

A Virtual Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne was held on the above date at 7:00pm via “GoTo Meeting”. Council President Matthews announced the meeting can be viewed live on Cable Channels Optimum Channel 77, Verizon FIOS Channel 28 and Live Streaming on Facebook: Borough Hawthorne NJ Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1135979460070290>. Questions/comments can be emailed to Lori Fernandez in advance of the meeting at lfernandez@hawthornenj.org, or you may call into the meeting during public comments and public hearings by dialing (312)757-3121 using the access code 472-199-829, or you may join from your computer, Tablet or Smartphone by logging into: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/472199829>.

Once logged on, all members of the public must mute themselves and remain muted until the public comment portion of the meeting. Persons wishing to speak may do so by raising their hand or using the chat feature and will be called upon by the Council President. Speakers must identify themselves by name and address before speaking. Any person disrupting the meeting will be muted by the organizer and should such disruption continue, they may be removed from the meeting. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The following were present via GoTo Meeting:

Mayor	Richard S. Goldberg
Council President	Frank E. Matthews
Council Vice President.....	John V. Lane
Councilman	Bruce A. Bennett
Councilman	Dominic Mele
Councilwoman.....	Rayna Laiosa
Councilman.....	Mike Sciarra
Councilman	Joseph Wojtecki
Borough Administrator	Eric Maurer
Borough Attorney	Michael J. Pasquale
Borough Engineer	Dr. Stephen T. Boswell
Borough Clerk.....	Lori Fernandez

FLAG SALUTE

Council President Matthews invited all present to join him in the flag salute and also for a moment of silence for Lou Brogno, husband of Ellen Brogno, a member of the Hawthorne borough family, who passed away unexpectedly last week. He hoped every day moving forward will become a little easier for her and her family.

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 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 3, 2020. In accordance with Executive Orders issued by Governor Murphy relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting will take place in a virtual setting on the GoTo Meeting platform.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the regular meeting minutes for the meeting of April 7, 2021 and Bid Minutes for the 2021 Road Program and 2021 Tree Services contracts, motion by Councilman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Wojtecki. On roll call, all voted yes, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

Council President Matthews opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desired to be heard for agenda items only, please call in at (312)757-3121 access code 472-199-829, or email the Borough Clerk at lfernandez@hawthornenj.org. Members of the public who are logged into the GoTo Meeting can chat in now with their questions.

Seeing no one, Council President Matthews entertained a motion to close public comment, moved by Council Vice President Lane, seconded by Councilman Sciarra. Carried on voice vote.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES None.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Wojtecki stated the Rid Junk location still continues to have dumpsters filled with debris, and they have a shed that has a for sale sign on it. Administrator Maurer stated as far as he knows, they are not allowed to be selling items and was told by the zoning officer that the dumpsters that are there are not loaded or unloaded there and that would be within their approval. He asked Dr. Boswell why there are still sawhorses on the tennis courts and asked for an update. Dr. Boswell reported he spoke to Director Scully on Monday and he said they were repaired and open for play, Councilman Wojtecki stated he went by on Tuesday and they were still there. Both Dr. Boswell and Administrator Maurer will follow up. He asked if the green sun protection that is installed was going to be repaired. Administrator Maurer stated it should be repaired and he will check with Director Scully.

Councilman Sciarra thanked Mayor Goldberg and Administrator Maurer for the installation of the Stop Ahead sign that was installed on Van Winkle Avenue.

Councilman Lane asked Administrator Maurer if the storm drain has been repaired on Sunrise and Goffle Hill Road where the children cross the road. Administrator Maurer stated the contractor was delayed but he will check on it. He asked if the parts were received for the generator for the ambulance building. Administrator Maurer stated he believes the repair is scheduled for Friday.

Council President Matthews asked if the issue with the catch basin on Cornell Avenue has been resolved. Dr. Boswell reported the debris was removed and it is working the way it is supposed. Council President Matthews asked Administrator Maurer if the homeowner was notified of the repair. Dr. Boswell stated a report was sent to Administrator Maurer the next day.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Vice President Lane asked if it is possible to have the recycling center open on Sunday since the warmer weather is here and it is inconvenient for homeowners to have to hold on to their yard waste until it gets picked up. Administrator Maurer stated he will review it with the staff and see what can be done.

Councilwoman Laiosa reported the New Jersey Economic Development Authority has put together their pre-registration for Phase 4 of the Small Business Grant Program. There is a total of \$85 million with up to \$20,000 available to each small and medium businesses as well as home businesses with no pay-back required. You must register first and then submit your application, registration started on Monday and closes next Thursday, April 29th at 5:00pm. The following week there is a schedule, depending on the type of business, to apply. It's on a first come, first served basis. Information can be found on the Borough website COVID page, Facebook and Debra Hoffman, Director of Economic Development, has been communicating to all of the local businesses. The second program is through Passaic County, the Impact Passaic Housing Security Initiative and Emergency Rental Assistance Program. This is a program for residents of Passaic County who are struggling to pay their rent or are facing eviction. The program will be implementing applications in May.

