

October 5, 2011
Hawthorne, NJ

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne was held on the above date at 8:03 p.m., in the Council Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 445 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey. Present were Council President Matthews, Council Vice President Bertollo, Councilpersons Bennett, Lane, Mele, Sinning and Wojtecki. Also present were Mayor Goldberg, Borough Administrator Maurer, Borough Attorney Pasquale, Borough Engineer Boswell, and Borough Clerk Witkowski. Director of Revenue and Finance Hewitt was absent.

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Matthews invited all present to join him in the flag salute.

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, 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 December 15, 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2011 and Bid Minutes of September 29, 2011 and Closed Session Minutes of September 21, 2011, moved by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wojtecki. On roll call, all voted yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

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

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

None recorded.

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Matthews asked if there was any old business to discuss.

None was raised.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Matthews asked if there was any new business to discuss.

Council Vice President Bertollo congratulated the Mayor and his committee on a successful Hawthorne Day that took place on Saturday, October 1st. Congratulations to the PBA and DVRT team on the Blue and Purple Run on Sunday, October 2nd, it was a great turnout.

Councilman Wojtecki thanked Engineer Boswell for his team's participation in the run.

Council President Matthews asked if there was any additional new business to discuss. No additional new business was raised.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Goldberg thanked all who made Hawthorne Day a success, the sponsors, vendors, volunteers, Police Department, Fire Department and the Department of Public Works. Thank you to Hawthorne Nissan who sponsored the fireworks and Hawthorne Chevrolet who sponsored the music. The event does not cost the taxpayers and the profits allow the borough to purchase a needed item. Thank you to my Administrative Assistant Charlene Elvin, committee members Joe Ross, the Vice Chair, Michele Hymes to name a few, there will be a wrap up meeting to review the event and plan for next year. The Andrew Goodell softball marathon will take place this Friday from 6:00 p.m. until 12 midnight on Saturday in North Haledon, thank you to Mayor George and his community for welcoming us while our fields are under rehabilitation. October 28th is the Mayors Halloween Party at the high school at 7:30 p.m. A dinner will take place on October 24th in honor of retiring Senator John Girgenti who will be presented a Proclamation from the borough for his many years of service in the borough.

Mayor Goldberg called upon Attorney Pasquale for his report.

Attorney Pasquale reported on the following:

We have authorized lawsuits against Pan Chemical and One Washington Holdings which should take place next week. Tax appeals continue to be resolved. The Gialanella lawsuit against our Police Department requires his involvement as some matters fall outside JIF coverage. A meeting took place last week with Tony De Nova and Steve Edmond of Passaic County to discuss the timing of the signal at Wagaraw Road and Lincoln Avenue. Steve Edmond reported the predominate turn is right turns into Paterson; a dedicated left turn lane may not be the answer. He recommends gaining extra time from Bergen County as they control the light on the Wagaraw Road side. Mayor Goldberg interjected he met with Bergen County Executive Kathy Donovan and we should have an extra four seconds of green time on the Wagaraw Road side by the end of the week. Council Vice President Bertollo commented this may not help, the backup is one or two cars that are going to make a left turn or go straight and it stops the whole process. Attorney Pasquale continued this will either work or prove that we were right, Steve Edmond is open to creating a left turn or left/straight lane and if the road was widened in some areas to cue

up eight to ten cars might be a solution. They will continue to work with us as we bring redevelopment to Wagaraw Road.

This concluded Attorney Pasquale's report.

Mayor Goldberg called upon Engineer Boswell for his report.

Engineer Boswell reported on the following:

Library Roof – The project was awarded to Paino Roofing. Contracts are being signed and submitted. The contractor is also looking at alternate products to replace previously bid glass block windows. A work schedule has not been provided as yet.

Drainage Improvement Project – The project is completed but not closed out as yet.

2011 Road Program – The paving portion of the project is completed. Striping and pavement markings should be completed tomorrow.

Mohawk Avenue (2011 NJDOT Local Aid) – The contractor has revised the paving schedule for Mohawk Avenue. Mohawk Avenue is now expected to be milled Tuesday, October 11 and resurfaced on the 12th. A residential lateral was repaired on Tuesday, September 27th.

UST Underground Monitoring – The project remains on hold.

Christian Health Care Center – At the September 26th meeting, the applicant's planner began testimony and will continue at the October 24th special meeting with cross examination expected.

Goffle Brook Bank Stabilization – The project requires review by the state Historic Society Commission and is scheduled for their October 20th meeting. The Commission has requested a power point presentation and a CD containing all submission items.

