

BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON

TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING MINUTES

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214 Ridge Road
North Arlington, NJ 07031

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BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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1 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: We're on the
2 record?
3 (Unrelated matters discussed)
4 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: We're on the
5 record. Good evening, this meeting is being held
6 in accordance with the rules and regulations of
7 the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New
8 Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting was
9 provided by forwarding a Sunshine notice which
10 included the time, date, and location of this
11 public meeting of the mayor and council of the
12 Borough of North Arlington.
13 MAYOR MASSA: Call the roll.
14 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
15 Yampaglia?
16 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Here.
17 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
18 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Here.
19 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Hughes?
20 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Here.
21 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?
22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Here.
23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
24 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Here.
25 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?

1 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Here.
2 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Also present Mayor
3 Peter C. Massa, Borough Clerk Terence Wall, and
4 Borough Attorney Randy Pearce.
5 MAYOR MASSA: Ladies and gentlemen,
6 please rise for the salute to the flag.
7 (Pledge of allegiance)
8 MAYOR MASSA: Good evening, ladies and
9 gentlemen. At this time I'd like to open the
10 meeting to the Hearing of Citizens, public
11 comments, anyone who wishes to be heard. Please
12 come forward and state your name and address for
13 the record.
14 We ask that you confine your comments to
15 municipal business, and that you confine your
16 comments to five minutes to give everybody an
17 opportunity to be heard.
18 Neither myself nor the members of the
19 council will comment on the Hearing of Citizens
20 until everyone has been heard. So anyone wishing
21 to be heard please come forward, and state your
22 name and address for the record.
23 MS. JACO: Good evening. My name is
24 Annabella. I'm here on behalf of my mom.
25 MAYOR MASSA: Last name and address,

1 Annabelle (sic).

2 MS. JACO: Annabella Jaco for Elizabeth
3 Jaco, 40 Bogle Avenue, North Arlington.

4 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.

5 MS. JACO: I'm here with regard to the
6 property taxes and the letter that she has
7 received with regards to the assessment. I tried
8 calling the Tax Assessors Office to find out, you
9 know, what's going on, and what the percentage
10 will be. Based on what they've told me, either
11 yes or no, they're saying that it's going to be
12 like a 100 percent increase. And at this point
13 I'm here because I have a widow who's paying
14 9,700. And if they're saying that it's going to
15 be a hundred, we're looking at 16,000 for a home
16 that was assessed up from two oh-one to three
17 fifty-five. So I'm just trying to get some kind
18 of --

19 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. We're going to
20 address --

21 MS. JACO: -- clarification.

22 MAYOR MASSA: We'll be -- we'll be
23 pleased to address that. I don't know if we'll be
24 pleased, but it's our responsibility to address
25 it. And we will give you the facts as separated

1 from the fiction.

2 MS. JACO: Okay.

3 MAYOR MASSA: I understand a number of
4 assessments have been received. Mine included.
5 And I think just about everybody here pays taxes.
6 We all got the new assessments which were at
7 market value. But in any event, I'll -- we'll
8 address that in detail at the Hearing of Citizens.

9 MS. JACO: Okay.

10 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you.

11 MS. JACO: Thank you.

12 MR. GLENNON: Good evening. Rich
13 Glennon, 174 Baltimore Avenue. Mr. Mayor,
14 Council. A few months ago an organization came
15 before the Mayor and Council, a company called All
16 Season Moving, asking about the property known as
17 Spring Air. And I thought it was received quite
18 well by the Mayor and Council that they were
19 looking to upgrade the property and take it over.

20 They went before the Zoning Board with
21 their application, which I believe was agreed to
22 in a five to nothing vote in the affirmative.

23 MAYOR MASSA: Uh-huh.

24 MR. GLENNON: -- in a bipartisan manner,
25 which bodes well for the Zoning Board, I thought.

1 And then something came up on a website called
2 NAToday, which I have asked about before this
3 Board before, about who they are, who runs it,
4 who's behind it. And on this website it alleges
5 that one of the people, Danny Doran of All Season
6 Movers, paid for the vote to the tune of \$4,000.

7 Now anyone who has lived in this town
8 believes that NAToday is the mouth organ for the
9 democratic party. So I decided to do a little
10 homework. And I found that the gentleman who is
11 the website manager, well --

12 MAYOR MASSA: Mr. Glennon --

13 MR. GLENNON: I -- I just want to get to
14 something, Mr. Mayor. This has to do with Borough
15 business.

16 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. I -- I'm going to
17 give you --

18 MR. GLENNON: I'm going to be very
19 brief.

20 MAYOR MASSA: -- the benefit of
21 addressing it --

22 MR. GLENNON: Okay.

23 MAYOR MASSA: -- as Borough business,
24 rather than political business --

25 MR. GLENNON: Well, it has to do --

1 MAYOR MASSA: -- or political matters.

2 MR. GLENNON: Well, this will get to
3 Borough business. The gentleman who is the
4 website maintenance man for NAToday, my
5 understanding is a gentleman by the name of Scott
6 Danz (phonetic).

7 MAYOR MASSA: I think the record should
8 reflect that NAToday is not an official --

9 MR. GLENNON: That is correct.

10 MAYOR MASSA: -- website of the Borough
11 of North Arlington.

12 MR. GLENNON: That is correct.

13 MAYOR MASSA: It's an independent
14 website.

15 MR. GLENNON: That's correct.

16 MAYOR MASSA: Which gives them the right
17 under the First Amendment to make --

18 MR. GLENNON: Absolute --

19 MAYOR MASSA: -- statements they wish to
20 make --

21 MR. GLENNON: That's correct.

22 MAYOR MASSA: -- as a publication.

23 MR. GLENNON: Absolutely.

24 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.

25 MR. GLENNON: And I have asked up here

1 -- up -- before and specifically to you, Mr. Mayor
2 --
3 MAYOR MASSA: Uh-huh.
4 MR. GLENNON: -- about your affiliation
5 with that website. And I never really could get
6 --
7 MAYOR MASSA: I don't own the website.
8 I don't pay money to it.
9 MR. GLENNON: Excuse me?
10 MAYOR MASSA: I don't pay money to the
11 website.
12 MR. GLENNON: Well, I have here your
13 report of contributions and expenditures for your
14 campaign of last year. You wrote out a check to
15 Mr. Scott Danz for \$529.40 for website
16 maintenance.
17 MAYOR MASSA: That came out of my
18 campaign fund, not on me personally. Well, wait a
19 minute.
20 MR. GLENNON: It came out of your
21 campaign fund.
22 MAYOR MASSA: Well, Mr. Danz is in the
23 business of providing public relations.
24 MR. GLENNON: Website maintenance for
25 NAToday. Now you wrote him a check. Now all I'm

1 asking you --
2 MAYOR MASSA: No. I didn't write a
3 check. My campaign --
4 MR. GLENNON: You don't have to answer
5 me now. And you can answer me when you answer
6 everyone else. I would like to know if you have
7 an affiliation with this website. And the reason
8 I'm asking, you have a group of people who have
9 come into this Borough to put their money in it to
10 give us tax ratables which we dearly need, and we
11 tell the people that they're crooked.
12 MAYOR MASSA: No. I didn't tell anybody
13 that they're --
14 MR. GLENNON: Is -- I didn't say it was
15 you. I said I'm speaking collectively.
16 MAYOR MASSA: Mr. -- Mr. Glennon, I
17 could place an ad in a North Arlington newspaper,
18 The Bergen Record, and The Bergen Record could
19 endorse through editorials anybody they want. But
20 -- by the fact of me placing an ad in a -- a
21 publication, doesn't mean that I have a direct
22 business interest in that publication.
23 MR. GLENNON: Well, is --
24 MAYOR MASSA: It's a publication just
25 like any other newspaper, any other news media.

1 MR. GLENNON: Well, if you're writing a
2 check --
3 MAYOR MASSA: Just like I would write a
4 check to The South Bergen Eye or The Bergen
5 Record, or anybody else.
6 MR. GLENNON: Okay. You're writing a
7 check --
8 MAYOR MASSA: A draft.
9 MR. GLENNON: -- to the guy who was
10 behind this. Now it would seem to me, Mr. Mayor,
11 that you being the chief executive of this Borough
12 that it would be in your interest and ours to
13 bring business into this Borough. And then when
14 the business gets here, we accuse the people of
15 bribing people to get it done. Is -- is this what
16 other people are going to do?
17 MAYOR MASSA: Are you saying that I'm
18 making an accusation that a bribe was made there?
19 MR. GLENNON: No. I said --
20 MAYOR MASSA: Well, thank you.
21 MR. GLENNON: -- I said they did.
22 MAYOR MASSA: Who did, the website?
23 MR. GLENNON: NAToday.
24 MAYOR MASSA: Well, if you have --
25 MR. GLENNON: And I'm asking what --

