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REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M. OR AS SOON
THEREAFTER AT BOROUGH HALL

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

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ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilman Bianchi, Councilman DiBlasi, Councilman Granell, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Tanelli and Councilman Yampaglia

ABSENT: Councilman DiBlasi

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Peter Costanza, 9 Fisher Place – Brought the residency February 29 of last year at that time we realized the street was caving in, and over the year it has gotten worse. The curb is cracked in front of the house. Every time it rains I have a pond in front of my house, have stagnant water, mosquito problems when the heat comes around. I called the water department they came down and told me it was leak under the ground. They dug it up fixed the little leak that they had down at the end of the street and said that could have caused that but they did fix it. I guess the grading on the street over the years is starting to collapse where it is high in the middle and on each side of the street it is just letting the water flow and the water is not flowing anywhere. The water comes up over the sidewalk when it rains unto the front landscaping. When the rain stops the water will sit there for 5 or 6 days.

Mayor Massa we address that after the hearing of citizens.

Richard Zaccone, 73 Forest Street lifelong resident. If one wanted to get information on town ordinances or town codes where would one be able to get them and updated an update version?

Mr Wall told Mr. Zaccone he would be able to get them on line at northarlington.org.

Mr. Patel – I do not live in North Arlington I live in Clifton but my intention is to open up a liquor store here, I have been gong back and forth with the office here, I want to open up at 98 Ridge Road which is next to the pharmacy and the answer I got was you cannot place a liquor license if there is another place within 800 feet. I have been doing some research and there are two bars right next to each other and in Lyndhurst I have seen stores next to each other or the next block. My concern is it possible or not to open up a liquor store at this 98 Ridge Road.

Christie Lauer, 42 Union Place and Lawrence Lauer currently here about the permit parking we would like to know the status on it. We heard it was going to be addressed we heard it was going to be addressed at this meeting but I do not see it on the roster. Mr. Lauer most of us have parking permits already and I still watched three people get off the bus and getting into their cars. Friday, Saturday there are drunk people walking down our street, they are parking on our street. There is no reason for us to have to park 2 or 3 blocks away.

Mayor Massa - We will address that at the end of the hearing of citizens.

Thomas McClintock 198 Rutherford Place – I was given an award by the Mayor and Council for living in town. I would just like to thank you for it.

Mayor Massa - You are very welcome it was our pleasure, Congratulations.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli

SECONDED BY: Councilman Bianchi

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

ABSENT Councilman DiBlasi

Mayor Massa – With respect to the gentleman who is a resident of 9 Fisher we will have the Administrator examine the contents of that problem. I don't know what was done on it in the past and I do not know who is responsible for the drainage issue. I can't speculate this is the first time this has come before us, but we would like to meet with the Administrator at the end of the Council meeting or sometime during the day so he can take a look at your concerns and evaluate it so the proper department or agency gets it resolved for you.

Mr. Wall – Mayor and Council, I have investigated the sight twice, I have had two visits at Fisher, I can address Fisher, Argyle and several other areas during my Administrators report for updates on the quality of the streets.

Mayor Massa – Mr. Zaccone as we mentioned to you, you can get our ordinances on line even for some reason you can not get them on line and there is a specific ordinance that you need, you can make your request to the Clerk's office and they will be happy to accommodate you. If you have any problems or interpretation on them we can always refer you to the appropriate authority for consultation.

Mayor Massa – Mr. Patel with respect to the liquor store there is a process that has to be followed and applications have to be made to the Borough Clerk as I understand and under State Law comes before the ABC Board and the Mayor and Council, what I think you would have to do it take out the proper documentation applications forms and if there are restrictions and you have to understand that if there are restrictions on liquor licenses in North Arlington that is something that we all have to live with.

Mr. Patel – I understand. I am the process of acquiring the license that is already a pocket license that existed at 153 Ridge Road, he went out of business for whatever reason, but I am in the process of buying that license from him, I just want to place it at this place, the answer I got is that it has to be 800 feet, but I have seen stores within this town where there are two bars next to each other and I just don't understand that.

Mayor Massa – I will let the Borough Administrator address that aspect of your comment.