NJDOT Local Aid Final Payment – The borough has received from NJDOT \$34,289.12 as final payment for the Buena Vista Local Aid Project and \$32,500 for Rock Road Local Aid Project.

Ambulance Corps and Police Dept Inspection – The structural department is investigating the areas proposed for storage for both buildings. We found the plans to be correct, the capacity is fifty pounds per square foot which is not enough for storage of documents. The report and pricing to increase weight capacity will be available at the next council meeting.

Lafayette Hills Wetlands Blow Out – The area has not yet been restored.

Ambulance Building Roof – Our office performed an inspection and report has been prepared. The flashing was improperly installed and has to be addressed, as well we, some modifications to the gutters.

Charwalt Silt Fence – A portion of the silt fence has been removed. The entire area has not yet been stabilized. An inlet still needs to be protected.

Curb Replacement for Mr. Rooney – 84 LF of curb was replaced along with the concrete driveway apron.

Royal Avenue Trash Rack – Preparing a proposal for a trash rack and drainage ditch, you have copy of trash rack that which will be recommended to the Public Works Committee, preliminary project cost estimates has been forwarded to Administrator Maurer.

This concluded Engineer Boswell's report.

Mayor Goldberg called upon Administrator Maurer for his report.

Administrator Maurer reported on the following:

On behalf of Director of Revenue and Finance Hewitt the tax sale will take place on October 25th for the sale of liens of 2010 delinquent tax and water bills. We received one bid for diesel fuel which was well below retail and recommending that award. No bids were received for gasoline, the spec has been revised and re-issued to attract fleet services who have expressed interest and the bid opening is scheduled for October 27th. The bid for the 2012 roll-off truck is on Friday, October 7th and 2012 snow plow bids on October 13th. Open enrollment is this month for employee health benefits, this is the first year the new state health reform benefits kicks in with the employee sharing in the costs. An insurance committee meeting has been requested to discuss changes in the insurance/health benefits. At Councilman Lanes suggestion, our health department is working on vaccinations, tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, for our first responder's personnel. The Congress Mills demolition has all approvals but one, PSE&G, which we should have in the next few days. The demolition permit can be issued. We will be getting a refund check in the amount of \$99,000 from the health insurance fund, although the rate increases, one benefit of being a member, when fund does well we share in the success; the funds are deposited into our general fund.

This concluded Administrator Maurer's report.

Councilman Wojtecki addressed Engineer Boswell and stated the repairs to the damaged sprinkler head at 133 Mohawk Avenue and corner of North 14th, have not been completed as yet and the homeowner has not been contacted. Engineer Boswell responded it will be addressed tomorrow. Engineer Boswell reported on the complaint letter sent to the Mayor from a resident on Pasadena Place that the contractor took immediate responsibility, asked the resident to get an estimate and they would send it into the insurance company. Council Vice President Bertollo commented he would like to make sure the other three to four homes that were damaged by the contractor, get settled. Engineer Boswell responded they have all been taken care of, as well as the contractor sending a letter to the Mayor as such.

Councilman Sinning inquired about the handicap ramp replacements. Engineer Boswell stated some were replaced in stages by handicap redevelopment funds due to the change in specs and they did as many as funds would allow.

Council Vice President Bertollo asked if the contractors were observing Columbus Day on Monday, October 10th. Engineer Boswell replied yes. Council Vice President Bertollo asked if the Public Works Committee could receive the plans for the Royal Avenue culvert/trash rack before their meeting on the 17th. Engineer Boswell stated to cut costs, the labor could be done by the prisoners, he still needs to design the new trash rack, will be done in plastic which is structurally sound and guaranteed, and will forward to him ASAP.

Councilman Wojtecki stated the Tuesday milling will take place on Mohawk Avenue, on trash pick-up day and concerned of a conflict with trucks and traffic. Engineer Boswell stated it was coordinated with the police and school board, it should not be an issue and can be moved if decided, he will point this out to the police department.

Council Vice President Bertollo addressed Administrator Maurer and asked the status of Wag fields two and three. Administrator Maurer indicated he had spoken with Public Works Director Clementi who stated they are still waiting for the fields to dry.