1 MAYOR MASSA: -- an issue with the
2 website, sir, take --
3 MR. GLENNON: And I'm asking --
4 MAYOR MASSA: -- it up with the website.
5 MR. GLENNON: -- your affiliation with
6 the website.
7 MAYOR MASSA: I have no affiliation with
8 the website other than the fact that I have used
9 them for public relations during campaigns just
10 like every other person running for office uses
11 some media for public relations campaigns. That's
12 it. I don't tell them what to write. I don't do
13 their research for them. And if you have an issue
14 with the website, you can contact them directly.
15 But instead you choose to come to a
16 council meeting and make what you're saying is
17 public business out of -- out of political
18 matters. When you very well have the right to
19 contact that website, send a letter to any
20 newspaper you want, and take issue with those
21 allegations. If you feel those allegations should
22 be addressed in a different form, then the person
23 who feels that he's aggrieved can go to court.
24 MR. GLENNON: Well, it would seem to me
25 that when I see a check going from you to somebody

1 who puts this kind of thing out, I'm going to ask
 2 the question.
 3 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. You got your
 4 answer. They do public relations for my campaign.
 5 They have in the past. That's no secret, sir.
 6 MR. GLENNON: Okay.
 7 MAYOR MASSA: But they have their own
 8 opinions, just as another news media would have an
 9 opinion --
 10 MR. GLENNON: Well, one would certainly
 11 hope --
 12 MAYOR MASSA: -- The Daily News or The
 13 Ledger.
 14 MR. GLENNON: -- Mr. Mayor, that if you
 15 used them in the past, then they come out and put
 16 out something like this, you're certainly not
 17 going to use them in the future.
 18 MAYOR MASSA: Well, I can't tell anybody
 19 what their opinion would be, and how to write news
 20 or what they perceive to be news, or what they
 21 perceive to be an opinion newspaper story. Now I
 22 have not given any -- taken any issue with -- with
 23 the -- with the work of the Zoning Board. I
 24 appointed the members of the Zoning Board --
 25 MR. GLENNON: I'm not taking issue with

1 the --
 2 MAYOR MASSA: -- who take that action.
 3 MR. GLENNON: I'm not taking issue with
 4 the Zoning Board.
 5 MAYOR MASSA: Right.
 6 MR. GLENNON: They -- it was a
 7 bipartisan vote.
 8 MAYOR MASSA: Exactly.
 9 MR. GLENNON: They voted for it.
 10 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, sir. Okay. I
 11 did not make any attempt to influence that Zoning
 12 Board.
 13 MR. GLENNON: Didn't say you did.
 14 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. So I don't know
 15 what your issue is here with something on a
 16 website. But if -- that's your right as a
 17 citizen, and I respect that, sir.
 18 MR. GLENNON: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.
 19 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you. Anyone else
 20 wish to be heard?
 21 At this time I obtain a motion closing
 22 Hearing of Citizens, Councilman Tanelli, seconded
 23 by Councilman Denneghy (phonetic). Call the roll.
 24 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
 25 Yampaglia?

1 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: (No verbal
 2 response)
 3 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
 4 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
 5 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Hughes?
 6 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.
 7 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?
 8 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.
 9 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
 10 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
 11 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?
 12 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 13 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Yes.
 14 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Resolutions on
 15 consent.
 16 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Yes. Mayor and
 17 Council --
 18 MAYOR MASSA: Unless anybody wants to
 19 comment on Hearing of Citizens.
 20 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes. I would like
 21 to --
 22 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.
 23 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- address the
 24 lady. I -- I think your figures were wrong, the
 25 -- with the 100 percent tax increase. Your value

1 of your home went up to a 100 percent evaluation,
 2 but your taxes are not going to go up 100 percent.
 3 So if you're spend -- if you're spending ten --
 4 like, say, 9,000 you said in taxes, your taxes are
 5 not going to be 18,000.
 6 MS. JACO: Good.
 7 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I think the figures
 8 of -- I'm almost positive I'm on target with this.
 9 They were about \$1.72 per 100. Now they drop down
 10 to \$1.07 or something like that per 100, and
 11 that'll be your tax increase. Not a hundred.
 12 Those figures are like pennies off, but
 13 they're in that ballpark.
 14 MS. JACO: Okay. Okay.
 15 MAYOR MASSA: By the way, the tax rate
 16 will be set as a result of municipal budget. The
 17 municipal budget is what drives the tax rate. The
 18 revaluation that we conducted this year we were
 19 required to do that by order of the County. It
 20 had been long overdue. And many times elected
 21 officials are reluctant to be involved. They're
 22 responsible for a reevaluation, but it is the
 23 general fear in the communities that my taxes are
 24 going to go up because of the reevaluation.
 25 Now it's true that in some communities

1 as a result of reevaluation some properties went
 2 up, some properties went down. But again the
 3 budget drives the tax rate. And keep in mind,
 4 that in this community about 65 percent of your
 5 taxes go to the school system. And just a couple
 6 of days ago, last week, the people in the
 7 community voted to pass the school budget to raise
 8 over 20 million dollars in revenue through
 9 taxation. So that part of municipal spending was
 10 approved.

11 The second part of municipal spending
 12 that these gentlemen and I have to deal with lies
 13 with us. And that's -- that's why we work quite
 14 diligently to control municipal spending at every
 15 turn that we can. So I -- I just want you to be
 16 assured that you're not going to see your bill go
 17 from 9,000 to \$18,000.

18 Because I know for the record Ms. Jaco's
 19 my next-door neighbor, and I would have a tough
 20 time walking out the door in the morning if that
 21 happened, and getting into my house at night
 22 between Ms. Jaco and the blond lady with whom I
 23 live with, you know, next door to her. With --
 24 with my -- my wife, of course, who is my biggest
 25 critic when it comes to municipal operations.

1 Always reminds me of things that need to be done.

2 So between all of the ladies in the
 3 neighborhood there's never a problem with the
 4 Mayor getting the message as to what -- what
 5 problems exist, whether it's potholes or -- or
 6 street signs or any other issues like that.

7 Any other councilman want to comment on
 8 the Hearing of Citizens?

9 Okay. Resolution dockets.

10 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Resolution 127-11
 11 is a resolution regarding authorization to pay
 12 claims.

13 Resolution 128-11 is a resolution
 14 regarding grant agreement with County Bergen.

15 Resolution 129-11 is a resolution
 16 regarding -- regarding an amendment to a
 17 resolution regarding the release of a performance
 18 bond of 528 LLC, also known as Clayton Block
 19 Company with regard to site plan improvements to
 20 Block 169, Lot 1, also known as 2 Porete Avenue.

21 Resolution 130-11 is a resolution
 22 regarding authorizing the Borough Clerk to
 23 advertise for the purchase of fire apparatus.

24 Resolution 131-11 is a resolution
 25 regarding a refund of monies due to duplicate

1 payments.
 2 Resolution 132-11 is a resolution
 3 regarding a refund of money, tax money, veteran.
 4 Resolution 133-11 is a resolution
 5 regarding refund of monies due to overpayment.
 6 Resolution 134-11 is a resolution
 7 regarding retirement of Patrolman Gabriel Fiore,
 8 Jr.
 9 Resolution 135-11 is a resolution
 10 regarding retirement of Detective Lieutenant
 11 Joseph Keith Walton.
 12 Resolution 136-11 is a resolution
 13 regarding -- regarding retirement of Patrolman
 14 Andrew J. Tomaszewski, Sr. to wish them all the
 15 best.
 16 And Resolution 137-11 is a resolution
 17 regarding a temporary budget amendment.
 18 MAYOR MASSA: On the consent to agenda,
 19 motion introduced?
 20 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I'll introduce that.
 21 MAYOR MASSA: Introduced by Councilman
 22 Hughes.
 23 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'll second it.
 24 MAYOR MASSA: Seconded by Councilman
 25 Bianchi. Any discussion, councilman?

1 A COUNCILMAN: Two things. One, before
 2 we pass these resolutions I'd like to congratulate
 3 all three of the gentlemen on their retirement,
 4 and I'd like to wish them all the best and thank
 5 them for the years of service to this community.
 6 It's greatly appreciated.
 7 Also, Mayor, I just -- I need an
 8 explanation on Resolution 129-11 before I vote on
 9 it. How we can go from returning \$645,000 to
 10 returning \$201,000.
 11 A COUNCILMAN: It's a typographical
 12 error in the last resolution. It was a letter
 13 received from Neglia Engineering listing the total
 14 cost of 223,000, well, actually 190,000. A 120
 15 percent was required to be bonded so that was
 16 223,000.
 17 The next line was 90 percent of that
 18 amount which was a hundred and something. And all
 19 the numbers were added up.
 20 A COUNCILMAN: okay.
 21 A COUNCILMAN: -- as opposed to
 22 identifying the one specific amount of money which
 23 was actually placed in a performance bond and a
 24 separate cash bond. So the number that was on the
 25 last resolution was simply adding up a column

1 incorrectly.
 2 A COUNCILMAN: All right.
 3 A COUNCILMAN: And that's why it has to
 4 be fixed. The actual amount that's being returned
 5 is in the current resolution.
 6 A COUNCILMAN: Thank you.
 7 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Does that your
 8 question, councilman?
 9 A COUNCILMAN: Yes, sir.
 10 MAYOR MASSA: Any other discussion?
 11 A COUNCILMAN: Yeah. I do, Mr. Mayor.
 12 I also -- I would like to congratulate Patrolman
 13 Fiore, Lieutenant Walton, and Patrolman
 14 Tomaszeski, because I think all of these men have
 15 served the community honorably, diligently, and --
 16 and extremely well over the years.
 17 I know -- I know all three of them. Not
 18 well, but I know all three of them, and I think
 19 they have served this community great, and I wish
 20 each one of them well in their endeavors beyond
 21 this day. So thank you very much for your service
 22 to the community.
 23 MAYOR MASSA: Any other council -- to
 24 the point of order?
 25 A COUNCILMAN: I mean, ditto, to the

