

Council

Meeting

September 7, 2010

Minutes of a Council Meeting of the  
Borough Council held at 7:30 P.M. on  
Tuesday, September 7, 2010, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010. 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 Frank, Giancarlo, Hanlon, Schiavone and Weinstein. Absent: Councilmember DeJoseph. Also in attendance Borough Attorney Paul.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On motion by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon, the minutes of the Council Meeting of August 10, 2010, and Closed Meetings of May 4, 2010, and August 10, 2010, approved as presented.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Arnowitz grouped together the following letters regarding the proposed garbage collection schedules.

#### LATE MAIL

ROGER SCHULZE AND MARCIA SCHULZE COMMENTING ON PROPOSED GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULES.

1. BARBARA GROSSMAN COMMENTING ON PROPOSED GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULES.
2. PETER & KENDRA TIPPING COMMENTING ON PROPOSED GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULES.
5. LILY WANG COMMENTING ON PROPOSED GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULES.

Received, filed and referred for discussion later in the meeting on motion by Councilmember Hanlon, seconded by Councilmember Schiavone, and unanimously carried.

3. CATHERINE HENDERSON, CFO, PRESENTING AUDIT CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN.

Received and filed on motion by Mayor Arnowitz who indicated that some slight errors were noted in the audit and corrective action is being taken by the CFO.

4. JEFF SIEGEL SEEKING HELP WITH TRAFFIC PROBLEM.

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

Councilmember Weinstein stated that Hillsdale roads are for access by everyone who lives here and he will speak with the Police Department to see if anything can be done to help alleviate speeding. He was not in favor of preventing persons from using public roads.

6. LARRY ELBERT COMPLEMENTING THE STONYBROOK SWIM POOL OPERATION.

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

Mayor Arnowitz said he also received a letter from Richard and Wanda Anderson complementing the staff at Stonybrook with regard to their actions with their daughter.

DISCUSSION:

1) Cell Tower.

Mayor Arnowitz said Councilmember Giancarlo attended a meeting and asked him to provide information to the Council.

Councilmember Giancarlo said we are considering cell towers which bring in revenue to the town. Municipalities are looking at the location of the towers and to take the concerns of the citizens very seriously. One of the proposals is to put a 13 ft. extension on the top of the current tower which would result in that tower being 13 ft. taller. It is in the form of a single pole. With that extension, one additional client could be added and additional revenue for the town, roughly \$25,000.

There is another proposal which would consider the construction of another cell tower somewhere in town and we would have multiple clients on that tower, up to six or eight. Clearly by putting a smaller 13 ft. addition at the fire station would be the easier of two choices. The Council would appreciate hearing from the residents in town. Hopefully, the Council will come up with a decision which would be satisfactory to all the residents.

Mayor Arnowitz said the cost of erecting a tower has no impact on the Borough, the cost of the tower is absorbed in the bid specs by the clients. Regarding the present tower at the fire house, the top bidder became the lead bidder; they have choice of the location on the tower and they control the construction of the tower. At that time the tower was erected, the town asked for certain improvements in our communications equipment and we received a substantial amount of equipment which totaled almost \$200,000 in improvements to our communications system. The dead spots in town were cut out for emergency services and it was a win-win situation. We receive about \$128,000/year from this tower.

The second tower being discussed is on the west side of town, north of Demarest Farm, on Overlook. United Water has broken ground in the past month to put up a tower on their property which is only a few hundred feet from ours. There would be a question whether bidders would go on their tower or ours.

We are trying to find dollars to offset taxes and we have to deal with a 2% CAP. That is the tower situation and both situations need Planning Board approval or cursory approval. There will be an opportunity for the public to speak; the tower across the street will move much faster than the tower on the west side. We are negotiating putting a tree style tower on the west side to make it less offensive.

2) DPW Saturday Hours.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Finance Committee and Citizens Budget Advisory Committee have been meeting and one of their main recommendations is that Saturday recycling center is just being open two days a month; the first and third Saturdays of each month. House would cut back from 8AM to 4PM. Presently we pay time and a half for a DPW person to operate the recycling center and this will make it more difficult for the public. The recycling center is open five days a week and we pick up just about everything on the curb. When residents put items on the curb, it saves the Borough money because it is part of our contract with Waste Management. When items are brought to the DPW, we have to pay for the bins to be hauled away.