Councilman Lane addressed Engineer Boswell and stated on Pasadena Place by Watchung, the curbs not replaced are fine but are even with the paving, there is no reveal, were they overlooked? Engineer Boswell replied they will take a look at it. Councilman Lane continued and stated that along with first responder's personnel and those in the flood areas, the detak shots will also benefit those coming in contact with sick people. Administrator Maurer and the health department are working out the details vaccine availability. Councilman Lane asked Administrator Maurer the status of renting a snow plow truck for the season. Administrator Maurer responded we could not rent the truck we were looking to buy; the 2012 snow plow bid includes more trucks to provide what we'll need in the storms. Mayor Goldberg interjected the Mayor from West Milford informed them there was a real possibility they may have an extra truck and we asked to rent it for the winter. By the time the information was communicated through the West Milford office, they had decided to hire more drivers and keep the truck.

Councilman Bennett asked Engineer Boswell to obtain specs and pricing on both steel and plastic for the trash racks. Engineer Boswell agreed.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to record the Administrative Agenda, moved by Council Vice President Bertollo, seconded by Councilman Sinning. On roll call, all voted yes.

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA R 202-11 THROUGH R 208-11

Vehicles:	Condition	
2007 Ford Crown Victoria	VIN #2FAFP71WX7X134422**	Poor
2007 Ford Crown Victoria	VIN #2FAFP71W37X134424**	Poor
1986 Chevrolet Bus	VIN #1GBJ6P1B0GV113864**	Poor
Office Equipment:	Condition	
Black File Cabinet	Good	
Chairs (5)	Fair	
Color Printer	Good	
Color Printer	Poor	
Copier – Royal Ri4230	Poor	
DELL Keyboard	Good	
Desktop Computers (16 - NO Hard drives - shell only)	Fair	
Fax Machines (3)	Poor	
LaserJet Printers (3)	Poor	
Linksys Port Hub		
Various Office Equipment		
Other Equipment:	Condition	
Atlas Stand	Good	
Bench	Good	
Bogen Audio Mixer CTS1060	Good	
Camera tripod's (2)	Good	
Camera's (2)	Fair	
Display Case's (3)	Good	
HP DesignJet Plotter	Poor	
Kodak 16mm Movie Reel		
Large 3D Model	Fair	
Minuteman Carpet Cleaner	Good	
Modem Tower	Good	
Monitor's (12)	Fair	
Newsrack	Good	
Olathe Turf Sweeper**	Fair	
Panasonic Electronic Viewfinder	Good	
Panasonic TV	Good	
Pelican Sweeper**	Poor	
Ryan Overseeder**	Good	
Tape Recorder's (3)	Good	
Tiger Flail Mower**	Like New	

Toro Groundmaster	Poor
Various Bicycles (12)	Fair-Good
Video Camera's (2)	Good
Viper AF3400 Anti-Freeze Recycler**	Good

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk reserves the right to fix a **minimum bid and bidding in minimum increments, and;

WHEREAS, bidders are requested to pre-register prior to the date of auction by contacting the Borough Clerk's Office at least **two** days prior to the date; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne that authorization is given to hold the aforementioned public auction.

R 205-11 Resolution, introduced by Council Vice President Bertollo

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO ACCEPT A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 OF DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING AND FOR THE BOROUGH CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO AMEND THE BUDGET AND CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne, Office of Emergency Management has been awarded State Homeland Security Grant Program Subgrant CFDA #97.042, Award #2011-P111-1604 from the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management. The Subgrant, consisting of a total amount of \$10,000.00, including \$5,000.00 Federal Award and \$5,000.00 Local Matching Funds, is for the purpose of enhancing Borough of Hawthorne's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to and recover from acts of terrorism, natural disasters and other catastrophic events and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the subgrant award incorporates all conditions and representations contained or made in application and notice of award #2011-EP-EO-0047; and

WHEREAS, the Hawthorne Office of Emergency Management, designated by the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management, has submitted an Application for Subgrant Award that has been required by the said New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Application for Subgrant Award calls for a match in the amount of \$5,000.00 which the Hawthorne Office of Emergency Management adequately satisfies through the 2011 Borough of Hawthorne's approved budget for Division salaries and wages and fringe benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Hawthorne here with accepts the award of the FFY11 Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant Program Subgrant in the amount of \$5,000.00 Federal Funds from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services is requested to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2011 in the sum of \$5,000.00, which is now available from the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management in the like amount of \$5,000.00 from the aforementioned grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the like sum of \$5,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption FFY11 Homeland Security Emergency Management Performance Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawthorne Business Administrator, the Borough Chief Fiscal Officer and the Borough Director of Emergency Management are authorized to sign the appropriate subgrant award documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the New Jersey State Police, Office of Emergency Management; the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; the Hawthorne Business Administrator; the Hawthorne Chief Financial Officer; the Hawthorne Division of Emergency Management and Office of the Treasury.