1 gentleman with the retiring. I -- before I was a
 2 councilman, perfect gentleman, always supportive
 3 of community efforts. It's just -- and I think
 4 that's through and through with each of the
 5 officers that are employed by North Arlington are
 6 by chief. I thought that that was honorable
 7 decision making by the chief, and I just -- I just
 8 want to thank you myself. I know some of you more
 9 than I know others, but congratulations to you as
 10 well.
 11 MAYOR MASSA: Any other councilmen want
 12 to comment?
 13 A COUNCILMAN: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.
 14 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman?
 15 A COUNCILMAN: And I echo the Mayor and
 16 Council and everybody up here. Thank you,
 17 gentlemen, for your service. Again, the many
 18 years of service to our town, and again wish --
 19 wish -- wish you well. Thank you.
 20 A COUNCILMAN: I mean, I've just got to
 21 say again. I mean, consummate professionals in
 22 the Court before I was a councilman, I used to be
 23 an attorney representing defendants. I mean,
 24 always just professionals. And, I mean, I can't
 25 just say enough. It's just some afterthoughts

1 that are coming to mind. I want to say more, but
2 --

3 And just dealing with -- with all of
4 you, especially the ones that are retiring, just
5 it's heartfelt. I'm almost sorry to see you go.
6 But. Okay.

7 MAYOR MASSA: Well, I'd like to add to
8 that. I think I'd like to expand on it, because
9 I'm in the unique position of having served in
10 this department with these gentlemen who are
11 retiring. And tonight this is kind of a
12 bittersweet feeling for me, because I remember
13 when they all started the job. And now after a
14 quarter of a century they're retiring.

15 And just the other day I got a telephone
16 call from a citizen who had been involved in a
17 traffic accident. And he said that a young North
18 Arlington patrolman by the name of McDonald
19 (phonetic) came to his aid and helped him out when
20 he was having a problem during the course of his
21 accident investigation, and he commented how
22 professional that officer was. And I didn't even
23 get a chance to sit down and send a memo to the
24 chief which I normally do under these
25 circumstances.

1 But a very unique situation that came
2 upon me just last week when I was attending a
3 conference of New Jersey mayors. And a number of
4 the mayors at this conference were talking about
5 consolidating police departments, about downsizing
6 police departments, and a number of them were
7 complaining about some of the issues that they're
8 confronted with -- with -- with their police
9 departments.

10 And I was in the position to tell them
11 I've been a mayor for about five years now in my
12 community. I served in my little police
13 department for over two decades. And as mayor I
14 never get any complaints about the cops. And I
15 was kind of proud to say that. Very proud to say
16 that. Because some of these mayors were telling
17 me what headaches they have with their police
18 departments and their police chiefs or their
19 police administrators.

20 So I said, well, I must be a very
21 fortunate individual because that's not one of my
22 problems. And I'm proud to say that tonight. So
23 I want to wish all of you three gentlemen who are
24 retiring all the best. I hope that while you're
25 still young enough you want to consider a second

1 career like some other retired guys have done,
2 whether it be in investigative work, law
3 enforcement or anything else.

4 And, of course, keeping a police
5 department fully funded and -- and operational
6 nowadays in New Jersey is a very difficult thing
7 for us to do. But it's always the primary concern
8 of mine, and I know it's a primary concern of the
9 members of this Council. So all the best,
10 gentlemen. Enjoy your retirement. And let's take
11 a vote on this.

12 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
13 Yampaglia?

14 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes, except on
15 Res. 127 and 225-00 and 45500.

16 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Thank you.
17 Councilman Bianchi?

18 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

19 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Hughes?

20 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

21 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?

22 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?

24 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes, except
25 Purchase Order 258514. Okay.

1 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Thank you.
2 Councilman Kearney?

3 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.

4 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Thank you. Next
5 item, Mayor and Council, are ordinances. The
6 first reading of Ordinance -- Ordinance No. 2075.
7 This is an ordinance regarding outdoor dumpsters
8 and other refuse containers as required by storm
9 water management annual report.

10 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Motion introduced.
11 Ordinance 2075.

12 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: I'll introduce
13 that.

14 MAYOR MASSA: All right. Councilman
15 Johnson. Any second? All right, Councilman
16 Yampaglia.

17 Any discussion? Call the roll.

18 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
19 Yampaglia?

20 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.

21 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?

22 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

23 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Hughes?

24 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.

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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 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Thank you. Next
 7 ordinance is No. 2076. It's an ordinance to amend
 8 Chapter 187, Section 9B of the Code of the Borough
 9 of North Arlington entitled, "Vehicles and
 10 Traffic."
 11 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Motion introduced,
 12 Ordinance 2076.
 13 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'll introduce
 14 that.
 15 MAYOR MASSA: Introduced by Councilman
 16 Bianchi. Second? Councilman Johnson.
 17 Discussion?
 18 Call the roll.
 19 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
 20 Yampaglia?
 21 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
 22 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
 23 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
 24 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Hughes?
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 5 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?
 6 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 7 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Next ordinance is
 8 No. 2077. This is an ordinance to amend Chapter
 9 187, Section 9B, of the Code of the Borough of
 10 North Arlington entitled, "Vehicles and Traffic."
 11 MAYOR MASSA: Ordinance 2077, motion to
 12 introduce?
 13 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I'll introduce that.
 14 MAYOR MASSA: Introduced by Councilman
 15 Hughes. Seconded by Councilman Yampaglia.
 16 Discussion? Call the roll.
 17 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman
 18 Yampaglia?
 19 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Yes.
 20 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Bianchi?
 21 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.
 22 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Hughes?
 23 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.
 24 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?
 25 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Yes.

1 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
2 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yes.
3 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?
4 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
5 MAYOR MASSA: Administrator's report.
6 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Mayor, for my
7 report this evening, the Mayor and Council at a --
8 at a prior meeting had indicated a -- that they
9 wish to endeavor to have a tax increase of no
10 more, no greater than 2 percent, and asked further
11 -- requested that the -- myself and the Borough
12 attorney to identify participation from the
13 employee groups in regard to cuts of approximately
14 \$500,000 to help effectuate a 2 percent overall
15 budget impact to help stabilize taxes in the
16 Borough of North Arlington.
17 Consistent with that, part of our
18 objective was to meet with collective bargaining
19 units, the blue collar, white collar, and the PBA.
20 And the discussion with the blue and white collar
21 units is ongoing as far as it relates to all
22 aspects of their compensation, and as well as
23 their employee benefit programming. So those
24 conversations are ongoing.
25 In relation to the PBA, the meeting was

1 held on April 20th. And subsequent to that
2 meeting on the 21st the PBA felt that it was in
3 the best interest of the members to immediately
4 file for arbitration. So the impacts on each
5 respective department were based on a weighted
6 average utilizing the number of approximately
7 500,000 and weighting each salary and wage
8 category resulted in approximate impact from the
9 salary and wage side that the PBA membership to
10 approximately 316,000.
11 So what I want to report to you this
12 evening, there are six notices that are sent to
13 potentially affected members that the council
14 wishes to discuss the dynamics regarding
15 employment. As is their right, they wish to
16 discuss those items in public. And so I confirmed
17 with Mr. Ryan today and also with staff that each
18 member that was potentially affected had signed to
19 have any discussions be held in public.
20 The -- so what I want to report to you
21 are funding that brings you to 300,000 -- three
22 hundred six -- 310,000 roughly between a certain
23 period of time if you had any personnel actions in
24 the end of calendar year 2011. So you have the --
25 what I've discussed with you as the math. So I'd

1 like to give you the math that would be involved
2 with seeking these funds.

3 Employee No. 1 the salary is 51,189.
4 All of these numbers are -- are close estimates.
5 And I'll -- I'll have a chart that I can give you
6 subsequently. But 51,189. Thirteen thousand
7 seven hundred sixteen is the benefit -- the health
8 benefit approximate value, and 4,095 is the
9 approximate pension value, for a total estimated
10 cost of \$69,000 annually.

11 Next employee is approximately 73,166 in
12 salary. The family medical insurance premium is
13 30,348 per year. The pension impact is \$5,853
14 roughly, for a total impact of 109,367.

15 Employee No. 3 is similarly situated.
16 Total impact of 109,367.

17 Employee 4 approximate salary is 112,938
18 at -- you would add to that annual salary
19 approximately 30,000, again in family medical
20 insurance premium plus 9,035 in pension impact for
21 a total impact of approximately 152,000.

22 Similarly Employee 5 and Employee 6
23 would also total approximately 152,321 each.

24 That total is \$744,702 approximately.
25 If that figure you divide it by 12 you'd have a

1 figure of \$62,058 a month. If the -- the
2 governing body just strictly from a mathematical
3 perspective was seeking to extract roughly
4 \$300,016 here, if you had a cessation of
5 employment for five months that would be \$310,292.
6 And those are the numbers, and that's what I want
7 to report to you this evening.

