

Council Meeting
April 12, 2011

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the
Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on
Tuesday, April 12, 2011, in the Council
Chamber, Hillsdale, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by
Mayor Arnowitz who also led the Salute
to the Flag.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

Borough Clerk Sandt stated, "This is a Meeting of the
Hillsdale Borough Council on this 12th day of April 2011. Notice of
the time and place of this meeting has been provided to The Review,
Pascack Press, The Record and Community Life; a copy was posted on
the bulletin board outside of this meeting room and provided to any
interested parties.

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ROLL CALL:

Borough Clerk Sandt called the roll those present
being as follows: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo,
Hanlon, Schivone and Weinstein. Also in attendance Borough
Attorney Paul.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember
Giancarlo, and unanimously carried, the Council Meeting of April 5,
2011, and Closed Minutes of April 5, 2011, were approved as
presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF FIRE OFFICERS REQUESTING APPROVAL
OF JEFFREY DOMVILLE AS A MEMBER OF THE CADET COMPANY.

Received, filed and approved on motion by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember Schiavone, and unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION:

1) Cell Tower Downtown.

Mayor Arnowitz said before we expend any legal fees, he wished to get a straw poll of the council whether they are willing to consider a cell tower in the center of town. At the last meeting he pointed out there were potentially four locations that had been discussed at different times; one at the fire department parking lot, one behind the borough hall to replace the existing one, one in the west parking lot and one at the DPW. He proceeded to determine whether or not we move forward with the tower. We do have a representative present from AT&T and it was pointed out that the town has an ordinance requiring cell towers on borough property. If the town cannot accommodate the cell tower and a need can be proven, they can petition to put it on private property and we would not have control or revenue. AT&T sent letters to two property owners in the industrial area asking for an interest in placing a cell tower in the industrial zone. The Council at the last meeting was willing to go forward with a cell tower, however, two Councilmembers were absent.

Councilmember Schiavone said she listed to the meeting so that she would not miss anything. She understands that we have to have cell towers and she wants to go forward.

Mayor Arnowitz expressed his concerns about a cell tower behind the borough hall last week. He feels the logical place with the least disruption to the town would be at the DPW. However, whichever site we approve, the participants would look at the site to see if it meets their needs.

Councilmember Schiavone said based on the concerns that she had regarding levels of radiation, that is the most appealing location. The general agreement among all the resources that she read seems to be about 400 meters; when you clear 400 meters from the tower, you are in a safety zone. Her concerns are the schools, especially the high school which already has WIFI because that creates radiation. She would like calculations that if we have towers overlapping areas so that they increase the amount of exposure because it doesn't seem that we can avoid exposure completely.

Mayor Arnowitz said there would be different tenants on the next tower it would be about a quarter of a mile. He believed the DPW would be within the quarter of a mile radius. Of the three locations, he believed the west lot and the DPW would be the

furthest. The fire department parking lot would be the closest and the next closest would be behind the borough hall. The borough hall would be the closest location to a school.

Councilmember Schiavone wanted to avoid the most and she would go with the DPW location.

Mayor Arnowitz said there are arguments on both sides whether radio waves affect anyone. There are certain levels that are acceptable by the legal minds and they are well below that.

Councilmember Weinstein said there are multiple borough locations under consideration. If we agree the DPW location is the most desirable, AT&T does an on-site analysis to determine if it works for them. If it doesn't, we need to look at other sites.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have a number of options; pick a site on borough property within the scope of what they need and allow construction with certain limitations. Probably the most difficult and costly would be to deny it and fight it and try to prevail in court. Woodcliff Lake did that and eventually lost the case. The next would be private property; the problem with private property is that we would lose the revenue. With private property, we would have some input as to the style, size and location. They would need Planning Board approval. Obviously, the best option for the borough is on borough property; there are significant funds that can be generated. The tower behind the firehouse has four tenants; it started with two and by the time we commenced with construction we had three and now there are four which generates approximately \$180,000/year revenue with automatic escalators. When the tower was constructed, we received \$240,000 in communications equipment and it handled a specific problem which cost \$240,000 to solve that problem. With the tower on the west side, we were looking for specific things that were measurable and a dollar amount of \$60,000; those are the benefits to the town.

Councilmember Weinstein said he didn't feel cell towers are desirable, however, in this situation he agreed that the most desirable location would be the DPW. If it were found that the site was not acceptable, it would come back to Council for further discussion.