R 206-11 Resolution, introduced by Council Vice President Bertollo

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2006, the Borough of Hawthorne received bids for diesel fuel for the period October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2013, with up to three (3) one year renewals, and;

WHEREAS, the only one bid has been received and this has been reviewed by the administration and they have recommended accepting the bid of:

Shotmeyer Brothers Fuel Co. LLC
10 Wagaraw Road
Hawthorne, NJ 07506

In the amounts as follows:

The posted Hess, Edgewater rack diesel price plus .15 (fifteen) cents per gallon on the day of delivery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne approves the acceptance of the above-cited responsible bidder, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be directed and authorized to enter into and execute a contract between the Borough of Hawthorne and Shotmeyer Fuel Co. LLC in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

R 207-11 Resolution, introduced by Council Vice President Bertollo

WHEREAS, The Council has heretofore adopted Ordinance 1948-08, providing for the reconstruction of Curbs and Sidewalks, together with other road improvements on Coolidge Place as well other locations, which Ordinance provided for the Assessment of the costs of said

improvements on property specially benefitted thereby in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:56-21 et seq.; and,

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council did, following public hearing thereon, assess the said improvement to property owners affected by the improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Council permitted, as part of the assessment, that property owners could pay the amount assessed by way of installment payment, it being further determined that the failure to make any installment payment would result in the entire assessed sum then being due; and

WHEREAS, Leon and Debra Kozlowski, the owners of property located at 39 Coolidge Place, Block 35, Lot 26, were assessed as part of the within improvement and through inadvertence or inability to make payment failed to make an installment payment when due; and

WHEREAS, the said property owners now requests that the Municipal Council reinstate the assessment and permit the same to continue to be paid by way of installment;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne that it does reinstate the assessment as stated above and does reinstate the schedule of repayment so that the above property owners may continue to make payment by way of installment payment.

R 208-11 Resolution, introduced by Council Vice President Bertollo

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENERGY AUDIT**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, Office of Clean Energy administers the Local Government Energy Audit Program (Program), an incentive program to assist local government agencies to conduct energy audits and to encourage implementation of energy conservation measures; and,

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Borough of Hawthorne has decided to apply to participate in the Local Government Energy Audit Program; and,

WHEREAS, the facilities to be audited are in New Jersey, are owned by the Borough of Hawthorne, are served by a New Jersey regulated public utility, and that the Borough of Hawthorne has not already reserved \$300,000 in the Program this year as of this application; and,

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that acceptance into the Program is dependent on the Scope of Work and cost proposal, and that Program rules will have to be met in order to receive incentive funds; and,

WHEREAS, upon acceptance into the Program, the Borough of Hawthorne will prepare Facility Data Forms and Scopes of Work for each facility to be audited, solicit quotations from the authorized contractors, and submit the Part B application; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne understands that energy audit work cannot proceed until an Application Approval Notice is received from the Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne has achieved Bronze Level of Sustainable Jersey in March 2011 and continues their implementation on Sustainable projects for the Borough of Hawthorne; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hawthorne approves the submission of an application for participation in the Local Government Energy Audit Program of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve Resolutions R 202-11 through R 208-11, moved by Council Vice President Bertollo, seconded by Councilman Wojtecki. Council President Matthews asked if there was any discussion. On roll call, all said yes.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Wojtecki

Attended the Finance Committee meeting, thank you to Council Vice President Bertollo for covering him at last night's Shade Tree Commission meeting.

Councilman Sinning

The Ordinance Committee met this afternoon and will be presenting an ordinance for no parking around the library between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. He attended the Christian Health Care Center meeting where the planner finished his presentation and cross examination will take place at the next meeting.

Council Vice President Bertollo

Finance Committee met on Monday and discussed various line items that may require budget transfers in November such as vehicle maintenance, expenses from Irene while waiting for reimbursement, and the wag fields. We will continue to monitor as the year ends and our needs for the budget, we are comfortable that our spending is in line. Council President Matthews commented at the wag field discussions, one vendor has submitted pricing for cleaning up the fields, we are awaiting one other price and will discuss internally once received. Councilman Mele asked what the options are. Council President Matthews responded one is to scrape it down and start from scratch which has it pros and cons, you can end up with a better product than you started with but downside is the loss of time of fields, time needed for grass to grow, you may have missed the growing season for this fall. The second option is hydro-seeding where they plant the seed in a mix that protects it from the weather and keeps it moist. There will be time and financial impacts on either solution, rebuilding of the dirt and grass are within reach, a turf field is a multi-million dollar proposal. Council Vice President Bertollo commented this has happened in the past and we should follow that protocol of cleaning, seeding and re-

