

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG

COUNCIL MEETING

July 16, 2014

The Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order at 7:30 pm by Mayor Steinhardt. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey 08865.

Mayor Steinhardt stated “adequate notice of this meeting has been provided indicating the time and place of the meeting in accordance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975 by advertising a Notice in The Star Gazette and The Express-Times and by posting a copy on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.”

A prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Steinhardt, Council President Ciesla, Councilman Belcaro, and Councilwoman McCabe. Also present was Attorney Campbell and Engineer Sterbenz.

Resolution No. 14-82 - was passed to hold an Executive Session. Attorney Campbell stated that Council discussed contractual and personnel matters. Motion to go out of Executive Session by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. All in favor.

Public Comment: -

Gena James – 220 Strykers Road. Um, just in regards to New Business No. 1 the Ordinance for the Capital funds, to make sure the town is getting resources that are needed and the money is being spent wise, I just have a few questions for clarification. One, is do we have an itemized, of the prices of the dump truck by the brand and options that were being provided so which is the cost of the actual truck, the salt spreader and the plow, and etcetera and what was the bid process; number of bids received for this and the second one, is on to clarify the purchase of a cascade truck for the Fire Department, just a couple of questions there, one, will the truck have the capability of filling the air cylinders? Two, how many cylinders can it fill at a time? Three, do we have a cascade system in the firehouse already? And four, are we just purchasing a custom truck, what was the bid process, and number of bids for this as well and are you sure that the system can be run for this price. Thank you.

Mayor Steinhardt – Great. Thank you. Any other comments?

Old Business:

Minutes – Approve meeting minutes for June 4 and June 11, 2014. Councilwoman McCabe asked to table the minutes as they were quite voluminous. Council President Ciesla just gave back to Beth some corrections. Mayor Steinhardt asked they be brought to the August meeting.

Ordinance No. 2014-06 – Second reading and public hearing to provide for funding for the Acquisition of Court and/or Meeting Room Equipment in the amount of \$15,000. Clerk Dilts explained this is for the sound equipment for the Court Room. Betty found two old ordinances with remaining funds that you have to use and so she put together a Capital Ordinance to spend those funds rather than take the funds directly from the operating budget. Mayor Steinhardt opened the floor for a public hearing. Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. No comments from the public. Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Council President Ciesla. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06

SECOND NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the following Ordinance was presented and passed on the final reading. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law by title only.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF COURT AND/OR MEETING ROOM EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG AND APPROPRIATING \$15,000 FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Said Ordinance may be read and inspected at any time at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Mayor Steinhardt sked for a motion to approve this Ordinance. Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

New Business:

Ordinance No. 2014-07 – First reading to appropriate \$200,000 out of the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Fund for the purchase of a DPW - 4WD Mason Dump Truck with Plow, Salt Spreader and 2-Way Mobile Radio for the \$100,000, purchase of a Cascade Truck for the Fire Department for \$35,000 along with miscellaneous fire equipment for \$15,000 and miscellaneous Drainage Improvements to Reservoir Road in the amount of \$50,000.

2014-07

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$185,000 FROM THE 2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENTN OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS FOR RESERVOIR ROAD

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Township of Lopatcong hereby transfers \$185,000 from the 2014 Budget and directs the amounts to be deposited in the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Fund.

Section 2. The Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, authorizes the appropriation to fund the purchase of a DPW 4WD Mason Dump Truck with Plow, Salt Spreader and 2-Way Mobil Radio in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Section 3. The amount of \$35,000 is hereby appropriated for the purchase of a Cascade Truck for the Fire Department.

Section 4. The amount of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated for Miscellaneous Drainage Improvements to Reservoir Road.

Section 5. In connection with the purpose and the amount authorized in Sections 2, 3, and 4 hereof, the Township determines the purpose described in Sections 2, 3 and 4 hereof is not a Current Expense and is an improvement which the Township of Lopatcong may lawfully make as a general improvement.

Section 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the terms of this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon due passage and publication

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The ordinance, the title of which is published herewith, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, in the County of Warren, New Jersey, held on July 16, 2014. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Township Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 232 South 3rd Street in said Township on August 6, 2014 at 7:30 o'clock P.M., and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in the Municipal Building said Township to the members of the general public who shall request the same. The purpose of said ordinance is to make an appropriation in the amount of \$185,000 for the purchase of a Truck for the DPW and the purchase of a Truck for the Fire Department.

/s/ M. Beth Dilts, CMC

Township Clerk

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to adopt this Ordinance on first reading. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Council President Ciesla. Roll call vote:

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve this Ordinance. Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Rt. 57 Pump Station Project – Mayor Steinhardt asked Council to approve Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$65, 645.00 to Dulaine Contracting for work completed on the Rt. 57 Pump Station Project. Clerk Dilts informed the Council that the USDA reviewed and approved

Payment No. 2 as the work has satisfactorily been completed. Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Performance Guarantees – Gehrlicher Solar America – Engineer Sterbenz noted that the work is done; the guarantee should be released subject to the conditions in his report which includes posting a Maintenance Bond for two years. Council President Ciesla asked if part of the maintenance agreement is if they would have to maintain the grass in a reasonable fashion. Engineer Sterbenz said it would provide for the maintenance of all the landscaped areas on site including those along Strykers Road. There is an extensive buffer along Strykers Road with landscaping and turf areas. Council President Ciesla stated that when they were building they had a lot of drainage problems that ran into Strykers Road and asked if this has been addressed. Engineer Sterbenz noted that this will go a long way in helping out the situation. The big problem was the lack of stability in the ground because it was disturbed and there was a lot of runoff drainage. The Soil Conservation District was very strict with them and would not give them a final certificate of compliance until they stabilized the site. They have done that now, so, that means his office had performed a number of inspections on all the landscaping along the buffer areas so that issue has been addressed. Council President Ciesla asked how much the bond was for. Engineer Sterbenz indicated that it is in the amount of \$112,566.08.

Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Mayor Steinhardt

County of Warren Shared Service Agreement – Mayor Steinhardt asked for motion to approve this agreement. Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve the next three Resolutions submitted by the Tax Collector for approval. Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 14-83 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2012-041 and Premium in the amount of \$797.31 on Block 116.14, Lot 21C0055.

R 14-83

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REFUND OF REDEMPTION MONIES TO
OUTSIDE LIENHOLDER ON BLOCK 116.14, LOT 21C0055

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on June 8, 2012, a lien was sold on Block 116.14, Lot 21C0055 also known as 55 Limerick Lane for 2011 delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2012-041 was sold to Stuart Lasher for a Premium of \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, Investors Bank, mortgage company for property owners, has satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2012-041 in the amount of \$697.31.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of July, 2014 that the Chief Financial Officer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$979.31 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2012-041 and Premium to:

Stuart Lasher
P.O. Box 83
Milltown, NJ 08850-0083

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a Meeting held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 14-84 – Authorizing redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-034 in the amount of \$305.82 on Block 99, Lot 177C0686.

R 14-84

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. 2014-034 ON BLOCK 99, LOT 177C0686

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on June 25, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 99, Lot 177C0686 also known as 686 Honeybrook Circle for 2013 delinquent sewer taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-034 was sold to US Bank Cust for PC4 First Trust Bank for 15% interest; and

WHEREAS, the property owners have satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2014-034 in the amount of \$305.82.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of July, 2014 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$305.82 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-034 to:

US Bank Cust for PC4 First Trust Bank
50 S 16th Street, Suite 2050
Philadelphia, PA 19102

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a Meeting held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Resolution No. 14-85 – Authorize redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-057 in the amount of \$170.53 on Block 116, Lot 34.

R 14-85

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2014-057 ON BLOCK 116, LOT 34

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on June 25, 2014, a lien was sold on Block 116, Lot 34 also known as 101 Red School Lane for 2013 delinquent sewer taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-057 was sold to Arthur Frustaci for 18% interest; and

WHEREAS, the property owners have satisfied the redemption amount on Certificate No. 2014-057 in the amount of \$170.53.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 16th day of July 2014 that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$170.53 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2014-057 to:

Arthur Frustaci
1178 Fifth Avenue
Alpha, NJ 08865

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a Meeting held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

South Third Street Improvement Project – Reject bid from Topline Construction for the South Third Street Improvement Project and authorize Engineer Sterbenz to provide an alternate bid for the project. Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Cash Bond 319 Aurora Street – Release \$3500.00 Cash Bond for work completed at 319 Aurora Street per Engineer Sterbenz. Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 14-86 – Imposing a lien for costs incurred by the Township DPW to remedy violations on property known as Block 2, Lot 24 in the amount of \$312.07.

R 14-86

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY IMPOSING A LIEN FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the property owner of Block 2, Lot 24 is in foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, there are unpaid charges in the amount of \$312.07 outstanding on said Block and Lot representing the costs incurred by the Township of Lopatcong to remedy violations occurring on said property which the Township Council has examined and found to be proper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that it does hereby place a lien on the premises listed in the amount listed for the purpose of collecting unpaid charges due to the Township of Lopatcong.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren an State of New Jersey do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong at a meeting held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Delaware Park Engine Co. No. 1 – Approve memberships for Jon Nikischer, Sr., and James Marinelli IV, as recommended by Fire Chief Lou LaFord. Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman Belcaro. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 14-87 – Approve extension to the statutory mailing date of the annual Tax Bills to July 24, 2014.

R 14-87

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY EXTENDING PAYMENT OF THIRD QUARTER TAXES

WHEREAS, the annual tax bills were not mailed by the statutory mailing date pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66; and

WHEREAS, the mailing of the annual tax bills occurred on July 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to statute, no interest may be charged for 25 days after mailing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the third installment of the 2014 tax bills be due and payable without penalty by August 18, 2014. Any payments received after that date will accrue interest back to August 1, 2014.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren an State of New Jersey do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the Township of Lopatcong at a meeting held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

Margaret B. Dilts, CMC

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to adopt this Resolution. Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Announcement – Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 30, 2014 from 1:00 to 8:00 pm.

Council Reports:

Councilman Belcaro – I just want to say on the Rt. 57 Pump Station – right now Dulaine has completed the installation of piping both the wet wells and bell chambers and also has set the comminuter chamber which is a grinder, it grinds up all of the sludge so it passes through the lines easily. Dog house manhole 7, manhole 6 and the next thing, right now, is to mobilize next to the downstream portion of the project and begin to install the force main at the Rt. 22 ramp crossing and progress through the mall and up Baltimore Street. So, that's up to date right now.

The second thing I'd like to do is make a motion to approve the DPW Contract, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

One more thing I'd like to make a motion to authorize Council to make an application to seek the remaining grant funds from the USDA.

Mayor Steinhardt – What is outstanding from the USDA? Is it under a million bucks?

