

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

RICHARD CICCONE- 73 Forest St: I took it upon myself recently to use the Open Public Records Act to do a comparison of tax checks of houses in the neighborhood compared to our own, not meaning my mothers whom I'm speaking for tonight. I found that many of the houses that were rebuilt or remodeled were paying less taxes than our own house and even though my mother's a senior citizen, I was wondering why is she paying more taxes than these other bigger or better looking houses?

MAYOR MASSA: Ok, thank you sir. Anybody else?

ANNE MCCLURE- 10 Bayliss St: First of all, Mr. Mayor, I want to say to you and the rest of the fellows sitting here, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for clearing up that mess over there at my house. I can't thank you enough. Secondly, I want to congratulate you on your pick for the administrator. I think he's an excellent fit. Ok? And thirdly, I want to say about Chief Ghione, he helped us out with another problem over there. I think he should be commended because I didn't think he was able to do it but he proved otherwise. Ok? And the rest of the police department, I think they're doing a superb job out there. But if ever we had anybody doing to our guys what they do to the guys in New York, I would like to get my hands on a few and just hang them. Because any police officer that gets out there to do a job and you have some of these punks going around throwing stones at them and what have you, these kids should be hung as bad as their parents. Because you go to the parents about it, 'Oh my son would never do something like that' and you stand there and you're watching it. There's three kids that I

stopped and took them over to their parent's houses and the one parent turned around and said 'my son would never do that'. I said, 'maybe if you get out there and watch your son, you might find out that he is doing it'. But the cops can't be babysitters either here. And some of the parents ought to get off their butts and get out there and watch your own kids. Okay? And again, thank you, thank you so much.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you Mrs. McCora

BOB MCCLINTOCK- 198 Rutherford Pl: Good Evening Mr. Mayor, Councilmen, Mr. Wall, Mr. Delia. I see tonight that the borough is going to award a contract for a new bus for our seniors and that's something I would like to talk about, our seniors. At the present time I don't think the borough has any senior housing and I'm not aware of any, you know,

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Talk into the Microphone, people can't here you.

BOB MCCLINTOCK: I've become aware of how hard it is for some of our seniors to keep up with the cost of property tax, their water bill, and just the general upkeep of their homes. About my mother who lives in the borough, she's a senior and she started telling me about some of her fellow seniors. They couldn't understand why the water rates were so high; they could no longer afford to upkeep their house or pay their property taxes and would probably have to sell their homes and relocate elsewhere. I moved my mother here eight years ago. At that time, she paid about \$800 a month rent. At this time, her rent is approximately \$1100 and with her prescriptions and her other necessities, she really has to watch her spending because her social security check is not a great amount. I've explained the reason for the increase in the water bill and then she told me that she might, her rent was going to be increased, and she might have to leave but did the borough have any senior housing? So I looked around, found out to my knowledge we don't. I checked with Kearny and they have some. They have a waiting list, it's kind of long. It's about three to four years. So, then I read an article in the newspaper and it was basically how Lyndhurst and the archdiocese, the county, state, and a couple of federal agencies were going to do a joint project. I thought, that's a great idea. Maybe we could do something like that here. And then reading the article, it gives you a breakdown. It tells you that the one in Kearny is 542 Sq. Ft. with one bedroom and the rent is approximately \$600 a month but with the HUD subsidy, most people pay between \$250 and \$300. To a senior, that's a good deal. So, then, after reading a little more, I see that uh, I'm going to read a quote, it says "we are all coming together and it's amazing" said Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney. So I said, wow, I'd like him to come together in North Arlington. What a fiscal responsible council, mayor and council, that has reduced our overall debt, so I'd like him to come here and get together with us if possible and maybe work on something like that. So then I got to thinking. I said, you as my local elected officials, you're not solely responsible for our seniors. That responsibility falls on a lot of people. It falls on myself as a taxpayer, you as my elected officials, well locally, district 36 assemblymen Scalera and Schaer, district 36 senator Sarlo, our Bergen County Freeholders Carroll, O'brien, Calabrese, Ganz, McPherson, Padilla, Walton, Bergen County Executive McDermott, Our two United States Senators Corzine and Lautenberg.

All of us are responsible. There's a saying that if everyone does a little no one has to do a lot. You gentlemen have the chance to do something, something that no other elected official in the history of this borough has done. We had a mayor for twenty years and he didn't do it. All that I'm asking, gentlemen, is that you give it some thought, that's it, if you haven't already done so, because senior housing is something that everyone will eventually have a chance to use. It's not like a playground or a ball field which you outgrow. It's something you grow into. Nobody gets younger. I know this is something that can take along time but I guarantee it, if you build it, it will come. I thank you for your time and for listening to me.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you sir.

NICK MAZZOLLA- 82 Noel Drive: I'm presently the North Arlington Youth Director. I come up here to present this collage to the mayor and council. This is a collage of the activities, the many activities that we have accomplished and went through this past summer. We run a 7 week program and utilize the many facilities in town; the North Arlington Youth Center, Allen Park, Fisher Fields, we are lucky enough to use the cafeteria up at the high school. We also use Roosevelt School playground and a couple more; we were using the North Arlington Library also. We have been very successful. Parents are very happy and I owe that to the collaboration of the mayor and council. I thank you for allowing me to run with it, think outside the box, do a couple of different things. Also with the help of Jimmy McCabe and his staff, they have been very helpful this summer. So it is a collaborative effort in order to bring about a good program that we do have. A couple of things, and also, I'm sorry, not to mention Mr. Wall, whose always been there for me this summer whenever I needed something. In order to improve; there's always room for improvement. An education will always look at for improvement. We're dealing with children here. Room for improvement this summer, Mr. Granell, Mr. Tanelli, and Mr. Diblasi, came down visited a couple of sites, as they were down there they were talking about certain improvements. I had to, unfortunately, this year as successful as our program is, I didn't have enough room to accommodate all of the parents. We need some more room to accommodate these people and we need more facilities. I've been in touch with the board of education, Dr. Stringham, I wrote him a letter, that he got back to me promptly. He said that he will take it to consideration the possibility of us using one of the board of education's facilities next year, but if by some strange chance that doesn't happen, I think that the improvements of what we have here in town, such as the improvements down, well rejected improvements, that some of the councilmen were talking about down at Fisher Fields and I think also at Vinnie Macaluso park will definitely help us to improve our program. It'll allow me to take on more children and, hey, the more we can expand the better the program gets. So I applaud you gentlemen up here and please keep me updated on some of those improvements and I would like to be in on those meetings 'cause I do have some ideas which I believe will be very helpful for those facilities, as well as, the program. Thank you.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you Nicholas. Anyone else wishing to be heard?

