

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne was held on the above date at 7:15 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.....	Frank E. Matthews
Council Vice President .....	John Bertollo
Councilman.....	John Lane
Councilman .....	Bruce Bennett
Councilman .....	Dominic Mele
Councilman.....	Garrett Sinning
Councilman .....	Joseph Wojtecki
Borough Administrator .....	Eric Maurer
Director of Revenue and Finance.....	Mary Jeanne Hewitt
Borough Attorney.....	Michael J. Pasquale
Borough Engineer .....	Dr. Stephen T. Boswell
Borough Clerk.....	Lori DiBella

**FLAG SALUTE**

Council President Matthews invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 December 19, 2013.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 and Bid Minutes of April 9<sup>th</sup> for Large Truck Maintenance & Repair and On-Site Maintenance for Automobiles & Light Trucks. Moved by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Wojtecki. On roll call, all voted yes with the exception of Councilman Lane who abstained.

**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 Councilman Sinning, seconded by Council Vice President Bertollo. On roll call, all voted yes.

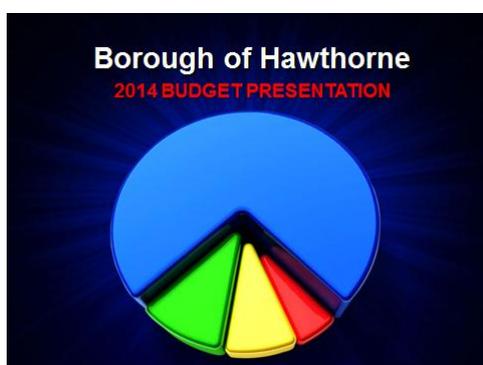
**MAYOR APPOINTMENT:**

Mayor Goldberg appointed Katherine Viger as Court Administrator effective April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 for an unexpired through December 31, 2014.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion, moved by Councilman Lane, seconded by Councilman Wojtecki. On roll call, all voted yes. Mayor Goldberg administered the Oath of Office.

**2014 BUDGET PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Richard S. Goldberg



## 2014 Cost Increases

- \$ 96,000 Snow
- \$ 62,000 Police cars
- \$240,000 Salaries (contractual increases)
- \$ 30,000 Reserve for Uncollected Taxes



## MAINTAIN SERVICES



## Costs Under Control

- Garbage & Recycling No Change
- Utilities & Energy Down \$ 8,000
- PVSC (2.1%) Up \$ 22,979
- Insurance & benefits (including pension) Down \$123,431



## Ratables

- Loss in ratables .01%, or \$159,000, from 2013 to 2014 due to tax appeals
- Minimal new construction



## Debt Management

Funds from canceling old capital ordinances used as revenue to minimize tax impact.

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Debt Service	2,160,065	2,205,154	2,095,666	1,944,472
Reserve/Payment of Debt	225,000	275,000	175,000	0
Net Budget	1,935,065	1,930,154	1,920,666	1,944,472
Change from previous year		-4,911	-9,488	23,806



## Union Contracts

- PBA, Blue Collar and White collar contracts all settled for 2012-2014; average of 2% per year
- All employees are contributing more each year for medical benefits through next year.



## Surplus

	2011	2012	2013	2014
Surplus Used in Budget	\$1,225,000	\$1,441,300	\$1,402,500	\$1,595,000
Regenerated	\$1,574,000	\$1,444,000	\$1,869,710	???

Hawthorne consciously budgets to regenerate the amount of surplus we use as a budget revenue, so that the practice is sustainable



## Benefit of Healthy Surplus

A healthy fund balance allows a municipality to:

- Maintain a good bond rating
- Have adequate cash-flow during the year
- Fund one-time costs without raising taxes
- Survive economic down-turns



## Bottom Line

- Budget up \$580,000, or 3.0%
- Tax Levy up \$303,000, or 2.2%
  - Within Tax Levy Cap restriction. \$47,000 in unused Cap from 2011 will lapse. \$182,000 unused from 2012 & 2013 remains banked
- Tax Rate up 2.5 cents per \$100 Assessed Valuation, or 2.2%



## Budgets Under the 2% Tax Levy Cap

	Tax Levy		Assessed Values		Tax Rate	
2010	13,281,059		1,237,019,764		1.0736	
2011	13,507,606	1.71%	1,234,883,657	-0.17%	1.0938	1.88%
2012	13,694,681	1.38%	1,229,305,395	-0.45%	1.1140	1.85%
2013	13,997,764	2.21%	1,223,017,600	-0.51%	1.1445	2.74%
2014	14,299,701	2.16%	1,222,857,642	-0.1%	1.1694	2.18%
TOTAL		7.50%		-1.14%		8.65%



## Water Utility

Water revenues cover all expenditures

- ensured by recently-adopted rate increase

Total budget is \$2,932,369

Spending down \$36,000

- capital items deferred until rate increase kicks in

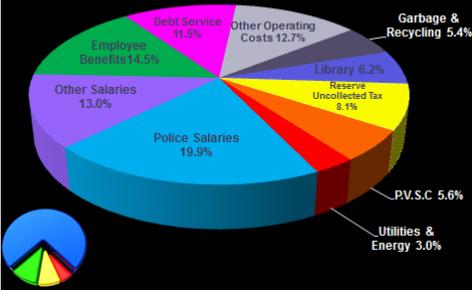


## Capital Budget

- \$800,000 Road Improvements
- \$250,000 Washington Ave Improvements (NJDOT grant funding)
- \$200,000 Acquisition of DPW Equipment
- \$285,000 Bandshell (40% from Open Space grant)
- \$250,000 Equipment for Fire Department
- \$500,000 DPW Garage & Truckwash
- \$100,000 Pool Improvements



## 2014 Budget Appropriations



## Services Funded From Municipal Taxes

- Police
- Library
- Garbage, Recycling, Leaf Pick-up
- Sewer Service
- Road Maintenance
  - Cleaning/Snow Plowing/Traffic Lights/Street Lights
- Fire and Ambulance Service
  - Budget Supports Volunteer Services
- Recreation
- Shade Tree
- Code Enforcement
- Court

