

## **MINUTES**

SPECIAL MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AT BOROUGH HALL

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.**

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

### **ROLL CALL:**

Council Members: Councilman Bianchi, Councilman Di Blasi, Councilman Granell , Councilman Hughes, Councilman Tanelli, Councilman Yampaglia

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Peter C. Massa, Terence M. Wall, Acting Borough Clerk, Anthony D'Elia, Borough Attorney

Mayor Massa: At this time gentlemen I would like to entertain a motion to suspend the regular course of business as I would like to address the public on a matter of important public concern.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli

SECONDED BY: Councilman Granell

ROLL CALL: All council present vote in the affirmative

Mayor Massa: Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen. As some of you may already know AIG will in fact complete the remediation process of the four (4) landfills that were part of the original ENCAP project that has since been taken off the table. Here in North Arlington we have won the argument as well as the fight as to who will determine as to what we build here in our portion of the Meadowlands. Arlington Valley is dead. It will not happen. Application of eminent domain seizure on Porete Ave will not occur and low income housing will not be built. For all that needs to be decided at this point is if this Borough breached the contract. In my mind can never have been executed in the first place. I have confidence that Judge Harris will see our point of view and finally end our litigation so that we may move forward and find the right project and the right partner that this community can support to attract real ratables that make sense and stabilize our overall tax rate. While news of the remediation of these landfills is good news the unfinished business of assisting this community as it relates to lost revenues due to the closure of the baler has not been addressed. That needs to happen now. While we are grateful to the State of New Jersey for awarding North Arlington the \$800,000 we received earlier this year, it does not address the overall issue of lost revenue this borough has depended upon for over 4 decades. This state put North Arlington into the garbage

business and the state needs to help North Arlington get out of that predicament with a short term economic aid plan that bridges this municipality from host fees to new tax dollars that are generated from redevelopment. North Arlington cannot be punished for opposing encap or for providing this region a needed service for more than fifty years. Nearly a120 municipalities have dumped solid waste within our borders; that service cannot be forgotten nor go unnoticed. We have paid an economic price for hosting solid waste operations. Its time that North Arlington be recognized for our contribution to solving that issue and allowing so many other communities develop while we carry the burden of land filling for so long. I believe this is the responsibility of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission as well as this governor and this legislature to work with us to ensure these lost revenues are provided so that homeowners are no longer forced to shoulder the bill. It is simply unreasonable to expect any municipality to find 1.6 million dollars in revenue. It is impossible to reduce our expenditures at that level. It would in fact gut municipal services and could result in a layoff of as many as 5 police officers as well as other municipal personnel but that will not happen on my watch. North Arlington should not be forced to make that kind of deconing expenditure cut that would threaten our safety as well as our security as a small community that boars urban setters such as Newark and Jersey City. With that said, I've composed a letter to New Jersey Meadowland's commission and to the commissioner of community affairs Mr. Josepy Doria as well as executive director Robert Cerberio to immediately address the concerns that we have as it relates to these lost revenues. I am asking the governing body tonight to support a municipal resolution, to lobby for these funds so that this governing body is not forced to pass along further tax hikes or terminate the employment of some public safety personnel in the height of the worse recession since the great depression. I fully expect the complete support of this council to vote in the affirmative. Anything less would be to turn your back on our community in a time of a dire crisis. I trust that will not be the case tonight. For this issue is about the economic wellbeing of this municipality to function and operate as taxpayers expect it to. We only see that which we are entitled to. We seek nothing more we seek nothing more. We fully expect the NJ Meadowlands Commission to cooperate with this request and we look forward to a positive dialogue so that this issue can be finally resolved. The taxpayers of North Arlington never wanted Encap. This is a point that some people may have forgot. And North Arlington did not pick Encap. NJ Meadowlands Commission picked Encap. For we have been the victim of poor public policy decisions for years as it relates to this developer and this project. It is now time the North Arlington taxpayer be heard and I am confident the parties who need to remediate this settlement will come to the table and remember North Arlington and the contributions we have made to this region and I thank you very much.