Mr. Wall - I asked Mr. Patel to come here today because we will be processing his application accordingly but to the extent that all approvals must be by the Mayor and Council. I thought the governing body should hear and see what the initial concept is and then we will handle it internally and I will work with the gentleman, but I wanted to make sure that you are aware of the issue of potential from a Ridge Road location to another Ridge Road location and will advise you accordingly.

Councilman Bianchi – That was a liquor store before. Harding Drug Store in the old days. Does that mean anything? Being that it was a liquor store?

Mayor Massa – I don't know Councilman if that would be grandfathered, that would be a legal issue for our Borough Attorney to resolve. Obviously there are some legal issues here that have to be addressed by the Borough Attorney and they will be addressed accordingly.

Mr. Patel – OK thank you.

Mayor Massa – This is regarding 42 Union Place, permit parking, resident parking. Of course we have the signs in place but at this point we have suspended any enforcement because of the number of complex issues that are attached to some of our residents there so I just want to turn it over to my expert on that issue very diligent on that issue Councilman Tanelli and Councilman Bianchi have looked at these issues and we probably have to do some fine tuning before we finalize what our position and ultimate work on it.

Councilman Tanelli - What happened is that the Ordinance has already been changed, it is permit parking in that area but the Council had suspended it because at the one meeting we had voted it in and passed it we had a lot of people come up and expose a few other issues. One, was the Borough was neglecting the purchase of parking permits by the businesses on Ridge Road. So once we change the Ordinance and they started getting warnings caused all these businesses that were parking on Union Place. So we needed to give them enough time to purchase their permits that they were not purchasing and move them off of Union Place. We needed a little breathing room we sent the letters out and are getting responses everyday, we want to set a time table that they are expected to be off your street. We are certainly trying to accommodate everybody, we certainly do not want the commuters on the street and do not want to hurt the business owners because of lack of foresight on the governing body the last few years because they were not enforcing the parking permit situation. So what we are doing is giving them a chance to purchase their permit, we cleaned the parking lot, Melray's parking lot is open so they have places to move and park. The hardship for them is coming to a close. Once that happen we are going to enforce the parking permits. The ordinance is on the books already has been passed, so the delay in enforcing and writing the tickets has been to move the workers and businesses on Ridge Road into the municipal parking lots. So I am anticipating that the Building Code Official Robert sent letters out and we are getting answers to the letters, and when they purchase the permits we will begin enforcing it. I am assuming that the beginning of July for them to start writing tickets, so I am going to ask you to be please be patient a little longer. The ordinance has been passed and not that is not an issue it just a matter, it's done. as a Council we thought it would be fair to the business owners because of not this Governing body but a few years back they stopped taking money for the permits and were parking for free on Union Place. Know they have a little dose of realty and they are going to have to purchase permits and park in our Municipal lots. We do not want to have hardship for other people we are just trying to accommodate other people.

Citizen – The hours are 9-5? But the other problems we have is we have three bars around the corner so technically we no parking at all. We also have people go to the bars and don't come out till 2:00 - 2:30 in the morning, getting in their cars, making noise, they are being very obnoxious.

Councilman Tanelli – Mayor, unfortunately we can't have a give and take if you would not mind that after the meeting with Councilman Bianchi and I. At the close of the meeting we can go back and forth.

Mayor Massa – We do have to follow our protocols in order to keep the meeting orderly and follow the regular course of business, so that anyone who normally wishes to heard we ask that they be identified in case we have some extenuating circumstances so we did allow some further comment from the public, but Councilman Tanelli has explained it quite thoroughly as to what our situation is. This is quite articulated I think on a previous occasion one of the most difficult problems for this administration to confront because of the lack of parking and the multitude of vehicles that are there and the problem with that location being so close to New York City buses. That makes the whole thing easy and convenient for people to find their little niche from out of town to tie up our parking spaces, that the objective to alleviate this problem as the Councilman explained it is going to be resolved.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

R-114-09 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS

R-115-09 RESO RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF \$50.00 PETTY CASH FUND FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENT

