

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne was held on the above date at 7:28 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 445 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey, with the following present:

Mayor.....	Richard S. Goldberg
Council President.....	John N. Bertollo
Council Vice President	Frank E. Matthews
Councilman.....	John Lane
Councilman	Bruce Bennett
Councilman	Dominic Mele
Councilman	Garret Sinning
Councilman.....	Joseph Wojtecki
Borough Administrator	Eric Maurer
Borough Attorney.....	Michael J. Pasquale
Borough Engineer	Dr. Stephen T. Boswell
Borough Clerk.....	Lori DiBella
<u>ABSENT:</u>	
Director of Revenue and Finance.....	Mary Jeanne Hewitt

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Bertollo invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Boys Scouts Pack 30.

STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Schedule of Regular Meetings heretofore adopted and posted on the Public Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building, emailed to the Hawthorne Press, Herald News, The Record, The Gazette and all persons who have requested the mailing of such schedule, and a copy of said schedule has remained on file in the office of the Borough Clerk from and since November 19, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Council President Bertollo entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of January 4th, 2016 and the January 5th Bid Minutes for Collection of Solid Waste Recyclables, Yard Waste & Leaves and the Bid Minutes of January 12th for the 2016 Tree Planting Services, moved by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wojtecki. On roll call, all voted yes, with the exception of Council President Bertollo who abstained from the January 12th Bid Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

Council President Bertollo opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desired to be heard, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone state your name and address and sign the sheet for the record. He stipulated this be for agenda items only.

Seeing none, Council President Bertollo entertained a motion to close the public portion, moved by Councilman Wojtecki, seconded by Councilman Lane. On roll call, all voted yes.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:

Ordinance No. 2151-15

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2134-15 OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE, AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO AMEND THE SALARIES OF UPSEU BLUE-COLLAR BARGAINING UNIT

Public Hearing

Council President Bertollo opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 2151-15 please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Council President Bertollo entertained a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2151-15 be closed and that it be resolved this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted, published in the Hawthorne Press and available on the borough website. Copies of said ordinance were made available to the general public. Now, therefore, be it resolved that this ordinance be adopted and the Clerk is authorized to advertise the same according to law, moved by Councilman Bennett, seconded by Council Vice President Matthews. On roll call, all voted yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Lane – We are in the process of finalizing the plans for the DPW garage and will review as a committee next week before it goes out to bid. Also reviewing the revised plans for the Pumping Station.

Councilman Bennett – asked if the paving remediation on Hawthorne Avenue is all done and approved? Engineer Dr. Boswell stated the approval is not done because we want to make sure it is working before we close this out.

Councilman Sinning – Asked if the tree has been removed on Watchung Drive? Administrator Maurer stated Yes, it is all taken care of.

Councilman Wojtecki – Asked another email be sent from the police department to the residents on Mohawk Avenue regarding the speeding issues there.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Lane commented the large branch pieces left by PSE&G last summer on residents' properties are still there; Mayor Goldberg stated we will call PSE&G and get them here to clean it up. Councilman Lane asked why we are putting down brine after hours on Monday and Tuesday when it is not going to snow until Friday and/or Saturday. Administrator Maurer will contact DPW. A resident was unable to exit her car in her driveway due to about 20 turkeys blocking her; can we address this with Tyco Animal Control. Administrator Maurer will follow up.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA PRESENTED BY MAYOR GOLDBERG:

We are expecting a snow event this Friday into Saturday. We have a new snow parking ordinance in effect – please see the website for a copy of the ordinance and map. We have made arrangements with the school board to use the schools' parking lots (Washington, Roosevelt and Lincoln Schools) for off-street parking. We will be sending out a *Nixle message* with information as it becomes available. If you aren't signed up, please consult the website or Borough calendar for instructions. Congratulations to our firefighters who were installed last Friday. Our Local PBA #200 will be honored Friday night, January 29th by the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce as "Member of the Year". We are awarding the garbage collection contract tonight. We feel a responsibility to our residents to address their concerns regarding collections, so the current vendor contract will end at the scheduled time, March 31st. Regarding Recycling pick-ups, we are in the process of rebidding that contract and we may change how we pick up recyclables. We will keep you informed.

Mayor Goldberg added his condolences to the family of former Police Chief George Gordon who served the department from 1990 – 1993, he was laid to rest yesterday.