Clerk Dilts – Yes, it's just under a million dollars that is still available.

Mayor Steinhardt – To be used within a time frame.

Clerk Dilts – You have to use it within a certain time frame so it necessary for us to make the application now for any work.

Councilwoman McCabe – Motion.

Council President Ciesla – Second

Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Councilwoman McCabe – Yes, I had the honor of attending the 40th Annual Lopatcong Invitational Swim meet this past weekend. There were a great deal of swimmers there and coaches, volunteers and families in attendance. It was a wonderful event. The pool is something that I think is a gem in our community and this pool has allowed generations of kids and families an opportunity to have somewhere to go on a hot summer day, especially, those who don't have pools of their own. When this pool was built back in 1966, 68, the town wanted this to be the recreational gathering place for this community and it is. It has become what they planned it to be. They would be very proud of the events that take place here. Now, with that said, I would like to say how does one small group in the town decide that they don't want the pool, they don't want the pool associated with the town, there insisting that it is losing money and their other suggestion was to have it outsourced which means to give up control of that pool, our

community pool to a third party. A third party, whose not part of this community and who won't be interested in hiring members of our community or furthering our community events. Then, we have a sitting Councilwoman, who is not here tonight and the only reason I'm making my comments is, I might not be here next month but I feel that this deserved a comment from last month's, last meetings comments. She came forth with numbers that were inherently wrong and inherently incorrect and insists that the pool is losing money. These numbers stated by Ms. Schneider, who is not an accountant, nor is she a numbers person, and she submits this spreadsheet as if it was factual and correct information. That, to me, is a blatant disregard of her duties as a councilwoman to present these numbers as fact, when in fact, they were wrong. She then argues that she wasn't given the proper numbers, but at the same time, still insists on providing this spreadsheet as factual information. Such spreadsheets cannot be provided to members of this community as fact. That is a great disservice to our residents. Tactics like that only serve to confuse our residents. This causes all of us to, this incident causes all of us up here, to vote on spending more town money to prove that Ms. Schneider was wrong, to prove that the numbers provided by our CFO, who has 27 years of experience, are correct based on someone who comes up here without a CPA, without an accounting degree and is insisting her spreadsheet is correct. I am furious that we had to spend money; we were forced to vote on this to spend money because someone slapped together some numbers and insists that there fact and the pool is definitely losing money. Well, we did spend that money, we did vote on it, we spent the money and as you will hear and, maybe, you have the handout already, you'll see that the spreadsheet that was provided by Ms. Schneider, was incorrect on many levels. So, I want to say, that unless numbers are provided directly to you the residents from you, from our CFO's or from our accountants, you the resident should not rely on any spreadsheets that are shoved in your face, on your doorstep, especially, for our upcoming election season. I'm, that's all I'm going to say because I can't believe someone can sit up here and insist that their numbers are correct when in fact, they weren't. That's all I have to say.

Council President Ciesla – We had our LAA meeting and there is just a few updates. August 5th, they told me in advance this time, so, if there is a helicopter that's coming, I'm just warning anybody who has football practice, Annual Night Out is August 5th, so don't practice on the fields where they are landing a helicopter because Will Spencer assures me that there will be one this year, so, um, last year it was a bit of a dilemma, there was a bunch of screaming football coaches but anyway August 8th is the annual LAA Golf Outing. If you go on our webpage, and you link over to the LAA's webpage, is the information on the outing. We suggest that if you do want to do it, you sign up quick, I don't even know at this point if it is sold out but it sells out very quick. It is a very well received event; our local golfers always like to go out. So, if you are looking to get together and have a foursome, you can do that. If not, you can apply as just a single golfer and they'll put you with people.

One thing I do need to reiterate, and I'm not quite sure about part of this, is there is definitely a no smoking ordinance on all of our public properties, particularly, our recreational areas. So, we just want to make sure that everybody is adhering to that, you know, it's the law and also, you know, for the benefit of the children, we need to set a good example, and I personally, don't think smoking is a good example, but, again, it is our ordinance. At the same time, I think we need to look into the whole chewing tobacco issue, so, I'll do a little research on that because a lot of parents are finding it just as offensive and it is, again, it's another bad habit. I don't believe, I believe you have to be eighteen or nineteen to buy that as well. It is becoming a little bit of a problem with the younger kids in high school and we don't want it to trickle down to middle school or grammar school. I'm just asking you, if you chew, not to chew in front of the kids at a game. The other thing is and, again, the LAA is asking for a dumpster by the field house, like a dedicated dumpster. There is one up by the pavilion and they're wondering like, when they get to football season, if we could have one dedicated down by them.

Clerk Dilts – We usually drag the one by the pool up to the Field House.

Council President Ciesla – Okay, all right so when that season starts they'll be good, okay. Um, that was it for the LAA.