Councilman Wojtecki asked Administrator Maurer if it was Downes Tree Service or the town that cleaned up the debris in the parking lot that was left behind from dumping the snow there. Administrator Maurer stated he would find out who cleaned it up. He would like to know if the street sweeper is going to be sent there to make sure there are no nails or debris that might have been missed. Administrator Maurer stated if it hasn't been done it will get done. Councilman Wojtecki thanked Lieutenant Michalski for taking care of the vehicles racing along Wagaraw Road and asked if the music that was heard on Sunday night from the neighboring community will be dealt with. Mayor Goldberg stated this is not a new problem, in the past our police have been sent. Former Police Chief McAuliffe had a conversation with the Paterson police chief who said he would take care of it, but it may be time to make another call. Councilman Wojtecki stated Captain Carr was on the phone with multiple people that night and the Sunday prior to that.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA PRESENTED BY MAYOR GOLDBERG

Mayor Goldberg acknowledged the untimely passing of Lou Brogno last Saturday who was known as the voice of Rutgers's Athletics. He was an announcer for the BigTen, Princeton University, MSG Network and covered many high school games throughout the state of New Jersey. Lou was husband to my Administrative Assistant Ellen, and father to Stephanie. He was devoted to them, and as much as he loved his broadcasting career, he loved his family more. All of us who knew the Brogno family were stunned by Lou's sudden death, we know the hole this leaves in his family. The Community is praying for Ellen and Stephanie. God bless them. The family has asked for donations in Lou's memory to go to the Hawthorne Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Last Saturday was our shredding event and this Saturday will be a polystyrene collection at Borough Hall. Even though there will be no Memorial Day parade, our service at Borough Hall at noon will be enhanced. The Amy Soto Quartet will play during the service, and at the end of the service, there will be a mini concert by the Hawthorne Caballeros. Because the school system has planned to use a lot of classrooms this summer, it will make summer rec impossible. Thursday evening family events are being planned to fill part of the void including the Band Shell Committee, Municipal Alliance, school system and PTO. We are hoping to have Hawthorne Day this year. Mayor Goldberg presented Shade Tree Commission Chairwoman Dria Lobosco with the 2021 Arbor Day Proclamation.

PROCLAMATION: Arbor Day 2021

WHEREAS, J. Sterling Morton, a pioneer from Detroit and a lover of nature, settled in Nebraska Territory in 1854; and

WHEREAS, J. Sterling Morton advocated tree planting and on January 4, 1872 proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called *Arbor Day*, was first observed on April 10, 1872 with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, 2021 is the 149th anniversary of *Arbor Day* which is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wild life; and

WHEREAS, trees in Hawthorne increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, beautify our community, and wherever they are planted, trees are a source of joy and spiritual renewal; and

WHEREAS, to quote J. Sterling Morton, "Each generation takes the earth as trustees."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hawthorne do hereby proclaim April 30, 2021 as

ARBOR DAY

in the Borough of Hawthorne, and we urge all citizens to plant trees, to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our community's forestry program.

Chairwoman Lobosco thanked the Council and Mayor Goldberg for their support and reminded everyone that in the spirit of Arbor Day, there will be an Arbor Day event next Friday at 3:00pm, she invited the entire Council and Mayor Goldberg. A Southern Magnolia tree will be planted in front of Borough Hall and the 6th annual seedling event, in conjunction with the State of New Jersey, will be held at Paul's Motors between 10:30 and 12:30 on Saturday.

APPOINTMENTS

Matthew Nedswick as Lieutenant for the Borough of Hawthorne Police Department effective April 21, 2021.

James Nienhouse as Sergeant for the Borough of Hawthorne Police Department effective April 21, 2021.

Kevin T. Foley as Police Officer for the Borough of Hawthorne Police Department for a one-year probationary period term effective April 21, 2021.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to record the reappointments of Matthew Nedswick as Lieutenant, James Nienhouse as Sergeant and Kevin T. Foley as Police Officer of the Police Department of the Borough of Hawthorne effective April 21, 2021; moved by Council Vice President Lane, seconded by Councilman Bennett.

Discussion

Councilman Wojtecki stated even though he voted against adding a Lieutenant, he cannot vote no for any of the individuals as he has such a respect for them.

On roll call, all voted yes; motion carried. Mayor Goldberg thanked the Council members for their support.

REPORTS

Borough Attorney Michael J. Pasquale

Attorney Pasquale congratulated the three police officers on their promotions.

Affordable Housing – At the next meeting, there will be a number of matters presented to the Council for consideration, including an amended Developer's Agreement for 204 Wagaraw Road and Zoning Regulations in the form of a Redevelopment Plan for the 3 Ronson property on Goffle Road.

Gaeta/RTS – Gaeta continues to press its appeal of the decision of Judge Caposela, ruling that Hawthorne was absolutely able to award a contract to RTS for solid waste and recycling collection. It first sought a determination that its appeal should be heard as an emergency appeal. That was denied within an hour of its filing. It is now seeking accelerated review, which is being opposed by the Borough. The issue presented is not one of great public importance; it is about money. It is trusted the appellate division will agree.