Municipal Tax Bill for the Average Home Assessed at \$182,000

Per Year: \$2,128

Per Month: \$177



## Municipal Tax Impact

\$ Increase for the Average Home Assessed at \$182,000

= \$45  
or 2.2%

\$ Increase per each \$100,000 of Assessed Value

= \$25



## Factors Driving 2.16% Tax Increase

Salaries & Benefits	.72%
Extra Snow Costs	.68%
Police Cars	.44%
Reserve for Uncollected Tax (R.U.T.)	.21%
Other	.10%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2.16%</b>



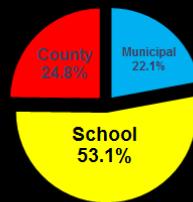
## Breakdown of Average 2014 Tax Bill (Estimated)

School	\$5,109
County (Estimated)	\$2,385
Municipal (incl Library)	\$2,128

**Total \$9,622**



## Distribution of Hawthorne Property Taxes



## Looking Ahead

- No apparent Cap problem for 2015
- By 2016 or 2017, Cap could be an issue
- Expiring union contracts, and garbage disposal contract 12/31/2014
- Expiring garbage & recycling collection contracts 3/31/2016
- Multi-year budgeting allows opportunity to address problems before they arrive



## Four-Year Budget Projection

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total Budget	20,062,233	20,003,925	20,419,726	21,131,222
Tax Levy	14,299,701	14,695,647	15,245,148	15,721,344
Tax Rate	1.169	1.199	1.241	1.276
Increase	2.2%	2.5%	3.5%	2.9%



## Responsible Stewardship

- Control of expenditures
- Management of surplus
- Capital planning
- Negotiation of affordable union contracts



## Stability

- Multiple-year budget projections
- Conservative anticipation of revenues
- Conscious decisions on regeneration of surplus
- Elimination of reliance on one-time revenues

Result: Stable financial position, even during an economic downturn



Mayor Goldberg thanked the Finance Committee, CFO Mary Jean Hewitt and Administrator Maurer for their time put into the budget. Mayor Goldberg asked if there were any questions regarding the budget. Councilman Wojtecki thanked administration and the committee. Councilman Wojtecki stated the residents do not know that we have to maintain CAP numbers for future years or we could be penalized by not utilizing the entire percentage. He added, we as a Borough, Mayor and Council it's amazing if you took away snow, our increase would only be 1.48% for 2014/2015; it speaks fantastic for this Mayor and Council. Councilman Wojtecki asked the Mayor where you would have allocated the remaining .46 to stay with-in the CAP if it did not snow. Mayor Goldberg responded we would probably have remained slightly below 2%, however the .46 we would probably had allocated some of the money to the DPW vehicle maintenance and police overtime. Council Vice President Bertollo added we also have capital projects, such as in the Fire Department where we hit that year where 20-22 turnout gear uniforms need to be replaced, as well as Scott bottles and hoses. We would have put this in the budget if we didn't have the tax/ snow increase, therefore, we decided to bond as we had debt coming off the tables. This is a large expense and this is where you do the juggling act to stay within 1.6-1.8%. Councilman Lane thanked the Administrator, Council Vice President and Council President for the time they spent with him going over the budget.

**AUDITOR COMMENTS:**

Robert Swisher, Suplee, Clooney & Company

Mr. Swisher stated how refreshing it is to deal with the budget processing in Hawthorne. He stated they audit over 50 municipalities and it is very rare when not just the Administration, but the Mayor and the Council understand the budget. Our involvement in the budget process as auditors is very limited; we take the CFO and Administrators numbers and put them into a document. While Mayor Goldberg thanked us, we will not be billing for any of the time we put into this as it was very minimal. The process that Hawthorne follows is the blue print on how towns should do it. The last slide the Mayor showed really talks about the points Hawthorne follows that a lot of other places don't follow. The fact you have budget projections for a couple of years out, you will know you may have a problem a couple of years from now. Most towns find out when they put the budget together in February. You know and can make decisions a year or two in advance based on those projections. He added that we do not over estimate our revenues, which is a common mistake most towns, BOE and other places make. He reiterated the Mayor's statement "Your surplus is based on two items unspent appropriations and excess revenues". When you have all those things in front of you, you can make an educated decision as a governing body. Councilman Wojtecki asked Mr. Swisher if we would be going to the Moody's rating scale anytime soon, as you stated last year you would consider it for this year. Mr. Swisher stated you would only consider it if you knew you were going to get an upgraded on your bond rating. He stated it would be very difficult for Hawthorne to get a triple "A" rating because of your concepts. There are not a lot of open areas where retables will be going up. You have all the other things you need, the budget projections, healthy surplus, and your finances are in good shape, however, there are very few towns that have triple "A" ratings and have those abilities to grow within the town. He stated it is highly unlikely you would be able to get to the next level. Getting a rating would only be an advantage when you are actually going to sell bonds. Mr. Swisher added there is a thought going on now with bond anticipation notes, which are short term notes where towns put together an official statement, just like you do when you do bonds and get a rating at that point in time because you might save on your interest rate for the short term. This is something you might want to consider. Financial advisors are out there now pushing that. To get a rating to just get a rating is highly unlikely. Mr. Swisher stated it would cost you \$7000-\$10,000 to get a rating. If you thought you could save on your interest rates on your bond anticipation notes for that amount of money, then it would be worth doing. Council Vice President Bertollo stated we discussed this last year and its near impossible to get a "triple A" rating. Council Vice President Bertollo thanked Mr. Swisher for the comments he made regarding not only the CFO and Administration, but the Mayor and Council understanding the budget, we all worked hard to do that. He thanked the Finance Committee, the Council, Mayor Goldberg, CFO Mary Jeanne Hewitt, Administrator Maurer, the department heads and the employees for their understanding of the budget. It's a team effort to make this budget happen. Council Vice President Bertollo added we are very frugal with our tax payer's money; however we are very smart spending. Administrator Maurer shares in most of that for putting this all together for us. We are proud of the budget we introduced tonight. Mayor Goldberg added one of the reasons this Council is so well informed on the budget process is everyone on this Council has at one time served on the Finance Committee and know the challenges and the questions to ask.

**BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 2114-14 for INTRODUCTION**

**2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14**

BE IT RESOLVED, that Ordinance No. 2114-14 does now pass a first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting of the Governing Body in the Municipal Building,

445 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey, on May 21, 2014, and at said time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance in the Hawthorne Press once, at least one week prior to said hearing, with a notice of its introduction and of the time and place, when and where said ordinance would be considered for final passage.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve introduction of Budget Ordinance No. 2114-14, moved by Council Vice President Bertollo, seconded by Councilman Mele. On roll call, all voted yes.

**BUDGET RESOLUTION:**

**BR 01-14 Resolution Introduced by Councilman Sinning**

**MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE,  
COUNTY OF PASSAIC FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenue and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2014;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Hawthorne Press in the issue of April 24, 2014;

The Governing Body of the Borough of Hawthorne does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2014:

**RECORDED VOTE:**

{ Bennett	Y{	<b>ABSTAINED { N/A</b>
{ Bertollo	Y{	
{ Lane	Y{	
{ Matthews	Y{	
{ Mele	Y{	<b>ABSENT { N/A</b>
{ Sinning	Y{	
{ Wojtecki	Y{	

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic, on April 16, 2014. A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution for the Year 2014 will be held at the Municipal Building, on May 21, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock (p.m.) at which time and place any objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the Year 2014 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve Resolution BR01-14 moved by Councilman Sinning, seconded by Councilman Mele. On roll call, all voted yes.

**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2109-14**

**AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE TO REVISE AND AMEND CHAPTER 220, FEES, SECTION 220-9, CONSTRUCTION CODE, UNIFORM, SO AS TO AMEND FEES FOR PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS THEREUNDER**

**Public Hearing**

Council President Matthews opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 2109-14 please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Seeing none, Council President Matthews entertained a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2109-14 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted, posted on the borough website and published in the Hawthorne Press. 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 Council Vice President Bertollo, seconded by Councilman Lane. On roll call, all voted yes.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2111-14**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 129, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 129-6, HOURS OF SALES AND CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO SET FORTH HOURS FOR SALE AND CONSUMPTION ON SUNDAYS AND UPON CHANGES TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME AND STANDARD TIME**

#### **Public Hearing**

Council President Matthews opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desires to be heard regarding Ordinance No. 2111-14 please raise your hand to be recognized, come forward to the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

Seeing none, Council President Matthews entertained a motion that the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2111-14 be closed and that it be resolved that this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board on which public notices are customarily posted, posted on the borough website and published in the Hawthorne Press. 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 Bertollo. On roll call, all voted yes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Wojtecki stated the homeless gentleman continues to panhandle outside of the Dunkin Donuts on Wagaraw Road. Mayor Goldberg stated he knows the Police are aware he is back. Councilman Wojtecki added that his laundry is hanging on the garbage dumpster fence. Councilman Mele asked what we can do about this as this comes up every meeting. Mayor Goldberg explained you can't panhandle, it is against our ordinance and we will continue to move him out of the area. Councilman Wojtecki stated he has sent e-mails to Attorney Pasquale and Council President Matthews regarding Nissan cars being parked on 204 Wagaraw Road. Mayor Goldberg responded we are issuing summonses to them once a week every Thursday. This week we will be issuing two summonses - one to the property owner and one to the Nissan dealership owners. Today they received additional summonses for creating a mess in the road and will also be billed for the clean-up. The PD issued (5) summonses for unregistered vehicles on public streets. The Mayor stated this is something we are monitoring and something they will pay a dear price for if they continue to do this, especially for not putting in the application with the Zoning Board as instructed. They have parked far more cars there then we had anticipated and that is another discussion we will be having with them. The Mayor added we thought we were helping a local business at his location, however apparently it looks like we are helping all of North Jersey. The Mayor stated there is an old saying which I am learning; there is no good deed that should go unpunished. We tried to help our local business and they have gone beyond the pale.

Councilman Sinning asked Administrator Maurer if he took a look at the bush growing in the road on Lucille Place. Administrator Maurer stated it is on the list to be cut down.

Councilman Bennett thanked the police department and administration for handling the parking issues down by the train station; he has been approached by some of the home owners who stated the police were down there last Saturday night for the last train where things went a lot smoother and a lot less chaos. They have also been enforcing the commuter parking rules.

Councilman Lane asked if the repair to where the ground area was torn up at the Public Works property has been rectified by Nissan. Administrator Maurer stated it has not as yet but will make sure it will happen and will reach out to them tomorrow. Councilman Lane asked if they were up-to-date on their rent. Administrator Maurer responded no, however, we have a plan to get them up-to-date. Councilman Lane asked how far they are in arrears. Administrator Maurer stated at this point about (1) year. Council President Matthews asked what the contract says for eviction and how do we let anyone go for a year on a fee. Councilman Lane asked the Mayor to work on this with the Administrator. Mayor Goldberg stated this should have never fallen through the cracks and he stated he can't excuse it other than we are dealing with that as well as other issues where we got vendors behind. Councilman Lane asked if it was part of their agreement to park employee cars at 204 Wagaraw. Attorney Pasquale stated there was no agreement; this was an opportunity to help a local business with a few cars. What we ended up with is totally unacceptable and that is what we are addressing. They have no business parking employee cars down there. They have no specific rights to park any cars down there. As far as we are concerned, they are going to have to clean up the mess they have created. Soon they are going to look at daily fines; we are not going to let this get swept away. Councilman Lane asked if they came to the Planning Board for tenant approval. The Mayor stated "no", what happened was he spoke to one of the principals of the business who stated he had a problem and we would like to park cars at 204 Wagaraw. The Mayor stated he told them we do not allow storage lots in our ordinance. I explained to them you need to make an application to the Zoning Board and in the interim I told them they could park there at risk until their application is heard. The Mayor added he told them if they do not get an application to the Zoning Board