For recreation, Community Day is August 30th. I have some information on line; we're having a Lopatcong Spirit Parade. It's for children age zero all the way through eighth grade. Basically, we're looking for them to, whether they are in a stroller or wagon, on their bicycle or walking, to dress themselves in Lopatcong colors, dress themselves, whatever they want to do and they'll be prizes awarded for the most spirited. Then, as usual, that parade is not going to be on the street, it's just going to be within the park. Since they're little, we don't want them really tired. We'll also have vendors. Naked Jake will be performing from four to seven at the pavilion. We're looking to do Bingo earlier. The LAA is trying to get together some kind of charity card game; I don't have all the details on that. They are also looking to do up there a quoit tournament. We also, I received approval from Chief Marinelli to have a beer truck. So, we are applying for that license and it will be strictly controlled. We do have other performances like the dancers, the cheerleaders and all that and there is more stuff to come. We have a photo contest again this year. Last year it was a great idea but it takes a lot to get your calendars put together and printed, so, I only made a few for those that actually entered the contest and gave it to them from myself as a gift but we're, actually, there is a form on line that you can fill out before hand and then we're going to, actually, have you bring an 8 X 10 and an 11 X 14 matted frame to Community Day and at Community Day we will vote on the photos and this way we will have enough time to put those into a calendar. Also, again, we are doing the chili contest, everybody loved the baking contest and we are looking for sponsors for our pie eating contest. And I think that was it, that's all I had.

Mayor Steinhardt – Okay I don't have anything, I don't think. Okay, Tax Collector is not here this evening, we did her items 5, 6 and 7. CFO?

Council President Ciesla – Since Rachel isn't here. I've been looking to make a motion, Rachel has been researching online payments and she has settled on one that she would like to review further with our legal and try to get this in place now. The payments themselves, we won't be able to get online until next year. It is kind of late in the year, but we need to start now. So, she wants approval to be able

Mayor Steinhardt – She talking about tax and sewer payments and you say she found one, you mean a company or

Council President Ciesla – She researched several and she picked the one that she felt would give us the best rate and have the best performance and solutions for us.

Mayor Steinhardt – Okay, I don't have a problem with it.

Councilwoman McCabe – So, we are just going to authorize her to go ahead and do some more research.

Council President Ciesla – Yeah, go forward with this company and do more research with Katrina.

Mayor Steinhardt – Research not decisions.

Council President Ciesla – Yeah.

Councilwoman McCabe – Okay.

Mayor Steinhardt – Not binding the Township, just looking into it.

Councilwoman Ciesla – No.

Councilwoman McCabe – All right.

Mayor Steinhardt – You don't need to make a motion to do your research?

Council President Ciesla – No.

Mayor Steinhardt – Mr. Sterbenz.

Engineer Sterbenz – Thank you Mayor. Just want to give the Council an update on the project to realign the sanitary sewer between 315 and 319 North Prospect Street. There is a sewer line that's been uncovered due to flood waters in the adjacent stream. We have collected all the survey data. We've come up with a design plan for the realignment of the sewer. It requires an easement from the owner of 315 North Prospect Street and I have met with the owner and the owner is amenable to granting the easement to us. So, the next thing, steps here, are to get an easement document on that property so we can reserve the right-of-way to do the project and also, this is a project that could be covered by some of the unused grant monies on the current sewer projects, so, I need to have a discussion with Mr. Madden to determine if I need to bid the work out in a certain way to be able to be eligible for these funds and once we get them resolved, we'll be able to take the next step which is to bid the project and try to get somebody in here to build the improvements that are very needed at that location.

Council President Ciesla – I just have one question for Paul. Just about Baltimore and First Street, we previously had a study, correct, on the four-way stop that was proposed?

Engineer Sterbenz – Yeah, what I arranged for, last year, the County Engineering Department, during the summer, hires interns, and under that particular program, they go out and do traffic counts in various municipalities; they offer those services at no charge to the municipalities. They've actually done traffic counts for us in the last two years on three occasions here in Lopatcong Township. One was at the intersection of Baltimore Street and South First Street, so we have those traffic counts that were done in 2013. I don't have them with me here tonight but what I can do is review them and be prepared to discuss this further at the August 6th meeting and to let you know if I feel that I can provide a certification to you regarding the implementation of a multi-way stop at that intersection. My first thought on it, is I think I probably could because the site distance is not very good there and we do have a pretty good volume of traffic that goes through that particular intersection and I've actually seen problems at that intersection due to lack of sight lines, people going through the stop sign on Baltimore Street when they shouldn't be doing that, so, I'll be ready to report further and if I believe we can use accounts to create an ordinance, and it does comply with the Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices, then we can prepare an ordinance and introduce it thereafter.

Council President Ciesla – Okay, thank you and thank you for those at Strykers and Belview, uh, DPW installed the four-way stop and we announced it on our website and it seems to working out well so far.

Engineer Sterbenz- Good. Thank you.

Department Reports – Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve Department Reports.

Motion by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Payment of Bills - Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to approve payment of bills. Motion by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Audience Participation:

Gena James – 220 Strykers Road. Um, just real quick cause I think (inaudible), Mr. Belcaro you made a motion to approve the DPW Contract. Um, I want to know if you can provide more information to that cause I'm not sure what that contract is. If it is public knowledge or not? I don't know if you can give us a little more information on that. Um, and also, I know it is a first reading for that ordinance that I brought forward tonight with my questions. I don't know if you can just give me the clarity or check in a way I can get those answers to those questions, um, but maybe you can, can answer this one last question. Is that cascade truck going to be used to transport air cylinders or is it actually going to be filling cylinders? So, basically, I'm asking is that actually an actual fire truck or is it going to be used as a type of utility truck?

Mayor Steinhardt – All the documents in support of the ordinance will be available to the public to inspect like it would any other ordinance so the supporting documents will be there and I'm sure you will be able to get them from the Clerk whenever you want to sit down and take a look at them.

Gena James – Okay.