**MOTION TO RESUME TO NORMAL COURSE**

**INTRODUCED BY:** Councilman Tanelli

**SECONDED BY:** Councilman Granell

**ROLL CALL:** All Council present vote in the affirmative

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

MOTION TO CLOSE THE HEARING OF CITIZENS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Granell

SECONDED BY: Councilman Tanelli

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

**ORDINANCES**

**ORDINANCE #2010**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2009 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli

SECONDED BY: Councilman DiBlasi

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

**RESOLUTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

R-76-09 RESO RE: EXTRAORDINARY AID APPLICATION

R -78-09 RESO RE: AUTHORIZING THE ACTING BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE APPARATUS

R-79-09 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS

R-80-09 RESO RE: APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$3,000.00

R-81-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:2-7

R-82-09 RESO RE: NJMC FUNDING REQUEST

R-84-09 RESO RE: VOLUNTARY FURLOUGH

MAYOR MASSA: Any further discussion on consent agenda?

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Point of order your honor. I would just like to applaud your position with the NJ Meadowlands Commission. Like I have for the last three years, we are lock in step with the positions the borough needs to take and I applaud your aggressive move at the resolution in the letter. Thank you.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you council.

TERENCE: Mayor, would you like that resolution read in full or would you like it just attached to the...

MAYOR MASSA: What we could do is read that resolution so the public has a complete understanding as to what our objective is.

TERENCE: So first I'm going to do a motion and second to approve all except 77 and 83 and then I'll read this resolution regarding 82 and then go back to the 77 and 83 that have been removed.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli

SECONDED BY: Councilman Granell

ROLL CALL: All council present vote in the affirmative with the exception of Councilman Hughes who recluses himself from voting on R-79-09

TERENCE: Now I'll read 82-09 Mayor Massa referred to earlier. (After reading off resolution) That item's already been approved.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you Mr. Clerk.

TERENCE: Returning now to resolution 77-09 and resolution 83 to be discussed separately.

### **RESOLUTIONS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

R -77-09 RESO RE: AGREEMENT FOR THE COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM (CHRP)

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Hughes

SECONDED BY: Councilman Tanelli

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Mr. Mayor, I have a question on resolution 77. I understand its to hire somebody to look into obtaining the cops grant for us to hire new police officers. No where in this resolution have I seen the number of police officers we are looking to hire so that the grant could possibly made out for the application made for hiring of police officers. I think we need to come to some kind of consensus here as to the number of police officers we're looking to get hired under this program.

MAYOR MASSA: I think what we have to do on that issue is get that application process started and have the grant writer meet with the police chief so we can establish all the financial parameters as to what we're going to be looking for in the course down the road, what are our financial obligations would be at this point. So this resolution just attaches us requires us to hire the enter agreement with the grant writer to write the grant.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: It's my understanding the applications have to be submitted to the federal government by the 16<sup>th</sup> of April.

MAYOR MASSA: I would expect the administrator would then police chief will have that...

TERENCE: We engaged in a conference call today with the grants writer and the chief of police to ensure that we're on track as far as completing the paperwork for the grant. What we would want to obtain prior to...

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Point of order your honor. There's a maximum of 10 officers that can be applying for with the grant. The number, I just had a brief conversation with the mayor, and that number hasn't been finalized because we still haven't gotten numbers finalized to what the impact would be. The way the grant was explained to me today on the phone was that you are getting salaries paid for for three years and you have to be you have to assure that you can employ that individual for an additional year. So with terminal leave and other things that the borough could be facing in the next two years with police officers retiring, it's a perfect opportunity for us to have somebody else pay while we're paying for those officers that'll leave on terminal leave. The number hasn't been determined yet as far if were going to put in for the full ten or not. I mean I had a brief conversation with the mayor before we came out. We're going to leave it up to the police chief [inaudible] to find out what the numbers would be if [inaudible].