BOB NORCIA- 108 Sunset Ave: Mayor in March, he would instructed a couple of the councilmen to come down at February's meeting when you said "I want this resolved as soon as possible, I want a report on my desk" in March. Apparently from March until the latest thing, maybe a month ago, nothing ever happened. You were trying to resolve it but nothing happened. As a result, I mean, a big dilemma, mayor, from November 2007 until present I am living in a hostile environment. The illegal fence at 110 Sunset has now become a board of health violation. Your people that were involved did nothing to correct both violations. I underwrite as a taxpayer to be heard and to be supported. From November 2007, almost two years, the people involved turned their heads to satisfy one person. Why? Why is this one person above the law? My belief is because Mr. Davie was and is a lawyer and is now a prosecutor. He allowed this to happen and is a conflict of interest. He's been in and out of my case all the while. The violation that's involved with this person is 39-4 is not being enforced because she's special. Property maintenance 273-9, property maintenance, the other one was cars that Mr. DiBlasi, Bianchi, and I believe Tanelli, and Mr. Granell got in at one meeting where they said people need, there's a need of parking. Doesn't have to move her car. She don't have to do that, there's 2320589c is the building code. I don't understand why this had to go so far. Both councilmen know that I agreed a year ago that I'm willing to try and help out by doing something. Nothing was said. Now I'm in a dilemma where I'm getting on police reports that they measured themselves, 4 inches deep, 5 inches deep, 30 feet back to the house, 32 feet back to the house. One in December 12th, I think it was, 36 feet toward my house. This is what the fence was supposed to look like. It wasn't labeled 6 foot 5; I could prove it any day in the world; any day of the week. This is the problem that I have now. Hey, this water's ridiculous. Could you do me a favor and I'm out of here. Look at the picture, that's all I want you to do.

MAYOR MASSA: Well, I'm not going to do that right now Mr. Norcia. This is a hearing of citizens. The issue you're raising now is an enforcement issue. You're making rather serious allegations of misconduct, which I will direct to be investigated. I understand that this council members have been at this location to examine the project and if there were some kind of resolution that was supposed to be agreed to...

MR. NORCIA: They did and they tried hard for an hour, excuse me for a second. They did and they tried hard for an hour and the neighbor wanted to do everything her way.

MAYOR MASSA: I just want to say that this is a hearing of citizens. Is there anything else that you wish to put on the record?

MR. NORCIA: Yes, I do and I'll be finished in a second.

ATTORNEY TONY DELIA: Leave the photographs there. You can leave the photographs there and we'll look at them after the public...

MR. NORCIA: In 2007, Mr. Antonello said that the fence was illegal; that it was wrong and should have come down. Imagine, at the time, with him measuring it, it was 6 foot 5 and with two other councilmen here now measured it at 6 foot 5. At higher, at the south

end, to my knowledge, Mr. Antonicello was on quite a few planning boards. I challenge his credibility because, at the, give me a second let me think, at the March meeting he said the chain link fence is 4 foot. That's not true. The fence is exactly 5 foot. He also said that there's a space between the two fences, there's 2 foot. That's not true. The chain linked fence is 8 inches from the new vinyl fence. Being on the planning and zoning board, you must be a little bit more accurate than this. Why is Mr. Antonicello on so many committees, mayor? According to my knowledge, that I read and I don't have it with me that he's not supposed to be on these planning boards; planning, library planning, and zoning. Why one person? It's creating a conflict of interest for many reasons and I certainly don't want to see North Arlington turn into a Hudson County. Ok? And I'm not implying anything but these are things that are happening and I don't really appreciate it. It took me 15 years to come here. And I'm offended; no one could ever say I did any wrong to anyone or did any wrong; they can't prove it. That's all I got to say.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you sir. Anyone else wish to be heard?

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman DiBlasi

SECONDED BY: Councilman Tanelli

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

ABSENT: None

MAYOR MASSA: At this point we want to comment on the hearing citizens. First of all, Mr. Ciccone, you've made some comments with respect to your belief that there might be disparate tax assessments in the neighborhood because you're paying more taxes than other people in the neighborhood. Well, you have the right to appeal those taxes and there's a process you can follow which I'm sure the dean administrator will help you follow. I can't speak for tax assessments because I don't know the properties you're talking about and I don't know what the assessments are and what the actual value of the property is, so, we really can't comment on it this point but you do have the right to appeal those taxes if you feel that you're being unfairly treated with respect to taxes.

MAYOR MASSA: Mrs. McClure, I want to thank you for your comments with respect to the municipal service agencies; it's always well appreciated.

MAYOR MASSA: Mr. McClintock, the issues with respect to senior housing has always been something we wrestled with over the years. Unfortunately, we don't have any real estate at this present time that can be committed to senior housing, specifically so it's the commitment of this administration to try to make this community, considering where we're located, what the cost of living is in New York/New Jersey area as senior friendly as possible. That's why we try to extend the senior services wherever we can and why we try to contain the tax cost because one of the most sensitive issues that I have that I've been confronted with is tax impacts and senior citizens having to live here all the years because I've experienced that with my own family members, people I've known for many years and been a lifelong resident. There comes an opportunity for us to work with

our state legislatures and even through any federal assistance for the possibility of any senior housing. Our door will be widely opened to that aspect of government service. Councilman...