doing the infields. The short term solution is to concentrate on getting the fields ready for the spring. Council President Matthews commented we would want to take a look at vacant fields for this as a long term plan. Councilman Sinning commented he read in the paper that Lodi and Ridgewood turf fields were destroyed by the hurricanes. Council Vice President Bertollo commented both turf fields in Ridgewood were destroyed this time and one last year, does anyone know what the cost was to restore them and their initial cost. Engineer Boswell responded Ridgewood was \$30,000 for one field, last years was \$20,000; initial purchase price is half-million dollars per field for turf, \$9.00 per square foot.

Council President Matthews

Planning Board has approved two new businesses in Hawthorne in the commercial condos at the end of Ninth Avenue, a carpenter and metal fabricator which will have a low impact on the neighborhood.

Councilman Mele

At the Municipal Alliance meeting on September 28th, Elaine Powell announced they received a \$25,000 grant from the county. Mayor Goldberg stated the borough will match with a cash match that is in the budget. The summer movies at the pool were a success. It was discussed to look at permanent electric be installed so as not to use Department of Public Works crews. On October 20th, 12 students from the high school Peer Club will travel to Wyckoff to meet with their exchange students. Members of the Keystone Club reported an overview of their upcoming year. Library Director Kathie O'Dowd reported she is working on after school activities at the library for the middle school students. They can do homework, watch a movie or use the computers. She is seeking more computers which may be funded by the Municipal Alliance. Last week thirty kids were present. She is also seeking to purchase additional children's books. Trees will be planted in the Pocket Park on October 15th, weather permitting.

Councilman Lane

Cable TV Committee will be meeting to discuss and review the audio/visual room. Councilman Wojtecki asked if we could televise the football games on our cable channel. Councilman Lane will research and schedule meeting for discussion.

Councilman Bennett

Thank you to the Public Works Department for all their work on Hawthorne Day, they did a great job. The next Public Works Committee meeting is October 17th.

CORRESPONDENCE

None recorded.

MISCELLANEOUS

None recorded.

BILLS

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve the bills and forward them to the Treasurer for payment. Motion moved by Councilman Sinning, seconded by Councilman Bennett. Council President Matthews asked if there was any discussion. On roll call, all voted yes. Council Vice President Bertollo abstained from check #12511; Councilman Lane and Councilman Wojtecki abstained from checks 12521, 12524, 12539, 12543, 12544, 12535, and 8699.

VENDOR	CHECK#	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
CURRENT FUND			
A T & T	12497	47.54	TELEPHONE CHARGES
A-VAN ELECTRICAL	12498	67.12	VARIOUS
ACCREDITED LOCK SUPPLY	12499	815.70	PUB WORKS ADMIN O/E
BCB JANITORIAL SUPPLY CO INC	12500	124.90	VARIOUS
BEACHSTONE SEPTIC	12501	2,000.00	SEWER SYSTEM O/E
BOB'S TIRES & WHEELS INC	12502	173.00	MAINTEN OF PARKS
BOLTZER LANDSCAPING INC	12503	2,492.00	STREETS & ROADS O/E
BRAEN STONE INDUSTRIES, INC	12504	2,018.14	STREETS & ROADS O/E
CABLEVISION	12505	64.90	VARIOUS
CAROL CHAMBERLIN	12506	265.00	GROUP INSURANCE O/E
CARPET CYCLE, LLC	12507	250.00	RECYCLING PRO O/E
CMRS-FP	12508	2,000.00	GENERAL ADMIN O/E
DELL GARDEN CENTER	12509	798.99	VARIOUS
DELUXE INTERN'L TRUCKS, INC	12510	3,545.21	VEHICLE MAINT SEWER
DOWNES TREE SERVICE, INC.	12511	3,860.00	SHADE TREE COMMISSION O/E
ENVIROSAFE TREE & SHRUB CO LLC	12512	80.00	SHADE TREE COMMISSION O/E
ETHICS LAW CONSULTING SERVICES	12513	750.00	PEOSHA O/E
FREMGEN POWER EQUIPMENT INC	12514	200.05	SHADE TREE COMMISSION O/E
GARFIELD FENCE DISTRIBUTOR INC	12515	25.00	SWIMMING POOL O/E
GILL ASSOCIATES	12516	690.00	SWIMMING POOL O/E
HAWTHORNE AUTO BODY, INC	12517	750.60	VEHICLE MAINT POLICE
HAWTHORNE HITCH AND TRAILER	12518	42.95	STREETS & ROADS O/E
HAYLEY ENCARNACION	12519	195.00	MUNI COURT
HESS CORPORATION	12520	6,585.95	ELECTRIC CHARGES
HFD #1	12521	100.00	FIRE DEPT O/E
HOME DEPOT SUPPLY	12522	57.73	VARIOUS
HOME SUPPLY & LUMBER CO., INC.	12523	110.15	VARIOUS
JASON GOODRICH	12524	70.00	FIRE DEPT O/E
JESCO INC	12525	2,725.00	VEHICLE MAINT ROAD
JOHN DEERE LANDSCAPE	12526	59.00	MAINTEN OF PARKS
JUNGLE LASERS LLC	12527	2,700.00	FEES PAYABLE JUNGLE LASERS
KONICA/MINOLTA	12528	95.40	PUB WORKS ADMIN O/E
M & B SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC	12529	945.00	PUBLIC EVENTS O/E