we would be issuing fines if you store cars there. Councilman Lane asked if we are fining them per vehicle. Attorney Pasquale explained we don't view it as a situation where you can literally issue a summons to each vehicle, however, we do think based upon what the ordinance provides and as per the municipal court they will be fined the maximum fine of \$2000. Mr. Turner is going to be in court with instructions; anything less than \$2000 per day will be unacceptable and there will be no negotiation for a lower number because if you allow them to pay less than \$2000 a day, they might feel like this is a good way to do business. We are going to expect our prosecutor to handle this vigorously. Councilman Lane asked if we can inflict a two week limit to clean-up the mess at the ambulance corps building property. Mayor Goldberg stated we will make sure that happens.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Wojtecki stated the catch basin is collapsing at Minerva and Lincoln Avenues. Administration will follow up. He asked for a tour at the 55 Westervelt apartment complex, Mayor Goldberg stated he will contact the owner. Councilman Wojtecki thanked Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Turner, personally for all his assistance he has given to Elberon Avenue.

Councilman Lane stated Administration has sent us an email regarding the temporary CO for 55 Westervelt. He asked the Mayor if he can get the backup documentations for everything that is still outstanding from the engineering side and the constructional side. Attorney Pasquale added we also have issues to work out regarding the details of affordable housing, which is one of the other reasons why you won't see that in their reports. However, they just completed the purchase of a property and they are going to designate (3) off-site and (3) on-site units as affordable housing. We have to tie up that paperwork as well. Council President Matthews asked if that will all be worked out before the final CO. Attorney Pasquale stated absolutely as that is a condition of the final CO. Administrator Maurer will put a packet together for the entire Council. Lastly, Councilman Lane asked for an update on the grant for the cell phone and text messaging enforcement. Mayor Goldberg explained we received a "Distracted Driver Grant" which is already in effect. April is Distracted Drivers month where Police Departments all over the State and Country are cracking down on people talking/texting on their cell phones while driving. Councilman Lane mentioned the article in the paper regarding the large drug bust that our Police Department was involved in. Mayor Goldberg stated that is correct and we are also involved with the County on a regular basis. The prosecutor's office was doing a major operation in Paterson processing the people they arrested in Hawthorne, Fairlawn, Elmwood Park and we will be reimbursed for our expenses.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA PRESENTED BY MAYOR GOLDBERG:**

Mayor Goldberg stated we are once again a Tree City for 2013. We received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation saying Hawthorne was one of 3,400 Tree City USA towns with the combined population of 140 million. We will be celebrating Arbor Day in Hawthorne on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Jefferson School at 2:00pm. We will be planting a tree and all are invited to come. This last Tuesday we dedicated our Medicine drop box to those who want to discard unneeded or unwanted prescription drugs. No needles or liquids are allowed in the box. The box is located in the hallway of the Police Department and is monitored 24 hours by our cameras. This Saturday at 10:00am at the Wag Fields, is opening day for the Baseball/Softball Association. Also, this Saturday at 11:00am the Volunteer Railroad Association is dedicating the flagpole which was donated by Columbia Bank. Mayor Goldberg stated tomorrow he will be meeting with a representative from the Eat More Supermarket on Goffle Road to discuss a possible opening day.

### **MAYOR APPOINTMENT *with Advice and Consent:***

Mayor Goldberg appointed Robert Scully as Director of The Department of Public Works effective April 17, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion, moved by Councilman Wojtecki, seconded by Council Vice President Bertollo. On roll call, all voted yes. Mayor Goldberg administered the Oath of Office.

Mayor Goldberg thanked Boswell Engineering for loaning us an interim director. Mr. Bartley was well appreciated by the men he supervised. We appreciate him as an administration for his depth of knowledge. He came in with very important ideas and ways of doing things and he was a mentor to Mr. Scully. Shortly we will be naming a successor for the superintendent's job.

### **REPORTS:**

#### **Director of Revenue and Finance Hewitt**

Ms. Hewitt stated this is the time of year now that the budget has been introduced; the Administrator and I really appreciate the thanks as it consumes you for months on actually putting it together before giving it to the Council and the Finance Committee to make the decisions. We are nearing up for our tax quarter. There are computer things that have to be done, we go through our accounts and make sure

everything is up-to date, we sent out delinquent notices to try to get ahead of the quarter itself. She stated one of the things she will be working on is analyzing ordinances. Any results from that will be presented to the Council for their approval in a form of a resolution.

Mayor Goldberg thanked the Planning Board for moving their meeting to upstairs yesterday in order for the BOE to have their meeting in the Council Chambers. He also thanked the police and fire departments for their help in making the switch and making sure our occupancy laws were observed.

**Borough Attorney Pasquale**

Attorney Pasquale stated the 7-11 matter is still in the process of finalizing a court order that is hopefully going to resolve all of the claims. He stated he has a conference with Judge DeLuca next week to work out the details. He suspects this to be concluded. The B3-B3A Zoning is going to be on for your next meeting for adoption and all the notices have been sent out. The thanked everyone who supported the Lions Club Beefsteak.

**Borough Engineer Dr. Boswell**

May Street

The corrective concrete work is expected to begin on Thursday, April 17th.

Cornell Avenue Sewer Repairs

The lining portion of the Cornell Avenue sanitary sewer is expected to be completed by the end of the week of April 21<sup>st</sup>.

2014 Road Resurfacing Program and Mohawk Avenue

The 2014 Road Improvement Program was advertised in The Record on April 14. The Project's schedule is as follows:

- 4/14 – advertise in newspaper
- 4/29 – bid opening at 11:00 am
- 5/1 – provide written recommendation for award to the Clerk  
(and to the CFO for certification of funds)
- 5/7 – award

Dr. Boswell stated tonight you will be passing resolution R82-14 for Boswell Engineering to do the design.

Rock/Braen/Goffle Intersection

Passaic County has scheduled a pre-construction meeting for Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00 pm, at the Borough of Hawthorne's Municipal Building.