8 MAYOR MASSA: Okay. Any comment or
9 questions, members of the Council? Okay.
10 Essentially what -- what has happened here as
11 Mayor and -- Mayor and Council have designated the
12 Borough attorney and the Borough administrator to
13 examine areas of cost savings. And some of those
14 areas of cost serving (sic) as we experience in so
15 many other communities, may or may not involve the
16 possibility of layoffs or furloughs.

17 Now as a legal requirement, if the Mayor
18 and Council is contemplating the possibility of
19 layoffs or furloughs, we're responsible to place
20 any effected employees on notice. The fact that
21 employees have been placed on notice does not
22 necessarily mean they would be subjected to a
23 layoff. So I want everyone in this room to
24 understand that tonight.

25 In the meantime the administrator, the

1 CFO, members of this Council, are looking at every
2 conceivable area of cost savings to bring us down
3 to the 2 percent cap that the State of New Jersey
4 has encumbered us with. Now the State of New
5 Jersey has given us the destination of the 2
6 percent -- 2 percent tax cap, but they haven't
7 given any of the 566 municipalities the roadmap to
8 get there other than to say you figure it out.
9 You lay people off. We're not giving you any more
10 state aid.

11 The State of New Jersey denied our --
12 our request for transitional aid as you're
13 probably all aware -- aware of after a lot of hard
14 work by members of this Council, the Borough
15 administrator, and a median person with the
16 Department of Community Affairs. And that, of
17 course, would have helped us greatly.

18 In the meantime the State of New Jersey
19 is giving hundreds of thousands, in some cases
20 millions of dollars, to big cities that fail.
21 Cities that have been burdened with serious
22 administrative problems and blatant waste. And
23 yet it seems to be that small towns like North
24 Arlington are being penalized for trying to be
25 frugal, for trying -- for running the communities

1 as cost effectively as we possibly can.

2 And in the meantime Trenton keeps
3 telling us they want us to consolidate, they want
4 us to lay off, they want us to regionalize. And,
5 of course, what they're doing by making these
6 dictates, rather than helping us financially,
7 they're telling us that we have to give up the
8 home rule that we're a company we're --- we've
9 been so accustomed to so that we might get some
10 state aid.

11 So these are just a smidgen of the
12 problems that we have to deal with as -- as a
13 governing body today. So the fact that notices
14 have been given out to employees, is -- is -- is
15 not a thing that we -- we enjoy doing so everybody
16 is aware of that. But it is a legal requirement
17 that we have in order to comply with the
18 requirements that we've been hit with by the State
19 of New Jersey and a lot of it as a result also of
20 the bad economy that we're suffering nationwide
21 also. But in essence, the State of New Jersey
22 again has made these mandates, and we have to --
23 we have to live with these mandates.

24 So in order to comply with civil service
25 rules, we had to make these determinations. We

1 have to make these notices. But as I said before,
2 and I'll say it again, the fact that notices have
3 been issued does not necessarily mean specific
4 action will be taken.

5 Specific action will or will not be
6 taken only when we're able to determine what
7 additional savings we may be able to come up with.
8 Tonight we have three members of the police
9 department that are retiring. It would be my wish
10 as the Mayor of this community and ultimately
11 always responsible for the public safety of this
12 community to replace those three senior officers
13 with young officers either coming from other
14 departments or from the eligible list.

15 But right now we're in a holding
16 pattern. We can't do any of that until we can see
17 our way clear financially. I don't know if any
18 other member of the Council have anything further
19 to say or comment on but, -- yeah.

20 A COUNCILMAN: Mr. -- I'd like to maybe
21 ask Mr. Pearce to jump in now and kind of explain
22 where we're at and how we got here.

23 MR. PEARCE: Council, residents, we
24 conducted negotiations with the PBA on two
25 separate occasions. At the first meeting we were

1 hopeful that we would have transitional aid.
2 Within a day or so after the first meeting we were
3 denied transitional aid eliminating that
4 possibility from the budget.

5 The second meeting was an attempt by the
6 Mayor and Council to specifically avoid any
7 layoffs. The proposal that was presented was an
8 attempt to get the PBA to join with the rest of
9 the state and the country in terms of giving back
10 to the town what has been discretely given every
11 year for the last 20 or 30 years. I was able to
12 provide the membership with examples from the
13 Communication Workers of America and various other
14 unions who had all been reducing their benefits,
15 taking lower pay, giving things back, and that
16 would have saved any jobs.

17 Unfortunately the day after we had the
18 meeting the arbitration was filed, and so the --
19 without any ability between now and the
20 arbitration to save any money since we don't have
21 a contract in place, we don't have the ability to
22 -- to meet the budgetary obligations without
23 taking graphic action which was attempted to be
24 avoided at the negotiation table.

25 So the union has every right to take the

1 steps that they've taken. That is their right.
 2 Unfortunately the option that was on the table for
 3 everyone to share in the pain and save all the
 4 jobs was not the option that was taken.

5 And one of the biggest problems that we
 6 face is that the contract that was negotiated
 7 three years ago had a component of medical for
 8 family of somewhere in the neighborhood of fifteen
 9 or \$16,000. It's now \$31,000. In essence, a
 10 15,000-dollar raise for each member who has a
 11 family plan. And these are not -- you guys,
 12 they're not popular comments. This is reality.
 13 This is the truth.

14 This town, Mr. Wall, just went through
 15 with you a family plan is \$31,000 for medical
 16 coverage provided to every family of a police
 17 officer in this town. Across the country those
 18 numbers are being dramatically changed either
 19 through significant contributions of a percentage
 20 or by drastic reductions in the coverage.

21 That was not an option that was -- that
 22 was chosen, and that leaves us in a position where
 23 we have a 500,000-dollar budget deficit that has
 24 to be filled, and that is the only option
 25 remaining, since I cannot finalize the contract

1 and save any money in the near term.

2 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Thank you. A point
 3 of order, Mr. Mayor, if I may, and --

4 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman?

5 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: -- and Mr. Pearce.
 6 Mr. Pearce, when you say give back, what -- what
 7 exactly were they expected -- were they giving
 8 something back or were giving up something like an
 9 increase?

10 MR. PEARCE: Well, I -- although the
 11 membership -- those who received notices wanted
 12 this held in public. I -- I would have opted for
 13 having this held in the Executive Session, but
 14 since we're here, I really don't want to get into
 15 the negotiations --

16 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Okay.

17 MR. PEARCE: -- specifically. No.
 18 However --

19 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I apologize if I
 20 asked an inappropriate question --

21 MR. PEARCE: No, no, no.

22 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: -- of this --

23 MR. PEARCE: I don't think it's
 24 appropriate to get into the specifics. I'm
 25 getting into it generally. The way the -- the way

1 the statute reads the Mayor and Council may, even
2 in this setting, choose not to discuss the
3 specifics. I -- I think that's the better route,
4 but this -- but in answer to your question --

5 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: If you're advising
6 that that's the better route --

7 MR. PEARCE: No, no, no. I'm going to
8 ask you a question without getting into the
9 specifics.

10 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Okay.

11 MR. PEARCE: The answer to your question
12 generally is a -- a request was made to change the
13 benefit levels to save about \$300,000 in benefits
14 that are currently being paid out due to the fact
15 that the plan that currently exists is the best
16 medical plan that I am aware of in the state. And
17 we needed to move to something more along the
18 lines of the state plan. I did a lot of research.
19 I mean, the -- the plan for a family in a town
20 that's very similar to ours, like Fairview, is
21 \$16,000. That's a fact. Our plan is \$31,000.

22 And, you know, I don't know what's going
23 to happen in Trenton. The one and a half percent
24 that was imposed by the legislature last year was
25 opposed. We were told by the union that it was

1 going to be struck down as illegal, a taking, a
2 violation of their rights. It was upheld.

3 Governor Christie has promised us a 30
4 percent contribution, a co-pay. If that happens,
5 then our problems will be solved. It'll be 30
6 percent co-pay and the budget will be under
7 control. I don't know what's going to happen
8 between now and the end of June when that's
9 supposed to happen.

10 But, you know, we've seen just in the
11 last weekend the toll takers took a dramatic cut
12 in all of their benefits. I said the Construction
13 Workers of America. The Meadowlands Racetrack
14 tellers, local school unions, Jersey City Police,
15 Paterson Police. I mean, there's -- there's --
16 every day up in the paper. It's not -- it's not
17 comfortable. It doesn't make anybody happy. But
18 there -- I don't know of any companies that are
19 still giving 100 percent medical benefits at the
20 -- at the levels that we're giving them -- that we
21 can afford.

22 And it goes up by -- and Terence knows
23 the numbers better than I do. But 25, 30 percent
24 every year, which is in essence a raise that we
25 have to absorb. And yet we -- we needed some help

1 on the other end, and we didn't get it, and
2 therefore we have no choice.

3 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I appreciate the
4 explanation. Thank you, Mr. Pearce.

5 MAYOR MASSA: Well, Council, perhaps you
6 might agree with what I'm going to say. I -- we
7 wouldn't want to subvert the collective bargaining
8 process by negotiating contracts in public. But
9 as the -- Counsel did say, he spoke in
10 generalities. That's what he did. There is a
11 mood in the state legislature now to address a
12 number of issues with respect to public employee
13 benefits that have been subjected to collective
14 bargaining.