COUNCILMEN GRANELL: As you know, Mr. McClintock, we've had several discussions with NJ's Department of Transportation. You were actually part of some of those meeting where we looked at the corridors from River Road, Schuyler Ave, Ridge Road. And we actually looked at the blueprint of this town trying to make access in and out better, understanding properties; one of the initiatives that councilman Tanelli and myself worked on in the beginning of the year was identifying properties in the borough where there was an activity, things that needed to be developed, and prioritize those properties. I've had the opportunity to talk to Dennis McNerney; what happened in Lyndhurst with David Segalla, that housing over there and that community actually reached out to Bergen County to put a plan together on parking with them along with the archdiocese. I know it's been one of our pet projects and something to be worked on. Which is the parks mayor and the parks program here which has been very successful but I'd really like the opportunity to work with Terence Wall and the administration and with Bergen County to see what we can do about maximizing whatever footprint we have here. We certainly don't have a footprint that can fit fifty condominiums, but I'm sure within this borough, town, we can find something for ten or twenty unit facility to at least start to accommodate. And it's my belief that if we don't start somewhere, it's never going to get started. So, we have to get the paperwork working because you know how Trenton works, so I'd really like to work with that initiative, mayor, where with David Segalla and Dennis McNerney are going to be moving forward. It's definitely something that were going to have to address. With all the development going on, with the focus being in the Meadowlands and the focus being in the DOT, that slowly hasn't been pulling off the radar. It's very much on our radar. As a councilman, we're very aware of that.

MAYOR MASSA: Councilman Tanelli.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Just something to be I guess aware of, and stay on top of is anytime, from our experience, with the Encap project and Lyndhurst experience with, they have senior housing complex on Stuyvesant Ave., anytime you take state or federal money, it becomes a lottery process. So that's been one of the holdups here, is financing for the borough. You know, obviously, we're trying to watch every penny. We start talking about developing and you want to take any state or federal money, you have to open up the process to anyone within that lottery. So there's a chance you may try and help fifty members of your town and all fifty may be shut out of the lottery process. So, one of things as we move forward is if we can try and do it ourselves, it would be the best way to do it, and then we can take care of our own residents as opposed to try to find money elsewhere. That's one of the holdups we've had since Encap when we were talking. If you remember back when of the previous councilman kept saying "It's a lottery and we're going to guarantee that all of our members of our community are going to make it" and I kept challenging him on it because that's the information I was getting

from the state. So, just to keep that on the radar, that's definitely going to be, something that has to be...

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'd like to say something.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Thank you.

MAYOR MASSA: Councilman.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I have two thoughts about that because I thought about that for a many many years myself. I was very happy to hear that a couple years ago Ridge Lumber Company they were going to build a four story building there and open it up to; the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors were going to be for senior citizens, but I think that went amok somewhere along the line. But the idea was good, the building was beautiful and I thought it was a good starting point. For some reason, I don't know where it went sour, but it went sour. The other thought I had was this. I've noticed that the Ridge Park apartments here in North Arlington, lately as late, have gone through a lot of changes, a lot of people coming and going, staying six months, staying a year. And maybe if we could broke her, the mayor, Terence, broke her with the managers, the owners, I think there's three owners, if we could broker her with one of them to basically rent to seniors when they have an open apartment, like say your mother. Ok? And get some state assistance so that the landlord of them, these apartments, would not only get paid by like say your mom, but assisted by the state too. Almost like turning it into a senior citizen complex. Not the whole complex but I think there is three owners there if I'm not mistaken and if we could get a hold of one of the owners, maybe it's a good idea for him, maybe we could do something like that. We already have like a senior citizen complex already built. All we have to do is get the seniors in there. Now I have noticed that there has been a lot of vacancies up here, there's vacancies signs up, and they never were up. So maybe you should inquire into something like that 'cause I know the rent for the one bedrooms aren't \$1,100, you know?

MR. MCCLINTOCK: [Inaudible.]

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yeah. Is that where she's living?

MR. MCCLINTOCK: [Inaudible]

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Oh Canterbury. Canterbury might be higher. But I'm saying these here Ridge Park apartments. So maybe if we can get together, you and a couple of us guys, go and talk to one of the owners, maybe he'll have a soft part in his heart to rent it to North Arlington seniors. It's worth a shot. Because we really don't have any ground to build anything. That's the whole problem, there's no ground. Nothing was planned; our forefathers never planned for this. That's all I've got to say. I'm done.

MAYOR MASSA: Any other comment? With respect to Mr. Norcia's comments, I'm going to refer them to the municipal attorney.

ATTORNEY ANTHONY DELIA: Yeah I just want to, Mr. Norcia, I want to say this to the mayor and council and for your benefit as well. Knowing you, I'm sure you're going to want to talk to me after the break. Bnt I've been the borough attorney since January 2007, I think this is the third time you've come to a meeting to talk about this, maybe the fourth. And for a while there, I thought everyone was trying to work this out. I understand that Mr. Tanelli, Councilman DiBlasi, and Councilman Bianchi, along with you, your attorney, you appeared at the property with your neighbor; you tried to work this out. And I, as borough council, I recommended this to the mayor and council and I think this is what we need tonight, to put a period at the end of this sentence because we keep spinning the same wheels over and over. I got in writing from our zoning officials, what violations existed from the borough side because that's what the mayor and council has to really be concerned about. If you have issues with your neighbor that does not constitute violations of any ordinances, that's a personal matter between you and your neighbor and certainly the taxpayers money, time, and...

MR. NORCIA: Council, I didn't bring up anything about anything personal.

ATTORNEY ANTHONY DELIA: Let me finish.

MR. NORCIA: I stuck to the beginning [inaudible]...

MAYOR MASSA: Uh, Mr. Norcia, you had your opportunity. The attorney is commenting now on your comments.

ATTORNEY ANTHONY DELIA: So the purpose of my comments is to point out that what I directed the mayor and council to look at was what was within our jurisdiction and what was in our authority to address. And I have in writing from Mr. Fernandez, the zoning official, that the one violation that existed as far as the ordinance code goes, was the height of the fence. And that was an issue that was addressed before the planning board or zoning board and your neighbor has to address that. In fact, she's been given written notification that she must reduce the fence to the 6 height, the 6 foot height requirement. If not then she will be fined per day by this borough. She has indicated to our zoning official that she will do that. I believe, where's Mr. Kairys? Was he here earlier?

COUNCILMAN DIBLASI: Yeah, he was here.

