

Council Meeting  
March 8, 2011

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the  
Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on  
Tuesday, March 8, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 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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exits are located through the double doors to your left. Please  
silence all cell phones and pagers.

Mayor Arnowitz asked for a moment of reflection on the death of the  
Mayor of Mahwah.

ROLL CALL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember  
Weinstein, and unanimously carried, the Closed Minutes of February  
9, 2010, Council Meeting of March 1, 2011, and Closed Minutes of  
March 1, 2011, were approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. FRANK & MARY CAPSOURAS, 8 MAPLE AVENUE, SEEKING RELIEF FROM SPEED TABLE ON YESLER WAY.

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

Councilmember Weinstein said we could place this on for discussion at a future time.

Mayor Arnowitz said this basically is a noise issue. He advised the resident that if the Council chose to remove it, we do not have the funds to do so.

2. JIM MOLDOW, 21 OVERBROOK PLACE, SUGGESTING ALTERNATE WAYS TO RAISE REVENUES.

Received and filed on motion by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember DeJoseph, and unanimously carried.

Councilmember Giancarlo said to make a special allowance for one team and revisit that issue is not something that we can take lightly. Perhaps we can bring this up at a later time.

3. BILL FRANKLIN, OEM, REQUESTING A POLICY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DURING A MULTI-AGENCY INCIDENT.

It is being requested that the Mayor or the Mayor's designee be appointed as the PIO on any statements and no one else should give statements. It is confusing when multiple statements are given. We will draft a resolution on this matter.

Borough Attorney Paul said the Mayor would be the PIO; in his absence, the Mayor's designee if the Mayor is unreachable.

#### DISCUSSION:

- 1) Endure to Cure Request to use Beechwood Park.

Councilmember Frank said we referred this to Recreation. It is a new charity but believed it should be referred to Recreation for their recommendation.

Councilmember Giancarlo said they do not have insurance at the present time. Recreation gave cursory approval, however, the Council will have the opportunity to voice any concerns.

- 2) Lights

Mayor Arnowitz said a decision has to be made this evening. If the

lights are turned on, it must be decided when they will be turned on. Originally, we said they could be turned on April 1<sup>st</sup>, but since we have not received the money that we thought we would receive to offset cost of the electricity, it was suggested that we not turn on the lights at all. A decision must be made tonight so we give them the opportunity to set up their programs accordingly.

Councilmember Frank said he thought we were \$100,000 short on the budget when we found out there is another \$40,000 or so. We still have a long way to go to get a budget that is going to be acceptable and he will not vote for a budget that has more than a 2% tax increase. We don't have many opportunities to pare back the budget without looking at personnel and despite the fact that the parents help kids play sports and benefit to the community, he feels that due to the financial crisis this has to go by the wayside this year in terms of lights on the field. It doesn't mean we are going to cancel the sports programs it just means they will have to play at a different time. This is strictly a financial decision and we have to get a budget that works.

Councilmember Hanlon agreed and we have to cut, we don't want to raise taxes. Neighboring towns have also made drastic cuts on personnel and eliminating services and she would not vote for a budget that would be above 2%.

Mayor Arnowitz said in his discussions with other Mayors, we have made more drastic cuts than they have; we did it through attrition. We have not replaced our Administrator, the Recreation Director is not being replaced and both positions will be filled at a later date by a part-timer. A police officer retired in December and he will not be replaced, two retired DPW workers will not be replaced and we have cut back on overtime and various programs. There hasn't been a department in the town that has not been affected.

Councilmember Weinstein said he believed we are sacrificing the future by doing what we are doing this year. It is hard to work these things back into the budget once they are gone and he is not sure the goal is the right goal. The cost of the budget at 2% is an enormous number of things that as Hillsdale residents we enjoy and likely will not come back if it is not in this budget. He is more concerned about maintaining the quality of life for our continued prosperity and making rash decisions in 2011 that will have long term effects.

Mayor Arnowitz said we can raise taxes to 7.5% which was the original proposal and we would still be within the law. He would have vetoed such a budget; the objective of the Council is to get to a 2% CAP. He said lights are nice but they are not as important as other things we need to do in this community.

Councilmember Weinstein said people did not move to Hillsdale for the critical things we provide, they moved here for the quality of life Hillsdale provides.

Councilmember DeJoseph said our residents don't want their taxes raised 7% or 8%, that is what we hear from our residents. Municipalities next to us have \$20 million dollars in debt, we are under \$5 million including our swimming pool utility. You still have to pay in the future and that is the problem. He is not in favor of laying off any personnel to keep lights on in the sports fields.