Mayor Steinhardt – And, as for going through the question and answer part of it, we'll do that when we get to the public hearing which will be the next meeting. The DPW Contract, the DPW hasn't gone through it yet. So it is still a contract negotiation.

Gena James – So it's still a continued negotiation then.

Attorney Campbell – Oh no, they approved and sent it to them but they haven't.

Mayor Steinhardt – We approved it on our end.

Dennis Drake – 6 Byron Drive. I was wondering is there going to be fireworks this Community Day.

Council President Ciesla – I have a week to decide.

Dennis Drake – Okay

Mayor Steinhardt – Last year.

Council President Ciesla – It's my goal to have them.

Mayor Steinhardt – Last year they were paid for privately. Um, and they are not at the moment.

Dennis Drake – I understand. Last year you had them at the anniversary right?

Councilwoman McCabe – Right.

Council President Ciesla – We're trying, I definitely want to have them, so, we'll see.

Martin Swim – 4 Byron Drive. I really hate to bring up the pool but I sympathize with the, uh, need to not let deceptive comments stand.

Councilwoman McCabe – So do I.

Martin Swim – I don't know if it is deceptive or not but you mentioned a group that wants to close the pool. I think that is an accurate quote. Now, we know it is not Donna, cause that was her first mention that she didn't want to close the pool? I didn't (inaudible) a while ago at a meeting with them, they didn't suggest closing the pool. As opposed to keeping it a secret group you are slamming, is there a way you can say.

Councilwoman McCabe – Is there a way I can say who is complaining about the pool the most? What are you talking about?

Martin Swim – No. You said, there's a group that wants to close the pool

Councilwoman McCabe – So there's a group that's constantly complaining about the pool.

Martin Swim – You said there's a group

Councilwoman McCabe – It's RLL Marty, you know it and I know it.

Martin Swim – You said there's a group that wants to close the pool.

Councilwoman McCabe – Yes and what's your point?

Martin Swim – Who wants to close the pool?

Councilwoman McCabe – RLL has an issue with the pool and I believe.

Martin Swim – You said a group wants to close the pool.

Councilwoman McCabe – I've asked the question, answered you, what's the problem.

Martin Swim – So, you think there's an RLL group.

Councilwoman McCabe – No, your thing is there is an RLL group, go ahead.

Martin Swim – Your thing is that RLL group wants to

Councilwoman McCabe – RLL it's on our Council pages, you've been at this since last year Marty, so what's your question?

Martin Swim – Just to repeat your statement, to make sure I have it. You are saying,

Councilwoman McCabe – You can read the minutes and watch the tape to make sure you have it including your tape on your camera in the back of the room. What's your question?

Martin Swim – Am I clear that you're saying the RLL group wants to close the pool? That's what you're saying.

Councilwoman McCabe – I said, I admit, yeah, I said that, that's one of your complaints. You're trying to get it into a third party. You've many complaints about the pool so, yeah, go ahead.

Martin Swim – Okay, if you're going to lump me with that group, I'll just say.

Councilwoman McCabe – If I'm going to lump with that group, you ran for, under RLL.

Mayor Steinhardt – I'm going to draw a distinction

Martin Swim – I'll just, I'll just say

Mayor Steinhardt – Bear with me, Mr. Swim don't say that. I just want to, listen, I know what you're saying and I follow the other point. Twenty seconds ago, (inaudible). Closing the pool, uh, and I think what Ms. McCabe said was something to the effect of third partying it out. I just want to be clear what we are talking about.

Martin Swim – No, she made two statements.

Mayor Steinhardt – Oh, I understand that but I want to understand. I think you're well.

Councilwoman McCabe – I think you're.

Mayor Steinhardt – I want to understand exactly what it is that, that's being suggested, um, so Ms. McCabe your last statement was to the effect that there may be an attempt to third party the pool?

Martin Swim – If you want to (inaudible)

Mayor Steinhardt – So, closing the pool versus, no I'm going, (inaudible) I'm going to finish my sentence okay?

Martin Swim – Sorry.

Mayor Steinhardt – And then, uh, I just want to understand Ms. McCabe what you are suggesting is the closure to me means, closing the pool, padlocking the gate and it never gets open again versus subbing it out, selling or putting out, out to a third party which can mean something altogether different.

Councilwoman McCabe – Clarification, yes.

Mayor Steinhardt – And, I just want to understand what exactly.

Councilwoman McCabe – Clarification it, it, is, I didn't mean closing, shutting the doors, I meant closing it from use of, running it by the community.

Martin Swim – Okay, thank you for the clarification.

Councilwoman McCabe – Yes, and we have it on record that you guys did try to say you wanted a third party to run it.

Martin Swim – Now, about the third party, I believe you were there Mr. Steinhardt. I believe you were there Ms. Ciesla as was Ms. Campbell. I believe Peter and maybe Tom was the one that asked the question could we outsource the pool. I was there; I don't believe you were there. In that question, Mayor Steinhardt's answer was two-fold. One, he said it wouldn't make sense financially, there's no push to outsource it, was, does it make financial sense? That's why Betty

was at the meeting to answer financial questions. Does it make financial sense? Mr. Steinhardt replied it doesn't make financial sense.

Mayor Steinhardt – (Inaudible) I don't want to speak over you.

Martin Swim – The question was, does it?

Mayor Steinhardt – Right.