15 It now appears that based on the
16 recommendation of the governor and some
17 legislators on either side of the political aisle,
18 irrespective of what political hat they wear. If
19 legislation is passed regarding the contribution
20 levels for medical coverage or increases in the
21 contribution levels for pension contributions,
22 then the fact that that legislation exists takes
23 that away from the bargaining table. Takes it off
24 the table. It becomes law and both the governing
25 bodies and the collective bargaining units have to

1 live with that.

2 So a lot of what could be affecting us
3 within the next few months may not necessarily
4 rest with what the Council members would like to
5 do here at the -- the Council table or would not
6 like to do. It would not necessarily rest with
7 what happens at the bargaining table. And I think
8 a lot of the guys in this room know very well that
9 I've sat on both sides of that bargaining table
10 back in the 1970's and the 1980's during the --
11 the negotiating process. So I have a little bit
12 of experience as to how the process works, and how
13 we must function within the framework of the law.

14 I have an understanding of what binding
15 arbitration is all about. And, again, that is
16 something you're going to probably see refined,
17 re-legislated within the next few sessions of the
18 legislature. That's -- that's the hue and cry now
19 in -- in the legislature. So that's something
20 that both entities have to be prepared to do -- to
21 deal with, any changes to binding arbitration.

22 So I think essentially what the Borough
23 attorney has said is that if the Mayor and Council
24 and the -- and the bargaining units can resolve
25 their contracts without going through that

1 process, it would probably be in the best interest
2 of all of the parties. I'd say probably .

3 You know, I'm not trying to negotiate
4 from the Mayor's chair right here tonight on May
5 the 3rd or negotiate in public. I don't think --
6 I think that's a subversion of the process. I
7 never liked it. I've never liked it when -- when
8 it would happen in the past when what was supposed
9 to be confidential and -- and negotiations would
10 wind up out in the public domain.

11 But in any event, the Council president
12 has made his comment, and the -- members of
13 council have an interest in this, and the Borough
14 attorney has given -- given us, I think, an
15 excellent outlook of -- of what the law may very
16 well be, what changes we -- we may be looking at
17 down the road.

18 Any other comments, Council?

19 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: One more point of
20 order. I just want to make sure that it's clear
21 that I did not ask that question or pose any kind
22 of discussion in that area to publicly negotiate
23 anything --

24 MAYOR MASSA: I don't think you did.

25 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: -- with the PBA.

1 All it was was an inquiry that hopefully not only
2 from myself but for others would maybe see what
3 was in the balance. I don't know what is
4 communicated, and obviously it's not my job or
5 it's not in the -- in the title of being a council
6 person to educate any party on what is at stake,
7 what is in the balance.

8 So I just wanted as a point of
9 intelligence to find out the answer to that
10 question, not to negotiating public, just as a
11 point of inquiry. So that it may be would bring
12 some information out and not leave some people
13 that may be in the dark in the dark. That's all.

14 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Council.

15 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Thank you, Mr.
16 Mayor.

17 MAYOR MASSA: Any other -- any other
18 comments from any -- any questions or issues?
19 Thank you, gentlemen. Mr. --

20 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Engineer's report.

21 MAYOR MASSA: Engineer's report?

22 MR. NEGLIA: Good evening everyone. We
23 -- we submitted our report for this month, and
24 I'll just briefly go through it for you. Ridge
25 Road -- Street -- Street Phase 3 is continuing.

1 Everybody is pretty much aware of where that sits
2 out in the field.

3 We did get a -- we're going to get a
4 reduction on some of the lights that we couldn't
5 put in due to a conflict with the gas line and a
6 sidewalk area, which will be coming to you
7 shortly.

8 The 2010 NJDOT MISWAY (phonetic)
9 program, Sunset Avenue, Belmont Avenue, and
10 Vanderbilt. That should be starting construction
11 on June the 20th. The contractor gave us the
12 schedule recently.

13 We also did get a request that we will
14 discuss in the future with you that was made by
15 the Chief of Police to get a price quote to
16 install additional LED, solar signage and speed
17 humps along Sunset Avenue. We'll forward that to
18 you for your review.

19 The DPW storage tanks on May 11th or May
20 12th we'll be doing the soil sampling required by
21 the DEP there to hopefully close that out.

22 The 20 Geraldine Road wall collapse. As
23 everybody is aware, we went in and -- and secured
24 that area. I have heard really nothing more from
25 A&D Cosmetics (sic). The property owner down

1 there, haven't got any additional information. So
2 right now the -- the area is stabilized which was
3 our responsibility to do for public safety, health
4 and well-being.

5 And the next stage of that is going to
6 be a permanent stabilization of that cliff area.
7 That is really going to have to be worked out
8 between the property owner and -- both property
9 owners. And I'm sure the Borough will have some
10 input and review in that in terms of that process.

11 I will also be working with the Borough
12 attorney, moving forward to make sure that the
13 responsibility and interested are protected, both
14 to the public as well as the Mayor and Council.

15 Municipal parking lot, Melrays. I did
16 make a site visit with the town administrator. We
17 took a look at it. I did give you a proposal to
18 do surveying of it, an engineering design of it.
19 The wall is definitely leaning, in pretty --
20 pretty tough shape. It's -- it's a pretty tricky
21 little wall too, because there's some dead tree
22 stumps behind it. It's very, very close to the --
23 the municipal boundary there. There's a utility
24 pole behind it.

25 And, you know, it looks like it's -- had

1 that kind of settlement in that position for a
2 while. Myself and the Borough administrator took
3 a look at it. But in order to put that out for
4 either a quote or -- or bid, that would be the
5 number that we submitted to you.

6 147 Morgan Place, the ponding issue.
7 After our last Mayor and Council meeting the
8 Borough attorney wrote a letter to the contractor,
9 Theonel Paving (phonetic), and they have agreed to
10 go back in and try to rectify that -- that ponding
11 situation, which is good news, at no additional
12 cost to the Borough.

13 We got a resident complaint or concern
14 on -- on 40 Geraldine Road. Again, that's the
15 same cliff area. I haven't issued a final report
16 on this property yet, but I will for your next
17 meeting. I just wanted to pull out some of the
18 geotechnical engineering reports that were done in
19 the past for the Borough. I believe there was at
20 least one by Converse Consultants (phonetic)
21 dating back almost 10 years. There was some work
22 done on this head-wall.

23 The situation that exists there is that,
24 you know, we have a drainage pipe in two
25 locations, 22, 24 Geraldine and 40 Geraldine. And

1 we have a head-wall. The municipality has a head-
2 wall at the exit of that pipe.

3 The head-wall itself has no settlements
4 around it, and looks in pretty good structural
5 shape. However, the surrounding areas coming into
6 the head-wall and continuing along a cliff
7 continue to show signs of some erosion off the
8 cliff. And that's going to be an issue -- has
9 been an issue for many, many years, and will
10 continue to be.

11 Again, I want to pull -- pull the
12 reports from the past, see what was done in the
13 past, and I will write a report on that to the --
14 to the governing body for your next meeting on
15 that.

16 Number 8 on the item is the CDBG grant
17 application, which is 5th Street, Brandenburg
18 Place, and Union Place. We will be submitting a
19 proposal for that. You received a grant in the
20 amount of \$90,000. The original application the
21 project was for -- obviously was more than
22 \$90,000. We'll be working with the Borough
23 administrator in terms of trying to figure out
24 exactly the funding that's going to be secured for
25 that, whether it's going to be the whole grant or

1 whether we can cut it back a little bit. And then
2 we'll finalize our proposal accordingly.

3 Because if you're going to only do a
4 90,000-dollar quarterly grant, that will be one
5 design fee. If you're going to be doing the
6 entire project, that would be additional to line
7 (sic) fee. So once we finalize that, we will get
8 that going for you and make sure we get that out
9 to bid as soon as we can.

10 2223 Rutherford Place. Again, we got a
11 resident call. It's next to the youth center
12 property line. I have some pictures here, and I
13 can circulate them to you if you'd like, you know.
14 Bottom line is there's a fence that's leaning on
15 the property next door, and I'll just circulate
16 this around for you. The fence is going to have
17 to be replaced. It's a very, very old fence. I'm
18 not 100 percent sure who's -- who put the fence
19 up, whether the municipality put the fence up.
20 But the good side of the -- the fence, which is
21 some indication sometimes of who has ownership of
22 it, is facing property adjacent to it.

23 So again I will work with the -- the
24 Borough administrator and get some cost estimates
25 for you, and again we'll make a final

1 determination who's -- who's responsible for the
2 replacement. I don't know who's going to be doing
3 the replacement. But it's -- it's leaning up
4 against their garage. So I just wanted to bring
5 everybody aware of that.

6 We did also get a call on some of the
7 mine shaft areas, and I put in the report -- years
8 ago just to keep -- get everybody a little up to
9 speed. Several years ago there was a mine shaft
10 remediation program. It was an extensive program,
11 a tremendous amount of work was done in the area
12 of -- I would -- I would classify it as the
13 eastern portion of the -- of the town.

14 After we completed the remediation
15 program of the shafts which was included a cap and
16 a monitoring pipe, several years afterwards it
17 started out at a short frequency of time. Every
18 six months we would go in and we would take
19 elevations of both the cap and the pipe that goes
20 below -- below the cap, the concrete reinforced
21 cap, to an area that we were backfilled in stone.
22 Okay. And we would monitor to see if there was
23 any settlements underneath the cap and if there
24 was anything else that needed to be done.