R-116-09 RESO RE: REFUND OF MONIES DUE TO DUPLICATE PAYMENT

R-117-09 RESO RE: REFUND OF MONIES DUE TO DUPLICATE PAYMENT

R-118-09 RESO RE: SUMMER PROGRAM STAFF

R-119-09 RESO RE: CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 - LEGION PLACE FIREHOUSE APRON IMPROVEMENTS

R-120-09 RESO RE: CLOSE OF CONTRACT CANTERBURY AVE RESURFACING PHASE II

R-121-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994 C.72

R-122-09 RESO RE: PROPOSAL FOR NJDEP LICENSED OPERATOR FOR SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM

R-123-09 RESO RE: RENEWAL OF 2009-2010 LIQUOR LICENSES

R-124-09 RESO RE: ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

R-125-09 RESO RE: RECONSTRUCTION OF CATCH BASINS

R-126-09 RESO RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR HEAVY RESCUE FIRE APPARATUS

R-127-09 RESO: RE: ENCROACHMENT AT 131 ARLINGTON BLVD., NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

R-128-09 RESO RE: ENCROACHMENT AT 197 PROSPECT AVENUE, NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

R-129-09 RESO: RE: ENCROACHMENT AT 481 RIVERVIEW AVENUE, NORTH ARLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

R-130-09 RESO RE: AGREEMENT WITH GARDEN STATE FIREWORKS

R-131-09 RESO RE: NJDOT GRANT APPLICATION

R-132-09 RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION FOR THE PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 THEREFOR IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

R-133-09 RESO RE: STUDENT SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli
SECOND BY: Councilman Granell
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative
ABSENT Councilman DiBlasi

Councilman Taneeli abstained on R-118-09

Mayor Massa let the record reflect that Councilman Tanelli abstained on 118-09

Councilman Hughes rescued from voting on fire department purchases R-114-09,
R-119-09 and 126-09

ORDINANCE NO. 2023

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

MOTION TO OPEN HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO.2023 TO THE PUBLIC

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli
SECONDED BY: Councilman Granell
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative
ABSENT Councilman DiBlasi

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING & ADOPT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Granell
SECONDED BY: Councilman Yampaglia
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative
ABSENT Councilman DiBlasi

ORDINANCE NO. 2024

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,000,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR PAYING THE COST OF SAME AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Wall introduced Bond Counsel John Hudak. John, so you can describe the process. This is the initial bond .Ordinance introduced set for a public hearing this date, .for tabling action and then we will have the other action.

Mr. Hudak – Spoke to the Administrator and the Mayor the other day as we spoke we had discussions with Trenton and they want the Borough to do this in a different matter so the recommendation is that this ordinance be tabled and there is a replacement Ordinance that we forwarded on to the Borough which is a substitute and will be introduced tonight.

Mayor Massa – thank you sir.

Councilman Tanelli made a motion to table Ordinance
Councilman Bianchi seconded the motion
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative
ABSENT – Councilman DiBlasi

Mayor Massa – Be it resolved that Ordinance No. 2024 is hereby tabled by the Mayor and Council

ORDINANCE NO. 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 205 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE” PROVIDING FOR GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40:55D-45, et. Seq.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2025 TO THE PUBLIC

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Granell
SECONDED BY: Councilman Yampaglia
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative
ABSENT Councilman DiBlasi

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli
SECONDED BY: Councilman Granell
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative
ABSENT Councilman DiBlasi

ORDINANCE NO. 2026

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BOROUGH PORTION OF THE COST OF SEWER IMPROVEMENTS BY THE NORTH ARLINGTON/LYNDHURST JOINT MEETING, APPROPRIATING \$750,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR PAYING THE COST OF SAID IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2026 TO THE PUBLIC

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Granell
SECONDED BY: Councilman Tanelli
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative
ABSENT Councilman DiBlasi

Richard Zaccone, 73 Forest Street – Will the NJ Meadowlands Commission or any other entity like the Bergen County Utilities Authority be assisting with the monies provided with this endeavor?

Mayor Massa asked the Administrator if there would be any assistance provided with this Ordinance with respect to the sewer improvements or is that a strictly local project by the Joint meeting?