Goffle Brook Bank Stabilization

Downes returned to the site on April 1<sup>st</sup> to begin addressing any remaining work and punch list items. As per our conversation last meeting, Councilman Wojtecki mentioned thee areas behind the old Boys & Girls Club and just prior to area 1 of the park, where the water seems to be coming down from Goffle Road in a swift manner which actually moved the trail. Dr. Bowell stated that is on the punch list items.

Water System Improvements

The Borough is looking for sources of funding.

Band Shell

Tentative Schedule:

- |                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Advertise Public Bids       | May 9          |
| Receive Public Bids         | May 28         |
| Select Qualified Contractor | Award June 4   |
| Pre-Construction Meeting    | Week of June 9 |
| Construction Commences      | June 30        |
| Construction Ends           | Sept. 15       |

If architect can deliver sooner, we would want to see if we can advertise and award by the meeting on May 21, as well as, start construction after Memorial Day.

Rea Avenue Bridge

The County has requested signed mylars for the project which were provided on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

2012 and 2013 Road Resurfacing Program

2012 RP (and Forest Ave) Sidewalk Assessments:

As-built quantities are completed. Commissioners still need to walk the properties.

#### 2013 RP (and May Street) sidewalk assessments:

As-built quantities for the road program streets are completed, however, May Street quantities still need to be finalized.

#### Lincoln Avenue Speed Limit

Our office has informed the Administrator that the initial request to Passaic County to lower the speed limit on Lincoln Avenue must be provided by the Borough.

#### Little Franklin Field Parking Lot

The contractor has been directed to remove the silt fence and stabilize the area.

#### Sargent Manhole

DPW went to residence and did not observe any manhole noises. Asphalt crew resealed some cracks where the manhole was already asphalted over.

#### Library Roof.

Meeting tomorrow with 10:00 am with a roofing company to discuss repairing the roof leaks. He stated he plans to present at the next meeting a comprehensive plan to get all of the buckets out of the library for the long term. It will require a replacement of a flat shingle section and a replacement of a standing seam metal roof section.

Mayor Goldberg stated he stated he received a letter from Pat Cornett who is with the Assessment Commission. She is going to be finishing up the current assessment, the 2012 Road Program, however, she had given her resignation. We are looking for someone to replace her. He stated he has someone in mind and when he gets that done he will let everyone know. Mayor Goldberg also stated he spoke to the County Planning Board Chairman who tells us the County is planning to designate every County Road through every municipality as a Corridor Road. The good news for Hawthorne is we can install a "Welcome to Hawthorne" sign on every County Road coming into Hawthorne and bill the Corridor Enhancement Fund.

#### **Borough Administrator Maurer**

Our first day for evening sign-ups for summer recreation, tennis lesson and the swimming pool is next Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm here in the lobby at the municipal building. Future dates for registration is May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>. Contract awards for vehicle maintenance for on-site maintenance for small vehicle and repairs for large trucks are on the agenda tonight as R83 and R84. The on-site maintenance contract has an extraordinary good rate at \$39.00 per hour therefore that should produce some cost savings. Administrator Maurer stated he is working on the Generator Grant; the final on-line application is 98% complete and will be submitted tomorrow, although the deadline has been pushed back to May. The DPW completed the annual recycling tonnage report for 2013 at 14,800 tons we are up 3% from the year before. A team from Fire Company #1 is presently in Wisconsin for a pre-construction meeting with the vendor to inspect the chassis and the hard copy plans for the new engine and found no significant problems. Upon approval from the Borough the vendor will begin to build the cabin body and expected delivery September. Premio noise consultant has completed his study and should be providing the final report in the next few days. To summarize their findings, the measured noise levels are at the margin compliant with the state noise standards when measured in the direction the wind is blowing, which it will be the loudest. Premio does recognize there is a problem and they will be addressing several of the units that are producing noise in the audible level of 240 megahertz range. They will be disconnecting one of the roof top units and replacing at least two of the other five that are operating in that range.

#### **Questions for the Administration**

Councilman Lane asked Administrator Maurer if he can contact the railroad now that we have gates, and request they not blow their whistles at 3am. Administrator Maurer stated yes, however they may say they cannot now because we still have one unprotected crossing, and that should be taken care of later this year. Councilman Lane asked Attorney Pasquale if he can explain what has to be cleaned up with the 7-11 matter. Attorney Pasquale stated the Judge only heard the appeal of the Zoning Board decision and the ordinance challenges. There were other aspects of the complaint that the Judge put off, figuring they may resolve itself in the process. Those are the things we are trying to work out that the Judge has not addressed. Councilman Lane asked Dr. Boswell if it is possible to install the new metal roofing they have out now on the library that's good for 50 years. Dr. Boswell stated he agrees and that is something he was going to talk about.

Council President Matthews asked Dr. Boswell when the Warburton Ave. Bridge will be completed. Dr. Boswell stated he has a phone call into Steve Edmonds at the county, asking him that same question, and

when report back when he hears from him. Council President Mathews stated he understands the handicap ramps on Lincoln Avenue is not a Boswell Engineering project, however they are angled in the total opposite direction, is this standard? Dr. Boswell stated he will go take a look. Council Vice President Bertollo added we talked about this a couple of times regarding the curb cuts on the upper end of Goffle Hill Road there were three or four corners that never got the drop curbs. Administrator Maurer will follow up.

Council President Matthews asked if there were any other questions or discussion. Seeing none, Council President Matthews entertained a motion to record the Administrative Agenda, moved by Councilman Mele, seconded by Councilman Bennett. On roll call, all voted yes.

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION: NONE**

**RESOLUTIONS...**

**CONSENT AGENDA: R 81-14 through R 86-14:**

**R 81-14 Introduced by Council Vice President Bertollo**

Resolved: To ratify the actions of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne payroll dated April 4, 2014.