25 That program stopped, I think, about 10

1 years ago. And what -- what would basically
2 happen was once a year we would go out under the
3 Borough's direction, shoot all the elevations, and
4 make sure that any of the work that was undertaken
5 at that point in time that there was nothing
6 developing beneath the caps at that point in time.

7 So what we did is we put together a
8 proposal for you on a one-year basis to do that
9 work again. And that's -- that's included in the
10 report. It's a 7,500-dollar fee to shoot and
11 certify all the elevations, compare them to the
12 elevations that we had, and put together a whole
13 chart of information. That's up to the governing
14 body how they want to handle that. That's --
15 that's your discretion on how you want to do that.

16 But the pending product (sic) Bergen
17 County has a road paving program. We're just
18 waiting -- awaiting the County's decision on the
19 paving schedule. We haven't received that yet.
20 We continue to ask. As soon as we get it, we will
21 forward it over.

22 The holy crest -- Holy Cross Cemetery
23 sidewalk replacement which is being done by the
24 cemetery, we're expecting that to start late
25 spring. Haven't gotten an exact start date there,

1 but just so you understand when that's coming.

2 And Mid-State Construction, 76 Porete
3 Avenue is -- we're awaiting revised plans. And
4 the last thing I have that wasn't on the report,
5 but I know I talked to Councilman Bianchi before
6 the meeting, was I know the County has been
7 working with several Council people about some of
8 the improvements in the County park and -- and the
9 fields down there. I will be talking to the
10 County and we will get a -- a detailed list of
11 everything they're doing. I don't know, Joe, if
12 there's anything else --

13 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I have a quick
14 report tonight --

15 MR. NEGLIA: Okay.

16 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: -- but next month
17 when you come you'll be more versed on it, and you
18 can give us another run down on it.

19 MR. NEGLIA: I'll talk to him directly
20 --

21 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'll give everybody
22 a quick rundown tonight on what I've researched
23 from Kathe Donovan's office.

24 MR. NEGLIA: Okay. And if anybody has
25 any other questions for me?

1 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes, I do.
2 MR. NEGLIA: Councilman?
3 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: The diner. I heard
4 there was a collapse in the back sinkhole in the
5 back of the diner on ridge -- River Road.
6 MR. NEGLIA: I didn't hear that, but I
7 don't know if we had somebody out there. I don't
8 know.
9 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Has anybody heard
10 anything?
11 MR. NEGLIA: Are you familiar with it,
12 Terry?
13 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: The Department of
14 Public Works has blockaded the area, and they're
15 investigating it.
16 MR. NEGLIA: We're -- we're not involved
17 in that at this point in time, correct?
18 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Stephanie may be
19 involved. I can't speak --
20 MR. NEGLIA: Okay. I -- I personally
21 don't know. I'll ask Stephanie if she was out
22 there, and I'll -- I'll check on it, and we'll --
23 we'll give you a --
24 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: if I understand the
25 communication with DPW Superintendent McCabe, the

1 State is supposed to be coming in, (indiscernible)
2 the line. There is an approximate three-foot hole
3 that's blockaded -- barricaded, rather, right now,
4 to ascertain whether it's an owner's
5 responsibility or possibly state responsibility,
6 because the line goes directly through that
7 general vicinity towards the Passaic River.
8 That's an overview. Reasonably accurate, George?
9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You have it on
10 the money.
11 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Okay.
12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The reason we
13 thought it was Passaic Valley, then we thought it
14 was the Borough's. We thought it was a storm
15 pipe. We subsequently found out it was the
16 state's, due to the high volume of water in the
17 river. We're not able to get the cameras in. As
18 soon as the -- the tide -- the tides go down,
19 McCabe -- we -- we're going to call the state back
20 with the camera, and then see what happens. But
21 we believe at present it's a state issue.
22 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Just one item if I
23 may add. The Borough engineer and myself will be
24 working through Council, DPW liaison. Councilman
25 Johnson is creating a new master list of your

1 streets, grading them accordingly. So I wanted to
2 share that with you publically. So if you also
3 have certain areas where you wish us to go, we'll
4 be touring the community, and we'll be creating --
5 in the years past I understand you had a capital
6 improvement program, a rotating capital
7 improvement program. You do have some streets as
8 you know that are in serious disrepair. So we
9 will be scoring a new master list for your
10 utilization be it this year or years moving
11 forward so you can have gradually in an organized
12 fashion make sure that the streets are -- are back
13 up to the fashion that you would expect.

14 A COUNCILMAN: Okay. Mr. Mayor?

15 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman?

16 A COUNCILMAN: Michael -- Sunshine
17 Avenue.

18 MR. NEGLIA: Uh-huh.

19 A COUNCILMAN: We had brought to
20 Stephanie's attention last month that there was a
21 tree there that had been damaged during the paving
22 project last year. And the tree is basically
23 leaning and needs to be removed. We had asked
24 about inquiring as to whether that can be taken
25 care out of the performance bond since the -- on

1 first blush it appears that the tree was damaged
2 by the contractor. And then was -- in one of the
3 recent storms was -- kind of started to tip over.

4 Now I don't know if it's been removed
5 yet or not, but could we see or look into the fact
6 whether we could see if the -- we could pay for
7 that out of the performance bond of the
8 contractor.

9 MR. NEGLIA: I will definitely check in
10 on it. I know we discussed it briefly, and I'll
11 -- we'll see what we can do there. Just -- just
12 understand something. I mean, if -- if the
13 contractor didn't put a section of curb there,
14 which actually I think there was a section of curb
15 missing in front of the tree as I recall.

16 A COUNCILMAN: Okay.

17 MR. NEGLIA: We'll work with the
18 contractor to see what we could do.

19 A COUNCILMAN: Okay.

20 BOROUGH ENGINEER: I don't know if -- if
21 they'll remove it free of charge. We'll ask.
22 We'll try. We'll attempt. But a lot of these big
23 trees in those two-foot tree belts that grow past
24 the tree belts, and then we put a curb and
25 sidewalk program next to it, there are a certain

1 amount of tree root -- tree trim or root trimming
2 that occurs. Hopefully it doesn't take the
3 structural integrity of the tree and jeopardize
4 it. If it does, the tree has to be removed, and
5 we'll -- we'll work in the best interest of the
6 Borough to try to get that removed.

7 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I have a question
8 for everyone.

9 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Council?

10 MAYOR MASSA: Council?

11 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Mr. Mayor. Last
12 month we had a gentleman here that he lived on
13 Geraldine Road. And he was being kind of abused
14 by AM Cosmetics on that speed bump that they have.
15 Have you ever talked to AM Cosmetics about that
16 speed bump when tractor trailers hit it? Because
17 that was really -- it was very annoying.

18 They have a speed bump between the cliff
19 and the -- and when they tractor -- those trailers
20 around they hit that speed bump, it radiates up on
21 top of Geraldine Road, and the guy was really
22 pretty upset about it.

23 A COUNCILMAN: (Indiscernible) I spoke
24 to Robert yesterday in regards to this, and he's
25 meeting with them to --

1 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Robert Channel
2 (phonetic)?

3 A COUNCILMAN: -- (indiscernible)
4 removing it. Yeah. He's handling the rest.

5 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: If he -- if he
6 needs a letter from us to -- to make the request,
7 we'll work with him on that.

8 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Okay. As long as
9 it's being taken care of, because that was really
10 --

11 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: He's having
12 discussions about the removal.

13 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Just take it off
14 completely.

15 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: The other
16 recommendation I made was the fact that the
17 traffic is coming out with the empty containers,
18 and that's what's making most of the noise.

19 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: You have to repave.

20 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: And they redirected
21 the traffic with the full containers coming in
22 that way, you know, maybe trying to redirect the
23 traffic and see if that worked before they took
24 the speed bumps out, but if not then the bumps
25 have to come out.

1 A COUNCILMAN: One other question, Mr.
2 Mayor.

3 MAYOR MASSA: Council.

4 A COUNCILMAN: Michael, the mineshaft
5 monitoring.

6 MR. NEGLIA: Yeah.

7 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Do you know of any
8 grants that may be out there or is there something
9 that we could create when we write a grant that we
10 could set up to apply for a continuing monitoring
11 program of these mine shafts? I know they were an
12 issue. I know we put a lot of money into
13 remediating them. I know a lot of people have a
14 lot of concerns, because of these mine shafts that
15 are on their properties, and -- and the effect
16 that these shafts have on the value of their
17 properties.

18 Is there something out there somewhere
19 that we could maybe creatively write some kind of
20 a grant that -- for create a monitoring program
21 for the next 10 years or 15 years or 20 years or
22 something that would be ongoing?

23 MR. NEGLIA: I'm not aware of any grant
24 program. It's kind of a unique type of situation.

25 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Uh-huh.

1 MR. NEGLIA: Not a lot of towns are
2 confronted with mine shaft remediation. I know
3 that there are some -- some -- some things being
4 discussed about mapping the mine shafts. I've had
5 a couple calls on that. We'll check on it, but to
6 the -- I don't -- to my -- the best of my
7 knowledge I don't know of any grants that are out
8 there specifically for that purpose. But we'll
9 check. We'll make some calls around and see if
10 there's anything available for that.