Marijuana Ordinance – Attorney Pasquale addressed inaccuracies in an article posted by Craig Cayetano on Tap Into regarding the options available to the Borough. He felt many of the statements made were misleading. The Ordinance will be presented to the Ordinance Committee for consideration before being presented to the Council. That is the process, despite what Mr. Cayetano wishes it to be. The town of Hawthorne is not situated like every other town around us as the town is 3.4 square miles, the question is where to put a dispensary. The Mayor has authorized the drafting of an Opt-Out ordinance. If you opt-in, you are bound for five years to retain those zoning laws, if you opt-out, you can opt-in at any point. He explained an ordinance gets drafted, goes to the ordinance committee, they consider it, then when they are ready to release it, it goes to the Council and then the public debate takes place. He also stated a referendum is illegal to have on a Zoning Ordinance.

Attorney Pasquale concluded his report by remembering his friend, Lou Brogno, husband of the Mayor's Administrative Assistant, Ellen Brogno. He advised those who knew him to go to the Rutgers website, Channel 12 News or Google his name, you will get to see his work. He hoped the pain that is felt now will be replaced by the notion that they were touched by the life of a man who lived his life well. May he rest in peace.

Borough Engineer Dr. Stephen T. Boswell

Dr. Boswell congratulated the police officers who were promoted and offered his sympathies to Ellen and her family.

2020 Road Improvement Program – Punch lists are completed.

2020 NJDOT Municipal Aid Application-Parmelee Avenue – Punch lists are completed.

Hawthorne Library Lighting Improvements – The lighting has been designed and he reminded the administration that the deadline to apply for the second round of grants is June 4th at 4:00pm.

Municipal Building North Section Roof Replacement – Delayed because of weather.

Washington/Hawthorne Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements – Job is complete. The final surface course will be on the road by May 7th.

Rea Avenue Extension/Watchung Drive – The cost was provided for extra delineators for the intersection.

2021 NJDOT Municipal Aid Project – Bamford Avenue – Because Goffle Brook park is historic, they will have to get approval for the work for the handicapped ramps.

Little Franklin Field Walkway Lighting – A proposal has been submitted for the lighting and a scope has been requested for the playground.

2021 Road Improvement Project – The base bids and Alternate A and B came in well below Boswell's estimate and way below the bond estimate. R 68-21 for approval awards the 2021 Road Program to Frank Macchione Construction.

Tennis Courts – The repairs were completed and the courts are open upon confirmation.

Westervelt Avenue – Tilcon is expected to perform the necessary infrared work on the PSE&G paving they did the week of April 26th.

Recycling Center - According to an audit done by the JIF at the recycling center, issues were raised about some oil spillage, discussed with the Recycling Coordinator, and a proposal will be done for those issues.

Borough Administrator Eric Maurer

Administrator Maurer stated that Monica Smith offered to address the question of the lighting at the Library. Monica reported at the last Library Board meeting, they did a formal resolution to go ahead and submit the application again which was forwarded to Ed Senkevich at Boswell Engineering.

Administrator Maurer offered his condolences to the Brogno family and stated Ellen deserves the support of her Borough family during this time. He congratulated Lieutenant Matthew Nedswick, Sergeant James Nienhouse and Kevin T. Foley on their promotions. Negotiations with Teamsters Local 11 who represent our dispatchers, has resulted in a tentative settlement, should the union membership ratify, the agreement will be brought to the Council on either May 5th or 19th for ratification on our side. As of this afternoon, six weeks after adoption of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, there is still no formal guidance or regulations from the federal government on the use of funds by local entities. After working with the Project Pride Committee, finishing

touches are in progress for a new landscaping contract for 2021 for the municipal building including the Library, pool property and the NYS&W right-of-way. Plans to reconfigure the old Board of Health office are under way with Ed Easse to make a conference room and employee break room. This project should be completed by the summer. Resolution R 68-21 for the 2021 Road Program on the agenda leaves a substantial balance to roll forward into next years' road program due to the early bidding. R 69-21 notes the low bid for Tree Services had significantly higher prices compared to previous bid prices. The winning bidder, Downes Tree Service, still remains considerably below other bids received this year and in previous years. The State of New Jersey has announced the funding of a local Recreation Improvement Grant Program, the Administration proposes to apply for a grant to build a spray park facility adjacent to the existing kiddie pool. The price tag of \$420,000 is a little steep to afford without grant assistance. A resolution will be brought to the next Council meeting to authorize our grant writers, Capital Alternatives, to prepare the application on the Borough's behalf. Grant writers are only paid if the grant is successful.

Questions for the Administration

Councilman Bennett asked Dr. Boswell if he has any experience with Frank Macchione Construction. Dr. Boswell stated they have done work in some of their towns, but this is probably the biggest job they have ever gotten, but they will watch them closely. He stated the bid does have to go to the lowest responsible bidder as long as they can post a bond which they have. Borough Attorney Pasquale stated they looked at the jobs they have done and it is a big job for them but have no reason to reject them.

Councilwoman Laiosa asked for confirmation from Administrator Maurer if the Borough received the MBE/WBE contract solicitation paperwork. He stated they did and would not have awarded tonight if it wasn't received.