REPORTS:

Attorney Michael Pasquale

On December 30th, we received a report from Econsult; a group of 278 Municipalities hired this company to prepare a report what it determined to be the Fair Share Housing obligation of the entire State & for every Community. Dr. Kinsley thinks there should be over 200 thousand new units of affordable housing constructed in the next 10 years which means you would need one million new housing units overall in the state. There has never been any kind of growth remotely resembling that. Econsult concluded that the total number of affordable housing units in the entire State is 37000; which is a significant departure from Dr. Kinsley. The good news for Hawthorne is Econsult considered Hawthorne's makeup, what it's done & what land it has (which is next to none) and conclude that our new construction obligation is zero. In the meantime we continue to work with our Special Master who met with Mr. Burgis last week and with representatives from 204 Wagaraw Road to discuss ways of bringing things together. In conclusion Econsult Report supports everything that Mr. Burgis has been saying all along. Tax Appeals; at the end of the year Tax assessor, Tim Henderson & himself settle three significant tax appeals which are being presented tonight. Our goal was to preserve the tax books going into 2016, which we have done. We actually settled cases so the

tax impact going into 2016 is not going to be significant. You budgeted \$400,000 last year to settle tax appeals, we extended a little over \$300,000 of that money (if you approved what's on the agenda tonight), however we have cleared over 77 tax appeals last year alone. We are down to only 32 properties under appeal. Band shell is nearing competition, the committee is coming together.

Engineers Report, Dr. Boswell

1. 2015 Road Resurfacing Program.

Final payment and close out documents for this project has not been submitted to the Borough. Therefore, any changes to the corrective measures constructed for Mountain Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue can be requested and addressed by the contractor. There were piles of leaves located along Mountain Avenue during the previous rainfall event, so, the corrective work performed has not been accepted by our office.

2. Braen Avenue.

Final payment and close out documents for this project has not been submitted to the Borough. Minor punch list items remain.

3. Washington Avenue.

NJDOT close out documents have been requested from the Borough.

4. Band Shell.

Work is in progress. The contractor was informed of the Borough's color selection for the coping material.

5. Streetscape Project.

The County Agreement was signed by the Administrator and returned to Passaic County for their review and endorsement.

6. SCADA Upgrades.

Our firm has negotiated with NSI Neal System and L & P Integrators. The negotiated bids were as follows:

- L & P Integrators, Glenwood, NJ \$48,600.00
- NSI Neal Systems \$65,700.00

Our office recommends award of this project to L & P Integrators subject to attorney review.

7. Water System Generators.

Revised drawings have been submitted to the Borough for their review. Plans and specifications will be finalized based on any comments.

A proposal to assist the Borough with the online application for the NJDEP Air Quality Permitting was prepared and mailed to the Borough. The proposal fee is \$2,500.00. The actual permit fee is expected to be \$850.00 for the two (2) generators, which is renewed every five (5) years.

8. DPW Building.

Review comments from the Borough for the revised set of drawings have been received and these changes are being made. Also, proposed lighting fixture information is being prepared for John Lane.

9. Prescott Avenue Rehabilitation.

The Inter Local Agreement is completed and the application will be sent to the NJDOT.

10. "Color" Zoning Map.

The "Color" Zoning Map was prepared and submitted for review. The Administrator has requested changes with some of the Zone colors. The Borough is also checking on a few properties to confirm appropriate zone(s). The zone color representations have been revised and a new map will be prepared once the Borough has provided and changes to properties.

Administrator Maurer

The Finance Department switchover is slowing down our close-out this year because the reports are new and the staff is still learning the system. He completed bids specs for Tree Trimming & Removal Services and Custodial Services which will be advertised next week. All the snow equipment is ready to go and we have already brined all the roads.

Questions for the Administration

Council Vice President Matthews stated he saw they are marking out the "No Parking on this side of the Street" signs in the Kaywin Ave area today, is there rough estimate when those signs will be

completed and what are the other areas getting signage? Administrator Maurer stated they will be done by the end of the week; Sunrise and Mountain Ave's are the other area getting signage.

Councilman Wojtecki pointed out the police page on the borough website talks about Auxiliary Police. Administrator Maurer will follow up. May Street had another road opening, was someone notified by PSE&G? Administrator Maurer stated he was not, however he will see if anyone was notified. Councilman stated that is (5) road openings from Coolidge to Wagaraw. Does property maintenance continue at Congress Textiles? Mayor Goldberg responded yes. The "Welcome to Hawthorne Sign" right at Congress Textiles is now cut in half. Mayor Goldberg stated we are in the process of replacing all the Welcome to Hawthorne signs.

Councilman Mele asked if the financial software is up and running now? Administrator Maurer replied, "Yes and we are in the training process. With any new software there are always some glitches. We are still working on things on the finance side; however the tax and water portions, the first conversion, are working."

Councilman Lane questioned developers who already received approvals and have COAH units already in their plans, can they now make them into market ratables? Attorney Pasquale stated no, they have to do what they were approved for. Attorney Pasquale added he did receive correspondence from counsel for Mr. Gorga regarding 55 Westervelt indicating he is nearing the acquisition of a property(s) that would address his obligation. Councilman Lane asked, "With the upcoming storm have we sold brine our brine to Ridgewood and Passaic County?" Administrator Maurer replied "yes".