CURRENT FUND	WT888889	\$252,917.33
WATER OPERATING FUND	WT 88889	\$ 37,675.72
OTHER TRUST II FUND	WT888889	<u>\$ 14,359.27</u>
TOTAL PAYROLL		<u><u>\$304,952.32</u></u>
WATER OPERATING FUND TO PAYROLL/FICA	WT888889	\$ 13,298.31
TOTAL FICA		<u><u>\$ 13,298.31</u></u>

**R 82-14 Introduced by Council Vice President Bertollo**

WHEREAS, there exists a need for engineering services for the design and inspection phases of the 2014 Road Improvement Program, in the Borough of Hawthorne at a cost not to exceed \$115,000.00 for design and inspection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, that Boswell Engineering be awarded a contract in the amount not to exceed \$115,000.00, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be directed and authorized to enter into and execute a contract, in a form approved by the Borough Attorney subject to certification by the Chief Financial Officer.

**R 83-14 Introduced by Council Vice President Bertollo**

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 \$2,804,430.00 from the Current Fund and charged to School Taxes Payable for April 2014.

**R 84-14 Introduced by Council Vice President Bertollo**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne has solicited bids through a Fair and Open Process, with written Request for Proposal for Onsite Preventative Maintenance for Automobiles and Light Trucks Services as set forth in the proposal documents;

WHEREAS, the Borough received one proposal in response to the Request for Proposal, and the proposal being submitted by Hawthorne Auto Lab, t/a DGK Enterprises, Inc., 225 Diamond Bridge Avenue, Hawthorne, NJ, 07506, and

WHEREAS, the Administration is satisfied the vendor is qualified and that its bid at \$39.95 per hour for the above mentioned onsite maintenance services is fair and reasonable and within the expectation of the solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the bid is less than the bid threshold established by the Local Public Contracts Law, and, was the result of a Fair and Open Process being made to the lowest of the bidders taking part in the solicitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne approves the acceptance of the contract, and that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk be directed and authorized to enter into and execute a contract between the Borough of Hawthorne and DGK Enterprises, Inc. in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

**R 85-14                    Introduced by Council Vice President Bertollo**

WHEREAS, on April 10,2014, the Borough of Hawthorne received bids for the Large Truck Maintenance & Repairs, vehicles and equipment for the public works and police departments for the year 2014 subject to renewal for 2015, and;

WHEREAS, the Borough and Public Works administrations recommend the acceptance of the following bid:

**Diesel Truck Service, Inc.**  
1 River Drive  
Garfield, NJ 07026

In the amounts as follows:

Labor Rates:  
Heavy Trucks & Equipment                    120.00 per hour  
Emergency Off-Hour                            375.00 per hour

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 Diesel Truck Service, Inc. in a form approved by the Borough Attorney.

**R 86-14                    Introduced by Council Vice President Bertollo**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne and the Village of Ridgewood have previously entered into a Shared Services Agreement whereby Hawthorne provides to Ridgewood potable water, on a bulk sale basis, all in accordance with a duly authorized Interlocal Agreement between the municipal entities; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement has been amended and extended from time to time including specifically changes in the rate charged by Hawthorne to Ridgewood for water delivery; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne has proposed rate increases in the delivery of water in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pct. Increase</u>	<u>Price per 1000 gallons</u>	<u>Minimum charge</u>
2014	6%	\$2.60	\$54,000
2015	4%	\$2.70	\$56,000
2016	4%	\$2.81	\$58,500
2017	4%	\$2.92	\$61,000

WHEREAS, the Administration has recommended approval of such modification to the Municipal Council and the Village of Ridgewood has, by resolution dated March 12, 2014 approved such modification as well;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne that it does hereby approve the modifications proposed to the Shared Services Agreement between the municipalities as set forth above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that except as amended by this resolution, all other terms and conditions of the agreement between the municipalities shall remain in full force and effect and are ratified and extended as set forth herein.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve Resolutions R81-14 through R86-14, moved by Council Vice President Bertollo, seconded by Councilman Wojtecki. On roll call, all voted yes.

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**Councilman Lane** – At the Board of Health meeting, the Health Committee discussed the inquiry regarding sponsoring a health fair with the Chamber of Commerce. They seem excited about it and we are looking into possibly doing it on Hawthorne Day.

**Councilman Mele** – Last night the BOE met, they hired a new principal for the high school. Municipal Alliance will be sponsoring a dinner and a show for our seniors on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 5:00pm in the HS where they will get to watch the dress rehearsal of the high school show.

**Councilman Bennett** – The Board of Recreation met and hired a new tennis instructor. The Hawthorne Fire Department is planning a fund raising carnival on August 20–23, the Board of Recreation approved for them to have it in the Hawthorne Pool area. The Public Works Committee met, the athletic fields are all in good shape and are ready for opening day. Pool preparation has begun. Line and curb painting will begin soon. Recycling tonnage grant report is complete and ready for signature. A new landscaper contractor has started, however he still needs his railroad safety training before working on the tracks. The new custodial service contractor has also begun with no reported problems thus far. We are awarding contracts to small truck maintenance and large truck repairs tonight. The pool parking lot was damaged this winter due to the snow. Estimated cost of damages is \$9,600, which we are looking to get repaired. We need to replace 60feet of sewer pipe on Lafayette Avenue Ext, which we are getting prices.

**Council Vice President Bertollo** – To reiterate what Councilman Bennett stated regarding the pool parking lot, he saw the extensive damages and asked if we are going to repair in house or are we going to have a contractor repair. Administrator Maurer stated we are going to use a contractor and are in the process of getting quotes. Council Vice President Bertollo wished Mr. Barry Cohen well. He stated he couldn't think of a finer gentleman who had a passion and cared for this community more than Mr. Cohen. He will be sorely missed.

**Councilman Sinning** – The Ordinance Committee met yesterday and put together a packet regarding traffic ordinances, which includes Utter Avenue, no parking on a section of Florence Avenue, time limit parking on an area on Lincoln Avenue and minor changes to computer parking, the reduction of the speed limit on Rock Road. We are awaiting some information from Bergen County to see if we can reduce the speed limit on Lincoln Avenue. Most of this should be ready for the next meeting.