Councilman Wojtecki offered his sympathy to the Brogno family and thanked Borough Attorney Pasquale for listening to his concerns under these circumstances. He asked when pool memberships will go on sale. Administrator Maurer stated it has not been posted yet but will be very soon. He asked Dr. Boswell if any announcement has been made as to when they will be touching up Mohawk Avenue. Dr. Boswell stated he will find out. He announced there will be a clean-up of the 8 Acre Woods this Saturday from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Councilman Mele asked Dr. Boswell for the status of the well at Rea Avenue in the County park. Administrator Maurer stated it could be one of the wells that needed emergency work done. Borough Attorney Pasquale stated it is one of the wells that needed emergency repairs.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to record the Administrative Agenda, motion by Councilman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Wojtecki. Carried on voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None.

RESOLUTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA: R 68-21 through R 71-21

R 68-21 Introduced by Councilman Bennett

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne solicited bids for the 2021 Road Program, all in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by its Municipal Engineer, and received and opened such bids on April 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the bid solicitation consisted of a base bid for milling, paving and curb replacement, as well as spot sidewalk repair and drainage improvements at various identified locations; installation of curb ramps pursuant to a CDBG grant at various identified locations; and replacement and installation of sidewalks and driveway aprons at various identified locations with a portion of the same to be assessed to residents; and

WHEREAS, there were two bid alternates the first being milling, paving and curb replacement on Cheryl Hills Drive, as well as sidewalk and driveway apron replacement with a portion to be assessed to residents; and the second being milling, paving and curb replacement on North Fourth Avenue; and

WHEREAS, nine bids were received, with the apparent low bid for the base bid together with the two bid alternates being submitted by Frank Macchione Contracting, Inc., in total sum of \$942,415.15; and

WHEREAS, the bids were reviewed by the Borough Attorney, who found that the bids of the five lowest bidders were responsive to the bid solicitation and compliant with the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the amounts of the bids, including the bid alternates, were within the expectation of the solicitation and the estimate prepared by the Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS, the Administration, in consultation with the Borough Engineer, has determined to award a contract for the base bid plus all bid alternates as the same is within the funding available for the project and while the Borough has no work history with this vendor, the Borough Engineer has reported positively on its work product; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds pursuant to Bond Ordinances 2265-21 and 2266-21 so as to allow for the award of contract in total certified amount of \$942,415.15.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, that it does award a contract to:

Frank Macchione Contracting, Inc.
141 Central Avenue
Rochelle Park, New Jersey 07662

in accordance with its bid, as to a base bid and bid alternates, all incorporated herein by reference, at a price of \$942,415.15, and does authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to execute and deliver a contract to the said entity upon approval as to form by the Borough Attorney.

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by NJSA 40A:4-57, NJAC 5:30-14.5 and any other applicable requirement of law, I Laurie Foley, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Hawthorne, have determined that there are available, sufficient funds, not committed to any other purpose, provided by Bond Ordinances 2265-21 and 2266-21 so as to allow for the award of contract in total certified amount of \$942,415.15 to Frank Macchione Contracting, Inc. for the 2021 Road Program and Local Assessment portion thereof.

R 69-21 Introduced by Councilman Bennett

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne received bids on April 13, 2021 for 2021 Tree Services for the period May 1, 2021-April 30, 2022, with a one year option in favor of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, three bids were received by the Borough with the lowest bid being received from the Borough's current vendor, Downes Tree Service, with prices in various categories set forth in its submittal; and

WHEREAS, the bid was reviewed by the Borough Attorney, who found that the same was compliant and took no exception to an award of contract; and

WHEREAS, the Administration concurred in the assessment, finding the bid to be within the anticipation of the budget for such work; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified availability of funds in the Municipal Budget, Shade Tree Commission, Operations, 01-2010-26-3032-026, so as to allow for an award of contract to Downes Tree Service in accordance with its proposal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne does award a contract for 2021-2022 Tree Services to:

Downes Tree Service, Co., Inc.
65 Royal Avenue
Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506

CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

As required by NJSA 40A:4-57, NJAC 5:30-14.5 and any other applicable requirement of law, I Laurie A. Foley, Acting Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Hawthorne, have determined that there are available, sufficient funds, not committed to any other purpose, provided by Municipal Budget, Shade Tree Commission, Operations, 01-2010-26-3032-026 to award a contract to Downes Tree Service, Co., Inc., for 2021-2022 Tree Services in accordance the schedule of services to be provided in its bid, with certified funds available for payment of such contract work in the aforesaid budget line item.