11 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Maybe something
12 through a community development block grant that
13 we might be able to creatively write for doing
14 that kind of monitoring --

15 MR. NEGLIA: Okay.

16 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: -- on a recurring
17 basis.

18 MR. NEGLIA: Okay. I will -- I'll look.
19 I just don't know if its -- it qualifies or it
20 doesn't. I'll have to do more research.

21 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I'm just -- well, we
22 have to look at every opportunity right now to get
23 money where we can.

24 MR. NEGLIA: Of course.

25 A COUNCILMAN: Point of order, Mayor?

1 MAYOR MASSA: Council?
2 A COUNCILMAN: Just -- I had a phone
3 call. I actually directed him to you regarding
4 the mapping of -- I don't know if they contacted
5 you or not, Rich, but about map date. We're
6 inquiring about our mines. As the state starts
7 mapping, they say once they see the severity of
8 it, they're going to start trying to allocate
9 funds to try and make sure that they're remediated
10 properly and that they're maintained.
11 So I think once the complete mapping is
12 done of -- of all of the areas, I think they're
13 going to try and start putting -- I mean, I've
14 heard that before, but they're going to try and
15 start putting money aside to try and remediate
16 some of the properties. Especially in towns like
17 North Arlington where you have homes built on top
18 of them.
19 MR. NEGLIA: I think what happened, just
20 so everybody understands. In the very, very
21 beginning when we did such an extensive
22 construction project on -- on several private
23 properties and on public properties. There was a
24 certain amount of construction settlement that
25 occurred immediately because you were doing such a

1 wide range of construction.
2 That subsided over the years. Okay.
3 And just to simplify it, I don't want to take any
4 more of your time, but just to simplify it, there
5 was a big, concrete cap that was put over a --
6 A COUNCILMAN: Uh-huh.
7 MR. NEGLIA: -- a roughly a four by
8 eight-foot shaft almost the size of this table.
9 Okay. And -- and we went either side of the shaft
10 to the shale shelf, and put a very thick concrete
11 cap over it. Put a monitoring pipe, and filled
12 the hole with -- with large stone, six to eight-
13 inch size stone.
14 Okay. So when those settlements started
15 occurring it was -- it was, you know, several of
16 the residents in the area were very concerned
17 whether or not it was the shafts continuing to
18 collapse because there were some -- some big
19 collapses on it.
20 And then the way we did it was we
21 monitored it. Once, you know, the concrete cap
22 was in place, the shale was in place, and as long
23 as the monitoring pipe did show major settlements
24 of the stone at the bottom of the -- the pipe, you
25 know, we produced those certifications to the

1 Borough, which they in turn to the residents for
2 piece of mind that the work that was done at that
3 point in time was not really being undermined by
4 any further activity that we were aware of. Okay?
5 So that's how the Borough handled it.

6 The reason I think it was stopped over
7 the years was because the residents' concerns
8 stopped because the settlements after the
9 construction after the long periods of time they
10 would stop settling. Well, there has been a few
11 minor settlements in some people's backyards, and
12 the only way to really check it is you have to go
13 back in and -- and check to see if there's any
14 settlements on it.

15 Again, settlements on people's
16 properties they could be a thousand reasons, none
17 relating to the mine shafts. But, you know, you
18 have to do -- you have to do your due diligence
19 and make sure you go through it before you can,
20 you know, make a report to that nature.

21 A COUNCILMAN: Yeah. Councilman
22 Tanelli, also I -- I think the maps of the mine
23 shafts in North Arlington have been extremely
24 well-documented. I know that the work that Neglia
25 Engineering did back in the '90's, the early

1 1990's when these -- these mine shafts collapsed,
2 in conjunction with information that was actually
3 on file in the Bureau of Mines and somewhere --

4 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Bureau of Mines.
5 And I will tell you the old handwritten cloth maps
6 that the state had in their archives were
7 extremely accurate and very, very impressive.
8 Because, you know, now you're talking about trying
9 to find a subsurface shaft that's been buried over
10 for many years. It was -- it was actually amazing
11 that those older maps that were hand done by -- by
12 laboring the holes, and they didn't have the
13 modern technology we have today, how accurate they
14 were.

15 And that's basically the map that the
16 Borough has in the construction office that
17 everything was really developed off of.

18 A COUNCILMAN: Uh-huh. So I think when
19 the state comes in to map North Arlington they're
20 going to find out it's already done. I think we
21 found, what, all but two holes, or something like
22 that, and that's -- the owner wouldn't let us on
23 their property.

24 MR. NEGLIA: there was one -- one -- one
25 we believe may have been a shaft, and we never got

1 access to the property to review it.

2 A COUNCILMAN: Okay. Thank you.

3 MAYOR MASSA: I'm not surprised at the
4 excellent job that those old map makers did
5 without modern technology.

6 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Me either.

7 MAYOR MASSA: After all let's take a
8 look at the Coliseum in Rome 2,000 years ago
9 without modern technology. Good report. Thank
10 you, Michael.

11 MR. NEGLIA: Thank you very much.

12 BOROUGH CLERK WELLS: Mayor Massa,
13 Council reports?

14 MAYOR MASSA: Council reports.
15 Councilman Yampaglia?

16 COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Thank you, Mr.
17 Mayor. Mr. Mayor, I just want to say that I
18 eluded to this about a few months back. October
19 27th my dad happened to be in a horrible car
20 accident on River Road, and I got a frantic call
21 from my mother. And long story short, all the
22 cars were totaled. They had to rush him to the
23 hospital.

24 But the thing that struck me was when I
25 was in the emergency room they had said that the

1 quick response from the North Arlington Police
2 Department and EMS who came on the scene was
3 critical in his recovery and treatment at the
4 emergency room. Because my father being 80 years
5 of age, you know, and the way that everything was
6 handled, you know. When he got out of the car, he
7 fell to the ground.

8 But like I said, within a minute, minute
9 and a half the police and EMS were on the scene.
10 And it's just another example of the exemplary and
11 tremendous job the North Arlington Police have
12 done over the years and I thank you. Thank you.
13 That's all I have, Mr. Mayor.

14 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Council.
15 Council Bianchi?

16 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I have a rec.
17 report tonight. Just briefly because Michael
18 Neglia will give the full report next -- our next
19 meeting -- next Thursday or the Thursday after.
20 And it's about the County Park. As you know,
21 we've been working hard to get the County Park
22 upgraded. It's a mess. No money has been spent
23 down there from the County in the last 30 years or
24 more. And a lot of money has been spent at --
25 what's the name of that park over there? Over --

1 over -- (indiscernible) Park, in the tune of about
2 140 million dollars. And we can't get grass seed
3 down here in North Arlington.

4 So we've been hounding Kathe Donovan's
5 office, and Joe Crifasi sent me a note today.
6 It's written in longhand, so forgive me if I
7 stumble over a few words. But this will all be
8 verified at our next meeting.

9 Joe sent me a letter. He says, "Number
10 one, they're building two new softball fields.

11 "Number two, one new Babe Ruth or high
12 school baseball field will be built.

13 "Three, two regulation soccer fields
14 will be built.

15 "Four, ground material will be" -- it
16 looks like the word 'king turf'.

17 A COUNCILMAN: No. No field -- field
18 turf, Joe.

19 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Oh. Field turf.
20 His writing is really poor.

21 "Field turf like in Giant's stadium.
22 The same stadium" -- "the same turf they have in
23 Giant's stadium will be down on these fields.

24 "Five. New lights around two softball
25 fields. Not" -- "Not near the homes but near the

1 River Road side of County Park." So they're going
2 to light two fields for us.

3 "Six. New bathrooms and comfort
4 stations and new buildings." The one building has
5 got to be demolished, the one here on the North
6 Arlington side. I think they're going to make
7 them explosion proof because the kids go in there
8 and destroy it. I don't know how they're going to
9 build this. They're going to have to build prison
10 bathrooms for these kids, the way they destroy
11 things.

12 MAYOR MASSA: That's exactly what the
13 parks director told me they wanted to do when
14 Councilman Hughes and I --

15 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: It's going to have
16 to be stainless steel this thick.

17 And "Number 7. All new drainage pipe
18 and systems out to the river to drain those fields
19 so they don't flood, so the kids can play."

20 The majority of the fields will come
21 from grants, not from the town of North Arlington
22 or from the County. Mike Neglia, I'd spoke to him
23 before, and he will give a full report because Joe
24 Crifasi and him will sit down, and they'll give a
25 full report on this.

1 But as we all know, the County Park has
2 -- needs a lot of work. Into the millions. So
3 let's hope that they'll hold to this agreement,
4 and hopefully it will get started probably in the
5 fall. Hopefully. But as I say, Mr. Neglia will
6 give the full report next meeting.

7 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Councilman.
8 Anything further?

9 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: No. That's it.

10 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you. Councilman
11 Hughes?

12 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes. Thank you, Mr.
13 Mayor. Just one additional thing on that report
14 on county parks. In my discussion with Mr.
15 Crifasi is that once they have a blueprint or a
16 plan, they plan on coming down to a council
17 meeting that night and doing an overall
18 presentation with the blueprints of the proposed
19 upgrades. And I think the targeted date to start
20 is sometime late fall or early fall so that after
21 the -- the current use of the fields is over for
22 the year, they can start doing it over the
23 wintertime and allow the fields to settle and
24 everything will be hopefully ready for next
25 spring. So --

1 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Go ahead. I'm
2 sorry. I thought you were --

3 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: No.