ATTORNEY ANTHONY DELIA: He told me earlier that it would be done within two weeks, so that violation has been cured. You did raise some drainage issues with me, I think, at the last meeting. They're on those zoning violations or other ordinance violations that relate to drainage issues. If you do believe that there is a drainage problem then you have a right to remedy that yourself. There is no other action that need be taken, or should be taken, by the borough council in connection with these matters. And that's what I want to advise the mayor and council about and that's the conclusion reached in light of the information that's been given to me in writing by our officials. If you want to talk to me about it afterwards, wait for the break, I will not disappear. And you and I can

talk about it again. There's no further comments from the public during the meeting at this time. Let's move onto other council business.

MAYOR MASSA: Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

R-178-09 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS

R-179-09 RESO RE: APPROVAL OF PURCHASES OVER \$3,000.00

R-182-09 RESO RE: RESIGNATION OF CROSSING GUARD

R-183-09 RESO RE: ON PREMISE RAFFLE QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL

R-184-09 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE CROSSING GUARD

R-185-09 RESO RE: EMERGENCY REPAIRS COLLAPSED LATERAL

R-186-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF 2009 OF THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 THEREFOR IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

R-187-09 RESO RE: ON PREMISE RAFFLE NORTH ARLINGTON VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SQUAD

R-188-09 RESO: RE: EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION

R-189-09 RESO RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

R-190-09 RESO RE: OFF PREMISE RAFFLE NORTH ARLINGTON VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SQUAD

R-191-09 RESO RE: BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

R-192-09 RESO RE: MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

R-193-09 RESO RE: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2010 NORTH ARLINGTON RESURFACING PROJECT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bianchi
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilman Bianchi, Councilman DiBlasi, Councilman Granell,
Councilman Tanelli, Councilman Yampaglia

Councilman Hughes recluses himself from the claims resolution regarding any fire department purchases

RESOLUTIONS OFF CONSENT AGENDA

R-180-09 RESO RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT THE NORTH ARLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

R-181-09 RESO RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT SENIOR CITIZEN BUS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Bianchi
SECONDED BY: Councilman Granell
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

R-195-09 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE RIDGE ROAD STREETSCAPE PHASE 111

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

R-196-09 RESO RE: PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE BENCHES AND RECEPTACLES ALONG RIDGE ROAD

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli
SECONDED BY: Councilman Hughes
ROLL CALL: All council present vote in the affirmative

197-09 RESO: RE: SALARY ADJUSTMENT, JAMES McCABE

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman DiBlasi
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bianchi
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilman Bianchi, DiBlasi, Hughes, Tanelli, Yampaglia
NAY: Councilman Granell

ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2033

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

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman DiBlasi
SECONDED BY: Councilman Yampaglia
ROLL CALL:

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

MAYOR MASSA: Discussion.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: We've done quite a few of the handicap spots over my tenure as councilman. And what's coming back to me now is as members of the community pass away or there's issues where they move. These spots are not being removed in a timely manner and I would like to instruct the borough administrator my understanding is to be reviewed yearly. But, um, I think maybe we need to put something else in place because parking is at a premium in this borough and to keep putting these handicap spots on, if there is any that can be removed, I think we should be doing it in a much more timely fashion. Thank you.

MAYOR MASSA: Agreed. Thank you.

ORDINANCE NO. 2034

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:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2035

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

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman DiBlasi

SECONDED BY: Councilman Hughes

ROLL CALL:

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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

MR. WALL: Per mayor and council's direction, for 9/11, the Zadroga field will be opened beyond dusk, as a result of input from the folks in North Arlington from prior years. Also, following my note here, Mr. Neglia will give an engineer's report that will also discuss and congratulations to the mayor and council for earning \$460,000 transportation enhancement grant from the federal government. He'll be identifying the construction management engineering aspects of that work and if the mayor and council wishes to, you can approve a resolution perhaps subsequent because Mr. Delia would have to draft it to begin the first stages of the design and specifications of that work. Without further ado, Mr. Neglia on the engineer's report.

ENGINEERS REPORT

MR. NEGLIA: Good evening everyone. We've issued our report dated September 10th. Mayor and council have copies. I'll just go through some of the items on the report. One of the projects that's been ongoing for the borough for quite some time is the drainage through the holy cross cemetery. Preconstruction meeting was held today. Construction should begin by the end of the month on that project, so finally we'll be in the ground and start that work. Canterbury Avenue, we're still looking at some of the resurfacing and there are still settlement cracks that we want to try to address. Legion Place Firehouse Improvements, basically everyone is up to speed on that. What we're waiting for, the environmental issues to be resolved there, the tank removals, the environmental issues. Once they're completed, the contract will come in and complete that driveway. Sunset Avenue, which is a municipal aid program that the borough received is down for comments, we're just waiting for the DOT. We can't bid them, those projects, until they sign off on them. Alright? Same thing is for the Bergen County Community Development Block Grant, Wilson Avenue Resurfacing; waiting for the comments. Once we finish those, I hopefully assume they'll be out to bid within the next 4-6 weeks. We'll keep

calling and pushing them to make sure those projects get moving. Ridge Road, there was a couple of complaints. All the issues have been resolved; no more concerns of the governing body. And Terence's office has been on the benches and the manufacturer has agreed to replace all of the benches within the borough. I resolved that problem.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Mike, are we replacing them with the same product? Because the complaint was that it seemed to be unprotected wood. It was stained wood, the stain leached out, the wood started cracking within a very short order. I think what we're hoping to do is get them to replace it with what they did in Kearny, with that plastic type wood, or wood that's sealed with something like urethane or something along those lines so it's protected.

MR. NEGLIA: So, my understanding about this once those options were given and the timing and the waiting for the recycled material was tremendous and the project, it would have taken, I forget what the lead time was, so the benches will be replaced, Mike?

MIKE: It was determined that actually the steels...

MR. NEGLIA: The bolting?

MIKE: [Inaudible]

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: I know it's the first time but you're going to have to come to the microphone and introduce yourself. For the take, just for the record.

MIKE: They have determined that the steel had been staining. Mike Bruliener from Neglia Engineering. And they have determined that the steel had been staining the sidewalks, not the wood. But they ensured us that whatever product that they do give us, whatever the lead time is, the quicker, there will be no staining in the future.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: so the warranty is still in effect? Were going to get brand new benches? And if there's that issue, we're still under warranty and will address it at that point?

MIKE: Absolutely.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Mike, are they going to be wood like they are now?