Mr. Wall – It is a project by the Joint Meeting, cost sharing by Lyndhurst and perhaps deferred to the Joint meeting representatives.

Councilman Granell – This is a joint sewer between North Arlington and Lyndhurst. We are talking about renovating the sewer pump station \$1.5 million we split that cost. What happened on Wednesday 10:00 in the morning the Local Finance Board has to approve or disapprove us bonding \$750,000 our share of getting the pumping stations fixed. It's a 0 interest loan I believe.

John Hudak – I am pretty sure this was past it was on the consent agenda at the Local Finance Board yesterday and this application may have been involved as stimulus money which reduces the cost to the Borough.

Councilman Granell – The funding for that is not with BCIA or the Meadowlands Commission Its done with LFB and EIT trust.

Mayor Massa thanked Councilman Granell and Bond Counsellor.

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Granell
SECONDED BY: Councilman Tanelli
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative
ABSENT Councilman DiBlasi

ORDINANCE NO. 2027

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 187 § 9(B) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON ENTITLED “RECYCLING”

MOTION TO TABLE

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Hughes
SECONDED BY: Councilman Tanelli
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative
ABSENT Councilman DiBlasi

Councilman Hughes - I think we should have some discussions on this first as I think we are making some mistakes on this ordinance. When I looked over the existing Ordinance it looks like the parts we are deleting are critical to this and some parts we are deleting are going to change other parts of this ordinance, I think it needs to be looked at more thoroughly. To give you an example under n2 of the ordinance mixed paper this basically covers commercial use we need to adopt that now for private use so we are deleting the non-resident use exemption, but the first part of that says that mixed use paper shall be collected by a private scavenger by deleting this one section we are going to be requiring every house hold in town to hire a private contractor to remove mixed use paper according to our ordinance. Then we get into section n2 talking about construction and demolition debris, we are deleting the section where construction and demolition debris shall be separated and disposed of by a private scavenger. Well, that is also going to incur a cost to the Borough of North Arlington for removing construction an demolition debris because we are removing the requirement that they have to hire a private scavenger to remove any construction debris. Si I really thinks this should be pulled your honor and actually readdressed. I think in our haste to just kind of delete and add stuff and I know that the requirements are coming down from the BCUA to make changes because they expanded the scope of the recycling program, but I think we really need look how the delineation and additions we are doing are affecting other parts of the ordinance. I would actually recommend that we table this until next month.

MAYOR MASSA – We will have the Administrator address some of those concerns Councilman, perhaps those questions could be answered and we could take action on it.

Mr, Wall – Briefly, Councilman Hughes alluded to it. Basically, the legal task here is to simply take the mandatory requirements that set forth by that agency and incorporate them into our recycling Ordinance to the extent that there were any issues translations that were handed to us to be handled mandatorily we can certainly go back and verify that. Essentially this was strictly designed to be in compliance with what we are mandated to change. With that said if you are not comfortable at this time I would concur we can re-verify what the mandates were.

Councilman Hughes – I have a copy of the mandates, I did review them today. It is not so much were incorporating the mandates but the mandates are already changing what we already have

written in our Ordinance so it is going to impact adversely by not changing other parts of the Ordinance to correspond correctly with the changes we are making.

Mr. Wall – I will address that with Mr. D’Elia when we next meet if that is alright with you Council.

Councilman Hughes made a motion to table

Councilman Tanelli seconded the motion

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Councilman Bianchi, Councilman Hughes, Councilman Tanelli, Councilman Yampaglia

NAYS: Councilman Granell

ABSENT: Councilman DiBlasi

ORDINANCE NO. 2028

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

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli

SECONDED BY: Councilman Bianchi

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

ABSENT Councilman Di Blasi

ORDINANCE NO. 2029

BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDING BONDS AND/OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 TO REFUND, IN FULL OR IN PART, THE OUTSTANDING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATION AND TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF ISSUANCE OF SUCH REFUNDING BONDS ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH REFUNDING BONDS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED BY Councilman Granell