Council President Bertollo asked if anyone had any questions for the Administration. Seeing none, Council President Bertollo entertained a motion to record the Administrative Agenda, moved by Councilman Wojtecki, seconded by Council Vice President Matthews. On roll call, all voted yes.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES: None.

RESOLUTIONS...

CONSENT AGENDA: MR 01-16, MR 02-16 and R 20-16 through R 31-16:

MR 01-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that:

1. The words and phrases used herein shall have the same meaning respectively ascribed to them in Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey.
2. Pursuant to the Authority granted under N.J.S.A. 39:4-197.6, the following location was previously designated as a restricted parking space for use by persons who have been issued special vehicle identification cards by the Division of Motor Vehicles.
3. The parking space located on the south side of Dixie Avenue, beginning 174 feet (one hundred and seventy-four feet) east of Fifth Avenue and extending 22 feet (twenty-two feet) thus being located in front of the residence known as Block 181.01, Lot 36 (also known as 14 Dixie Avenue) as shown on the Borough Tax Map is no longer needed.

Street Address	Original Resolution Date
14 Dixie Avenue	12/16/2009

4. The Police Department is hereby directed to have the sign calling attention to the provisions of this resolution removed.
5. This resolution shall take effect on adoption.

MR 02-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Passaic, through its Open Space Fund, has provided to the Borough of Hawthorne funds utilized to pay for a major portion of the bandshell being constructed at the Hawthorne Municipal Pool Complex, which is now nearing completion; and

WHEREAS, the project is one of a series of cooperative efforts between the Freeholder Board and the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hawthorne to benefit the residents of the Borough and the County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the projects include the breathtaking restoration and improvements made to the Goffle Brook Park, the paving of the vast majority of County Roads in the Borough, the buy-out of Flood Prone Properties along the Passaic River, the Downtown Streetscape Project being undertaken by the Borough that includes work along County Roads, and the safety improvements made at the intersection of Goffle Road, Rock Road and Braen Avenue, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, Anthony DeNova, has hosted meetings with the Office of Congressman William Pascrell and committed County assistance and resources to help Hawthorne address long-standing flooding problems in the area of Goffle and Wagaraw Roads; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Administration of the Borough of Hawthorne want to take the opportunity to thank the Freeholder Board and its Administrative Staff for these efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne does join the Mayor in thanking the Freeholder Board and its Administrative Staff and expresses all good wishes for continued cooperative efforts in this New Year and for years to come.

R 20-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

Borough of Hawthorne payroll dated January 8, 2016.			
CURRENT FUND	WT 888889	\$	262,928.72
WATER OPERATING FUND	WT 888889	\$	40,917.19
OTHER TRUST II FUND	WT 888889	\$	2,049.40
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	WT 888889	\$	-
DOG DEDICATED FUND	WT 888889	\$	-
			\$ 305,895.31
TOTAL PAYROLL			\$ 305,895.31
CURRENT FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	WT 888889	\$	13,802.80
WATER OPERATING FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	WT 888889	\$	-
			\$ 13,802.80
TOTAL FICA			\$ 13,802.80

R 21-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2016, the Borough of Hawthorne received bids for curbside garbage collection services for a five years period beginning April 1, 2016 and through March 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator, upon review of the bids, recommends award of the contract to the low bidder:

B & B Disposals, LLC
470 Hillside Avenue
Hillside, NJ 07205

in the monthly amount of:

Garbage Collection \$33,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne approves the acceptance of the bid from the lowest bidder in the amount of \$1,980,000.00 covering the five year period, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be directed and authorized to enter into and execute a contract between the Borough of Hawthorne and B & B Disposals, LLC in a form approved by the Borough Attorney when these conditions have been met.

R 22-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2016, the Borough of Hawthorne received bids for curbside garbage and recycling collection services for a five years period beginning April 1, 2016 and through December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator, upon review of the bids, recommends award of the contract to the low bidder:

Gaeta Recycling

in the monthly amounts of:

Yard Waste	\$ 9,900.00	(7 months/year)
Leaves	\$13,700.00	(2 months/year)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne approves the acceptance of the bid from the lowest bidder in the amount of \$483,500.00 covering the five year period, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be directed and authorized to enter into and execute a contract between the Borough of Hawthorne and Gaeta Recycling in a form approved by the Borough Attorney when these conditions have been met.

R 23-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

WHEREAS, the semi-annual payment to the 2004 NJEIT Fund Trust-Loan in the amount of \$5,943.21 and Refunding Loan 2004 in the amount of \$8,220.51 has become due and payable as of February 1, 2016 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to wire funds in the amount of \$14,163.22 in payment of the 2004 NJEIT Trust and Fund Loans.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to wire funds in the amount of \$1,372.50 to U.S. Bank in payment of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust semi-annual Administration Fee.