**Councilman Wojtecki** – The next Shade Tree Commission meeting May 6<sup>th</sup>. He asked if anyone has spoken to the new DPW superintendent to inform him of the meeting, unless the director wants to attend. Council Vice President Bertollo added he spoke to the Administrator and the Mayor regarding the last tree planting, he stated he received a number of calls from people who were very concerned they were not being notified about receiving shade trees. He stated we want to make sure we adhere to the process of notifying residents before new trees are going to be planted. Councilman Wojtecki commented that no one received a tree that had not requested one and a tree was replaced where a tree was removed because it was dead. There were no new locations for tree plantings. Council Vice President Bertollo stated one of the discussions brought up at the ordinance committee going forward, if we are planting trees in the easement for borough residents, he feels we should be responsible for the maintenance of those sidewalks if they become uprooted by those trees; the Borough Attorney is also looking into this.

**Council President Matthews** – Last night the Planning Board met and discussed the conformance of our B3-B3A ordinance with the conformity with the Master Plan. Our planner went over the merits and explained exactly why certain things are done and it was determined it was in compliance with the Master Plan, a letter will be directed back to this board stating any time there are any changes they need to review it. Our planner is confident that it is a good ordinance and in compliance with everything it should be.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** NONE.

### **BILLS:**

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve the bill list and forward it to the Treasurer for payment, moved by Councilman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Lane. On roll call, all voted yes. Councilman Wojtecki abstained from bills pertaining to the Fire Department, and Council Vice President Bertollo abstained from bills pertaining to Downes Tree Service.

VENDOR	CHECK#	TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
<b>CURRENT FUND</b>			
AAA EMERGENCY SUPPLY CO INC	17033	1,176.59	FIRE DEPT O/E
ACORN TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	17034	100.00	DPW ADMIN O/E
ACTION DATA SERVICES	17035	393.44	FINANCIAL ADMIN O/E
AMERICAN HOSE CO INC	17036	300.00	STREETS & ROADS O/E
BRAEN STONE INDUSTRIES, INC	17037	1,189.10	STREETS & ROADS O/E
CABLEVISION	17038	486.38	DPW ADMIN O/E
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC	17039	12.16	STREETS & ROADS O/E
CARROLL NET, INC.	17040	51.00	POLICE DEPT O/E
CHRYSLER JEEP DODGE OF PARAMUS	17041	229.09	POLICE DEPT O/E
CINTAS CORP	17042	443.28	DPW ADMIN O/E
COMMUNICATION SPECIALISTS	17043	52.00	STREETS & ROADS O/E
DIESEL TRUCK SERVICE, INC	17044	2,885.00	VARIOUS
DONALD TURNER, SR	17045	180.00	VARIOUS
ELEMENT FINANCIAL CORP	17046	400.00	POLICE DEPT O/E
EXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC	17047	220.00	DPW ADMIN O/E
F D R HITCHES LLC	17048	2,485.42	VARIOUS SEWER SYSTEM O/E
FASTENAL COMPANY	17049	330.01	O/E
FIREFIGHTER ONE LLC	17050	1,900.00	FIRE DEPT O/E
FIRST MOUNTAIN ARBORICULTURE L	17051	520.00	SHADE TREE COMMISSION
FORT MILLER FAB3 CORP.	17052	78.02	STREETS & ROADS O/E
FUTURE SANITATION INC	17053	39,375.00	VARIOUS
GROENEWAL RAMSEY DOOR, LLC	17054	2,041.00	VARIOUS
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	17055	1,418.10	VARIOUS
HAWTHORNE FIRE DEPT	17056	633.90	VARIOUS
HAWTHORNE PRESS INC	17057	1,444.61	VARIOUS
HENRY BROS ELECTRONICS, INC	17058	270.00	DPW ADMIN O/E
HENRY'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC	17059	218.60	VARIOUS
HOME SUPPLY & LUMBER CO., INC.	17060	124.25	VARIOUS
INTERNATIONAL SALT CO LLC	17061	41,842.30	VARIOUS
JERSEY ELEVATOR INC	17062	125.00	DPW ADMIN O/E
JOHN DEERE LANDSCAPE	17063	620.57	MAINTEN OF PARKS
JORDAN TRANSPORTATION, INC	17064	315.00	BOARD OF REC O/E
LAWMEN SUPPLY CO OF NJ, INC	17065	5,185.23	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
LIFESAVERS INC	17066	208.32	POLICE DEPT O/E
LUSCHER'S AUTO INC	17067	89.38	STREETS & ROADS O/E
MATTHEW HOOGMOED	17068	89.98	POLICE DEPT O/E
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	17069	358.00	BOARD OF HEALTH O/E
MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	17070	329.00	MUNI COURT
MURPHY COMMUNICATIONS	17071	225.00	POLICE DEPT O/E
PASCACK DATA SERVICES	17072	5,804.00	VARIOUS
PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER COM	17073	282,603.28	PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER
PAYPHONE OPERATIONS	17074	100.00	DPW ADMIN O/E
PLANNED BUILDING SERVICES, INC	17075	1,157.60	DPW ADMIN O/E
POWER DMS	17076	3,000.00	POLICE DEPT O/E
PROCOPY INC	17077	363.75	VARIOUS
PUBLIC SERV ELEC & GAS	17078	20,868.68	VARIOUS
REGISTRAR'S ASSOCIATION OF NJ	17079	50.00	BOARD OF HEALTH O/E
RR DONNELLEY	17080	325.50	BOARD OF HEALTH O/E
RT OFFICE PRODUCTS	17081	39.58	VARIOUS
RUTGERS YOUTH SPORTS RESEARCH	17082	1,725.00	VARIOUS
SHOTMEYER BROS FUEL CO	17083	8,149.61	BULK PURCHASE GASOLINE
ST JOSEPH'S REG MED CENTER	17084	130.00	EMERGENCY MGMT O/E
STAPLES	17085	164.28	VARIOUS
SUNOCO SUNTRAK	17086	9,893.21	BULK PURCHASE GASOLINE
TANIS HARDWARE	17087	200.36	VARIOUS
TONY SANCHEZ LTD	17088	3,299.39	VEHICLE MAINT ROAD

TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	17089	700.00	FEES PAY MARRIAGE
TREASURER, STATE OF NJ	17090	1,898.00	FEES PAY UCC
TRIMBOLI & PRUSINOWSKI LLC	17091	669.00	LEGAL SERV& COSTS O/E
TRIOUS, INC	17092	279.34	STREETS & ROADS O/E
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	17093	159.00	MUNICIPAL CLERK O/E
VERIZON	17094	188.34	VARIOUS
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	17095	1,567.81	VARIOUS
VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	17096	510.00	TAX ASSESSMENT O/E
W. E. TIMMERMAN INC	17097	352.30	STREETS & ROADS O/E
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF NJ	17098	29,939.76	TRANSFER STATION
WILFRED MAC DONALD, INC	17099	<u>153.02</u>	MAINTEN OF PARKS
<b>TOTAL CURRENT</b>		<b>\$ 482,635.54</b>	
 <b>GENERAL CAPITAL</b>			
HAWTHORNE PRESS INC	3324	843.96	VARIOUS
MCMANIMON & SCOTLAND LLC	3325	600.00	CONSTRUCT BANDSHELL
SUPLEE, CLOONEY & COMPANY	3326	<u>850.00</u>	VARIOUS
<b>TOTAL GENERAL CAPITAL</b>		<b>\$ 2,293.96</b>	
 <b>WATER OPERATING</b>			
ACTION DATA SERVICES	9659	98.36	WATER UTILITY O/E
AGRA ENVIRONMENTAL SVC	9660	9,826.25	VARIOUS
CABLEVISION	9661	84.90	WATER UTILITY O/E
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC	9662	12.15	WATER UTILITY O/E
COMMUNICATION SPECIALISTS	9663	279.36	WATER UTILITY O/E
GROENEWAL RAMSEY DOOR, LLC	9664	433.00	WATER UTILITY O/E
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	9665	786.36	VARIOUS
HENRY'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC	9666	50.24	WATER UTILITY O/E
JESCO INC	9667	1,033.09	VARIOUS
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	9668	184.22	WATER UTILITY O/E
POST & KELLY ELECTRIC CO, INC	9669	865.00	WATER UTILITY O/E
PUBLIC SERV ELEC & GAS	9670	12,386.46	WATER UTILITY O/E
RT OFFICE PRODUCTS	9671	11.41	WATER UTILITY O/E
SUNOCO SUNTRAK	9672	1,212.11	WATER UTILITY O/E
SUPERIOR DISTRIBUTORS	9673	87.44	WATER UTILITY O/E
TANIS HARDWARE	9674	154.06	WATER UTILITY O/E
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	9675	<u>243.90</u>	WATER UTILITY O/E
<b>TOTAL WATER OPERATING</b>		<b>\$ 27,748.31</b>	
 <b>OTHER TRUST II</b>			
BELMAR SPRING WATER COMPANY	4803	23.09	RECYCLING
CARL MOTTOLA	4804	71.50	UCC PENALTIES
DIESEL TRUCK SERVICE, INC	4805	672.00	RECYCLING
HAWTHORNE PAINT CO INC	4806	71.50	RECYCLING
JOHN PALLOTTA	4807	175.00	UCC PENALTIES
PASCACK DATA SERVICES	4808	1,504.00	VARIOUS
POSITIVE PROMOTIONS, INC	4809	258.45	RECYCLING
PRINTMASTERS	4810	145.00	UCC PENALTIES
RT OFFICE PRODUCTS	4811	390.23	UCC PENALTIES
STEVE PHYKITT DBA MR. ROOTER	4812	303.30	OFF-DUTY
SUPERIOR DISTRIBUTORS	4813	87.44	RECYCLING
THOMAS ZACONIE	4814	66.55	UCC PENALTIES
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	4815	81.30	UCC PENALTIES
VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	4816	<u>75.00</u>	UCC PENALTIES

<b>TOTAL OTHER TRUST II</b>		<b>\$ 3,924.36</b>	
<b>DOG DEDICATED</b>			
NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	6106	<u>130.80</u>	STATE OF NEW JERSEY
<b>TOTAL DOG DEDICATED</b>		<b>\$ 130.80</b>	
<b>BUILDERS ESCROW</b>			
BERT ALKES	5205	<u>1,095.08</u>	ALKES 290.01/31
<b>TOTAL BUILDERS ESCROW</b>		<b>\$ 1,095.08</b>	
<b>TOTAL BILL LIST</b>		<b><u>\$ 517,828.05</u></b>	

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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.

Steve Sargent – 594 Goffle Road

Mr. Sargent stated he has this on-going problem with this manhole cover. This has been (5) years now that we have been dealing with this. He stated first he appreciates everyone for their efforts. However, the problem is still there. About (2) years ago it was welded and that didn't do anything, then it got re-welded back in August and again it didn't do anything, then a permanent repaired was done by putting tar on it. But, what happened was it doubled the size so anything that hits it, it's so loud it vibrates my windows. Mr. Sargent stated he is at a point where he is frustrated he does not know what to do. Summer is coming and he can't even open is windows. Councilman Sinning stated he knows of these hard rubber manhole covers for just that reason, and they were not that expensive, he asked Dr. Boswell if that would work. Dr. Boswell stated we can give it a try. Mr. Sargent asked if this something can be done soon. Dr. Boswell stated he will look at it right away. If we are going to mill it we would need to mill when there is a milling machine in town, we can't bring a milling machine just to do one manhole cover, and it would be very expensive. The 2014 road program will be commencing in June, therefore if were going to mill it, that would be the earliest.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:05 p.m. Council President Matthews entertained a motion to adjourn the regular meeting, moved by Council Vice President Bertollo, seconded by Councilman Bennett. On roll call, all voted yes.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL WILL BE ON **WEDNESDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**. THE WORK SESSION WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M. WITH 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.

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Frank E. Matthews  
Council President

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Lori DiBella, RMC  
Borough Clerk