides a tremendous amount
10 of services for our senior citizens. By closing
11 this office in Kearney, which is accessible, of
12 course, to our -- to people in our community, it's
13 going to be a hardship. Other than -- other than
14 that, they'll have to go to other Social Security
15 offices such as Clifton or Jersey City. So I'm
16 going to join with the Mayor of -- of East Newark
17 in asking the Social Security Administration to
18 review that decision.

19 Also I did get a copy of a letter from a
20 young lady who I will -- appeared in the North
21 Arlington Municipal Court on a traffic offense.
22 And while I normally don't comment on complaints
23 that I receive or issues that come up this part of
24 the Municipal Court business, it was on the part
25 of this lady who took the time out, after she paid

1 her fine and did business in Municipal Court, to
2 tell -- tell us that she was treated
3 professionally, responsibly, and very competently
4 by the staff of the Municipal Court of the Borough
5 of North Arlington.

6 And that for me is -- is a nice
7 compliment because many times we hear of the
8 nightmares that people in -- encounter when they
9 go to a Municipal Court in other communities. So
10 I want to give my Court staff a -- a pat on the
11 back for that nice job that they did, and the fact
12 that someone who has to appear in traffic court,
13 which is never a nice thing to have to do; I mean
14 all the policemen in the room know that, that they
15 were at least treated with -- with -- with decorum
16 and decency.

17 Any other business coming before the
18 Mayor and Council tonight?

19 MR. WALL: Just to mention the Memorial
20 Day Parade is upcoming. I don't believe there's
21 any items?

22 MAYOR MASSA: There's no executive
23 session I'm told by the --

24 A COUNCILMAN: Yeah. There is.

25 MAYOR MASSA: There is?

1 A COUNCILMAN: Okay.
2 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Motion for
3 executive session, please?
4 A COUNCILMAN: One moment, please.
5 A COUNCILMAN: Before you --
6 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: You know what, Mr.
7 Mayor, can I have a point of order --
8 MAYOR MASSA: Certainly. Point of
9 order, Councilman Kearney.
10 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: You know, I -- I
11 just feel compelled, and all night I've been
12 trying to hold it in to speak before these good
13 officers and members of our community that are
14 here making comments, and I'm not trying to make
15 this meeting last longer. But I just have to say,
16 you know, from my heart and from a position of
17 some kind of decision-making power here with my
18 colleagues, that it's been one of the toughest
19 years that we've ever been in to make decisions.
20 And my background, my father being a
21 retired police officer, albeit from Kearney, my
22 two grandfathers being police officers, one in
23 Italy, another one in Kearney, I mean, my heart
24 goes out to each and every police officer. I'm in
25 support of each and every one of you.

1 And I think that the Council and Mayor
2 has supported promotions when they were asked of
3 us, when we were at a time when we could grant
4 those promotions. We tried to -- and we have used
5 as much good faith as we could with the town's
6 people's money, tax money, to do what we could at
7 the time we could do it. And we're in a position
8 where the rules have changed since our new
9 Governor has taken office. And I'm not saying
10 that the new Governor is doing anything contrary.
11 But he's trying to get a handle on the out-of-
12 control taxes we have in our community.
13 And I note that one of the people that
14 had come up and spoke about people taking
15 increases for their salaries, you know, just like
16 when we had granted these promotions to certain
17 officers, asking them, which they willing did to
18 work with us to not take a pay increase
19 commensurate with the newly-promoted position.
20 Some of the people that we have employed to work
21 for us, whether it be in a legal capacity or other
22 capacity, also agreed to take a pay cut when they
23 first came into their positions when the new
24 administration came in when Councilman Johnson and
25 myself were elected.

1 And when it came time for them to ask
2 for a pay increase, not a big increase at all,
3 just to get what the last guy that was working
4 before them was making. Something close to that.
5 And we are at this new rule with this two percent
6 tax increase that's been instigated against us by
7 -- by rules and laws of the Governor where not
8 that the officers have anything to do with their
9 health insurance benefits costing us more, it's
10 not in your control. But it has happened. It's a
11 fact.

12 And albeit it eats up more of our budget
13 where we are in a position where we have to make
14 these considerations, like putting the possibility
15 of layoffs from the department on the table in
16 case we need it, otherwise, we would increase the
17 taxes beyond the two percent, which we're trying
18 not to do. And we don't want to lose not one
19 officer. That is our position. We want to
20 continue to promote the good officers that go
21 through the right of passage to make it to where
22 they're supposed to be.

23 And I just feel for -- and I speak for
24 myself that I have to tell all of you good
25 officers here that, you know, you're in our hearts

1 and on our side. We don't want a family that a
2 police officer is supporting to be left without
3 that source of income. But with the new rules
4 that have been bestowed upon us, our hands are
5 somewhat tied. And we are just, as the town
6 attorney had explained, putting it on the table in
7 case it's a tool that may unfortunately last
8 resort have to be used. And none of us look
9 forward to having to use that tool.

10 And I know I was not here at the last
11 meeting. I was on vacation with my children. But
12 I still kept my hand on the pulse of information.
13 And I just feel compelled to share with you like
14 when I came into office, there's a Joint Sewer
15 Commission. And Council President Hughes and I
16 have taken that position. And I said to myself -
17 - and I -- I speak for myself. I'm not saying
18 that this is what everybody has to say to
19 themselves, what can I -- you know, and I'm not no
20 John F. Kennedy, you know, ask not what your
21 Borough can do for you, but what you can do for
22 your Borough, and some of the police officers
23 don't live here, and I understand and appreciate
24 that. But we gave up our salaries coming into the
25 Joint Sewer Commission where there was a 2,500-

1 dollar stipend for -- per Councilperson occupying
2 that position.