R 24-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

WHEREAS, the semi-annual payment to the 2003 NJEIT Trust-Loan in the amount of \$12,576.41 and the semi-annual payment to the 2010A NJEIT Refunding Loan in the amount of \$10,379.82 has become due and payable as of February 1, 2016 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to wire funds in the amount of \$22,956.23 from Water Operating in payment of the 2003 NJEIT Fund Loan and the 2010A NJEIT Refunding Loan.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to wire funds in the amount of \$2,137.50 to TD Bank in payment of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust semi-annual Administration Fee.

R 25-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

WHEREAS, the semi-annual payment to the NJEIT Loan 2010 in the amount of \$9,174.10 has become due and payable as of February 1, 2016 and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to wire funds in the amount of \$9,174.10 in payment of the 2010 NJEIT Trust and Fund Loans.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to wire funds in the amount of \$262.50 to U.S. Bank in payment of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust semi-annual Administration Fee.

R 26-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne distributes school taxes to the Hawthorne Board of Education on a monthly basis; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Board of Education has requested that these funds be transferred directly to their bank account in Columbia Bank, ABA# 221271935.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the above referenced transfer in the amount of \$2,935,670.00 from the Current Fund and charged to School Taxes Payable for January 2016.

R 27-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT OF \$50,000 FROM THE COUNTY OF PASSAIC FOR THE REPAVING OF VINCENT STREET AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne submitted a request to the County of Passaic for a grant for the repaving of Vincent Street, including the construction of curbs and handicapped ramps, as part of the County's Community Development Block Grant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above-mentioned request, the County of Passaic has offered to the Borough of Hawthorne a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the aforementioned purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Hawthorne to accept these grant funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hawthorne that the Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement accepting \$50,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funds from the County of Passaic for to be used for the repaving of Vincent Street.

R 28-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

Authorize Submission of a Strategic Plan for the FY2017 Hawthorne Municipal Alliance Grant

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey.

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Passaic;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Hawthorne_Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year FY2017 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$ <u>22,440.00</u>
Cash Match	\$ <u>5,610.00</u>
In-Kind	\$ <u>16,830.00</u>

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

R 29-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne has received and reviewed bids for the Curbside Collection of Solid Waste, Recyclables, Yard Waste and Leaves; and

WHEREAS, the bid solicitation permitted bidders to bid on four different options with each option also allowing for bid alternates as part thereof; and

WHEREAS, bidders were permitted to bid on all or any of the options which consisted of the curbside collection of solid waste only (option one), recyclable material only (option two), yard waste and bagged leaves only (option three), and a combined bid for all three services, (option four); and

WHEREAS, as part of the bid solicitation the Borough of Hawthorne reserved unto itself the right to accept or reject the lowest responsible bid for any or all of the options, in its discretion; and

WHEREAS, a total of four bids were received with two bidders, Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc., and Sterling Carting, Inc., submitting bids as to option one, solid waste collection only, and two bidders, B and B Disposal, LLC and Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc., submitting bids as to all four options; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney reviewed all bids, finding that all four were responsive to the bid solicitation and found no defects in the bid submissions that would preclude an award of contract to any of the bidders; and

WHEREAS, the lowest bid with regard to option one, solid waste collection only, was submitted by B and B Disposal, LLC, the lowest bid with regard to option two, recyclables only, was submitted by B and B Disposals, LLC, the lowest bid with regard to option three, yard waste and leaves only was submitted by Gaeta Recycling Co., Inc., and the lowest bid with regard to option four, all services combined, was submitted by B and B Disposals, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the lowest combination of bids was not the combined bid under option four submitted by B and B Disposals, LLC, but rather an combination of solid waste and recyclables to B and B Disposals and yard waste and leaves to Gaeta Recycling, Co., Inc., and

WHEREAS, bids in all categories exceeded estimates for the same prepared in advance of the bid by the Borough with the bid in for collection of recyclable material most significantly departing from the anticipated price for the same; and

WHEREAS, discussions with bidders and prospective bidders both before and after bid opening made clear that the requirements of the recycling bid were not optimal for many bidders, some choosing not to bid at all; and

WHEREAS, the Administration, in consultation with the Finance Committee of the Council, has determined that the pricing received for solid waste and yard waste and leave collection services, while higher than anticipated, are not so high as to render the bids unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, the Administration, in consultation with the Finance Committee, has concluded that the rejection of bids in those areas and subsequent rebid would not likely result in significantly different bids and as such has recommended an award of contract to the low bidder in each category by way of separate resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Administration, in consultation with the Finance Committee, has concluded that the recyclable material bid not only varies greatly from that anticipated but also has concluded that a restructured bid, altering the collection schedule, will likely result in more bidders submitting bids, only two bids having being received, and will likely result in more competitive pricing, benefitting the taxpayers of Hawthorne;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, that it does reject the bids submitted by all bidders as to option two, recyclables only, and option four, all services combined, for reasons set forth in this resolution, and does authorize the Administrator and the Clerk to take all appropriate action to so notify all persons who submitted bids in connection therewith.