Mayor Arnowitz said we would pick one site we all agree on. If they find the site unsuitable, then the Council has to decide on a second option. He informed AT&T that the tower would have to be built in a manner that exceeds the 100 year flood; they would not put their property in jeopardy. There would not be a problem with the tower, all the equipment would have to be raised.

Councilmember Frank suggested we use the same specifications we

used for the west side cell tower.

Representative from AT&T.

She had some preliminary questions; she asked for clarification is the west lot and DPW were in the flood zone.

Councilmember Weinstein asked her about the principle if the town denies and the carrier has the ability to go forward and force the issue. What are the parameters that determine whether or not there is a true need in that set of circumstances?

AT&T Representative said typically in the context of a conditional use variance where a town does not permit a tower, an applicant will go and file a use variance. Part of the proof in order to approve the positive criteria for that use variance pursuant to a case in New Jersey, the Smart Case, the applicant has to approve the need, which essentially shows there is a gap in that vicinity surrounding the area they are looking to put in the tower. They will do an analysis of the existing coverage of the surrounding site in the area and they will see a map which show coverage in the area and one area in the center will show there is no coverage. Then use model software to show what happens when the site is turned on in that area and it will show the entire area being covered. They clearly give you a sense that there is coverage in this area and when driving through this hole where you are not able to hold a call. Once that need is shown, it is very difficult for a municipality to deny an application.

Councilmember Weinstein said based on whatever is driving AT&T to want to install another tower, he assumes they are confident that there are gaps. Cell towers have been popping up on the outside of our town, right on the borders; does that gap still exist?

AT&T Representative said that is her understanding. A cell tower is an expensive undertaking, they are not going to build a facility if they have adequate coverage in that area.

Councilmember Schiavone asked when the specs go out and they give us the height of the tower do they also give the angle of down tilt?

AT&T Representative replied that what she is asking for is in the EMF report, that an applicant usually provides in the course of a Planning Board and Zoning Board application. In that land use context, the applicant has to prove that the facility complies and in most cases, their radio frequency engineer will take into account not only the carrier that is going on tower but all the antennas on that tower. They calculate cumulatively what the effect is and in every instance, the EMF levels have been far lower

than what is mandated by the state and the federal government. As far as down tilt is concerned, she believe the EMF reports do take down tilt into consideration.

Mayor Arnowitz said at the last meeting we did discuss Councilmember Schiavone's remark about small cell towers.

Councilmember DeJoseph said if a company wants to put in a tower at a certain location and residents and business owners are going to say it is unsafe, they don't want it in their backyard, every excuse, what law applies to that and do the complaints stand up in court.

AT&T Representative said she is confident that they will. There is a very specific standard set forth by N.J. Radiation Protection Act with specific standards by the Telecommunications Act and the applicable federal regulations; we have to demonstrate that we are below that and in every case, we demonstrate that we are well below that. She has not seen a health effects case that has gone to the local residents.

Councilmember DeJoseph said they will all be built within the limits of FCC regulations. If a municipality has an ordinance saying towers can only go on municipal property can a tower go on private property or commercial property.

AT&T Representative said the municipal land use law in N.J. sets for the mechanism when a use is not permitted and the applicant has the ability to file for a use variance. They have to demonstrate the appropriate proofs and the Zoning Board has the ability to grant that use variance. In N.J. as far as telecommunications facilities is concerned, that is governed by the Smart Case.

Borough Attorney Paul said if it is not approved for a borough site, then the representative is telling us that AT&T can go for a variance and have success; that would be the next step. It wouldn't go from here to a court case, the next step is a variance for private property. It is not an automatic approval and success if very likely. Federal law does favor development of cell towers.

Councilmember Weinstein said with the number of carriers out there today, we have a cell tower which is fully occupied. The site we are talking about is about a quarter of a mile away. A different set of carriers would want to take advantage of that cell tower. What laws are in effect to protect a municipality from having multiple cell towers if not on top of each other, but pretty close because there are so many carriers. At what point can a municipality say we don't want any more cell towers.