SECONDED BY: Councilman Tanelli

ROLL CALL: All council preset vote in the affirmative

ABSENT Councilman Di Blasi

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mayor and Council I have toured the Borough extensively since I have been here and there are a number of areas as the Mayor and Council know need repair, infrastructure repair. There have been many residents over the past year and 8 months that I have been here including the gentlemen that I have spoken to at 9 Fisher Place, including folks Argyle Place and in other pockets of town. I just wanted to discuss with you I would like to go and get competitive pricing within the Local Public Contracts Law to start addressing these areas with your permission to patch them up and get them done right. There are other areas that PSE&G and Passaic Valley Water Commission we feel have not repaired them to the citizens satisfaction and we are continuing to attempt to resolve those issues. I also just want to report to you that we would like to start embarking with a more aggressive program of getting out to the folks such as Fisher, Argyle and other areas in town and the reason I also want to mention that to you if you let me know administratively where we need to go and let me know the areas that you see from your constituents so we can make sure that we have a site visit at every single location .to make sure we are addressing these issues. That was the main report to you this evening. I would like to embark a more aggressive program and addressing these road improvement issues.

Councilman Tanelli – I would like to ask the Borough Attorney what steps we need to take to allow the Administrator the ability to do this?

Mr. D’Elia – It depends upon whether the cost of the project is going to exceed the bid threshold, which in town is \$21,000. There is another concern about I should not call it concern there is another statute that does not permit local public entities to divide contracts to go below the Bid threshold. So before going out and making a purchase, services, I think it should be clear as to what the total expectation of the total cost is going to be so that we are sure we are in compliance with both statutes.

Councilman Granell – I actually agree that Terence Wall the Administrator should continue get these phone calls in and develop a chart and see what we can do about the street. I am a big believer in letting the business professionals who get paid to their job do that job. I can’t see why we can’t charge Neglia Engineering, who is the Borough Engineer put a capital improvement plan together in place for all the streets in the Borough and come up with an actual dollar amount. What it is actually going to cost to get done. We do this street, we do that street, we do things piece meal it might be time to actually and go out and actually bond for a specific amount for capital improvements for the Borough and get districts done, not just one or two streets a whole district done. I think it would behoove Neglia Engineering to put a capital improvement plan together for the Borough to look at that and to see if we can actually do that. There is all kinds of stimulus money around and it is great they all say shovel ready if we had a capital improvement plan in place already little “shovel ready” terms, we may have been ready for some of those funds just the way to do due diligence.

Mr. Hoover – We would be happy to work with the Mayor and Council and Administrator and try to accomplish that.

Mayor Massa – I certainly agree it is time to stop we stop doing these major repairs piecemeal, the infrastructure has been neglected for a number of years and the current administration now we can start to set our sights and look at some of these serious problems that can be addressed on a rather extensive basis. I direct the Administrator to work with the engineer to examine these projects so we can put forth a viable plan for proper repairs on these streets, a lot of them are in terrible condition/ A lot of complaints I get from people are potholes, street repairs that have been neglected for a long time especially curbs.

ENGINEERS REPORT

COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI - Senior citizen bus up and running good. We had some work done by Passaic Valley down at the park and behind the firehouse on River Road they came and for Memorial Day services and I would thank them. They took down a cyclone fence that was ready to fall down. If someone leaned against it they would have fell into the River. They are suppose to cement the boat ramp.

COUNCILMAN DI BLASI - ABSENT

COUNCILMAN GRANELL – There are a couple of things I want to talk about. I would like to thank all the organizations that participated in the Memorial Day Parade, specifically the parade and the people who help set that up. I know that Jimmy McCabe and the Fire Department, Police Department. This is the first time we had joint services between the Veterans and the Fire Department together that went very well, so I want to thank all the entity’s and the groups that participated that was very nice.

Fourth of July is done concerning contractual we will have our fourth on the third which is a Friday this year. We will have hot dogs, ice cream, we are hoping for a good day.

Macaluso Park and the DPW and the folks that have been working on the park tirelessly to get it ready for its grand opening this Saturday at 11:00. If anybody has gone by that park it is and just

seen it, it is absolutely beautiful. We are looking for a big turnout this Saturday at the park for its grand opening.

Councilman Granell, Joe I spoke with Congressman Rothman .Councilman Bianchi your buddy. Councilman Granell we have to go shopping for a bus we got the money.