R 30-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor has recommended the settlement of real estate tax appeal cases now pending in the Tax Court of New Jersey, by adjustment of the assessment for the tax years in dispute for the properties listed below and the same appears to be fair and reasonable;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that the following settlement of cases pending in the Tax Court of New Jersey be, and hereby is, approved, and the Borough Attorney is hereby authorized and directed to execute a Stipulation of Settlement, and any other document necessary or appropriate to effectuate the same, in accordance with the memo submitted herewith and made a part hereof.

<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Property Address</u>	<u>Block and Lot</u>
Van Dyk Senior Residence	644 Goffle Road	Block 146, Lot 3
Carradori	109 Ethel Avenue	Block 245, Lot 8
A-1, Inc.	196-222 Sixth Avenue	Block 240, Lot 2

R 31-16 Introduced by Councilman Mele

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY TRANSIT MOVING FORWARD THE PROPOSED PLAN TO RESTART COMMUTER SERVICE ON THE NEW YORK SUSQUEHANNA & WESTERN FREIGHT LINE A/K/A THE PASSAIC-BERGEN COMMUTER RAIL

WHEREAS, the New York, Susquehanna and Western Railway (“NYS&W”) ran passenger service on its tracks up until 1966, serving commuters in Passaic, Bergen, and Hudson Counties; and

WHEREAS, now NYS&W uses the railway primarily for freight line service, although the infrastructure is still in place to restart passenger service; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 NJ Transit Board of Directors approved \$5.7 million dollars to fund final design, creation of an operating plan and preparation of bid documents to restart commuter service on this line, with eight stops planned in Hawthorne, Paterson, Elmwood Park, and Hackensack; and

WHEREAS, the project would introduce Federal Railroad Administration compliant Diesel Multiple Unit (“DMU”) technology into the NJ Transit fleet of rail equipment and will provide new passenger service along more than eight (8) miles of existing freight track; and

WHEREAS, the Passaic-Bergen Commuter Rail (“Commuter Rail”) will spur economic development, reduce traffic congestion, and help in diminishing emission of greenhouse gas into the environment; and

WHEREAS, the freight track infrastructure is in place to further expand the line to Hudson County, where a seamless connection to the Hudson Bergen Light Rail exists, and connecting the second and third largest municipalities in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, although the project remains dormant, significant work has been done on a draft Environmental Impact Study, and its completion is vital to the long-term transportation and economic needs of Passaic, Bergen, and Hudson Counties in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, this project will benefit Hawthorne provided that no at-grade intersections are crossed within the Borough of Hawthorne, the new station for this line is located proximate to the existing New Jersey Transit Hawthorne Station, and adequate off-street parking is provided at the station in Hawthorne; and

WHEREAS, the project will be detrimental to the Borough should the aforementioned conditions not be met; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne has been working in concert with the other municipalities on the Commuter Rail to advocate for this project; and

NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Borough of Hawthorne supports the Passaic-Bergen Commuter Line project with the aforementioned conditions and urges New Jersey Transit to continue its progress in the near future; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Borough of Hawthorne will continue to work in conjunction with neighboring communities to lobby State and federal officials to fully fund and complete this project; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Hawthorne’s support would turn to opposition should the three following conditions not be met:

- a) No trains on this line shall traverse at-grade crossings within the Borough of Hawthorne;
- b) The station in Hawthorne on this new line shall be located proximate to the existing Hawthorne train station; and
- c) Adequate off-street parking shall be provided for commuters using the station.

Council President Bertollo entertained a motion to approve consent agenda resolutions MR 01-16, MR 02-16 and R 20-16 through R 31-16 moved by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Sinning. Discussion by Councilman Wojtecki regarding MR02-16, he needs some clarification because this resolution states “The Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne joins the Mayor in thanking the Freeholder Board and its Administrative Staff and expresses all good wishes for continued cooperative efforts in this New Year and for years to come”. However back in November R 218-15 was a resolution to abolish the role of the County Government; we are sending mixed messages. Council President Bertollo stated we are thanking and appreciate the County for the services they give us, however he still feels the County Government is something we don’t need. Councilman Bennett commented he is not convinced on R 31-16, “Restarting the Commuter Rail”. As a commuter who deals daily with NJ Transit, he feels this will never come to fruition and will

never be at the top of their priority list. It might be on the top of Congressman Pascrell's list and appreciates he is thinking in this direction; however he doesn't see the point going on record with this resolution. On roll call, all voted yes, with the exception of Councilman Lane and Councilman Bennett who voted no on R31-16.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

Councilman Lane – This Thursday is a Board of Health meeting.