AT&T Representative said right now the law is the need issue that she described. A carrier can demonstrate need and they are in a pretty strong position. If you do have a situation where you do have facilities on top of each other, it gets harder and harder for a carrier to demonstrate need. If there are roof tops available for carriers to place their antennas and if there are a lot of other towers; if there is a tower that is 100 ft. away it will be very difficult for her, an attorney for AT&T, to go in and make a case before a Zoning Board to say we need another site. She would make the case that the tower doesn't hold the antenna structurally, somehow there is some sort of technical issue where our coverage needs are somewhat different and we need that facility 100 yds. away, that is a tough case to make.

It is a competitive industry; she does not know if carriers can piggyback on other cell towers.

Councilmember Weinstein said if there's space on the tower right now, and you show a gap, it seems like you would have the ability or the law behind you to build one too close for comfort just because you can't piggyback on an existing facility.

Mayor Arnowitz said they build another tower next to the existing tower and they can get the other people to move over. This tower we have cannot support another vendor so we build a 140 ft. tower and make room to accommodate on one tower. You have to convince the people who have already paid for the tower that they have to move.

AT&T Representative said those concerns are legitimate, there are more and more of these facilities. Going to the municipal governments first is the best way to get a mutual acceptable situation.

Councilmember Giancarlo asked if it is possible to build a same height tower but get more tenants?

AT&T Representative said you can always build higher pole, however, carriers want a 10 ft. separation distance and they need it to avoid interference with the other carriers and tenants.

Mayor Arnowitz said we would have to go up 20 ft. higher to accommodate two more platforms. The tower will not take the additional weight so a new tower would have to be at least 140 ft. high. He believes more cell tower companies will be looking for space.

Councilmember Frank asked when the Council would be able to see a study on the RF coming from the tower. His concern is safety.

AT&T Representative said we could include this in the bid package; it would involve what RF emits.

Borough Attorney Paul said one safeguard the borough has in almost every bid package it will say subject to the applicable state, federal and local laws and ordinances. They must comply with the safety standards that have already been established by federal and state standards. We could specify that this must comply with safety standards; once it gets to Planning Board, they would assure that as well. That is all they have to establish and once they establish that, then it is within those guidelines and federal law prevents us from going any father with it.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have to take into consideration the tower behind the borough hall and there is an antenna on top of the roof at a very low level. We should be able to see all of the effects.

Councilmember Giancarlo said if you put two towers together hopefully you will consider what the other tower is emitting because if someone is between two towers they are doubly affected.

AT&T Representative said if you are that concerned, we could have experts come in and answer those questions.

Mayor Arnowitz said we will be looking for that before we get to the Planning Board stage. We are going to give a cursory approval tonight of a site that could potentially handle another cell tower at the DPW. Your company will make a determination if that site is suitable to you. Before the Council introduces the resolution or ordinance to approve that site to move forward, we want to see numbers; accumulative effect and from all the towers because they are in close proximity. If that meets their needs, they will vote on going the next step, to introduce either the resolution or ordinance so then we can create the plan and submit it to the engineer and go before the Planning Board. After this Council approves a site, he will appoint Ann Cron and residents in the Park Section who want to be part of this; we will have the expertise from the residents on the west side and we will form a committee that will work with AT&T and keep the Council informed. We will have a check list with all of the items that have been brought up tonight.

Mayor Arnowitz said if the Council is in agreement that the only site we are considering now as a potential site at the DPW, he asked for a motion or a straw vote. We are not approving a cell tower at this time, we are not approving any designs, we are only approving that the site that we will direct AT&T, if they so choose, to go out to investigate.

AT&T Representative said she will go back to AT&T and inform them

what happened this evening and ask them if it makes sense to bring someone in before the Council, one of the health and safety people, to have a dialogue with the Council. In the intervening time, she needs to find out who coordinates access to the site.

Mayor Arnowitz said the site is open daily from 7AM to 3PM and Councilmember DeJoseph can be contacted directly or through the Borough Clerk. He believed Metro PCS would have to go through the same process. Now we have two tenants and we would get a report based on two tenants.

Councilmember DeJoseph asked if it would be preferable to go out to bid because you have 60 days to reject the bid.

Borough Attorney Paul said we want to simplify this, we want to save costs and not go through the whole procedure only to have to restart again. Let's simplify this and get some idea of the feasibility before we take the formal step of the bid. The AT&T Representative is suggesting a more detailed kind of discussion on a committee level at which time these concerns can be addressed. The bid step is unavoidable; we know there will be two bidders but there might be more. With regard to the safety level, they would all have to certify as to their safety.