METLIFE	12530	308.68	GROUP INSURANCE O/E
MIKE MARIANI	12531	400.00	ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE O/E
NATIONAL EVENT SERVICES	12532	557.76	PUBLIC EVENTS O/E
NEW JERSEY PARTY WORKS	12533	150.00	PUBLIC EVENTS O/E
NO JERSEY MUNI EMPL BNFT FUND	12534	169,799.00	GROUP INSURANCE O/E
P & A AUTO PARTS, INC	12535	529.76	FIRE DEPT O/E
PHYLLIS WOOLDRIDGE	12536	27.00	BOARD OF HEALTH O/E
PROFORMA	12537	352.60	EMERGENCY MGMGT O/E
RD LANDSCAPING & CONSTRUCT INC	12538	125.00	STREETS & ROADS O/E
ROBERT LAMB	12539	137.32	FIRE DEPT O/E
THE SHARP SHOP	12540	8.95	STREETS & ROADS O/E
TREADWAY GRAPHICS INC	12541	2,539.33	MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	12542	3,838.00	FEES PAY UCC
VERIZON	12543	330.85	VARIOUS
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	12544	<u>126.41</u>	TELEPHONE CHARGES
TOTAL CURRENT		\$ 213,934.99	

WATER OPERATING

A-VAN ELECTRICAL	8689	282.45	WATER UTILITY O/E
BOROUGH OF NO HALEDON	8690	800.00	WATER UTILITY O/E
CMRS-FP	8691	2,000.00	WATER UTILITY O/E
CR INDUSTRIAL SERVICES INC	8692	352.41	WATER UTILITY O/E
GP JAGER & ASSOC INC	8693	4,560.00	WATER UTILITY O/E
HAWTHORNE PAINT CO INC	8694	51.00	WATER UTILITY O/E
HENRY'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC	8695	79.73	WATER UTILITY O/E
HOME DEPOT SUPPLY	8696	103.42	WATER UTILITY O/E
JESCO INC	8697	1,360.00	WATER UTILITY O/E
RUGGED OUTFITTERS	8698	549.79	WATER UTILITY O/E
SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO.	8699	402.18	VARIOUS
STATE OF NJ - PWT	8700	<u>1,950.52</u>	WATER UTILITY O/E
TOTAL WATER OPERATING		\$ 12,491.50	

OTHER TRUST II

PARK N POOL	4288	2,782.87	RECYCLING
WILFORD MAC DONALD, INC	4289	<u>485.40</u>	RECYCLING
TOTAL OTHER TRUST II		\$ 3,268.27	

DOG DEDICATED

HOME DEPOT SUPPLY	6046	<u>358.20</u>	SUPPLIES
TOTAL DOG DEDICATED		\$ 358.20	

BUILDERS ESCROW

BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	5117	171.00	METRO PCS NY 278/1&2
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	5118	<u>1,564.50</u>	SHOTMEYER BROS
TOTAL BUILDERS ESCROW		\$ 1,735.50	

TOTAL BILL LIST **\$ 231,788.46**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Matthews opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desires to be heard, please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone, and sign the sheet giving your name and address for the record. Council President Matthews asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Cheryl Helmbold, 96 Watchung Drive