Martin Swim – You said, you didn't, it would. You made a second statement which was even if it made financial sense; it doesn't make sense to close opportunities for area kids to work at the pool. So, the question was, does it make sense accounting wise and the answer was, maybe not accounting wise, certainly not for the community. Now for you to come out and say there's a group that wants to outsource the pool, is a different question then, did anybody bring up the subject and, in fact, at that meeting, we several times said, who is in charge of bringing up ideas for the pool. So, I think that's another misrepresentation. If you could clarify your statement when you said the group wants to outsource it.

Councilwoman McCabe – Well my concern is why is our numbers being presented about the pool? I mean, it seems to me you are all overly concerned with the pool. You are misrepresenting to the town residents that the numbers that we're saying we have are incorrect.

Martin Swim – I haven't been pushing it at the meeting.

Councilwoman McCabe – Okay.

Martin Swim – I'm just trying to clarify your points here.

Councilwoman McCabe – Okay

Martin Swim – Where, close the pool, you clarified that.

Councilwoman McCabe – Yes, well you know what, let's start beating around the bush here Marty. Councilwoman Schneider ran with RLL, you are with RLL, let's stop playing games. You got some problem against the pool and I don't like it.

Martin Swim – And, the other thing that's interesting, is

Councilwoman McCabe – The other thing that's interesting, continue.

Mayor Steinhardt – May I, can I chime in on that last word? Maybe a distinction without a difference that may be semantic, I don't know, but I, you, you, instead of using the word doesn't in the context of my comments, I just want to make sure that the basis of my statement to the best of my recollection, when we were having a discussion Mr. Swim, what was more historical then it was either present or future tense, to me doesn't connote now or somewhere down the road, is opposed to didn't (inaudible) the basis from my explanation was that we had looked at it, at multiple times in the past when the town decided to take over the pool and, again, correct me if you think I'm wrong, but I think my explanation to you at the time was twofold to justifications for the decision is that when we had looked at it in the past, what Council had concluded was one, it didn't make economic sense when we looked at other towns who had their pools taken over by the YMCA and tried to third party them out, they ended up not succeeding, it ended up costing more money to do that than it did for the town to try to run it itself. So, that was the economic justification, um, and in terms of again, the personnel, when you third party them out, the third party tends to bring their lifeguards, their snack bar staff, etcetera, and that

Council, when we had looked at it in the past, and that would have been prior Council, Mr. Baker, Mr. Mengucci, Mr. Curry, Mr. Camporine and me, when we all looked at it, from an economic standpoint we thought we could do better and the money stayed here as opposed to paying management, but that we could also have some control over using local kids, lifeguards and snack bar staff, etcetera, um, and those were the reasons why we opted to do it that way. Now, to the extent that I may have implied that I don't know that any of that has changed, that may be accurate, but I just want to be clear that the arguments that I was making to you then were based on the things we considered (inaudible) and I hope that that's how you took it, I think that's how it was explained.

Martin Swim – What you've expressed now and the tone, was what you expressed at the meeting.

Mayor Steinhardt – Okay.

Martin Swim – I just object to anything standing on the record.

Mayor Steinhardt – I didn't say anything before, I.

Martin Swim – Just anybody that says wants to close the pool without clarification or wants to outsource without clarification, it's just misleading.

Councilwoman McCabe – Well, it was stated by Ms. Schneider last month that she was saying one of the options was to outsource the pool, it is in the minutes.

Mayor Steinhardt – One of the short comings of written statements, unless you are Alexandre Dumas and wrote The Count of Monte Cristo, is you can only explain so many things in a short paragraph and if there was something lacking, you know, it's your right and anybody's else's to come up and ask for some clarification. I'm hoping to your satisfaction, Ms. McCabe was able to shed some, a little bit more light on statements she may have made but, you know, no one is intending to try to deceive anybody at least from our perspective and I'm glad that you came up and asked for some clarification and, hopefully, you are getting it but, you know, a written statement is like sending a text message, unfortunately, once you get it, you know, sometimes you have to send seven more to explain what you said or pick up the phone and make a phone call, uh, just why you have discussions.

Martin Swim – Correct. I have one more, I haven't seen whatever you paid some accountant to do. I know I did mention.

Clerk Dilts – Right there in front of you.

Martin Swim – Okay good. This right here. The, uh, I did mention to Lori before this meeting I think at the community rec. meeting that I thought it was a silly resolution to have an accountant come in and check math.

Council President Ciesla – That is their job though.

Martin Swim – It's the CFO's job to check the math.

Council President Ciesla – It's not, it's not, right, but in the minutes that I just had to read, Ms. Schneider said "my numbers have not been proved wrong", and she said I think I'm right, essentially, like that, and that is what lead me to make the motion because if we have a standing councilwoman who does not, who is refusing to, for whatever reason, um, not, not believe what her professionals - her trained, educated, certified, licensed professionals are telling her, and then

continuing to perpetrate this, it was part, and then to come out and say I don't, my numbers, you haven't proved my numbers wrong, even, it wasn't just

Attorney Campbell – If you read that, you'll see, it wasn't just checking math.

Council President Ciesla – It wasn't just checking math.

Martin Swim – To conclude that same thought, uh, I would just trust the CFO as (inaudible) concerning factual numbers, I couldn't skim this fast enough, but the Council Corner says the projected numbers are \$25,000 for the year. I presume, (inaudible) this really.