Councilman Mele – With the snow storm happening this weekend, he is asking residents to cooperate and park in their driveway if they can or if their landlords can help them. This helps the DPW to clean the street right to the curb and its saves a lot of problems.

Council Vice President Matthews – Finance Committee met last Monday to discuss our garbage/recyclable and yard waste bids and the options we have. Last night at the Planning Board meeting a new company was approved for Certificate of Compliance for the corner of Lafayette and Diamond Bridge. Chamber of Commerce will be honoring the “Hawthorne PBA Local #200” at the Company (Member)of the Year Dinner, Friday January 29th. Contact Meg at the Chamber for tickets.

Councilman Sinning – The Ordinance Committee yesterday, we only had one ordinance before us (the organization of the Fire Department) which we made a few changes. Should be ready for approval by February 3rd meeting.

Councilman Wojtecki – Inquired whether the 2016 Committee list was ready to distribute. Council President Bertollo stated that will be published before next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

BILLS:

Council President Bertollo entertained a motion to approve the bill list and forward them to the Treasurer for payment, moved by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Lane. On roll call, all voted yes, with the exception of Councilman Lane who abstained on bills pertaining to the Ambulance Corps and Fire Department, Councilman Wojtecki who abstained from bills pertaining to the Fire Department, and Council President Bertollo who abstained from bills pertaining to Downes Tree Service.

VENDOR	CHECK#	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
CURRENT FUND			
10-75 EMERGENCY LIGHTING, LLC	20047	1,137.50	V-1 NEW BACK-UP CAMERA SYSYTEM
AAA EMERGENCY SUPPLY CO INC	20048	1,936.00	TRUCK MOUNTED METER W/CHARGER
AAA EMERGENCY SUPPLY CO INC	20048	3,743.94	MOBILE FLOW TEST REPAIRS
ACE SECURITY INC	20049	250.00	STORAGE SAFE FOR BK-UP TAPES
ACTION DATA SERVICES	20050	378.87	PAYROLL PROCESSING #1 1/8/16
ACTION DATA SERVICES	20050	1,097.80	PAYROLL SERVICES DECEMBER
AMERICAN HOSE CO INC	20051	827.30	R-15 LOADER INSTALL BUCKET HO
BEACHSTONE SEPTIC	20052	2,000.00	WAGARW MAIN SEWER STATION PIT
BEACHSTONE SEPTIC	20052	2,000.00	CLEAN SMALL WAG PIT
BOB'S TIRES & WHEELS INC	20053	2,352.00	TIRES,REPAIRS:CARS 305,202,32,
BOROUGH OF NO HALEDON	20054	896.72	2014 SEWER ASSESSMENT
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	20055	2,501.00	NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BILLING
BRAEN STONE INDUSTRIES, INC	20056	195.50	ROAD SUPPLIES:INV 337789MB
BRAVANTE AND ASSOCIATES, INC.	20057	275.00	ANNUAL FIRE SPRINKLER SYS. INS
CAMPBELL FIRE EQUIPMENT	20058	4,626.72	ENGINE 3 PUMP PANEL AND DOOR R
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC	20059	12.15	3/15 COPIER DPW:INV 4015292981
CANON FINANCIAL SVCS INC	20060	43.00	1/15 COPIER-DPW YARD:INV 14502
CAROL CHAMBERLIN	20061	265.00	2015 MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT
CHIEF FIRE EQUIP CO	20062	177.75	2016 FIRE EXTINGUISHER REFILLS
CHRISTOPHER DI BELLA JR	20063	50.00	TECH SUPPORT COU MEET 11/16/15
DAVE STERN INC	20064	3,484.00	R-15 LOADER REAR TIRES
DIESEL TRUCK SERVICE, INC	20065	474.00	R-0 FRT END REPAIRS
DIESEL TRUCK SERVICE, INC	20065	663.00	S-2 FRONT END REPAIRS
DONALD TURNER, SR	20066	60.00	REG/TITLE 2016 KEN TRUCK
DOOR WORKS INC	20067	550.38	EMERGENCY REPAIRS UPPER GARAGE
DOWNES TREE SERVICE, INC.	20068	2,523.45	R-7 NEW FUEL TANK
DOWNES TREE SERVICE, INC.	20068	10,294.85	TREE LINE OPERATIONS - TRIMMIN