Ms. Helmbold stated she is a soccer coach and parents are expressing their concerns and have written letters, of the condition of Wag Fields 2 and 3. Even though they have been tested, they feel they are located next to a contaminated river and do not want their children playing on those fields. If the town were to spend \$80,000 to \$90,000 this year to rip it up and replace with grass, it has been done a few times before, a turf field would pay for itself in ten years. Is Franklin Field a possibility for baseball and soccer or Washington and Jefferson schools? It will continue to need repair, seeding a field that will continue to be ruined. Council President Matthews stated the amount was tremendously lower than \$80-90,000, and under \$50,000. There is a health concern, can we use other fields or would they be ready for the Spring and what are the long-term goals being considered. Councilman Sinning interjected there was a joint committee with the Board of Education who researched turf fields. The high school is in a flood area and could not be insured, there are not a lot of options in the borough. Council Vice President Bertollo commented the high school complex will continue to be explored. Ridgewood's turf field was mentioned tonight because it has flooded twice and they have incurred high costs of repairs, our high school complex did not flood. We are looking at long range plans and a turf field. Wag fields are good for turf and are not used in the winter months of December, January and February which will freeze whether grass and turf. We have shared services with North Haledon for fields. Ms. Helmbold stated they didn't let us use them. Councilman Sinning stated yes, they gave us dates of availability and we did utilize them. He also commented that turf fields get very hot and can reach temperatures of 120 – 130 degrees. Engineer Boswell stated that a sprinkler system is needed to be installed to cool it off. Ms. Helmbold stated No. Haledon has enough baseball fields but not enough soccer fields and questioned about the Diamond Bridge fields. Council Vice President Bertollo interjected they are county fields and we have 90% of the use there, this is another area in the flood area where you would not invest money into it. Ms. Helmbold asked why not use the high school field when the recreation sports are in a bind. Mayor Goldberg interjected they have and do use the fields, the lights were just installed a few weeks ago. Council President Matthews asked if the Board of Recreation has reached out to see what nights the fields are available at the high school. Mayor Goldberg commented Mr. Mooney stated last year it was not used enough and discussions will continue in regards to more use and time on the fields. Ms. Helmbold asked about lighting at Rea Avenue fields and using it for soccer. Council Vice President Bertollo stated a study has been done and it is not big enough for soccer, you would have to turn the field parallel to the brook and take over the parking lot.

Council President Matthews interjected it is also the school boards property. Attorney Pasquale commented we have looked into other fields such as the other side of the high school baseball field but is not enough space for a soccer field, also looked at space by the Rea House which is also just slightly too small. Soccer fields are difficult to lay out full size. Councilman Sinning stated there is an area near Washington School, the highest part of town so it would not flood, but would entail a lot of work and expense. Attorney Pasquale also commented the initial development costs there would be high with maintenance costs low. Ms. Helmbold continued Veteran's Field is a great field, but it was ripped up for a drainage system and it still floods because it is next to the Passaic River. Council President Matthews stated it was not river flooding it was just surface rain. Councilman Lane commented the field/area behind Jefferson School was also looked at many years ago for baseball or soccer for the younger kids but it slopes down and the initial development is a lot of work and costs. Councilman Lane addressed Engineer Boswell and asked how the Ridgewood turf field was repaired for \$30,000. Engineer Boswell responded you wash it, peel it back, it really is carpeting but you have issues of contaminating but the silt is not as toxic as the Passaic River. The turf is nailed around the edge, held by gravity, just as carpet gets dirty but the underneath is where the lamenet gets damaged. We will confirm the Ridgewood repair number as \$30,000 is light as the turf manufacturer was who reported that number. Council Vice President Bertollo stated the bottom-line is the high school field did not flood, the only time it had a little water was back in the 70's after a terrible rainstorm and flash flood. We are looking at the pricing, although you will not get insurance for a turf filed in a flood zone and a price tag of two million dollars, the long term may be worth it.

Ms. Helmbold asked why the testing at Veterans Field if it is only rain water and how is the testing done at Wag Fields 2 and 3. Engineer Boswell stated he recommends we do not test Veteran's Field but our protocol is to test. Testing at Wag Fields 2 and 3 goes down 6 to 12 inches, anything below does not come up to surface to reach kids, the lime is to adjust the waters PH it does not have anything to do with contaminants. He continued the Council has worked over 5 years to develop new fields and will continue to find a solution. Ms. Helmbold asked for a copy of the test results for Wag Fields 2 and 3.