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Actually I think this board should make the determination of how many officers were looking to hire because yes they will provide the starting salary for any new hires but that starting salary will remain the same through all the incremental raises that all already of scheduled in contract. So you hire them at \$30,000 that's the amount you will receive for the three years of the grant not what they get in year 2 in year 3 after they completed the academy so there will be a cost encouraged by the borough of North Arlington after the first year. So that's where, it should be us it shouldn't be the police chief or the administrator determining how many police officers we're going to be hiring. It should be coming from this council.

MAYOR MASSA: Well that's why we want to have the application process in place so that the appropriate numbers of officers could be determined unless you want to move to have the resolution amended tonight.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: We don't have the time to put a number in if the application has to be in by the 16<sup>th</sup>. That's the day that we [inaudible].

MAYOR MASSA: Well does the administrator have any ideas to how many personnel we may be looking to hire under this grant?

TERENCE: After we've completed the financial profile and discussions with the police chief, we'll be pulling the council on the figure we arrive at, the actual count of officers

we think would be appropriate for this particular grant application and we're seeking to obtain consensus to meet the time frames of the grant.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Understanding that the increases decremental increases would far out way doing this versus not doing it when we're going to have the police officers leave on terminal leave like we've have the last two years where we're paying salaries and not having the officers on the street. This gives us an opportunity to almost fully fund having police officers fill those voids so to me it'd be silly not to file for this. My opinion we should file for the maximum of ten officers and if we don't use the ten officers, find out what the ramifications would be as far as if we decided based on the time restraints we apply for the ten, if we don't use the ten is there a way that we can amend the grant once its awarded to give back [inaudible] if you're allowed to get up to ten officers based on what the grant writer told me today. So based on not knowing where we stand with whose retiring when, I've heard you know we all hear different things, people putting their paperwork in we just lost two, we'd have an opportunity at least fill those two maybe pick up the other eight down the road. I don't know how the grant would work, I tried uh she didn't have enough time to sit with me, I'm going to sit with her this week.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I agree, we need to take advantage of this opportunity but I think we'd be foolish applying for ten people and then giving the money for five of them back.

CONCILMAN TANELLI: Well we're under, you said it yourself, we're under a tight deadline.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: We're under a tight deadline so, I mean the police chief has not offered any idea of how many officers he anticipates needing in the next four years.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Yeah, thirty. You know, you want to be honest well then yeah thirty.

MAYOR MASSA: We have a table of organization I think it calls for thirty-four officers if I recall [inaudible], and of course that's always subject to revision if we feel we down the future will need more personnel. But in any event I'm going to rely on the administrator and the chief to come up with a number as to how many we should apply for. Councilman Tanelli made suggestion we go to maximum, I have no problem with that myself. Councilman Granell?

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: Funny feeling that the former police officers who would not have a problem hiring ten more cops, its pretty interesting. The only question here about this cops grant for me is in the past have they applied for this grant before? The police office, downstairs, has done it; they haven't been awarded. See were looking for a little supervision a little assistance on a federal level from a stimulus perspective to actually write this grant actually see if they can get some of the funding but they haven't ever gotten before. I think whether its three whether its ten whether its five, that magic

number is to be determined. The thing that's not to be determined is the date to apply. So if we get this process started, we apply for this grant, I'm sure between the borough administrator we can charge him to work with the police chief to at least pull the counts and get back to the council before the next council meeting with the magic number we're looking to apply for and this happens to coincide with the 6<sup>th</sup> as well. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Are we going to act on this?

TERENCE: We can either act on one or both, we can act on this at this time.

MAYOR MASSA: Okay, motion...