AT&T Representative said once you have determined the site at the DPW, a team of people will go out and do some very preliminary studies and then have an expert come and talk to the Council or submit a report. Before you go through the expense and time and issuing a bid, we would do this preliminary study. If other carriers are interested, you could reach out to them also.

Councilmember Weinstein said AT&T has heard our discussion and he did not think we need to do anything at this point.

Mayor Arnowitz wants a yes or no vote so that we don't have this discussion again about not going ahead with a tower.

Councilmember Weinstein said as this becomes public people will come in to talk about concerns and issues. There is still more research to be done with regard to what the town wants and how to proceed.

Mayor Arnowitz said if we don't 100% commitment then we have to figure out what we have to do to get that commitment.

Motion

Motion to evaluate our options at the DPW facility for a potential cell tower was made by Councilmember DeJoseph, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon, and unanimously carried.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Arnowitz opened the meeting to the public and invited comment from the audience.

Seeing no one, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

ORDINANCES:

Ord. No. 11-11 (Introduction) Establishing Mandatory Criminal History Background Checks of Employees and Volunteers	At the Mayor's request, the Borough Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance No. 11-11 as follows: ESTABLISHING MANDATORY CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS OF EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS INVOLVED WITH BOROUGH RELATED RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS INVOLVING MINORS.
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Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed ordinance.

Councilmember DeJoseph said the police department has been involved with this ordinance as well as the Recreation Commission to ensure that it meets with all of their needs.

Borough Attorney Paul said this has been a long process involving not only the Rec Commission but also the police as well as looking at other towns and state statutes and procedures already in place. The Police Chief and Lieutenant Niego have been key in working this through.

Councilmember Schiavone said the intent was to target Recreation but everyone is considered a volunteer and/or employee.

Attorney Paul said it is designed to apply to those situations where you have people with minors and that comes up in the coaching function. To some extent you want the ordinance to be a little broad in order to allow room for growth and changes in your programs and have the children protected.

Councilmember Schiavone said it is almost a discriminatory policy because we are only targeting Recreation and not ourselves, the employees who sit in the office.

Attorney Paul said this does not just apply to Recreation. He asked if there is a definition out side of Recreation.

Councilmember Schiavone said if we as a council are requiring this but not requiring it of ourselves, does anyone have a problem with that.

Police Chief Stalter said ultimately we could do everyone in the borough but we want to target where there is the greatest potential for abuse and that traditionally has been in the Recreation sports areas where parents are entrusting these specific individuals with their children and there is not anybody else there, whether it is practice, two coaches and a team of three or four; the Council and office staff are not routinely entrusted with juveniles and minors. We have to use the most due care and caution without becoming overly protective.

Attorney Paul said if anyone in this room wanted to be involved in any kind of recreational activity that involved a minor, this would apply to them.

Police Chief Stalter said if a member of his department is a coach, they are not exempt. When you meet the requirements of the ordinance, it doesn't matter where you come from, you are not exempt. We have a grant for the first go round, after that the cost is borne by the sports associations.

Councilmember Giancarlo said there are lifeguards at Stonybrook and they are people who come in contact with children.

Councilmember Schiavone said the library has much contact with children.

Police Chief Stalter said if someone is denied, we don't take action and are not involved unless they want to appeal it and as a member of the panel, he will hear the appeal. Otherwise, it has nothing to do with the police department.

Attorney Paul said there is written within the ordinance enough leeway if it basically says it won't include these things but not be limited to, even in the wording there is some room for expansion and if at any point the Council feels that the situation is not properly covered, we can come back and amend and expand the code to incorporate them.

Mayor Arnowitz asked about traveling teams that are not part of our recreation program but do play on our fields. Are they part of this?

Police Chief Stalter believed they would be included as they are on our facilities.

Councilmember Weinsteins thought that a valid point and although you would like to believe they are included, unless there is an administrative process to make sure that is captured, that is not really going through the Rec programs.

Police Chief Stalter said you can go back to the Rutgers certification of coaches; they are using our fields and the Rec Commission is verifying that they have these certifications and they would have to follow the same process.

Attorney Paul said this can come in Section 1A which states borough related recreational programs means any program so designated by the Recreation Commission. That leaves leeway there, it doesn't mean it has to be a program administered by the Recreation Department. It can be listed in the list.