Diego Cruz, 40 New York Avenue

Mr. Cruz started he wanted to discuss the Wag Fields and the long term plan. He shared a picture of the Wag Fields from 1936 and stated whether we spend one dollar or one million dollars it will go to waste. Wag Fields will look like that next year and the years after that not only in the Fall but also in the Spring. Let's stop spending money that is going to go to waste and let's put a plan in place for a turf field. The high school is the best location, it has not flooded. Let's do something about it for the kids and the community. There are a lot of committees that work on this, what does the community need to do to help you? I am willing to help, do you need help getting the water out? Mr. Mooney is willing to work with us unlike the Administration, and he has said he does not want to see any green on the field, he wants us using the field. Council Vice President Bertollo asked Mr. Cruz if the soccer association applied for a permit to use the high school field and was denied? Mr. Cruz responded no, they have never been denied. Council President Matthews stated the Board of Recreation has to receive the requests and yes, Mr. Mooney has said to use the fields to the max, let's work on the short term to get the fields in working order. This will not only benefit the recreation kids but the high

school kids as well. We have to stop talking about and act, we have to get a turf field in town, and we will save tons of money in the long run. Yes, it will be expensive in the beginning but you don't have to line it, cut it or sprinkle it in the summer because it gets too hot. Council Vice President Bertollo stated it is a complex issue and to many residents they do not want to spend 2 million dollars on turf fields, it is money not well spent. Council Vice President Bertollo stated a non-binding referendum has been discussed. Council President Matthews stated we would first have to take possession of the field to be able to do that. We would need to work out a deal with the school board in order to work on their property. There are legal steps to go forward, we are all working toward the same thing but we are looking at what to do for this season. The Admin Fields Committee and school board have looked at a turf field on the pool parking lot and tennis courts but I cannot speak for them. Councilman Sinning interjected a turf field only has a life of ten years, for 2 million dollars, it's not a lot of life and is not maintenance free. Councilman Wojtecki commented to Mr. Cruz that every time he comes before us, we have acted, such as Veterans Field, damages to the field and any other issue he presented, this Council and Administration is very responsive. Mr. Cruz agreed, the borough is very responsive to all issues brought to their attention and his comments pertain to acting upon a solution. Councilman Wojtecki stated he would not be in favor of a turf field at the high school since it cannot be insured due to the flood plain and the cost of repairs in the event it does flood. A few years ago under the direction of then President Bertollo, he organized a Field Committee with the Board of Education who looked at a recreation center by the pool. Mr. Cruz responded that was a great idea why didn't we act on it. Mayor Goldberg addressed Mr. Cruz and stated perhaps now is the time to create an all sports association to raise awareness and funds to partially fund the project in partnership with the borough. Such as the library had done when they wanted to expand, though they did not raise all the funds, it was easier for the council to contribute. A non-binding referendum is great, all the associations that will benefit from it will have to partner with the borough, it's how we paid for the roller rink. Mr. Cruz responded all recreation programs are for this, we just want to do something about it. Council President Matthews asked Mr. Cruz what fields have been used this season for soccer and has his needs been met. Mr. Cruz indicated yes they have managed, they have been using Diamond Bridge and Veterans Fields. Council President Matthews stated if he needed the high school field he would meet with Mr. Mooney tomorrow to ask availability so you do not have to go out of town. Mayor Goldberg stated the Board of Recreation meets next Tuesday and will talk about it then and requests need to go directly through them.

Mr. Cruz stated that the house next door to him burned down in May and asked what the process of getting it torn down is. There are shingles falling from it and animals living in it. Mayor Goldberg stated he will speak to the Fire Marshall to find out the status. Councilman Lane interjected that after a fire of that magnitude the building department can deem an unsafe structure, but the delay is between the property owners and insurance company coming to an agreement on a settlement. The building can be boarded up and secured again, we will send property maintenance to check on the site. Mr. Cruz thanked everyone for their time.

Council President Matthews asked if anyone else wished to be heard. Seeing none, Council President Matthews entertained a motion to close the public comment portion of the meeting, moved by Councilman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Wojtecki. On roll call, all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m., moved by Council Vice President Bertollo, seconded by Councilman Sinning. On roll call, all voted yes.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATTHEWS INDICATED THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WILL BE ON **OCTOBER 19, 2011**. THE WORK SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM AND THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 8:00 P.M. PERSON WITH DISABILITIES WHICH REQUIRE AIDES SUCH AS: SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, BRAILLE, TAPES OR LARGE PRINT, THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED TEN DAYS PRIOR TO ATTENDANCE AT A MEETING SO ACCOMMODATIONS MAY BE MADE.

Frank E. Matthews
Council President

Susan Witkowski
Borough Clerk