R-83-09 RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD FOR A REDUCED PENSION CONTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 43:15A-24(C) AND/OR N.J.S.A. 43:16A-15(9)

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Granell

SECONDED BY: Councilman Hughes

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative, Councilman Hughes votes yes under protest.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I do not like the premise of this resolution where we're going to be putting this year's pension payments and deferring them into the future. We don't know what the future's going to bring. We're looking down the road for some maybe some very hard times in the future but I also understand that the state of New Jersey and the governor has made it very clear that any application for extraordinary aid would probably not be looked upon favorably if we do not take this course of action. I think through the local finance board the governor has made that clear so I really kind of vulture this under protest. I think its not correct that we are putting this into the future. That's how this country got in trouble. We kept borrowing from the future and look at where we are today. So if we take these pension payments and put them into the future, we're basically borrowing from our future. So I do second it but I do it under protest because I think this should be not restricted. Restrict our ability to apply for extraordinary aid which the town so desperately needs.

MAYOR MASSA: Well councilman unfortunately that's the caveat that's been attached to this program and what we are looking to do is here is of course minimize whatever impacts were confronted with right now for our community and of course in the future we don't know exactly what the pension contribution might be so if we have an opportunity to take advantage of cost saving statute at this point, I think its something we should seriously consider because it is also tied to the application, the extraordinary aid is mentioned. Councilman Granell?

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: Mayor, [inaudible] we are doing the budget and its so important in terms of the introduction itself. I've asked the borough auditor and Mr.

Iannaconi, our CFO, to be present and maybe they can shed some light as to this particular statute and reasons why we have to go through this process. One of them or both can come forward.

MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Granell want to recognize the CFO?

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: I recognize the CFO, Joe Iannaconi.

CFO: Quite frankly the governor and the legislature established this statute to help the towns get on the levee cap. It was originally supposed to be over three years and they comprised and they established just this one year. Yeah, you'll get the pay back in the year 2012; it will be advertised over all fifteen years at eight and a half percent. You can in 2012, things change, pay it all back if you want to. So that's just a run down of how this legislation happened and why it is. You cannot get onto the levee cap unless you take this action today.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you Joe.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: It is rather steep interest though.

MAYOR MASSA: Any discussion? Call the roll.

### **RESOLUTIONS OFF CONSENT**

R-85-09 RESO RE: INTRODUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET, BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, COUNTY OF BERGEN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2009

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman DiBlasi

SECONDED BY: Councilman Granell

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: I would like to make a brief comment concerning the budget. As per state law this municipality is required to introduce an operating budget for 2010. The budget constructed thus far for the most part a work in progress. Plenary framework to the budget will eventually adopt. I can't stress that enough that this budget is not the final [inaudible]. Now because the state of New Jersey has not adopted its own budget it is impossible for us to anticipate or realize additional revenue at that time. The municipality will file for extraordinary aid and that application will be based on two factors; the litigation between North Arlington and Encap holdings and the cost to fight that ongoing battle and the closure of the baler operations is what cost North Arlington roughly about \$800,000. As most of you know, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission ordered North Arlington \$800,000. to cover the expense of tipping our own solid waste. This is a new expenditure to our municipal budget. Mayor Massa, Councilman Tanelli, as well as myself have met with officials of the NJMC to make that case that with remediation North Arlington needs to be compensated for those lost revenues from baler operations. It is my position as well as Mayor Massa's that the state