Councilman Bianchi we have it in the town the money? Councilman Granell my recommendation Mayor is that we set up a committee, Joe, myself to work with the Administrator in dealing with the vendors. When we went to the League of Municipalities yourself, Councilman Tanelli and myself saw several vendors under State contract in different configurations, 18, 22 so let's go shopping and get ourselves a brand new Senior Bus we have the money so its time to go do that.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI – My seniors will thank you.

MAYOR MASSA – I think right now with the state of the American Automotive Industry we should be able to get a pretty good deal on a bus. So, I will grant that request Councilman so you and Councilman Bianchi can go shopping and get us the best deal we can. I am sure that the Administrator will be happy to participate in that.

ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Wall very much so.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES – Thank you Mayor. I would also like to join Councilman Bianchi in thanking Passaic Valley Sewer Commission for a lot of the work that they have been doing along the riverbank for us. I know that we reported it earlier that the refurbishing of the riverbank behind the high school field where they reinforced the riverbank that was being eroded by the river, helped clean up Morris Park. I also been informed that in the beginning of June they also started construction on the boat skimmer facility that it going to be located on River Road at the bottom of Boston Ave where the old boatyard use to be. They are going to be doing some dredging work there cleaning up environmental problems that are on that property and they going to be locating one on their skimmer boats in North Arlington which goes up and down the river and cleans out a lot of debris that you see after storms come floating down the river. They have already sent a letter out to all the neighbors in the area letting them know what is going on and keeping them informed of the construction and what is taking place down there so that everybody in the neighborhood should be well informed.

One thing while talking about Morris Park looking at that park it is one of the older parks in the town and does need some refurbishing and I know that we appropriated some money this year for parks, remediation of some our parks and I would like to see this added to the list. We can probably do this with not a lot of money. Some of the benches in that park need to be replaced there old, there broken, they have been painted about 23 times, all different colors, I would like to see them replaced, new trees, along the rive bank and really fix that park up as a passive park not with playground equipment but continue it the way it is as a Memorial Park to Daniel Morris.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI - I would like to ask Councilman Hughes to stay on Mr. DiVita for my parking lot that he promised me next to Rusignola Park.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES – That is part of the plan it is in the blueprints.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI – i would like to also mention Vinny Macaluso Park Mayor, its finished. I am proud that the town can pay tribute to Vinny but not only renovating the park but making it an all inclusive facility, the equipment can be used by all children regardless if they are special needs. I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for their support for that park it looks beautiful.

Our summer rec program is in full swing they had their second day of registration this past Saturday. They are going to have the Tiny Tots program, junior rec gymnastics, Cheering, Arts and Crafts and youth center will also be open for open rec activities for ages 11 to 17, 11 to 14 will be from 2:30 to 6:00, and 15 to 17 will be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Again, we will conducting soccer and basketball camps .this summer for more information please reference the Borough website or call Mr. Mazzolla at 201-991-7709 between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA – Thank you Mayor. Recreation will be holding Movie Under the Stars Night on August 27. This year it will be at the Rip Collins Field, and there will be refreshments served.

MAYOR MASSA – With respect to my own report tonight I just want to again thank the people and the committee for their support in dealing with the ENCAP matter, it is now behind us legally. We are now working on legal methods to resolve the issues regarding the court order refund of ENCAP but concurrently with that we are working with the Meadowlands Commission to take a look at some renewed revenues sources. I am sure that some of you may be familiar with the fact that the Meadowlands Commission obtained a permit to handle several thousand tons of trash a day at the Meadowlands Commission baler facility in the community. We are looking at the possibility of renewed revenues to be generated from that facility. The Meadowlands Commission and the Administration thru the auspices of Councilman Granell and Councilman Tanelli are in negotiations to determine what kind of development will be placed in the Porete Ave Redevelopment Zone to make us whole again so we can pretty much generate some new areas of Industrial, Commercial operations in that area that of course will again generate some revenues for the community. So we have been on track with that working you will be getting reports periodically as progress is made with the negotiations as progress, as we start to see ourselves with the plans that are going to be in place. There are a number of projections on the table by some different possible developers that are under consideration by the Meadowlands Commission which we feel could have a very positive impact on our community and we like to say that we kept faith with the community as far as those issues are concerned so we will keep you informed as to what is going to happen and just last night and last week we had several meetings in the community regarding visioning committee meeting that we put together to get some input from the citizens what you would like the future of Ridge Road to look like, the future of Schuyler Ave to look like and the future of River Road to look like since these are the main artery's in the community. Of course there is always the possibility for new development. One of the problems we do have to confront which the national economy is confronting of course is the lack of funds and lack of investment potential that people would normally have to do developments, so when ever we find a developer who is willing to take a risk and go forward with something viable. Of course we will open the doors to that entity to make those proposals so that we can generate as many ratable as we can.