Council President Ciesla – Now, again, let me reiterate that. Council Corner is a focus in time; it is a snapshot in time. At that time, which was August when we met with you, when we hadn't yet put in all the bills and Betty was looking at her revenues and the expenditures, we were on par to make between \$20 and \$25. After that, is when I got the approval to do the Field House roof, we did capital improvements, we did some other, we had some maintenance on the bonding, the chlorinator and it was because of the fact that Betty had come up that, we had made the \$25,000 that we could do all that. At the end of the day, it's not sitting in a bucket, it did get, I'm sorry, it got spent, the money goes back into the pool and into the park.

Martin Swim – I'm guessing it doesn't say \$25,000.

Mayor Steinhardt – It does, at that point in time when we had the discussion, back the year we would have looked at when we said that, we wouldn't have put the last (inaudible) in 2011 which would have been the past full year, it was \$40,000 and I think that's the number on which we were basing the comment that it was roughly \$25, it, we were using an average and, again, based on our conversations with Ms. Dobes at the time, those were the expectations. As a lot of people know, that, that following year turned out to be an off year, I think instead of making \$25 we ended up making \$12 or somewhere in that neighborhood. Um, so I don't think 25 was misrepresentative of what it was at the time. Now, let me say this though, in terms of your other comment about, you know, buying what the CFO says, um, you know, the problem was, and I wasn't here for the decision to select the auditor, but I would have supported it had I been here and the reason for it was, quite candidly, the CFO, and this goes back to probably, Mr. Swim, um, and then in the several months prior when demands were being made at Council to take down this comment, uh, about the pool making money, whether it was a dollar, \$25 or \$25,000, because it was losing money, and there was a monthly disagreement going on, saying that someone didn't agree with the CFO's numbers, so to say no, whether it's you or anybody else, and I'm not putting you on one side or the other, for someone to say you should just accept the CFO's numbers, I agree with you, I accepted the CFO's numbers. Somebody else didn't and we had this debate, month after month after month, so, finally, Council felt, and I don't know how you voted, was that a unanimous vote?

Council President Ciesla – Yes.

Councilwoman McCabe – Yes.

Mayor Steinhardt – Okay, so the four members that would have been here that night, all vote to have an auditor come in and clarify what was the CFO's opinion and what was another person's opinion, what the accurate numbers are. That's now been done and that's the report that you have in front of you. So, uh, you know, unfortunately, when everyone couldn't agree, meaning everyone, meaning a group on Council, a group from the public, the CFO, whomever, someone needed to play referee and come back and render a professional opinion. So, that's what happened. So, I don't think that the \$25,000 number at the time that was represented to you was inaccurate; it was in line with what the average was to the extent that may be different now that

the audit was done. This is new. I don't even think it is a week or two old. It shows that it dates July 14th. To the extent it may be needed to be tweaked, there is nothing wrong with that. That can be amended at any time but I think the sentiment is accurate and that the pool makes money, the pool has made money and I'll go back to arguments I made to you the day we met that I think that prior Council considered it and felt it made sense for that pool to be a Township asset, we made money there, it serves the Township well, it's having a very good year this year, it's a place for our families to go, it's a place for our kids to work and I think it would be a shame for us to ever lose it.

Martin Swim – To clarify because I think my larger point was missed, um, my larger point on the posting was its comment on social media to put an edit, numbers adjusted for, and you can just say.

Councilwoman McCabe – No, the numbers were correct at the time of the meeting is what he is trying to tell you.

Mayor Steinhardt – I stand by the numbers (inaudible) now that this (inaudible) can always be amended.

Martin Swim – On social media you put down edit and you say, pool actually made money \$3 grand was the last figure I saw and that is how you handle social media (inaudible.)

Council President Ciesla – I would qualify it if I think what I did with the \$20 to \$25,000 that was, yeah, oh yeah with the clarification.

Mayor Steinhardt - I'm quite sure that will happen its only 48 hours old.

Martin Swim – Right I know. You missed my larger point.

Mayor Steinhardt – I don't think I missed your point but I try to keep up with you Mr. Swim.

Martin Swim – You do pretty good.

Mayor Steinhardt – Thank you. Anybody else tonight?

Dave Lance – 258 Lows Hollow Road – I agree with Maureen on this. I believe that it was a campaign issue last year and Mr. Swim ran with Mrs. Schneider and they went around telling everybody that the pool was losing money. I'm disappointed that this report doesn't have the councilwoman's name on it and I would like to ask the Council what this costs us, the taxpayers, to verify what our CFO already verified. Could you tell me what the cost was for this audit?

Mayor Steinhardt – I got no idea.

Clerk Dilts - \$1800.

Dave Lance - \$1800 thank you.

Council President Ciesla – This is a drop in the bucket for what we spent on refuting

Councilwoman McCabe – Still, I'm furious we had to spend it. It is taxpayer's money. We have a CFO here with 27 years of experience, and someone who gets up here for five months and all of sudden, she is a CPA and accountant and everything rolled into one and, yeah, it is an election issue and, yeah, they've used it in the past as an election issue. The poor residents don't know

what to think anymore. So, we need to put it to rest. We've got a report to prove that we were correct and that is enough. Done.

Mayor Steinhardt – Any other folks here tonight questions, comments, Mr. Weeks.

Brian Weeks – 208 S. Seventh. Coming in front of you guys looking to replace the truck we scrapped due to, you know, not able to run anymore, all right, um, what we are looking for is an F550 Mason Dump. You have the package I gave you with everything in it. It's got a plow, a salt spreader, it's all undercoated, and it's got everything we need to do that.