put North Arlington into the garbage business; it's the state's moral obligation to get us out and away so it does not impact homeowners. What we seek and what we really need is a revenue bridge and lower redevelopment for the time being. We require the support of the NJMC to work with North Arlington and have an agreement where revenue is lost and baler operations our revenues restored through a temporary understanding until we as a community can develop these Meadowland parcels in a way that is embraced by the community. While new revenue is sought, we as a governing body must also consider further expenditures reduction to the municipal operations. Should North Arlington not be successful in securing new revenue, layoffs must be considered to close the hole we face not only this year but in future budgets. The public's tolerance for increased spending is low. The governing body must make every effort to cut wherever possible while still offering municipal services the tax paying homeowners expect. As chair, I'm open to any suggestions by any member of this council to make further budget reductions. Keeping in mind to make an impact on the tax rate, those cuts must come in chunks representing at least \$88,000 or one tax point. It is the responsibility of every member of this body to introduce and adopt the municipal budget. It is also the responsibility of each member to participate in this process. This much is certain. No one person or party can confront the challenges North Arlington faces alone and we all have a stake in overcoming them. Those who refuse to take part in the tough decisions are in fact turning their backs on homeowners and refusing to do the job they were elected to do. This process will have little tolerance for political grand standing from the sidelines. Once again I ask every member to review the budget line item by line item. I think about what is needed and what is not in the end. We'll eventually reduce the levee we have right now. This is what I'm doing and will continue to do. In this economy we have an obligation to present the leanest most economical budget we can draft. Salaries, health benefits, and pension cost continue to dominate the largest chunk of all our spending. If anyone is serious about expenditure reductions this is the place one needs to look. All the low hanging food has been eliminated from this budget. The time has come to own this document and seriously offer alternatives and reductions not only save money but reduce the tax rate. I am confident we can abstract additional state aid based on the strength of our extraordinary aid application. I also believe in the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission has an obligation to financially assist this municipality given our contribution to the 118 communities that have dumped here for so long. It is important our legislative delegation along with [inaudible] as well as Bob Ceberio assist this municipality now. The whole purpose of NJMC is to enhance and assist the members of the community. We'll reach out to our allies at all levels of government that North Arlington somehow become a casualty in this negotiation/settlement with AIG to remediate the landfills. Mr. Mayor, I want to thank you for your support and leadership for getting the NJMC and the state to understand our plight and the hard line we may need to take to moving forward. Thank you very much.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you. Councilman that was a very eloquent presentation and exclamation. I think it tells the community where we stand as far as our fiscal responsibility is concerned and the need that we have to put forth a responsible viable operating budget for the community of North Arlington. Again, thank you very much councilman for serving as chairman of the committee. I know you spent many nights

burning midnight oil and going through the document line by line and issue by issue. I think on behalf of myself, I owe you that gratitude, I think members of the governing body also owe you gratitude and I hope that these people of the community appreciate your efforts on their behalf. Call the roll.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2013**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE RESCUE TRUCK, APPROPRIATING \$800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$467,500 BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR PAYING THE COST OF SAID ACQUISITION AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY**

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Bianchi

SECONDED BY: Councilman Granell

ROLL CALL: Councilman Bianchi, Councilman Di Blasi, Councilman Granell ,  
Councilman Tanelli, Councilman Yampaglia

ABSTAINS: Councilman Hughes

MAYOR MASSA: Discussion?

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: I have a discussion.

MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Granell.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: Councilman Tanelli and myself had the opportunity to meet with the fire chiefs to talk to them about the [inaudible] and I'd just like to make a couple statements. First I'd like to thank the chiefs- they're actually here for attending this special meeting. Public service at the local level for the most part is volunteer in nature. It is the spirit of volunteerism that allows our government to provide this kind of safety protection that isn't matched by towns our size. For that I want to acknowledge not only the efforts of those assembled here but to thank the families of those unique individuals profess a life of public service far beyond the call of duty. You see ladies and gentlemen, firefighters are very unique people. Since the days of the first fire department here in the United States, membership has been in most part volunteer in nature. When Ben Franklin visited the port city of Boston 1733 he witnessed first hand the formation of first responders and took that concept back to Philadelphia to establish one of the most effective companies in all of America. And despite one's volunteer's status, this is the most dangerous of jobs as essential to any community. So to the chiefs, your sense of duty is admirable and your commitment to the community is unquestioned and parallel. It's a sense of bravery and valor that is inherent in the nature of those who fight fires and save lives. To you and your fellow volunteers, we say thank you as a governing body. I'd also like to thank congressman Rothman and Senator Lautenberg for being the champions

of the federal grant award for North Arlington to make this purchase possible. Congressman Rothman once again has delivered in it to an A to put funding for the new senior bus and now this grant will [inaudible]. I'd like to say thank you to the committee, the North Arlington Fire Department stood up and write for to apply to this grant especially Mark Zidiak, [inaudible]. Job well done. See ladies and gentlemen, the North Arlington Fire Department holds a very space in the hearts of our citizens. As a member of this governing body, I'm committed to do all that I can to ensure that you have the necessary equipment and support. This purchase is more than a community purchasing a rescue fire truck; Its commitment to the safety of our citizens so that this community can sleep at night knowing that they're safe. Mayor, if there's no other discussions on the subject, I suggest we get through with this ordinance.