DOWNES TREE SERVICE, INC.	20068	3,832.00	TRIMMING SMALL TREES IN VARIOU
ELEMENT FINANCIAL CORP	20069	400.00	FEB 16 SHARP COPIER - POLICE
ELLEN BROGNO	20070	93.76	REIMBURSE PUBLIC EVENTS EXPENS
GET A CAN	20071	10,725.00	LEAF PICK UP IN BAGS FOR NOV.
GOLD TYPE BUSINESS MACHINES,	20072	260.00	1QTR2015 E-TICKET SVCS:INV 640
HAWTHORNE AUTO BODY, INC	20073	1,668.22	REPAIR DAMAGES CAR#304
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	20074	2,448.99	POLICE REPAIR R84CMU:JOB 79814
HAWTHORNE CAR WASH, INC	20075	1,428.00	2015 CAR WASHES
HAWTHORNE PRESS INC	20076	586.80	LEGAL NOTICE
HENDERSON TRUCK EQUIPMENT	20077	1,485.50	PARTS & SUPLIES FOR SNOW PLOWS
IMPAC FLEET INC.	20078	5,221.03	GASOLINE BOROUGH & WATER INV 1
JERSEY ELEVATOR INC	20079	154.26	1/15 ELEVATOR SERVICE
J J KELLER & ASSOC INC	20080	479.97	WORKPLACE INSPECTION MANUAL 3
LISA SLOOTMAKER	20081	190.00	2016 EYEGLASS REIMBURSEMENT
LORI DIBELLA	20082	54.95	REIMBURSE FOR RE-ORG MEETING
LOUIS BAY 2nd LIBRARY	20083	75,000.00	2016 MUNI APPROP TEMP BUDGET
LOUIS BAY 2nd LIBRARY	20083	9,861.00	LIBRARY STATE AID 2015
LOUISE SIANO	20084	190.00	2015 MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT
LOWES HOME IMPRV BUSINESS ACCT	20085	1,218.25	SUPPLIES ROAD DEPARTMENT
MARIA PARTY PLANNER LLC	20086	390.00	COSTUMED CHARACTERS FOR TREE L
MATTHEW HOOGMOED	20087	117.05	REIMBURSE FOR DEPARTMENT EXPE
METLIFE	20088	291.76	JAN 16 EMPLOY GROUP LIFE & AD
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	20089	128.00	TAX SALE CERTIFICATE BINDERS
MICHAEL J. PASQUALE, ESQ	20090	4,525.00	JANUARY 2016 RETAINER
NEWTEK TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	20091	80.85	1/16-3/16 DNS HOSTING ...ORG
NICHOLAS MARKETS	20092	780.98	2015 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON FOR BORO
NJCM	20093	510.00	2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES - MAYOR
NJ MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION	20094	150.00	2016 ANNUAL ADMIN FEE MVC
NJ SPORTS & EXPOSITION AUTH	20095	414.06	2/15 DUMPING FEES:INV 4147
NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	20096	25.00	QK REVIEW OF BUD & AUDIT - MJH
NJ STATE LEAGUE MUNICIPALITIES	20096	45.00	UPDATE MORRISTOWN TAX - MJH
PAETEC	20097	799.67	12/15 PHONE SRV ACCT 5494017
POST & KELLY ELECTRIC CO, INC	20098	990.00	REPLACE DAMAGED UNDER GROUND P
PSE&G	20099	235.28	REPAIR FAULTY UPPER GARAGE GAS
PSE&G	20099	12.37	ELECTRIC & GAS NOV & DEC
ROBERT POLITO LANDSCAPING	20100	400.00	PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
RT OFFICE PRODUCTS	20101	4,102.64	RECORDS & OFFICE SUPPLIES
RT OFFICE PRODUCTS	20101	199.15	SUPPLIES FOR FINANCE AND TAX O
RT OFFICE PRODUCTS	20101	4,024.00	KOBRA SHREDDER
RUTGERS - CENTER FOR GOV'T SER	20102	731.00	CLERK CLASSES - MUNICIPAL FINA
SCALES INDUSTIRAL TECHNOLOGIES	20103	2,429.90	REPAIRS TO TOWER 2
SHOTMEYER BROS FUEL CO	20104	4,526.72	1/15 DIESEL BOROUGH & WATER
STAPLES	20105	400.63	SUPPLIES
TANIS HARDWARE	20106	301.77	MISC.PARTS & SUPPLIES FOR VARI
TCTA MEMBERSHIP SERVICES	20107	300.00	2016 MEMBERSHIP DUES MJH/LF/LS
TOTAL MAILING SOLUTIONS INC	20108	56.75	SERVICE & CLEANING FOR FOLDER
TOTAL ADMIN SERVICES CORP	20109	829.20	2/1-4/30/16HEALTH RETIRE/COBRA
UNCLE BOB'S SELF STORAGE	20110	199.00	2/1-3/1 MTHLY RENTAL STORAGE
US MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	20111	117.09	R-11 SWEEPER PARTS-EMERGENCY P
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	20112	344.09	JAN 16 MDT SERVICE 12/24-1/23
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	20112	77.95	JAN 16 WATER/DPW ACCT 411
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	20112	831.88	JAN 16 PHONE ACCT#9838
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	20112	77.75	DEC 15 PHONE ACCT# 3411
VERIZON	20113	83.00	JAN 16 POOL ACCT 76Y TO 1/24
VERIZON	20113	87.06	JAN 16 FAX ACCT 26Y TO 1/24
VERIZON	20113	1,807.85	TELEPHONE DEC
VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	20114	510.00	DECEMBER SOFTWARE SERVICES
WALDWICK PRINTING COMPANY	20115	359.65	DPW WINDOW ENVELOPS / WORK ORD
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	20116	40,433.06	DEC 15 GARBAGE TRANS STATION