MR. NEGLIA: Yes. We can ask them if there may be additional costs or timing on that. If you want, we'll pursue that with contract...

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I think that's what we talked about last time; didn't we talk about that synthetic type wood?

MR. NEGLIA: We were talking about the recycled wood versus the...

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: To me, it's like a plastic.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yeah. That's how it is actually on Ridge Road, right across the pike, near Kearny...

MR. NEGLIA: Yeah, we did that project. It's a recycled product

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: it's like a wood plastic mix or something like that.

MR. NEGLIA: We'll talk to the manufacturer. We'll report back to you with the issues, if there are any issues of that or that you're willing to do.

MR. BIANCHI: Yeah, because we had spoken about that at the last meeting.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: We have the cemetery project that's beginning, that's going to need benches. We also have the streetscape project that we just received a grant that's going to need benches, so this manufacturer, we're probably going to utilize again. So it makes sense for everybody to change the benches in the new portion and have them cut us some slack on the benches for the old portion.

MR. NEGLIA: That was the approach, to get the manufacturer to come in and replace them and that will be the continued approach. And the new sections of streetscape which will discuss the end of my report will make sure we put in the specifications on that, but just be prepared that is a very popular model bench, for the reasons you like them and everybody else does, the lead times on those items do have a tendency to extend out there. You'll see the streetscape and the public should be aware of this too, you'll see the streetscape curbside pavers and the other amenities come quicker and some of the streetscape items...

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: Where are the benches? That's what's going to happen.

MR. NEGLIA: Well, that's going to happen again. The other item on the report is 13 Fisher Place. We were called in on September 28th for an emergency. The contractor responded quickly, the town responded, we put all our forces together and Terence was involved in this. The emergency repair was taken care of. The Ridge Road streetscape, we gave you two proposals tonight...

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Could we, you jumped ahead here. Getting back to the Ridge Road streetscape that was already done, I also request that the old street lights that are still in place be removed. Have we gotten any progress on public members with that?

MR. NEGLIA: That's the first I've heard of it, I will definitely follow up on that, the old overheads.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: We put down all these nice beautiful lamp posts and they look great but then we got the double lighting...

MR. NEGLIA: My experience in the past of public service who owns the old the old cobra heads, umm...

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: They take their time?

Mr. Neglia: Well, yes, they definitely take their time, but sometimes they look for the municipalities to give you a signoff on protection if it's on an intersection. We'll move in that direction. I'm not saying it's an insurmountable task to get the cobra heads removed, but there is a process with it.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Just check with Butch because we had brought this up one or two meetings ago and he was looking into it and what he had told us was that exactly what you're saying. That they would need notification from the borough that we wanted them removed and they would be able to do it and then we haven't heard anything else about it, so he may have a file opened on it.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Mike, I liked to go back a little bit too. The pocket parks along the Queen of Peace cemetery along the fence, are you designing those? You don't know anything about them?

MIKE: Not currently.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Alright, that's alright, we're talking about them.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: I don't think we've gotten that far yet, Joe.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Well no, but with Holy Cross Cemetery we did last year.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: They haven't gotten final approval yet.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Okay, I just wanted to know if he was designing it.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: There's a separate initiative, real briefly because it's not on the agenda. The planning and zoning boards have been working with the archdiocese whose going to put the new mausoleum in there and its part of that process that you're probably part of Councilman DiBlasi. The archdiocese has agreed to redo the sidewalk...

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yeah I know that.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: for the same type of streetscape that we've done on streetscape 1 and continued on with streetscape 2 and the sidewalk in front of the cemetery will now have the same type of sidewalk but we haven't gotten to that planning stage yet. There's still fees, building fees, stuff like that still being negotiated with the archdiocese. So once that's finalized and we're ready to do that we'll move forward and meet up with you.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I thought he was designing it; that's why I asked the question because I wanted to go back to the question about the benches. If they're going to put in new benches, I want the new benches in the pocket parks but he has nothing to do with it.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: What we'll...I think Steve just mentioned that before, I think the goal is and I think you mentioned it as well, the reason the vendor is going to replace the benches is because he is fully aware we are not stopping where we are. We intend to keep going from the pike all the way to the other side of town.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: And the new standard will be this plastic type of wood so that we don't have the same problem.

MR NEGLIA: Myself and Terence have been talking over the last week about the proposals for phase 3 of the streetscape for which you've received the \$460,000 grant for. We did phase 1, we did phase 2. Terence asked a very prudent question to us which was 'should we get some cost savings on phase 3?' since a lot of the meeting time and a lot of the preparation time was figured out. With the streetscape projects, the way they always work is there's a lot of time selecting materials. So what I did was, there's two ways most municipalities work professional service contract with the engineer. One is a fixed fee where the consultant takes all the risk in the design. Okay, take all the risk in the design. So there's no more going back to the governing bodies to fix the fee contracts. And there's a time and material contract which you can enter into and then you get an hourly breakdown for every single hour, every single dollar, that was spent for the projects. You'll see two proposals in front of you tonight. We reduced the number as far down as we could, but the only difference between phases 1 and 2 and phase 3 here is this transportation enhancement \$460,000 grant. The process that that takes, Terence is very aware of it because the emails that he sent us saw the 6 checklists of ten pages each that you have to make sure everything is in order. I will tell you what these ice-t grants and transportation enhancement grants, the money is great that you get and you receive it, but the process is very very cumbersome going through it. And you cannot miss a step otherwise they pull the funding from you. I mean, something as simple as one of our towns, the clerk advertised in the wrong paper, it had to be in a Trenton Times, not only your local publications which you normally do your advertising in, they require them for the Trenton Times. So the amount of detail and the amount of time you have to go through takes, takes a lot of time and a lot of effort. I think one of the things the governing body should do, to me it doesn't matter whether it's fixed fee contract or time material, all I'm looking for is to be compensated for the work that we do. And that's the difference between the two proposals. One that we submitted over a week ago, was for \$42,000 and then the time and material one was budgeted at 35. What I said to Terence and what I'm saying to the governing body is we will justify our time to you, we'll track it to you, Terence does very good job with reviewing all the bills of the borough including mine. So, whatever the governing body is comfortable with doing, I'd be happy to do it either way. I would suggest that you move as quickly as possible on it. Because with this grant money, it's very competitive, you have to be on time with your projects. The later it lags, the more chance you have in losing them. Not that I'm saying you'll lose

them. And right now the climate in the public [inaudible] world is very attractive. It's hopefully not changing for anytime soon but it is attractive.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: One quick question, mayor. How with time, to bill with your time, is there a not to exceed? Can we put a not to exceed?