MAYOR MASSA: Call the roll.

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

TERENCE: I'll make a brief note to the mayor and the public. Part of my role as clerk is to organize and archive your records. We're undergoing a tremendous project. I want to thank the folks in the library that work for chairman Antonicello in the library board. They're doing a remarkable job helping us go through between 50 and 100 years of records literally. Out of the basement in borough hall, there's approximately 500 boxes of various stripe, of various importance, so we're literally archiving nearly 100 years of borough records that have not been tended to. So under your administration I think this is good stuff and I want to thank the folks that are working the library as the library is being renovated, they're doing tremendous efforts here on your behalf to have us up to speed and have our archives and our records managed in an appropriate way. So I want to share that's the reason why we're looking for space and we're getting everything organized for you here.

MAYOR MASSA: No problem. Thank you very much Mr. Wall. Council Reports.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Mr. Mayor at this time I'd like to stray from my usual senior citizen bus and report on something about the parking in North Arlington. Steve and I are going to have another meeting with Rich Hughes and Robert Kairys about the parking meters and we're going to start up at the Pike area. And we're talking about installing a few more meters where they were missed in the installations when they rebuilt Ridge Road. I think there's four or five meters missing and we're talking about making a permit parking lot across the street from Kearny Federal Bank and restriping the lot, cleaning the lot up, and getting letters out to the business people up there to purchase permits at about \$300 I think Steve and I was talking \$300 per permit. Go ahead.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: The only thing is we need to meet before the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting because if there's an increase in the parking permit fee obviously it has to come before the governing body to change the ordinance so we need to meet...

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yeah, ours will just be a discussion then we'll present it.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Then we'll present it at the next meeting, the three of us.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Were also thinking about making the parking lot up at Belleville Pike all meter parking instead of permit parking because I think that would help stir some business up there because when people are going to go to the Chinese restaurant or somebody wants to use the lawyer up there or go across the street to Papa Johns in Kearny they have only permit parking so if we could open up that lot like it used to be, stripe correctly with all new meters, I think that will help the town and I think it will also help generate business for those people up there also; there's a dentist up there and a couple of doctors and I think it would help them a lot. So we're going to get together, the four of us, and it'll just be the four of us this time, we won't hire anyone else to come in. Then we'll figure out what we have to do.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you Joe. Councilman DiBlasi.

COUNCILMAN DIBLASI: Nothing at this time Mr. Mayor; I'll have something for next Thursday's meeting.

MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Yampaglia.

COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Mayor, same as Councilman DiBlasi on my report for next week. Thank you.

MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Granell.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: Myself mayor, I'll have something for next weekend.

MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Hughes.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I also will hold my report for now.

MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Tanelli.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Mayor, I'm a little nervous because the fire department gave me some information and the chief's here final report on it you might be upset. But I'll hold it until next month.

MAYOR MASSA: For myself, I think everything that I have to say for tonight's meeting, I said at the beginning of this meeting this evening regarding the important impacts that were going to be confronted with respect to future redevelopment and most importantly at a meeting we have the need for additional financial assistance from the Meadowland's Commission of the state of New Jersey. But on a personal note, I would like to thank

everybody in the community our friends and family [inaudible] their out pouring of sympathy on the passing of my mother of March 25<sup>th</sup>. I will never forget your heart felt kindness and sincerity and stopping by and offering your condolences and the phone calls and the Mass cards and the sympathy cards are very much appreciated by myself and my family. At that point that concludes my report. There's no other business upcoming for the mayor and council, motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION TO ADJOURN

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli

SECONDED BY: Councilman Hughes

ROLL CALL: All council present vote in the affirmative

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