R 70-21 Introduced by Councilman Bennett

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne adopted a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Ford F-250 Truck under State Contract from Route 23 Automall and the Borough of Hawthorne also purchased from FDR Hitches a Car Mate Trailer for use with said vehicle, both purchases being made with funding available pursuant to a grant under the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the truck and trailer was specifically undertaken for use by the William B. Mawhinney Hawthorne Volunteer Ambulance Corps, which is the designated provider of Emergency Medical Services in the Borough of Hawthorne; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council now wishes to authorize the transfer of title to the truck and trailer for purposes of registration to the said Volunteer Ambulance Corps, subject, nevertheless to utilization by the Corps for its intended purpose and subject further to provision that the same may not be sold or transferred to any third-party but instead must be reconveyed to the Borough of Hawthorne in such circumstance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, that it does authorize the transfer of the aforesaid Truck and Trailer to the Volunteer Ambulance Corps, subject to the terms and conditions of this resolution, and does authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to execute and deliver any documents required to effectuate the same.

R 71-21 Introduced by Councilman Bennett

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c.102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing the municipality to apply for such Recycling Tonnage Grant for calendar year **2020** will memorialize the commitment of the municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of the Hawthorne Mayor and Council to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Hawthorne Mayor and Council does hereby endorses the submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates **Maureen Cook, Recycling Coordinator**, to ensure that the application is properly filed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve consent agenda resolutions R 68-21 through R 71-21, motion by Councilman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Sciarra. On roll call, all voted yes, with the exception of Council Vice President Lane who abstained on R 70-21, motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Councilman Sciarra reported the next Board of Education meeting and budget presentation will be April 27th at 7:00pm in person in the Hawthorne High School auditorium. The next Library Board meeting will be on May 12th at 4:30pm.

Councilwoman Laiosa reported there will be a polystyrene event on Saturday at the Borough of Hawthorne, sponsored by the Green Team, from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Clean polystyrene and no food containers or egg cartons, for Hawthorne residents only. The Bird Walks will start this Sunday at the Rea Mansion at 9:00am and the following Sunday, May 2nd at 9:00am. Wearing masks and social distancing will be in place.

Council Vice President Lane reported the cannabis and marijuana ordinance is being discussed by the committee and extensive research is being done for the pros and cons. He is not convinced that this is the proper ordinance for Hawthorne. He would like to hear from our Police Department who have dealt with this situation over the past years. They are concerned about our children and want to do what is correct for our residents. The state has not set out all the regulations as Attorney Pasquale reported. He mentioned that Glen Rock did pass an ordinance to opt-out. The ordinance committee has until August and it will not be rushed through the Ordinance Committee until they are 100% satisfied with regard to everyone being on board.

Council President Matthews reported the Chamber of Commerce announced the Farmers' Market will be starting the end of June. They will also be holding a fundraiser that will be announced shortly. The Company of the Year Dinner will be held tentatively the last Friday in January of next year. There were two applications last night at the Planning Board meeting for the permanent expansion of the dining area of two restaurants, Black Jack Mulligans and Granada which were both approved. They will then come before the council for an expansion of their liquor licenses.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

BILLS

Vendor Name	Description	Amount	Check Id
ACORN TERMITE & PEST CONTROL	YRLY CONTRACT FOR PEST CONTROL	\$ 100.00	29446
ACTION DATA SERVICES	PAYROLL #8 4/9/21	473.46	29447
ACTION DATA SERVICES	PAYROLL #8 4/9/21	118.36	12973
ACTION DATA SERVICES	PAYROLL #7A 3/31/21	100.00	29447
ACTION DATA SERVICES	PAYROLL #7A 3/31/21	25.00	12973
ACTION DATA SERVICES	PR#7 3/26/21	618.94	29447
ACTION DATA SERVICES	PR#7 3/26/21	154.74	12973
AGRA ENVIRONMENTAL SVC	MONTHLY WATER TESTING- BORO	1,087.50	12974
ALBERTA TREE SERVICE, LLC	SHADE TREE FIELD WORK- ALBERTA	2,580.00	29448
AMERICAN HOSE & HYDRAULICS CO	ROAD DEPT MISC. SUPPLIES	120.00	29449
AMERICAN HOSE & HYDRAULICS CO	LABOR	550.00	29449
AMERICAN HOSE & HYDRAULICS CO	PARTS	495.00	29449
BARNWELL HOUSE OF TIRES	C-2 RD SERVICE FLAT TIRE	150.00	29450
BARNWELL HOUSE OF TIRES	C-4 RD SERVICE FLAT TIRE	670.69	29450
BELMAR SPRING WATER COMPANY	RECYCLING CENTER WATER COOLER	13.76	29451
BENJAMIN M. VEENEMA	REIMB PHYSIC ASSES SUPPLIES	55.00	29452
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	ADDITIONAL SRV RESO 57-21	14,027.50	1236
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	RESO51-20 2020 ROAD PROGRAM	27,644.50	3814
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	PRO ENG SVC	6,977.50	29453
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	204 WAGARAW ROAD ESCROW	2,438.00	5592
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	204 WAGARAW ROAD ESCROW	4,399.00	5592
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	204 WAGARAW ROAD ESCROW	3,180.00	5592
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	204 WAGARAW ROAD ESCROW	212.00	5592
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	204 WAGARAW ROAD ESCROW	1,060.00	5592
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	204 WAGARAW ROAD ESCROW	1,933.50	5592
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	HAWTHORNE GOSPEL CHURCH	1,267.00	5595
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	HAWTHORNE GOSPEL CHURCH	2,353.00	5595
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	HAWTHORNE GOSPEL CHURCH	95.00	5595
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	VISH DEV STAR, LLC ESCROW	571.00	5596
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	L&L BUILDERS ESCROW	571.00	5597
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	L&L BUILDERS ESCROW	108.50	5597
BOSWELL ENGINEERING, INC	53 BRAEN AVE BL 7,8,9 ESCROW	217.00	5598
BRAEN SUPPLY INC	RIVERROCK BASE FOR CALIUM TANK	259.98	29454
BRIAN DAVENPORT	MUNICIPAL BLDG SPRINGLER SYS	130.00	29456
BROWN'S JANITORIAL SUPPLY	DPW GARAGE	114.79	29457
BROWN'S JANITORIAL SUPPLY	DPW GARAGE	116.85	29457
BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC	MASTER PLAN EXAMINATION R14919	2,450.00	29458
BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC	204 WAGARAW ROAD	805.00	5593
BURGIS ASSOCIATES, INC	204 WAGARAW ROAD	2,210.00	5593
CABLEVISION/OPTIMUM	CABLEVISION (OPTIMUM) SERVICES	632.19	29459
CABLEVISION/OPTIMUM	CABLEVISION (OPTIMUM) SERVICES	63.86	29459
CABLEVISION/OPTIMUM	CABLEVISION (OPTIMUM) SERVICES	111.71	12975
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC	COPIER MAINTENANCE - WATER	21.26	12976
CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA INC	ROAD	21.26	29460
CIRCLE A AUTO GLASS	VEHICLE WINDSHIELD REPLACEMENT	275.00	29461
CJ'S EXPRESS CAR WASH LLC	CAR WASHING	324.00	29462
CLASSIC TOWING	W-12 TOW TO ELVINS'	300.00	12977