Councilmember Frank said quality of life also includes those who are unemployed, seniors who haven't received a raise in their Social Security and having trouble making their taxes. We still have plenty of sports programs but we are not going to have them late at night.

Councilmember Hanlon said she did not believe that since we are not going to do certain things this year they are gone forever. There are families that cannot afford to live in this town and they are hanging on. There was life before lights and it is very difficult.

Mayor Arnowitz said we haven't reached the 2% CAP and we have another \$150,000 to cut before we reach the CAP.

Councilmember Giancarlo said we live in a town where people expect their children to be involved in Rec programs and for some of those games in the evening hours. He would not like to see these programs reduced.

Mayor Arnowitz said the 2009 cost of lights was \$37,000. He met with the sports associations and originally asked for 100% of that money, but we made an offer that they would pay 25% of the prior year's cost of approximately \$9000. We received \$4000 and that was not the amount we asked for. If the sports association comes up with the original negotiated amount which was not as much as Council wanted, he would have to say that the Mayor made an agreement with them and we should adhere to an agreement such as that.

Councilmember Giancarlo said the sports associations were going back to their membership to see if they can come in with that amount.

Mayor Arnowitz said he received the \$4000 in March and was told that was all they could come up with.

Motion

Motion by Councilmember Frank that the town would not fund the lights for this year, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

Mayor Arnowitz said a representative of the sports association wished to address the Council.

Angelo Stathes, 177 Lincoln Avenue -  
He is HSBA President. We are prepared to meet the 25% asked for. We came across extra funds in our sponsorship and possibly can get really close.

Mayor Arnowitz said he told him we would look at the prior year to establish a rate. The 2010 number was the same rate until we disconnected the plug on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The number was 25% of \$36,000, not \$39,000.

Mr. Stathes (Contd).

The numbers they looked at came in at \$31,000 because he was able to access numbers. We were not certain about the bottom line because we thought 2009 was taken care of. In 2010 we gave \$2000 which we thought would be for 2011.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have to get this money in by January or a letter of intent from you so we can anticipate the money in the budget. For 2011, we are using 2010 electric costs.

Mr. Stathes (Contd).

He said it was a matter of communication, we didn't communicate on the bottom line. He said they are able to meet the 25%.

Mayor Arnowitz said your organizations combined are willing to offset the cost by 25%. The Council will have to consider this. When outside organizations should be paying soccer to offset their costs, outside groups do not get a free ride here.

Mr. Stathes (Contd).

It is hard to decide the cost when there is only one meter on the field.

Mayor Arnowitz said outside organizations are not going to play for free when our residents are paying. He has a motion on the floor and a second to pull the lights and has the information received change the opinion. The balance would have to be taken out from taxes.

Councilmember Frank said the Mayor's request was October and it is now March and our budgets are due March 11. We have a delay until April when we can submit a budget, he thought they were coming back

too late. What we have found out about the budget in the meantime has changed the situation.

Mr. Stathes (Contd).

We presented the money to the Council over a month ago and we did not receive any response until last week to the meeting. He was actually surprised and did not think it is ever too late to work something out and come to an agreement. We worked very hard to meet that number; we saved the town \$76,000 a year to put the boys on the field. A sports program is good and a great quality of life and make sure our kids aren't on the streets at night and that is important.

Councilmember Hanlon asked the ages of the kids playing at night and how late they are out at night. We are talking about residents being flooded this week, cut backs. She is sympathetic to the situation but we have people who were washed out of their homes, people who don't know where their next dollar is coming from. She knows how important sports are and she is not in favor of eliminating lights, however, the situation is different.

Greg Blair, 38 Pascack Road -

We are happy to meet the 25% but we reached out and could not establish what the baseline was. Budgets are based on the prior year; \$37,000 was for 2009. If you take last year's cost and add in the 2009 numbers for October and November and add that to the actual 2010 numbers, that comes up with \$31,831, he did the calculations; this is just for Centennial. If the Council does not have the same number as he has, he asked that he be contacted. At this point 25% of the estimated cost based on 2010, which would give more consideration to the decision you make, is that correct?

Mayor Arnowitz said that is the agreement he brought back to the Council in November but it was supposed to be in our hands in January and this is the middle of March. You have to make a decision as to what you want to do. Now we have \$4300 from the associations; \$2000 from soccer, \$2000 from baseball, \$300 from football that only uses Beechwood Park and the cost of electric there was \$1800 or \$1900 in 2009. He was estimating getting \$8000 or \$9000 from your organization which is 25% of the \$37,000.