MR. NEGLIA: The only not to exceed would be the, and I would commit that to you, if you want me to revise it I will, but the not to exceed number would be my original number, which would be the fixed fee. So, I mean, we could do it either way. Like I said, I have some towns that don't want to take the risk and rather just have me take the risk and then there's other towns that want it, time material with a fixed fee, the fixed fee and the right way to do it is before the final agreement is approved, or is that the proposal should be changed, we'll go time and material to a fee not to exceed 42,820 which I already gave you. And if you'll notice the breakdown of what I changed, so you understand the difference between the numbers. I knocked the surveying number down as far as I could. My survey department gives me time to go locate that amount of linear footage in the streets, it's an estimate. So, its 2-3 days. What I did was instead of putting three days in since I was doing a risk, you put two days in, and that's basically how you go through the breakdowns. So, I took the low range of each one of my department's estimated hours for the project and I took that out of the time and material because I was no longer taking the risk. So, it's up to you. Steve, I think the way to do it is time material not to exceed the 42,820, that's fine. The design fee is still way below 10%, I think it was 8% as we calculated it Terence, if I'm not mistaken.

TERENCE: Yes.

MR. NEGLIA: So it's well within the range for this type of job and the only thing that's scaring for me is the Transportation Enhancement Trust is very time consuming process. So, that's all I had to report. If anyone has any other questions for me...

MAYOR MASSA: Any other questions on the engineers report? Thank you, Mr. Neglia.

COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Well, we should finalize the new senior citizen bus tonight. By the end of the evening which should be done and the contract will be awarded. Our old bus is up and running. The air conditioning is working, the busses are running, the senior citizens are happy. That's all I can tell you. I'm done with my report, sir.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Can I just ask one question?

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Mayor, we've talked numerous with Terence about the route and changing the route because we have gotten complaints over the last two years on the bus not being where it's supposed to be, when it's supposed to be there, not going to certain stops that it's supposed to go. Every time I go to senior center and we talk about it that's what comes back to us. In the process while were waiting for this bus

to be delivered, is can we put together some type of, someone to oversee what the routes are, double check them, make sure they are accurate.

MAYOR MASSA: Sure

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Maybe go over an interview to three senior groups or four senior groups and find out what's working and what's not working. So that when the bus gets here, we have a route that he's supposed to follow, and we can get the ground running verses continue the same...

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: I have a question. Is there a published guide for the senior bus route? Is there a published guide we can distribute to the seniors and they can say "hey, this is where the bus goes, times, etc." is that available?

MAYOR MASSA: If we don't have it, were going to make one available.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: Is there an actually bus schedule for the bus?

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Point of order. What I could do, I am off on Monday and I could go to the senior citizens on Monday, I wont be able to go Tuesday or Wednesday, but I can go the Monday club and I'll throw myself into that's hornets nest there and I'll ask them about their route for the bus because that's what its going to be like. There all, there's going to be fifty people there, there all going to want the bus to come in front of their house. So I don't know if it's a good idea to go to the senior citizens to ask them that question. We should design it ourselves.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: I'd like to know if there is an existing bus schedule. And your absolutely right Councilman Tanelli, we've had this discussion several other times. And I know Jimmy keeps raising his hand so I'd like to bring to the podium our DPW supervisor Mr. Jim McCabe.

JIM MCCABE: Thank you. There is a bus schedule, there is a bus route. The problem is they want to be picked up in front of their house, dropped off where they want to go, they don't want to follow a route. They want to do what they want to do.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: That being understood, I think it would be smart from the borough's perspective to have an actual document showing what the physical route is as a starting point and to have a borough update...

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Don't put my name on it.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: and I'd like to call it the Bianchi document if it's possible.

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Al Granell. Put the camera on your husband. It's the Al Granell document.

ALL COUNCILMAN: [laugh]

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: So we need to publish that as a starting point. The other issues that you're talking about, Joe, about people wanting to be picked up, and stuff like that...

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: That's why I say it would be a hornet's nest if I went in there.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: My question has always been, like right now were going to spend about \$90,000 on our brand new senior bus, and my question has always been, and I've talked to you about is and you've said this a thousand times, is that bus 100% full and if its not a 100% full is it because people don't know what the route is, what the hours are, what's the schedule? We really need to wrap our hands around that. So your absolutely right councilman.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Maybe we need to add 15 more stops to get closer to where people need the bus verses than having them walk up hills to get their bus. That why I want to look at this route and find out do they have to walk from River Rd. to Ridge Rd. to get on the bus.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: [Inaudible]. We're going out, we're getting a brand new bus, we're trying to help out, but maybe we're not really helping in. We're just doing, the cancer of, we've always done it before, that's the way we've always done it. Maybe that's not we need to do anymore. We really have to understand what's going on. Because when we get the survey with the newsletter and the borough webpage, people were very clear that they want a small senior bus. They wanted one so that the capacity that it has when they went to Shoprite they could put their bags in there, people were very particular. So you're actually right. Joe, people, if you build it they will come, if you ask them, they will tell you I want to be picked up right here. But we really to understand what we were doing and make that available so they know what's going on. I'll tell you right now, nobody knows. If you go to the senior center right now and ask them what the bus schedule is to the seniors, no ones going to know. Nobody here knows. But we went out and got a \$90,000 bus.

COUNCILMAN DIBLASI: Steve, I'll give a route, Town hall, parkway, Atlantic City.

COUNCILMAN: Laughs

DPW JIM MCCABE: We do have a route that has been in effect but like said, Joe's right though, they call up...we can change the route.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: Understood. Who does the senior bus fall under in terms of administration? Is that under Ghione? Is that under...

TERENCE: I could brief...

MAYOR MASSA: The administrator will give you that answer.