Total Current **230,838.82**

WATER OPERATING

ACTION DATA SERVICES	10424	94.72	PAYROLL PROCESSING #1 1/8/16
ACTION DATA SERVICES	10424	274.45	PAYROLL SERVICES DECEMBER
ALL AMERICAN FORD	10425	3,512.77	W-5 REPAIRS

CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC	10426	12.16	3/15 COPIER DPW:INV 4015292981
CANON FINANCIAL SVCS INC	10427	43.00	1/15 COPIER-DPW YARD:INV 14502
IMPAC FLEET INC.	10428	768.17	GASOLINE BOROUGH & WATER INV 1
KINGS IIII EMERGENCY COMMUNCTN	10429	35.00	11/15-1/16 SOLOPROTECT MAN DN
NEW JERSEY DOOR WORKS INC	10430	2,258.00	WELL#1 MANDOOR REPLACEMENT
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	10431	74.40	JANUARY 2015 MARKOUTS
PAETEC	10432	266.56	12/15 PHONE SRV ACCT 5494017
RT OFFICE PRODUCTS	10433	78.37	SUPPLIES FOR FINANCE AND TAX O
RUTGERS - CENTER FOR GOV'T SER	10434	581.00	RON GONZALEZ CPWM REVIEW
SHOTMEYER BROS FUEL CO	10435	635.07	1/15 DIESEL BOROUGH & WATER
TANIS HARDWARE	10436	100.37	MISC.PARTS & SUPPLIES FOR VARI
TOTAL MAILING SOLUTIONS INC	10437	168.25	SERVICE & CLEANING FOR FOLDER
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	10438	77.95	JAN 16 WATER/DPW ACCT 411
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	10438	207.84	JAN 16 PHONE ACCT#9838
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	10438	77.74	DEC 15 PHONE ACCT# 3411
VERIZON	10439	603.95	TELEPHONE DEC

Total Water Operating 9,869.77

Total Bill List 240,708.59

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Bertollo opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desired to be heard, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone, state your name and address.

Mark Walker, 103 Frederick Avenue

Regarding the brining/salting of the town, why were they doing this after hours and why are we doing County Roads. As a taxpayer it concerns him that (4) days before the storm they are working after hours. Mayor stated this is a point well taken and he will follow up and find out why they would brine on overtime for a storm that is 4 days away. Administrator Maurer added as far as the County Roads, we have a contract with them; they pay us to do their roads.

Mike Sciarra, 738 Lafayette Avenue

He congratulated the entire Councilman that was elected and sworn in at the reorganization meeting. He stated he is here as a liaison for the Board of Ed. We have a Shared Service Committee this year. This was created when he and Mike Doyle went down to the school board convention and they had a shared service workshop which happened to be presented from Fairlawn.

Jane Ace-Bosgra, 162 3rd Avenue

Those of us who follow social media know there is a lot of discussion about garbage and recycling. Pick-up failures and pick-up delays. She stated she has a solution which thanks to Councilman Wojtecki because he pointed out that the town gets more money if we take our own recyclables to the recycling center.

Council President Bertollo entertained a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, moved by Councilman Mele, seconded by Council Vice President Matthews. On roll call, all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04 p.m. Council President Bertollo entertained a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, moved by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Lane. All in favor and all responded "Aye".

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2016 THE WORK SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 7:00P.M., THE
REGULAR MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WHICH REQUIRE AIDES SUCH AS: SIGN LANGUAGE
INTERPRETER, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, BRAILLE, TAPES OR LARGE PRINT, SHOULD
NOTIFY THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE TEN DAYS PRIOR TO ATTENDANCE AT A
MEETING SO ACCOMMODATIONS MAY BE MADE.

John N. Bertollo, Council President

Lori DiBella, RMC, Borough Clerk