It has been too long that running of this community is relied upon by the tax payers 85% of the tax money generated here comes from you folks the homeowners of the community so if we now the opportunity to broaden that ratable base into industrial, commercial development on Porete Ave that is going to be our objective. We thank you for your patience you have a couple of developments somewhat stalled but that was by no means the fault of the administration that seems to be financial problem that developers are running into regarding getting some funding.. But keeping that in mind the real estate value in this community is one of the highest in the region, irrespective of the down turn in the real estate market the value of your residential property pretty much stayed relatively stable so keep in mind we still live in a great little town and we want to keep it that way.

ENGINEER – Mr. Hoover touching base on some items that we have made more progress in since I initially prepared the report we did receive bids for Holy Cross Cemetery yesterday I finished my analysis and I will be bringing them to the borough Attorney for legal analysis. I have to say that the apparent low bidder was for \$81,000 less than what we have estimated due to the aggressive pricing we look to initializing and getting that contract going as soon as possible.

Wilson and Sunset Ave both plans and specs have been preliminarily prepared and are being hand delivered to CDBG and DOT tomorrow for their review prior to bidding so we should be able to go out with them on their timely review. The CDBG requirement is a new requirement up until this year they did not pre bid plan set.

With the Borough's Administrators assistance we were able to almost complete requesting funding for the next round of NJDOT trust fund roads, You are going to be submitting it tomorrow Terence?

ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Wall it has been approved tonight.

ENGINEER – Mr. Hoover that's fantastic. The Administrator in my office worked hand in hand and that worked very well.

The Storm Management report has been completed. There is one more item with that, that I will be getting to you next week concerning revised ordinances that will be required to be adopted by the Governing Body and that covers the major items movement that we have had.

ADMINISTRATOR – Mr. Wall, I just want to advise you on one item on the engineer's report regarding Belleville – Schuyler intersection. We have had prior conversations about cost off sets. We are meeting tomorrow morning at 11:00 with the NJDOT, Kearny, Hudson County, Bergen County to review and hopefully finalize cost sharing agreement and to wrap up that project with minimal cost to North Arlington Tax payers that the goal and objective.

MAYOR MASSA – I always like to hear that term minimal cost to the North Arlington Tax payer that is what we are trying to do. To get back on track for a moment running a municipal government is quite challenging even though it is a small town because we don't have the staff that bigger cities have that have budgets over \$100-\$125,000,000 a year. Even with our mere \$20 something million dollar a year budget we have a lot going on and a lot of services we have to provide to the people of this community. Again, I just want to take time out to thank your for your presence here tonight and your interest in local government. I want to remind everybody again that the message is very clear the community at this juncture we work for you, we listen to your concerns, complaints, we try to do what we have to keep this a great town. I do want to take out another moment its Thursday's night at 7:50 these fine gentlemen who sit here with me on this panel and routinely review the extensive documentation, the ordinances, the resolutions and the other legal instruments and documents, the Borough Attorney, and the Administrator especially who is responsible for running the town with the level of service that you come to expect and are entitled to. It is not easy it is very challenging and sometimes we become frustrated with some of the challenges and demands that are placed upon us by State and Federal government, but these are things that we have to do and will continue to do for as long as we serve you.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION TO ADJOURN

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli
SECONDED BY: Councilman Hughes
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative
ABSENT: Councilman DiBlasi

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Keogan