TERENCE: With this very briefly. Councilman Tanelli's point and he had brought this up with me before. Yes, we have a route. It is published and it's not effective. So these are all facts. The bus, because of the mayor and council's work, there will be a new senior bus, I believe awarded this evening. Once you have a professional bus, a new bus, and a professional route, a new route that is consistent with the meeting I had with the seniors, and also I had spoken with Mr. Dischler, the driver, that there needs to be all the stakeholders at the table to design a new route that's effective. So we have a published route that's not effective, we have a bus that's not functioning, so when those two items are cured, you should have a program that flourishes. So that is in process in that respect, I just wanted to share that.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Mayor, I offer myself to go into the hornets nest myself and work this schedule and route out if you would...

MAYOR MASSA: I take it that you go Councilman Granell and Councilman Bianchi...

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'll stay at the door.

MAYOR MASSA: We'll attend that meeting. I've attended a number of these senior citizen meetings and the first thing I do that seems to be set up a very good chain of communication with me and the seniors is ask them, "is there anything that you have to holler at me about?" and usually somebody will come up with a couple of issues that we work on resolving and we've been able to resolve most of their complaints. The only

other question I did have with respect to the operations of the senior bus, does the driver keep a log of his stops?

JIM MCCABE: Yes.

MAYOR MASSA: He does and you scrutinize the log? Okay. So we have a record of where the driver is stopping as compared to what the route is? Okay. So let's find tune that, work on that so we can get as many people happy as possible. We probably can't please everybody but we can sure try. Okay, do you wish to continue Joe?

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: No, I'm done.

MAYOR MASSA: With your report, are you sure?

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: I'm done,

MAYOR MASSA: You know, I got to say that your report tonight has generated some very colorful conversations. [Inaudible].

COUNCILMAN BIANCHI: Well, that's my makeup.

MAYOR MASSA: And I'm glad. Councilman DiBlasi.

COUNCILMAN DI BLASI: Okay. Department of Public Works, last months reports, report for August, they've cleared five sewer backups. At the middle school, they removed all the playground equipment. They painted curbs and sidewalks. At 15 Fisher Pl., we worked with Montana Construction and Engineers to resolve homeowner's sewer problem. At 141 Ridge Rd., solved homeowner's problem checked valve in wrong place. The check valve was in the wrong place. They clean the youth center daily. Maintain soccer and baseball field. At Zadroga soccer field, repaired sprinkler system. At the county park soccer field, repaired fence. And order new signs for parking spots, permit parking, and I think that Jimmy and his crew do other things that are not on this list. I know they do a good job. That's all I've got on my report, mayor.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you councilman. Councilman Granell.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: Mayor. I'll be brief. We've been meeting with the NJMC on a couple different issues. Specifically this week one of them is the visioning meeting that they're going to have in Lyndhurst and Rutherford. Just for the record the reason they're not having one in North Arlington just yet is because the paper is sitting on the attorney general's desk waiting for approval and until that paperwork gets signed and the resolution of ENCAP, what happens between them and those properties, is the reason there hasn't been a divisioning meeting. Director Serberio has made it quite clear that once that paperwork is resolved, that they would be more than happy to have a visioning meeting here in North Arlington. The same that they have in Lyndhurst and Rutherford so I don't want the residents to think that when they read that article in the paper or any of the local papers that North Arlington was cut out for any particular reason. And then we met with the New Jersey Meadowland Commission today concerning the sewer commission.

MAYOR MASSA: And on Tuesday.

COUNCILMAN GRANELL: Correct about what's happening down there in terms of our pumping stations, what's going to be moving out in the future. And the actual process of upgrading those stations. The joint sewer approved about \$500,000 worth of work to modify the pumping stations, get them fixed and repaired, so that it

would be okay. There is the question about the leach aid**** from the landfill and adding that to this process and what this means to our pumping stations. We simply cant afford to have that leach aid**** going there now without the modifications to the pumping stations. So the engineering firms from the boroughs of Lyndhurst and North Arlington are going to meet with NJMC and NHA and are going to come up with a solution, in terms of if they do go cohort with a combined solution what that means to the pumping stations. And we'll be able to report on that shortly. Thank you, that's all I have.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you Council. Councilman Hughes.

COUNCILMAN HUGHES: Yes, thank you Mr. Mayor. We had a meeting last night at the board of health and quickly I want to review the plans that they are making for the upcoming flu season. As you know, not only does the health dept. have the seasonal flu to contend with this year, but they have the added problem of the H1N1, or traditionally known as Swine Flu problem. So the way they are planning on handling it is, they're going to be having two flu clinics for the seasonal flu. This is something they do every year. At the advice of county health, they're going to be holding a daytime clinic and an evening clinic. The dates are going to be October 22nd for the daytime clinic and November 5th for the evening clinic. And for that Swine, for that seasonal flu, vaccine is going to be a nominal \$20 charge. And if you're on Medicare or Medicaid, I think that will pick up the charge for you. So this is something they do every year and it's what handles the seasonal flu. As of yet, there is no accepted vaccine for the H1N1 swine flu. It's still in the testing phase. They anticipate having delivery sometime in November or December, at which time they will, depending on quantities that are available, will start conducting flu clinics for the H1N1 flu. There are priorities that are established by the CDC as to who is the highest deed, or most at risk individuals, and will be given in that priority depending as the, that vaccine becomes available. Now because of funding through the federal government, this H1N1 will be a free shot. So there will be no cost or charge to any of our residents. As these dates become available and the vaccines for this flu becomes available, that information will get out to the local papers and to the residents of North Arlington. That's all I have, Mayor.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you councilman, Councilman Tanelli.