Mayor Arnowitz said our Recreation Director, Patty Hughes, should be advised of this so that when the ordinance is up for adoption and she has any questions, we can address it then.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Borough Clerk to read the resolution adopting the ordinance on first reading.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 11-11:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon,
Schiavone and Weinstein

Nays: None

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RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Councilmember Frank requested Resolution 11079 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember DeJoseph requested Resolution 11075 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions.

11076 Amend Resolution 10163 Authorizing Redemption & Premium was introduced by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11077 Annual Audit Review Certification was introduced by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11078 Authorize Interlocal Agreement for Legal Services with the

Township of River Vale was introduced by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11080 Supporting Assembly Bill A-3412 Sharing Property Tax Appeal Refunds was introduced by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

11081 Supporting S-54 to Improve the Brook/Stream De-Snagging Process was introduced by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

With regard to Resolution 11080, Councilmember Frank said this is Resolution that the municipality requests that tax appeal refunds which currently come the municipal funds also start to be shared by the school budgets. Currently if we have someone who appeals their taxes and gets a refund of their taxes, it often goes back two or three years, the county will give us a credit for the portion of county taxes that were paid and the refund that will be allowed, the schools do not. Therefore, the town bears the full burden and the bulk of the refund is normally the school tax. This resolution is in support of an action that would be required to require the school boards to participate in the refund.

Mayor Arnowitz said Resolution 11081 is a very expensive and difficult process to clean the streams to slow down flooding. If we could keep the streams open and free of debris it makes it easier when it comes to flooding. Senator Cardinale of the 39th District introduced Bill S54 which will make that process much easier for the municipalities to apply to get permission to go into the stream.

Councilmember DeJoseph said it allows all the Pascack Valley Administrators to get a full permit from the DEP to desnag the whole Pascack Brook so that Hillsdale doesn't have to get one permit, Westwood get their own permit, etc. so it would benefit all the municipalities as far as saving money and an easier permit to obtain.

Motion to approve 11076, 11077, 11078, 11080 and 11081 was made by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Consent Agenda of resolutions.

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon,
Schiavone And Weinstein

Nays: None

11075 Payment of Bills. Motion by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Schiavone

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Weinstein, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon and Schiavone

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmember DeJoseph

11079 Raffles License, American Legion Post 162, Off Premise Merchandise was introduced by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmember DeJoseph, Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone And Weinstein

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmember Frank

(SEE COPIES OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS AFFIXED HERETO)

LAST GO ROUND

Borough Clerk Sandt said a Bid is going out on Lease and Operation of Public Recycling Stations which was discussed several months ago.

Councilmember Weinstein said Jack Stubbs wanted to be certain that we announce that the Pancake Breakfast is on and the date is April 30 at Beechwood Park at 9AM.

Councilmember Frank said there is a breakfast Saturday morning in advance of the Annual Fishing Contest at the Hillsdale Fire Department which starts at 6AM; the Elks will hold a luncheon between 11:30AM and 2PM in support of the fishing contest. They are free of charge. The Fire Department is holding a plant sale at the Fire Department on the 20th through the 24th; the Fire Department Carnival is scheduled from May 3 through May 7 at the west lot and parking at St. Johns.

The American Legion is holding their Poppy Drive in May at the local supermarkets and this is their major fund raiser they use to provide funds for the donations they provide to the Veterans Home in Paramus. The town has a grant for an upgrade in Veterans Park which they have not used and which may expire within a year. The American Legion has through a private donor with matching funds to allow us to put a flag pole in Veterans Park. The location will be just off to the side of the existing veterans monument and a granite base would have the inscription to honor all those who served because we don't have anything since the Vietnam War. Small

inscriptions will be on the back recognizing the American Legion and the private donor with funds to have this installed. There will be a solar light to shine upward so it will be lit for 24 hours and two flags, American and POW. He requested Council's approval to utilize this grant and the matching funds from the donor to accomplish this project.

Motion to accept the plan was made by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers DeJoseph, Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone,
And Weinstein

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilmember Frank

Councilmember Hanlon said the Health Fair was held last Saturday at the United Methodist Church and was very successful. She encouraged others to participate in the various stands. There were give aways to different areas of health.

Tomorrow is the April luncheon at St. Johns. June 4 from 8AM to 12PM will be the shredding event at the DPW.