Mr. Blair (Contd).

If we can provide 25% we will be happy to do that. He apologized for the delay but there was confusion. A tremendous amount of work goes into this and 55% of all children, K through 9 are involved in the programs. It is very important to them.

Mayor Arnowitz said in 2012 we have the same problem. In the second part of the program we are asking 2/3 of 50%. In 2013 we will get the 50% and hopefully stay at 50%.

Councilmember Hanlon asked the percentage of the children that would be affected by turning off the lights.

Mr. Blair (Contd).

We have 750 people involved in the program. If we don't have games at night it would spiral downward. Eventually every boy, approximately 65% of the boys would be affected so you would have a big group of people affected.

Jim Raleigh, 10 Oak Street -

President Hillsdale Soccer. We have come up with an adjusted number for 2009, 2010, minus the shutting off of the lights in December. With 25% minus the amount already contributed, it comes to about another \$2000 each for soccer and baseball.

Mayor Arnowitz said unfortunately it is late and he will get back to the Council to see what they want to do. If this Council chooses to continue with the lights, he would need a letter from both organizations or a check stating that you intend to provide x amount of dollars so that it could be included in the 2011 budget. Prior contributions will be refunded if the Council chooses to vote against the lights.

Mayor Arnowitz said there is a motion on the floor, is there any additional discussion on the motion. The motion is not to pay for the lights.

Roll Call Vote - The Town to pay for a portion of the lights  
On the Fields. If you vote no, the lights  
Stay on and we receive money. Yes, the lights  
Go off.

Mayor Arnowitz said if you vote yes, you are in favor of not funding. If you vote no, you are in favor of some funding from the town.

Ayes: Councilmember Frank, Hanlon

Nays: Councilmember DeJoseph, Giancarlo, Weinstein

Mayor Arnowitz said it passes. The lights will be on, he needs the letters of intent or the checks.

Councilmember DeJoseph said we are going to get funding from baseball and soccer.

#### Motion

Councilmember DeJoseph motioned that we will receive 25% of the funding from baseball and soccer to go ahead with the lights for

this year. We will formalize this on record.

### Flooding

Mayor Arnowitz said residents were inundated with water once again Sunday night and Monday morning. He responds well to people when they have complaints, but when people scream or curse at him, he doesn't respond well. If you need help, why yell or curse. He received a report from Police Chief Stalter and the US Geological Service; there is a meter at the bottom of the spillway that records the depth of the pool by time. He spoke to numerous residents and he was able to compile times. Sunday at 9:30PM the first reverse call went out saying flooding was imminent and remove your cars and valuables. On Sunday at 7:24PM it was at level one; at 8:20PM it was at level two; at 9:03PM it was at level three; 9:20PM it was 3.5 and the flood activated the OEM program. At 11:22PM it was below 4 and the water was receding; at 12:10AM it was below 4 and receding. He was shocked how quickly the water went up so fast. At 12:38PM it was at a little above 3 and still receding and at 1:40AM and at 2:25AM, 45 minutes later, it went from 3 in receding to 5 OEM notified. This went dramatically from below flooding to seriously flooding and he wanted to know what went on here.

Residents notified the police desk who did not know and that started everyone running. At 2:35AM the siren was sounded, at 2:18AM the second reverse 9-1-1 call went out. There was a slight delay of 10 minutes because Swift Reach changed the way the police desk does the prerecorded messages. The message went out at 2:18AM. He received a call at 1:30AM and told the stream was at 3-1/2 and he asked what we were doing. The police desk said OEM was notified, the water company felt we would not experience a flood. He was on scene at 2:30AM but we were flooded, the fire department started their emergency evacuations. He was told all of our protocols were met, however, there were residents who did not want to get out and the fire department had to rescue them. He wished people would get out on the first notice so that we don't have to risk people's lives. We rescued three families so approximately 50 families got out or chose to stay there. He left the scene at 5:30AM and at 10:00AM he spoke to residents and explained what was being done. At 11:00AM he met with the Police Chief and met with the fire Department and is waiting for their report.

He complimented the professionals and volunteers, no one was hurt and we got the job done. On Tuesday he contacted the DPW Superintendent and said he wanted dumpsters in the Park Section to get the trash into the dumpsters and they will be there for the next couple of days before we get the next bout of rain. Councilmember DeJoseph contacted Waste Management who agreed to go around with their packers more frequently getting the material off

the curb. In the early spring, he wants arrangements to be made either to bring in prisoners or our own people to clean up the parks and this is a priority.