COUNCILMAN TANELLI: Thank you mayor. I just want to remind, not that I need to remind anybody, but tomorrows 9/11, and I wanted to let the mayor and council know and the general public that Queen of Peace will be having their mass to honor the victims at 7pm. Everyone from all religions are welcomed. I would also like to ask Mr. Wall, being that a decision was made to leave the park opened past dusk that we work in conjunction with Chief Ghione, to make sure we have police coverage down there because there is no traffic light and Schuyler Avenue is a little bit treacherous by the park entrance. I'd like to thank Nick Mazzolla and also Jim McCabe and all of our summer workers for an outstanding job this summer. More specifically, I'd like to thank Jimmy for the students who painted the wall in the parking lots; sooner or later that parking lot's going to look the way it's supposed to look. I'd like to thank Terence for staying on top of that. As for the emergency squad, the North Arlington volunteer emergency squad, next month they will be offering a weekend class for the EMT's called the court13; this class must be taken every three years by the EMT's in order to recertify. In November

they will be offering a class that will discuss cold weather situations for the upcoming winter. Also in December the class topic will be burns. These classes are not only required to obtain credits, but these classes allow the EMT's to refresh their memory on certain topics. I'll have more information as the month goes on, on all other classes. Recreation, our fall sports on full swing. Junior Vikings kick off their season in Wallington Saturday. Also Mayor, I'm very happy to announce that Saturday we'll be having our rededication and reopening of our public library- Saturday at 12 O'clock. I'd like to thank the library board for working with this mayor and council to properly renovate this library and not continue to piece me over repairs. This all came to a head back in 2006 when I opposed a \$65,000 bond to fix lights that were not broken. The issue was that due to expansion over the years, book cases had been moved, locations that blocked the lighting from the rows. Also bulbs that had burned out were not being replaced in a timely manner for a number of reasons. But with the cooperation of the library board, a plan was put in for a new face lift, and the lighting for the record is now above state recommendations. So I'd like to thank my colleagues for their continued support with the many possible changes this administration has been able to accomplish even in quite possibly the worst economic times our countries ever faced. Thank you mayor.

MAYOR MASSA: Thank you councilman. Councilman Yampaglia.

COUNCILMAN YAMPAGLIA: Thank you mayor. Just briefly, the Halloween parade is going to be October 30th at 6:30pm. Everybody is going to meet at the Boston Market and of course finish up down at the Borough Hall. And that's all I have, mayor.

MAYOR MASSA: For my own report, I'd just like to reiterate some of the comments that were made by Councilman Granell with respect to the Meadowlands Commission. The Meadowlands Commission met with myself and the mayors of the other two sister communities, Lyndhurst and Rutherford, on Tuesday morning and the first task force meeting to plot the future of the meadowlands and to plot the future of specifically the impact that new improved development will have on various communities. Of course here in North Arlington we're looking forward to the opening of the garbage, the NJMC solid waste baler. The RFQ's have gone out from the NJMC. It's anticipated that we will be receiving host community fees in the future with respect to that operation. We're also considering, the Meadowlands Commission is also considering proposals for the other real estate that's going to come under their umbrella. The old BCUA site and the Betlam steel site, there will be most likely some plans made to get those locations set up for industrial and commercial operations that we anticipate to have a positive impact on our revenue stream in the near future. I want to thank our staff and I want to thank our legislative team in Trenton, Senator Sarlo, Assemblymen Scalera and Schaer, for \$160,000 grant that we received to extend the Ridge Road streetscape. Again, just to reiterate the comments, Councilman Tanelli made in respect to the library, I'm glad to see that we are able to celebrate the completion of that renovation project on Saturday. That's \$200,000 worth of renovations that were long overdue. I could well remember back in the earlier 70's when the library was first built. The proposal was first set up by then mayor, Eddie Sladowski. It didn't reach completion until the administration of Marin Serone when it was dedicated. In any event, we've come along way since we've had that little

store front library on the corner of Prospect Avenue and Sunset, when I was a youngster in the community. I'd also like to thank Nick Mazzolla for the great job he did with the summer program. I want to thank Jimmy McCabe for the job he did in the DPW with the job he did with the summer help this year. Getting a lot of little extra jobs done and staying on top of some of the projects we have. We know that we're working with a reduced staff than we had in the past due to budget constraints. As councilman Tanelli had mentioned, we're running a municipal government today in an economic climate that is, what has been called the worse since the great depression. I think economic historians will probably refer to these times as the great recession. But in any event, with that said, we still have a responsibility to deliver responsible services to this community. And that is what we intend to do. We intend to do it as economically and effectively as we humanly can. And again, I want to thank the members of this council for their diligence and their hard work and dedication to the needs and the services of the people of this town. At this point I think we have resolution for executive session, Administrator.

TERENCE: Yes, Mayor.

R-194-09 RESO RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

TERENCE: Councilman Tanelli, would you introduce that again to go back on record?

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

TERENCE: I will now refer the matters at hand to Mr. Delia for the proper resolutions

ATTORNEY TONY DELIA: I'll speak slow to Cathy. Cathy, hello. With regard, this resolution regarding the new 22 or 20+ two passenger commercial bus,

ATTORNEY TONY DELIA: Reads into the record *** resolutions

R-181-09 RESO RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT SENIOR CITIZEN BUS

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Bianchi
SECONDED BY: Councilman Granell
ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

R-195-09 RESO RE: PROFESSIONAL SERVICE RIDGE ROAD STREETScape
PHASE 111

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman DiBlasi
SECONDED BY: Councilman Hughes

ROLL CALL: All Council present vote in the affirmative

ATTORNEY TONY DELIA: And I'm handing the agreement dated September 2 to the clerk, Mr. Wall, to be attached to and included in your file with the resolution.

R-196-09 RESO RE: PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE BENCHES AND RECEPTACLES ALONG RIDGE ROAD

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

ATTORNEY TONY DELIA: And I'm handing the agreement we well to Mr. Wall to be attached to the resolution. You hear that Kath? Kathy? Are you awake?

R-180-09 RESO RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT THE NORTH ARLINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

ATTORNEY TONY DELIA: And I'm handing the agreement we well to Mr. Wall to be attached to the resolution.

TERENCE: Thank you. And this approval is also subject to certification of funds.

197-10 RESO: RE: SALARY ADJUSTMENT, JAMES McCABE

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman DiBlasi
SECONDED BY: Councilman Bianchi
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilman Bianchi, DiBlasi, Hughes, Yampaglia
NAY: Councilman Granell, Tanelli

ATTORNEY TONY DELIA: I'm handing that resolution to Terence. Here you go Terence. Just for the record, Terence, I will contact Mr. McCabe. I want to get his agreement in writing to the condition to waive his longevity in the future before we actually implement the raise.

TERENCE: Understood.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Tanelli

SECONDED BY: Councilman Granell

ROLL CALL: All council present vote in the affirmative