Mayor Steinhardt – This goes to the heart of the stuff that Ms. James was asking about. So, why don't you give us a rundown of what vehicles did you look at, what did you compare to.

Brian Weeks – Well, here's the problem, due to the new laws, there is really no other vehicle to look at. Chevy doesn't make it anymore, doesn't make a 550. The Dodge were just not really happy with at all and they don't seem to hold up nor carry the weight we're looking for. So, what we did was, we went around, we went under the Morris County Co-op which automatically does the bidding for us, it is complete, we don't need to go out and bid, it is done. What we did do, is uh, we said okay we're going to have this truck for a while, let's keep it, let's maintain it at a level and get the things that are going to be able to do that for us. We went with a stainless steel body, all right, with reinforcing steel; we also went with the warranties. One of our biggest things is everything falls apart after so many years all right, especially around salt and all that. All right and this will give us seven years at no expense except for the normal wear and tear. The truck, the plow and the salt spreader.

Mayor Steinhardt – The money that were purposing to move within the Capital Improvement Fund to the General Fund, that's enough to cover what you are looking for?

Brian Weeks – Yes sir.

Council President Ciesla – Is this price all inclusive including warranty?

Brian Weeks – This is a complete price, all right.

Council President Ciesla – Its complete, okay.

Attorney Campbell – (Inaudible) or do they have it all separate?

Brian Weeks – I have it all separate if you want to see it and, uh, you know, what I mean, that's where the price is if you want to look at it. The truck you are looking at, I made a picture of, just to give you an idea. It is not quite that truck but it's what an F550 stainless steel body looks like.

Mayor Steinhardt – You said size, 4-W drive, rating, etcetera. It is your recommendation that this is what you need to do your job.

Brian Weeks – This is what we need to do the job. It is a 4-W drive truck, it's all undercoated, it's, you know, top of the line equipment to do what we need it to do. It's also right now we have only one 4-W drive truck and if that breaks down, we don't do Lows Hollow, we don't do Lower Lows Hollow, Delaware Street, there's roads we do not do. Twenty was our old 4-W drive, so, we're looking to replace that.

Councilman Belcaro – And you get to use this all year long?

Briand Weeks – This truck will be used all the time. What I did do, also, and, if you look at it, if you look at the picture, to the left, one of the differences on the back, you are going to have a riser, a twelve inch riser that's going to come up and what that does is I fill that in with my boards and it gives me that height and I'm able to run a chipper into it now instead of just having little boards.

Mayor Steinhardt – Just so we are clear, and so we don't run into a problem next month and have to do something again, the money we are proposing to move for the truck part, the plow, the spreader, that 200 grand that will cover what we are looking for?

Brian Weeks – Well yes, and the radios and the buying everything, the whole truck complete.

Council President Ciesla – Everything complete including warranty, yeah, here it is.

Brian Weeks – To us that's very valuable.

Council President Ciesla – And in your opinion, the co-op gives you the best price?

Brian Weeks – The co-op is very fair, I didn't have any problem with it, I actually did go outside the co-op with one company and I wasn't happy with it. They don't deal the same, they didn't work the same. They didn't seem, the ones, even inside the co-op if you look at your papers, I went to different places inside that co-op, different companies, all right and I'm not going to mention them by name, we went down, we sat with them and we walked away.

Council President Ciesla – Did you (inaudible).

Briand Weeks – We just weren't happy at all.

Council President Ciesla – Okay.

Brian Weeks – All right.

Councilwoman McCabe – I guess it's not economical to lease something like that right? Is it even an option to lease? Maybe it's not as.

Brain Weeks – We'll we hold onto them forever. That's our problem. I mean we have 1987 vehicles. They're costing us nothing. All right, I believe.

Mayor Steinhardt – To me it's not like a squad car where we have to be a little bit more mindful. These guys can do their maintenance. If they have a truck down for a day or two, it is usually not the end of the world. Like we can't afford not, you guys (inaudible) but we can't afford to have one of these guys, you know, mechanically (inaudible) deal with something, so.

Councilman Belcaro – You got 20 years

Brian Weeks – Yeah we average around 15 to 20 years out of a truck.

Mayor Steinhardt – I think we get more than our monies worth.

Brian Weeks – We got a 97 right now that is the other 550.

Mayor Steinhardt – Any more questions for Mr. Weeks?

Councilman Belcaro – What is the anticipated date?

Brian Weeks – Well that's what's the importance here. Um, they don't know because what happens is they have to produce five trucks, all right, to be able to put it on the line to produce what we are looking for. Um, because of the color, all right, um, I choose to stay away from white because when we are in snow plowing mode, everything is white, so is your truck and you don't see it. All right, so I choose to paint them yellow, it doesn't cost us a dime to do that but time lapse is waiting for that lineup to come. They tell me right now it is a good time, there's a lot of trucks coming so I'm hoping to have it before the season starts, with the beginning of that season now that could change as the company changes. All right, but that's what their saying.

Councilman Belcaro – That's fine but you'll have it for winter.

Mayor Steinhardt – Based on Mr. Weeks recommendation?

Councilwoman McCabe – Motion.

Council President Ciesla – Second.

Mayor Steinhardt – Roll call.

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilwoman McCabe, Council President Ciesla and Mayor Steinhardt.

NAYS: None

Mayor Steinhardt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Council President Ciesla, seconded by Councilwoman McCabe. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clerk/Administrator

Douglas J. Steinhardt
Mayor