We have a protocol as to what we do with the gates and the water level but he did not know who arranges for the dumpsters and the loaders, what we do or do not provide. We will set something up for the future.

What he has been able to gather from the water company is that they did not do any dumping or lowering of gates and it seems that a lot of water came down in a very short period of time. Sometime late Sunday night, the gates which have an automatic sensor and the gates sensed that the gates were going up and there was a lot more water going the gate than necessary, the gate automatically rises. When the gate senses that too much water is going over the reservoir and there is too much pressure, the gates have to go down. At midnight it was at 4 ft. but between midnight and 6AM it went all the way up to 8-1/2 ft. and that is considerable. The water company claims a 3 or 4 ft. wave entered the north end of the reservoir, swept across and that is what caused the volume of water to hit the gates. He can only relate what the water company told him.

This is an unfortunate incident but we have had flooding before and we will have flooding again. It is really not a matter of how much rain falls in Hillsdale, it is what happens in New York.

Councilmember Hanlon went into one of the homes on Hazelwood and there was about a two ft. level of water in the homes. We were very fortunate that our library was not touched. She thanked Bill Franklin because he went to the library in the middle of the night and opened the door so that the water went right into the drain.

Councilmember Giancarlo said we have many heroes in town and his thoughts are with the residents. Hopefully the water company will look at the way the dam functions.

Mayor Arnowitz said the water company said they will be lowering Church Road by approximately two feet so when we get to a flood stage, the water will cascade over the roadway and down the spillway. We are trying to stop it as he believes there are alternate ways to handle this and get better control. They are being forced to do this by the DEP; the method they chose is probably the cheapest way of doing the job. He has inquired about the present height of the causeway in Woodcliff Lake and what they propose for our road. If the road is below the causeway, he believed we will have more effects from that.

Councilmember DeJoseph said he spoke with Waste Management and the

DPW Superintendent today and we are trying to get dumpsters in that location as well as curbside pickup. Large items will be picked up by the DPW. Bill Franklin, OEM Manager, said that United Water has begun to lower the reservoir.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

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

Pat McLoughlin, 20 Yesler Way -

He has lived here for about 30 years and it seems every time it floods in Hillsdale, days before the weather forecasts predict flooding and it would be wise to drop the reservoir level all the way down so that we don't run into this situation.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have done that in the past and United Water states they are not in the water management business. If we flood, they can be opening themselves up for a lawsuit.

Mr. McLoughlin (Contd).

He was aware that the reservoir was full and there was a great deal of snow this year. If the wave came in and the water was 8 ft. lower, it would not have affected the gate. He asked the level of the reservoir now because we know it is going to rain on Thursday. Can they let out more water now to prevent a repeat situation? This happens all the time.

Tom Kelly, 41 Sycamore Avenue -

They are lowering the levels to 91 which is a good first step. We are in a flood warning for Thursday and Friday, the borough's response was great. We didn't get the second warning. The computer that changed the level of the dam has records but if you want them you would have to subpoena them as they will not give them up freely. They will not admit it was their mistake, you would have to force them to give us the information. United Water has technicians who know how to override the computer and work those gates manually, they would keep the flood level at 4-1/2 to where no one floods and they let out a maximum amount of water so that they are not jeopardizing the integrity of the dam and not flooding the residents of Hillsdale and Westwood. They say they are a water supply company but for the price of one union member on overtime they prevent this. When he monitors it, it does not flood.

Helen O'Brien, 35 Glendale Drive -

She asked about the cleanup and the park fence. She asked if it can be removed tomorrow.

Mayor Arnowitz said residents there recommended the fence not be replaced because vandals break the slats.

Councilmember DeJoseph said the JIF has to inspect the damage.

Ms. O'Brien (Contd.)

She asked if the swings could be cleaned because children were playing on them today. She asked if a camera could be set up to keep watch over the reservoir. The residents are presuming someone is keeping watch, but nobody was. She asked about possibly desnagging the brook. Flooding is costing the town a great deal of money.

Mark Durst, Chief, Fire Department -

The Fire Department has the swift water rescue team and they were called out in the morning. They had wet suits and lights and they take extra time and effort to get trained for water rescue. He would like United Water to fund the training. The team removed people from roofs, etc. and commended the team and Fire Department and their support teams. Ladies Auxiliary served coffee and donuts to everyone and served everyone.