Councilmember DeJoseph said we have two options with recycling cans downtown; use Clean Communities money along with the same matching grant that was mentioned by Councilmember Frank. We would not have advertising on the containers; the bid mentioned by Borough Clerk Sandt earlier would offer advertising on the side of the recycling containers.

Mayor Arnowitz said this should be on a public Agenda so that the public knows that this will be discussed.

Councilmember Schiavone congratulated the High School Robotics Team for bringing home the Virginia Regional Championship Trophy for the second year in a row. They also received the safety award for the second year in a row and the entrepreneur award. They won the second regional for the second year in a row.

Mayor Arnowitz said he is impressed with the programs that the schools are running. He encouraged residents to go to the schools to observe the students.

Councilmember Giancarlo said Hillsdale will have the fishing contest this Saturday from 8AM to 3PM at the Pascack Brook. The water level will be raised to make fishing better; it is open to kids 4 years to 16 years and children may help stock the brook. They will meet at St. Johns parking lot at 7AM to release the

fish.

Last week the Engineer brought forth the solar panels that are being installed in the telephone poles in the surrounding towns. They reduce PSE&G's cost and they are unsightly and the Borough Engineer brought up the idea of having some common ground where we will still have the same amount of solar panels and PSE&G will have the benefit of the solar panels allotted to the town, but they will be in an area where they won't be in people's front yards.

Mayor Arnowitz said the engineer is not sure he is allowed to do this but he will look into it.

Councilmember Giancarlo said the Rec Department is looking for ways to conserve energy this year and are making a substantial effort to pay a quarter for their lighting use and are looking at ways to conserve energy on the fields. They have spoken to several experts who will assess their energy needs, give them the proper lighting, and find ways for them to cut their energy costs. Perhaps we can put our heads together in a way to light the fields in an adequate way and also reduce the cost.

He said our Council has not had a photograph for a while and he will try to have a photographer here for the next meeting.

Mayor Arnowitz said with regard to the lights, part of the agreement is that we get these lights adjusted. He wanted to be sure that the computers are working and would like to see the lights adjusted if they can get the equipment on the field.

He reminded everyone that on May 2nd, the town will go back on a two day a week garbage pickup. It will be the same schedule that people had before. If you were picked up on a Monday and Thursday, you will be picked up again on a Monday and Thursday. If you were picked up on Tuesday and Friday, you will be picked up on Tuesday and Friday starting May 2nd.

Pickups are curbside unless specific arrangements were made.

He is awaiting the Sheriff's response for inmates to clean up the Park Section, wooded properties of all the debris from the flood. This would include bottles, can, papers, etc.

He met with the Water Company and they are willing to discuss specific rescue gear for flooding. The Fire Department has to submit their grant request. He discussed the camera and the Chief of Police and Bill Franklin will set up a meeting with Rich Henning and move forward. We were assured that there will always be someone manning the gate house on Church Road prior to any pending floods and during the entire flooding period.

He met with the County Executive to push through the plans for the Patterson Street Bridge replacement. He asked that she approve replacing the culvert under Hillsdale Avenue by Oak Street and asked the Borough Engineer to conduct a desnagging of the entire area so that the water flows properly there.

He reminded everyone that the School Board elections will be held Wednesday, April 27. The Pancake Breakfast will be held this year. He was assured that there will be no DPW workers required to clean up all debris and volunteers have stepped up to the plate and helping the town get through this monetary crisis.

The Hillsdale Community Garden to be held in the Park Section has been rescheduled for 9AM for May 1st with additional plantings. They suffered damage from flooding and they would appreciate any help they could get.

A resident complained that the lights on Hillsdale Avenue east are blinding and the same coming down Harrington and you see the lights on Bottle King; they are blinding. If it is a problem with the police department, he will reach out to the proper people and get them adjusted.

Police Chief Stalter said he addressed this with Smith School and they are supposed to be working on it. This is the first he has heard about Bottle King's lights and he will look into this.

He wished everyone a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

CLOSED SESSION:

A motion to go to Closed Session was made by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Frank, and unanimously carried.

OPEN SESSION:

A motion to go to Open Session was made by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember DeJoseph, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember DeJoseph, and unanimously carried.

4-12-11

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Robert P. Sandt, RMC
Borough Clerk