4 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Okay. Mr. Mayor?

5 MAYOR MASSA: Do you want a point of
6 order, Councilman?

7 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes. Point of
8 order.

9 MAYOR MASSA: Okay.

10 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: You know that
11 there's been a lot of talk about lights down at
12 Allen Park, and it's been petitioned -- there's
13 four petitions against people want, people don't
14 want. But the County knows our problem. I spoke
15 to Nick Clunn from The Record. I spoke to Kathe
16 Donovan's office. And they know the predicament
17 that were involved with these lights, and they
18 said they'll -- they will light three fields for
19 us down at the County Park. And that's -- that
20 has to be done, because the town is divided and we
21 don't know want to do that in our town.

22 MAYOR MASSA: Well, we got that
23 commitment from Mr. Ron Kistner, the new parks
24 director who has hit the ground running, and Joe
25 Crifasi, the County DPW Director. He laid out

1 everything with myself and Councilman Hughes
2 several weeks ago with respect to the
3 rehabilitation of those fields including the
4 lights.

5 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: But one thing,
6 we've got it in writing now. Okay.

7 MAYOR MASSA: Council Hughes?

8 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: That's all I have.

9 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Sure. Mr. Mayor,
10 real short. I'm pleased to announce that we
11 received the check from the Meadowlands for the
12 -- for the back taxes on the Porete Avenue Luke
13 and Steel (phonetic) property. And the -- also
14 the first pilot payment that -- the \$200,000 which
15 is a payment in lieu of taxes, because they're a
16 state agency. They can't pay taxes on those
17 properties right now, but they can pay a pilot.

18 So until those properties are actually
19 sold, the Borough of North Arlington should not
20 lose any tax revenue from those properties.
21 Unfortunately it's not found money. It's not a
22 grant. It's not above and beyond. It's simply
23 covering the -- the loss revenue that would be lost
24 by EnCap or not paying the taxes on those
25 properties. So I'm pleased to announce that

1 happening.

2 I am also happy to announce that we're
3 making progress with the Kings and landfill
4 properties. I think there's more than almost six
5 hundred, \$700,000 in back taxes that are
6 outstanding on that property. Unfortunately EnCap
7 went bankrupt. They have no viable resource.
8 They have no assets. And the Meadowlands has
9 agreed to pay a portion of that outstanding taxes.
10 But unfortunately we're not going to be able to
11 collect all of it. And I don't think we want to
12 foreclose on a landfill because then we incur the
13 cost of cleaning it up.

14 MAYOR MASSA: Exactly.

15 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Real quick on where
16 we stand with the budget. Just to report on where
17 we started and where we're at now and the reason
18 -- some of the cuts that we've actually
19 identified. When we started -- when we initiated
20 the budget in the January, we were looking at one
21 thousand -- 1,008,880-dollar budgetary increase.
22 Most of that being costs that we had no control
23 over: insurance, pension payments, the fact that
24 we had to put up more money for reserved for
25 uncollected taxes because we had a lot of people

1 not pay their taxes last year.

2 And then on top of that we had some lost
3 revenue: state aid that was cut, the fact that we
4 do not get the \$400,000 transitional aid again
5 this year.

6 So by the -- by the time we were done we
7 were looking at a tax increase of 1,668,073 -- six
8 hundred seventy -- 1,668,073-dollar tax increase
9 for the residents of North Arlington. And I think
10 all of us felt that that was unacceptable. We
11 have done great strides in cutting the budget. I
12 know we have cut every -- every budget in town
13 substantially. Some more so than others, but
14 basically on where we could -- felt we could cut.
15 We have cut some programs. We have cut some other
16 issues. And we're down to now that last \$500,000
17 which Mr. Wall has explained so eloquently before
18 in our negotiations with the Blue and White and
19 the PBA unions.

20 So once we get to that point, we should
21 be under 2 percent tax increase, which is the goal
22 that the -- or -- or the -- the place that the
23 state has told us we have to be. And I think is
24 the place that we want to be, because I don't
25 think any of us want to keep raising taxes in the

1 Borough because the people just can't afford it
2 anymore.

3 So that's the end of my report, Mayor.

4 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Council.

5 Councilman Johnson?

6 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: No DPW report.

7 I'll give that report next week.

8 MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Kearney?

9 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: No report as well,
10 your Honor. It'll be --

11 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you, Council.

12 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: -- next week.

13 Thank you.

14 Councilman Tanelli?

15 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: No report this
16 month, Mayor, but I'd like to thank Mr. Pearce,
17 because as -- as Councilman Hughes mentioned we
18 have -- recouping some of the tax dollars on that
19 property down at EnCap, and it's solely by the
20 hard work of Mr. Wall and Mr. Pearce sitting in
21 endless meetings trying to get water from a stone.
22 I appreciate your hard work. Thank you.

23 MAYOR MASSA: Thank you. As far as no
24 report, I just want to reiterate what I had said
25 during Councilman Bianchi's report that we have a

1 commitment from the Bergen County administration.
2 The park -- new park's director Ron Kistner and
3 Joe Crifasi, the Director of Public Works, to get
4 the softball fields at least up and running, do
5 some basic renovation work so they may be able to
6 use -- may be some use before the end of the
7 season which wraps up rather shortly.

8 But the major work will begin in this
9 late fall -- late summer, early fall, and we will
10 have extensive -- millions of dollars worth of
11 renovation work done for the -- the ballfields
12 that are located in the North Arlington section of
13 County Park.

14 So I also want to thank Councilman
15 Hughes, Councilman Bianchi and Councilman Tanelli
16 for all of their diligence and hard work and --
17 and -- in putting in -- going above and beyond
18 with the contacts with these various county
19 agencies to give us that support that we need to
20 get us some recognition and to get us this -- this
21 major renovation of County Park.

22 That's all for my report tonight. Mr.
23 Clerk and next we have resolution for Executive
24 Session.

25 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Yes. Mayor and

1 Council, there is no Executive Session scheduled
2 for this evening. There is, however, a calendar
3 item. Tonight's meeting was a reschedule for
4 April 28th scheduling conflict. Similarly there's
5 a Councilman with a scheduling conflict for May
6 12th. So we have a May 12th meeting scheduled and
7 a May 26th regular meeting scheduled. I just
8 wanted to confirm the calendar. So if you would
9 direct us accordingly as to what your meeting
10 schedule would be for the balance of this month.
11 Specifically do you wish to have -- hold the 12th
12 meeting or go to the regular 26th meeting as
13 scheduled?

14 A COUNCILMAN: If we were to move the
15 meeting to the following Thursday from the 12th,
16 which would be, what, the 19th, I guess?

17 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Uh-huh. That would
18 be the 19th.

19 A COUNCILMAN: And then cancel the 26th
20 meeting.

21 COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: 26th to 12th?

22 A COUNCILMAN: We would also have to
23 cancel the introduct (sic) -- the adoption of
24 budget for that night because it's already been
25 advertised. But then -- and frankly right now

1 we're in a position that I don't think we can
2 finalize a budget yet anyway until we actually get
3 that, you know, the numbers down a little bit more
4 anyway.

5 So why don't we look at doing -- moving
6 the meeting to the 19th, canceling the 26th, and
7 then canceling or postponing until further notice
8 the final adoption of the budget.

9 MAYOR MASSA: Yeah. We can always have
10 a special meeting or have it at that first meeting
11 in June.

12 A COUNCILMAN: We could have the first
13 meeting in June if we -- if we've gone to the
14 point where we've made all the numbers work, or --
15 or we could hold it off to a little bit later in
16 June. We don't want to go too much later in the
17 year.

18 MAYOR MASSA: Uh-huh.

19 A COUNCILMAN: We need to get the final
20 -- the tax bills out and everything else like that
21 in a corrected form. So we don't want to be doing
22 like we did last year waiting until November
23 largely because the state wouldn't give us an
24 answer on transitional aid until the last minute.
25 So why don't we do it that way. That's my

1 recommendation.

2 MAYOR MASSA: So noted. Any conflicts
3 or discussions on that issue with respect to the
4 rescheduling of those meetings?

5 A COUNCILMAN: (Indiscernible). That's
6 great.

7 MAYOR MASSA: The clerk is so directed
8 to cancel May 12th, the 26th meeting, and
9 reschedule the May meeting for the 19th.

10 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Yeah. 7:00 p.m.

11 MAYOR MASSA: 7:00 PM.

12 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Okay. Done.

13 COUNCILMAN: Thank you very much.

14 MAYOR MASSA: Any other business?

15 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: No further
16 business, Mayor.

17 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: I make a motion to
18 adjourn.

19 MAYOR MASSA: Motion to adjourn by
20 Councilman Tanelli. Second by Councilman Bianchi.
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 COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes.
 4 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Johnson?
 5 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Here.
 6 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Tanelli?
 7 COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Here. Yes.
 8 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Councilman Kearney?
 9 COUNCILMAN KEARNEY: Yes.
 10 BOROUGH CLERK WALL: Thank you. Good
 11 night.
 12 (Meeting adjourned)

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