Charles Clark, 21 Center Drive -

The people who live there are fabulous, he has lived there 71 years. The water company has adamantly stated they are in the water selling business and has anyone looked into charging them rental for storage of their commodity on our property.

After a discussion with the Council, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

#### ORDINANCES:

Ord. No. 11-07	At the Mayor's request, the Borough
(Introduction)	Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance
Amending	No. 11-07 as follows:
Chapter 292	
Vehicles &	AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT
Traffic Fines	CHAPTER 292, VEHICLES & TRAFFIC (FINES) TO
	THE CODE BOOK IN THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed ordinance.

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. 11-07:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Schiavone

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HRETO)

Ord. No. 11-08	At the Mayor's request, the Borough
(Introduction)	Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance
Amending	No. 11-08 as follows:
Chapter 138 Fees	
For Marriage/	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
Civil Union	CHAPTER 138, FEES (MARRIAGE/CIVIL UNION
Fees	CEREMONIES) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH
	OF HILLSDALE.

Mayor Arnowitz asked the Council if there was any discussion on the proposed ordinance.

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. 11-08:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Schiavone

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions.

11047 Authorize Settlement of a Tax Appeal 450 Hillsdale Avenue was introduced by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

11049 Authorize Settlement of a Tax Appeal United Water Properties was introduced by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

11061 Payment of Bills was introduced by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

11062 Authorize Settlement of a Tax Appeal at Block 1908, Lot 8, was introduced by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by

Councilmember Giancarlo.

11063 Bergen County Grant Agreement for ADA Improvements to Borough Hall was introduced by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

11064 Raffles License, St. John the Baptist Church, Off-Premise Merchandise was introduced by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

Councilmember Frank requested that Resolutions 11047 and 11049 be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve 11062, 11063 and 11064 was made by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Schiavone

Councilmember Frank said we will not adopt 11047 and 11049 as he is awaiting for an explanation from our Tax Assessor why there was such a significant change in the assessment.

11061 Payment of Bills. Motion by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Weinstein, Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember Schiavone

Abstain: Councilmember DeJoseph

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department report for the month of January 2011.

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

(SEE COPY OF AFORESAID ORIGINAL REPORT AFFIXED HERETO)

LAST GO ROUND

Councilmember Hanlon expressed empathy for the victims of the flood and hopefully it can be corrected. She said a new flyer has been made for the seniors because of a telephone number that had not been available for Ambulance Corps. They are available at borough hall and various senior activities.

Tomorrow at 2PM Pascack Hills High School is hosting a play, How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying. It will be followed by a brown bag dinner. There will be a senior luncheon on St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day. Seniors are asked to make donations when they come to the senior lunches and most comply with \$2.00 or they bring food. Last month we collected \$150 for Hillsdale Helping Hillsdale.

Councilmember Frank said tomorrow the Tax Assessor will go to the Tax Board in Hackensack to see if we can get the next step in our request for reassessment. If we are successful, it will go to Trenton and it will be a few months before we get our final answer.

He commended Bob Sandt who is doing a great job in the absence of an Administrator and it is greatly appreciated. He also commended Councilmember DeJoseph for all the work he does in town and he does save the taxpayers a lot of money.

Councilmember Weinstein said Councilmember Frank is the newest member of the Council and has done a tremendous job jumping in and learning about the borough and making a contribution very quickly.

He greatly appreciated all the emergency services that rallied. Nothing brings a town together more than an emergency.

Councilmember Giancarlo thanked all the emergency workers.

Councilmember DeJoseph said tonight we passed a resolution for another \$25,000 for ADA Compliant grant to redo the dais on top of the \$40,000. The engineer will provide a plan and we will move forward with that project.

We all understand the pain the people in the Park Section are going through.

Mayor Arnowitz expressed his thanks to the Council for all their hard work. He met at the local school today with the state representative who is putting together the search program for the new Superintendent.

Borough Clerk Sandt said the Ambulance building is experiencing difficulty with the FAX line. The alarm system for the building is

connected to that FAX line and every time they send a FAX, it sets off an alarm. It will require an additional line of some sort and it is estimated at \$20/month for the cost.

Mayor Arnowitz said it is not a line item in the budget. He asked that this be looked into.

Councilmember Hanlon said when people call the ambulance phone number they do not get a response. An announcement was made for emergency ambulance transport, either call 9-1-1 or the police.

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 Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

3-8-11