COASTAL DISTRIBUTION PATERSON	TRANSFER STATION FEES	816.72	29463
COMMUNITY SERVICE GARAGE	REPAIRS/CLEANING OF VEHICLES	754.95	29464
COYNE CHEMICAL	SOLENOID REBUILDING KITS	882.00	12978
DELL GARDEN CENTER	MISC.WATER EQUIP & SUPPLIES	48.00	12979
DOWNES TREE SERVICE, INC.	TREE REMOVALS VARS. LOCATIONS	8,600.00	29465
DRIA LOBOSCO	SHADE TREE GIVE AWAY REIMBURSE	1,893.42	29466
DTS TRUCKING LLC	ROLL-OFF LEAF PICKUP RENTAL	2,500.00	29467
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS SOLUTIONS	RADIO ADAPTER CUPS	72.00	29468
ELLEN BROGNO	CLASSIFIED AD METAL TRUCK	20.00	29469
ELLIOTT LEWIS CORP	DUCTLESS HVAC UNIT - PD MED.RM	5,800.00	29470
ELVIN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	R-11 SWEEPER REPAIRS	1,792.71	29471
ELVIN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	W-12 EXHAUST LEAK	629.37	12980
ELVIN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	C-2 LABOR BRAKES	2,120.00	29471
ELVIN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	PARTS	1,938.51	29471
ELVIN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	C-2 GOF	246.00	29471
ELVIN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	W-12 NO START-LABOR	660.00	12980
ELVIN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES	W-12 NO START-PARTS	311.60	12980
FIREFIGHTER ONE LLC	SCBA MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	1,622.00	29472
FIREFIGHTER ONE LLC	SCBA MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	249.41	29472
FIREFIGHTER ONE LLC	6" HELMET SHIELD	164.67	29472
FIREFIGHTER ONE LLC	SHIPPING	15.00	29472
GAETA RECYCLING CO, INC.	MARCH 2021	46,596.55	29473
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - ROAD	59.49	29474
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE -RECYCLING	376.75	5758
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	VEHICLE REPAIRS	82.49	29474
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	VEHICLE REPAIRS	445.37	29474
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	VEHICLE REPAIRS	202.40	29474
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	VEHICLE REPAIRS	182.45	29474
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	VEHICLE REPAIRS	80.49	29474
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	VEHICLE REPAIRS	82.49	29474
HAWTHORNE AUTO LAB	VEHICLE REPAIRS	607.20	29474
HAWTHORNE MECHANICAL CONTRACTO	PD GARAGE - CONNECTION HOSE	650.00	29475
HENRY'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC	PLUMBING & HEATING - DPW ADMIN	47.60	29476
HENRY'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC	PLUMBING & HEATING - ROAD	5.86	29476
HENRY'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC	PLUMBING & HEATING - WATER	44.83	12981
HENRY'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC	PLUMBING & HEATING - WATER	99.16	12981
HENRY'S PLUMBING & HEATING INC	PLUMBING & HEATING - ROAD	137.51	29476
HFD #1	TRAINING W/WYCKOFF FD	125.00	29477
HOME SUPPLY & LUMBER CO., INC.	MISC. PARTS/SUPPLIES- ROAD	15.52	29478
HOME SUPPLY & LUMBER CO., INC.	MISC. PARTS/SUPPLIES- ROAD	17.80	29478
INTERACTIVE DATA, LLC	IDI YEARLY MAINTENANCE	50.00	29479
JERSEY ELEVATOR INC	BORO HALL ELEVATOR	170.13	29480
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	LANGUAGE LINE SERVICES	10.20	29481
LIFE STORAGE	5/1-6/1/21 UNIT 3019 AND 3079	397.00	29509
LIFESAVERS INC	AED BATTERIES, FIRST AID	1,664.00	29482
LogMeIn COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	GO TO MEETING PLUS APRIL 2021	236.59	5759
LUSCHER'S AUTO INC	W-2 A/C REPAIRS	190.81	12982
LUSCHER'S AUTO INC	W-2 TRANSMISSION FLUSH	405.84	12982
LUSCHER'S AUTO INC	W-2 SHOP SUPPLIES	35.80	12982