3 We tried to give what little that we
4 have -- have to give back to still do what we have
5 to do. And then, by the same token, when maybe
6 the officers aren't here, we deal with other
7 constituents that say, you know, we don't want our
8 taxes raised. And then we see foreclosures and
9 for sale signs all over the community. And how
10 are we going to fund what we have to fund in this
11 community, if we lose those constituents either to
12 foreclosure, or if some guys, you know, loses his
13 job, or his rent goes up.

14 I mean, it's almost like being between a
15 rock and a hard place. And there's hard decision.
16 We have to at least intelligently have a plan.
17 And I'm just letting you know at least for one
18 that I have all of you in my heart. And I hope
19 that it never comes to the point where any police
20 officer has to be let gone (sic) that we have on
21 right now. We know that of course to the table of
22 police officers that we're shy as it is. We know
23 there's a graph that the good Chief has probably a
24 momentus (sic) amount of hours studying where
25 overtime becomes counterproductive.

1 But if it comes to that, which we hope
2 it doesn't, I think -- and I'm probably not
3 speaking just for myself, but they're decisions
4 that may have to be made -- may have to be made,
5 but we have to plan ahead to put these tools in
6 place to keep what we have. And to try to keep
7 within the new rules and regulations of the
8 Governor. And that's just what I wanted to say.
9 I don't -- I don't want to be afraid to look at
10 any of you in the eye and tell you that I look
11 forward to having somebody's job let go because we
12 don't have the tax dollars to support that.

13 You know, and then we have our sports
14 teams that want, you know, amenities with lights
15 in -- in the park that cost -- I mean, we're
16 trying to make it all connect. We're working very
17 hard all of us. And so I just want to -- I want
18 to put it out there. And I'm not afraid to talk.
19 Hopefully, you get the sense of that about these
20 sensitive issues. I don't want to hide behind
21 whatever somebody wants to say on behalf of
22 themselves or the people.

23 And, again, I speak as a Council person.
24 I speak on behalf of myself. And I've worked with
25 many of you. And, you know, that's my position.

1 And I want to look at this objectively. And I
 2 want to make the right decisions on behalf of the
 3 community. Also taking into consideration that,
 4 you know, the life-saving jobs that you have and
 5 the life-giving jobs that you have. And I thank
 6 you.

7 Thank you for the point of order, Mr.
 8 Mayor.

9 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Councilman.
 10 Well said. I appreciate that.

11 Okay. Council President does make
 12 mention that there is an executive session this
 13 evening.

14 MR. WALL: Resolution 149-11, a
 15 resolution regarding executive session.

16 Whereas, as the Open Public Meetings
 17 Act, Chapter 231, permits the exclusion of the
 18 public from a meeting in certain circumstances,
 19 and

20 Whereas, the Mayor and Council is of the
 21 opinion that such circumstances presently exist,
 22 and

23 Whereas, the Mayor and the Concil (sic)
 24 -- Council, excuse me, wish to discuss personnel,
 25 collective bargaining act, or pending litigation

1 and contractual matters. Public release of the
 2 discussion will only occur after council approval.
 3 Action may or may not occur after discussion.

4 May I have a motion?

5 MAYOR MASSA: A motion to introduce by
 6 Councilman Tanelli.

7 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I'll second it.

8 MAYOR MASSA: Seconded by Councilman
 9 Hughes.

10 Discussion?

11 Call the roll.

12 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?

13 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

14 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

15 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

16 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?

17 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

18 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?

19 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

20 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

21 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.

22 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?

23 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

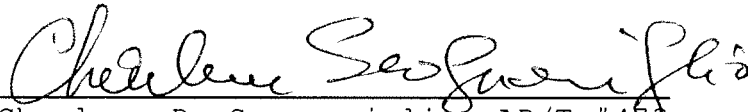
24 MR. WALL: No, therefore, be it resolved
 25 that the Mayor are now in executive sessions.

1 (Off-the-record discussion in executive
2 session)
3 MR. WALL: Mayor and Council, we're back
4 on the record.
5 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: A motion to go back
6 to the regular --
7 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to the return to
8 the regular course of business by Councilman
9 Tanelli. Seconded by Councilman Bianchi.
10 Call the roll.
11 MR. WALL: Councilman Yampaglia?
12 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
13 MR. WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
14 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
15 MR. WALL: Councilman Hughes?
16 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.
17 MR. WALL: Councilman Johnson?
18 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
19 MR. WALL: Councilman Kearney?
20 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
21 MR. WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
22 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
23 MR. WALL: Thank you.
24 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to adjourn.
25 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I'll make that

1 motion.
2 MAYOR MASSA: By Councilman Tanelli.
3 Seconded by --
4 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: I'll second that.
5 MAYOR MASSA: -- Councilman Kearney.
6 Call the roll.
7 A COUNCILMAN: All in favor. Aye.
8 MR. WALL: All in favor?
9 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Aye.
10 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Aye.
11 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Aye.
12 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
13 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Aye.
14 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Aye.
15 MR. WALL: All opposed?
16 MAYOR MASSA: Good night. Thank you.
17 (Meeting concluded)
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