LUSCHER'S AUTO INC	SIGNAL 1 LEFT INNER DOOR HANDE	232.96	29483
M & B SEPTIC SERVICE, LLC	FRANKLIN FIELD PORT-A-POTTY	84.00	29484
MICHAEL J. PASQUALE, ESQ	TAX APPEALS	568.75	29485
MICHAEL J. PASQUALE, ESQ	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	1,618.75	2037
MICHAEL J. PASQUALE, ESQ	EMERGENCY COVID RESPONSE	87.50	5760
MICHAEL J. PASQUALE, ESQ	CONTRACTS	262.50	29485
MICHAEL J. PASQUALE, ESQ	LITIGATION	5,845.00	29485
MICHAEL J. PASQUALE, ESQ	MISC	393.75	29485
MICHAEL J. PASQUALE, ESQ	204 WAGARAW RD ESCROW	87.50	5594
MICHAEL J. PASQUALE, ESQ	204 WAGARAW RD ESCROW	1,575.00	5594
NECI	COMMUNICATION CENTER CERT	1,509.95	29486
NJ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	COVER LICENSE 676-712	59.40	6269
NORA C. ADAMS	MARCH	150.00	29487
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP INC	NOTICE TO BIDDERS TREE	60.30	29488
NSI NEAL SYSTEMS	PUMP SRVC TROUBLESHOOT	700.00	12983
NSI NEAL SYSTEMS	PUMP SRVC NORTH & SOUTH WELLS	2,975.00	12983
OAKLAND MARINE & EQUIPMENT INC	OUT DOOR POWER EQUIPMENT	41.45	29489
OAKLAND MARINE & EQUIPMENT INC	FERRIS 44" RIDE LAWN MOWER	4,100.00	12984
ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	DPW MONTHLY MARKOUTS 2021	163.02	12985
P & A AUTO PARTS, INC	AUTO SUPPLIES ROAD- AUTO/TRUCK	187.12	29490
P & A AUTO PARTS, INC	AUTO SUPPLIES ROAD- EQUIPMENT	169.47	29490
P.M. CONSULTANTS, LLC	FINANCIAL MATTERS	2,000.00	29495
P.M. CONSULTANTS, LLC	FINANCIAL MATTERS	1,300.00	12986
PABCO INDUSTRIES	LEAF BAGS - RECYCLING	5,405.50	29491
PASCACK DATA SERVICES	DATA, CABLES, PRINTER SWITCHES	0.00	29492
PASCACK DATA SERVICES	DATA, CABLES, PRINTER SWITCHES	1,915.25	29492
PASSAIC VALLEY SEWER COM	USER CHARGES 2ND QTR 2021	324,852.82	29493
PATRICIA MAC DONNELL	REIMB COMMUNITY GARDEN SUPPLIE	130.54	29494
PRECISION ELECTRIC MOTOR WORKS	REBUILD WELL #4	28,850.00	12987
PUBLIC SERV ELEC & GAS	THROUGH MARCH	13,191.81	29496
PUBLIC SERV ELEC & GAS	THROUGH MARCH	2,791.64	29496
PUBLIC SERV ELEC & GAS	THROUGH MARCH	13,176.42	29496
PUBLIC SERV ELEC & GAS	THROUGH MARCH	24,713.58	12988
R & R RADAR INC	RADAR RECERTIFICATION	504.00	29501
RECYCLE TRACK SYSTEMS NJ LLC	MONTHLY WASTE & RECYCLING	55,676.00	29497
RECYCLE TRACK SYSTEMS NJ LLC	MONTHLY WASTE & RECYCLING	30,778.43	29497
REDICARE LLC	FIRST AID FOR BLDG. AND POLICE	168.68	29498
REDICARE LLC	FIRST AID FOR WATER	39.77	12989
REDICARE LLC	FIRST AID FOR ROAD	39.78	29498
REED SYSTEMS INC	5000 GALS LIQ CALCUIM STORAGE	11,000.00	29499
RESERVE ACCOUNT	POSTAGE PIT BOWES 45 MAIL SYS	2,000.00	29500
RESERVE ACCOUNT	POSTAGE PIT BOWES 45 MAIL SYS	4,000.00	12990
RIO SUPPLY, INC	3" WATER METER-ROYAL AVE	3,500.00	12991
SERVPRO OF PARAMUS &	CLEANING OF CELLS	150.00	29502
SERVPRO OF PARAMUS &	BIO REMEDIATION 4/421 BATHROOM	356.52	29502
SHOTMEYER BROS FUEL CO	DIESEAL FUEL- FOR BORO VEHICLE	2,513.98	29503
SHOTMEYER BROS FUEL CO	DISEAL FUEL- DRAW DOWN	328.18	12992
STONE INDUSTRIES, INC	ROAD DEPT- STONE SUPPLIES	216.91	29455
STONE INDUSTRIES, INC	ROAD DEPT- STONE SUPPLIES	1,640.45	29455

STONE INDUSTRIES, INC	ROAD DEPT- STONE SUPPLIES	878.54	29455
STRATEGIC SAFETY DYNAMICS LLC	M2 RESPONSE TURNOUT	2,074.07	29504
SUPERIOR DISTRIBUTORS	MISC. EQUIPMENT- DPW ROAD	49.80	29505
SUPERIOR DISTRIBUTORS	CABLE SNOW CHAINS	412.48	29505
TANIS HARDWARE	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	115.30	29506
TANIS HARDWARE	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	16.97	29506
TANIS HARDWARE	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	35.42	29506
TANIS HARDWARE	MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES	51.98	29506
TANIS HARDWARE	HARDWARE PARTS & SUPPLIES	34.95	29506
TANIS HARDWARE	HARDWARE PARTS & SUPPLIES	7.52	29506
TANIS HARDWARE	HARDWARE PARTS & SUPPLIES	390.47	29506
TANIS HARDWARE	HARDWARE PARTS & SUPPLIES-	119.46	12993
TREASURER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY	MARRIAGE LICENCE	575.00	29507
TRIMBOLI & PRUSINOWSKI LLC	LEGAL SVC THROUGH 3/25/21	1,662.50	29508
TYCO ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES	MARCH 2021	2,320.00	6270
TYREX RESOURCES, LLC	TIRE DISPOSAL / RECYCLING	87.00	5761
US BANK EQUIPMENT FINANCE	MONTHLY RENT 3/28-4/28/21	322.00	29510
VERIZON	4/1-4/30 201V62134818034Y	175.30	29512
VERIZON	4/1-4/30/21 250787716000194	2,937.24	29512
VERIZON	4/1-4/30/21 250787716000194	1,258.83	12995
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	4/1-4/30/21 942073411-00001	117.34	12994
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	4/1-4/30/21 942073411-00001	176.01	29511
VERIZON WIRELESS (N)	4/1-4/30/21 942073411-00001	176.00	29511
W.B. MASON CO INC	LASER PRINTER - DPW WATER/ROAD	400.00	12996
W.B. MASON CO INC	LASER PRINTER - DPW WATER/ROAD	199.99	29514
WALDWICK PRINTING COMPANY	EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM	240.00	104
WALDWICK PRINTING COMPANY	POSTERS TREE SEEDLING GIVEAWAY	40.00	29513
WEX BANK	3/6-4/6/21 3696783491	9,774.54	29515
WEX BANK	3/6-4/6/21 3696783491	999.86	12997
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GRP, INC	ENG1 STREMLIGHT PORTABLE LGT	1,338.00	29516
WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GRP, INC	SHIPPING	0.00	29516
	TOTAL	\$745,456.79	

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to approve the bills and forward them to the Treasurer for payment, motion by Councilman Bennett, seconded by Councilman Mele. On roll call, all voted yes with the exception of Councilwoman Laiosa who abstained from bills pertaining to PSE&G, Council Vice President Lane who abstained from bills pertaining to the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps., and Councilman Wojtecki who abstained from bills pertaining to the Fire Department, and Council President Matthews who voted no on check #29473(Gaeta Recycling), motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council President Matthews opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desired to be heard, please call in now.

Craig Cayetano, 59 Pasadena Place, Hawthorne

Mr. Cayetano thanked Council Vice President Lane for taking the marijuana/cannabis ordinance seriously and Borough Attorney Pasquale for all of his hard work. He referred the Council to the Township of Randolph and how they have set up meetings and forums with the residents. He also suggested setting up sub-committees.

Council Vice President Lane stated in January Council President Matthews appointed a committee of the members of the Council to many different committees. He does not think a sub committee would work well.

He reiterated if we do opt-out, at any time before that, he doesn't see why they can't review it and at some point in time maybe the Council will want to go back and opt-in.

Councilman Wojtecki stated he believes this part of the meeting should be reserved for public comment only and not debate or discussion.

Council President Matthews stated we are going to follow what our attorney tells us to do and let's stick to what is going on in our community and surrounding towns and not in other towns.

Council President Matthews entertained a motion to close the public portion of the meeting, moved by Council Vice President Lane, seconded by Councilman Mele. Carried on voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10pm Council President Matthews entertained a motion to adjourn the virtual meeting, moved by Councilman Wojtecki, seconded by Councilman Mele. Carried on voice vote.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL IS
A VIRTUAL MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021 at 7:00 PM**