Councilmember Frank said we received this recommendation in 1997 from the state audit and became part of the 2004 audit that was done by a citizens committee and both said we had more availability on Saturdays than most other towns and more than we need. The hours change would be from 8AM to 2PM to 8AM to 12PM on Saturday, first and third Saturdays of the month or every other Saturday.

Mayor Arnowitz said the recycling programs that go through the week, white metal, vegetative waste, commingled will not change. We will have our special Saturdays where a shredder will be available and electronic recycling. During leaf season we do not want branches in the street because they cannot be picked up with the vacuum and difficult to recycle in Northvale.

DPW Superintendent Durie said we advertised this month in the Newsletter that we would be open every Saturday. We negotiated a change with our solid waste contract and it appears that we are going forward with it. He did not have an opportunity to discuss the closing of the DPW with the Finance Committee before a decision was made. When discussing the negotiations with Waste Management we should include the change just because it is going to directly affect their operations. It will probably increase their Wednesday pickups of commingled and paper. They will probably pick up more brush off the curb which will increase their amount of manpower and trucks they will need to provide services to the borough. She said he should have had this information before sitting down with Waste Management and Administrator Polce with regard to the possible change and saving some money by going to a different schedule. Tires, car batteries, heavy metal, etc. which are brought in on Saturday will not be able to be brought to the DPW every Saturday; those four hours are critical and there does not leave much time for a resident to be able to cut their grass and get it down by 12PM. He did not believe six hours was a long time to be open on Saturday and one person working is minimal. It enhances our recycling because we keep the door open encouraging people to use the facility. With that in mind, he is opposed to this proposal.

For the past six months, monthly we have been able to realize through our metal efforts approximately \$1000 to \$1500 a month in revenue. That paid for all the overtime we generated for Saturdays for overtime.

Mayor Arnowitz said we are looking into these things before we are forced to look at furloughs and layoffs. There is a \$25,000/year savings by cutting back to two days a month.

He added that Waste Management contract does not have anything to do with tonnage, it has to do with pickups they make. If we put out a ton or a hundred tons, the contract says they have to pick it up. This Council is trying very hard to establish policy for 2011 so that we are not firing people. We don't have the luxury of our surrounding towns that had a very large force, we have always been very restrictive on the number of people that work for us.

Mayor Arnowitz said he has spoken with other Mayors and very few of the other towns have six day a week recycling operations; some are open on Saturdays but not open during the week. If we go along with the Saturday closing, he would begin after October 1<sup>st</sup>. He would like signs erected as soon as possible announcing this closing and the downtown sign. If we have a severe storm that produces brush, we should announce that the recycling center will be open that Saturday. If the recycling center was already scheduled to be open that Saturday, we could have an additional Saturday opening the following week. There would be three Saturdays open in a row if there was a major storm to accommodate the residents.

### Motion

Motion by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Frank, to reduce the Saturday hours to two Saturdays a month, reduced hours, and to give the Mayor the discretion to reopen during periods of emergency. The hours would be 8AM to 12PM, the first and third of the month.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember DeJoseph

### 3) Waste Management Situation.

Mayor Arnowitz said there has been a suggestion from the Finance Committee to reduce solid waste pickup, which is the present

Monday, Tuesday presently in town from two days a week to one day a week which would save us approximately \$250,000, for 12 months a year. There have been suggestions from Council members and residents with regard to odor during the summer. Suggestions were made that we look at going from 12 months a year to eight or nine, eight, ten. He did not think we are going to have a choice going 10 months a year or eight months a year; either September 16 through April 30 at two days a week; May 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15 it would be one day a week. No that would be a reverse. The Borough Administrator seems to think we could go 8, 9, or 10, but he was going to check with Waste Management.

Administrator Polce received today an email which he sent to the Council. Basically they are going to provide an A la Cart menu. If you reduce the number of months from 12 to 10 or 8, that will be a savings. The issue is that in the first year, if you go for 9 months and then eliminate 3, that will result in a savings of \$175,000; in the second year it will result in a negligible savings. The amount you would be saving by going one year, one year full term which is over \$400,000 for those two years, is demonstrable greater than saving less than \$180,000 over those two years but by allowing one pickup during the summer months.

Councilmember Frank said Keith Durie handed out two meetings ago that indicates that we have service level option B which is to drop to one day a week 12 months a year and it shows year 4 which starts in November of 2010 and ends in October 2011; first year savings \$209,000 and the second year which is the last year of the contract savings of \$216,000. If we go to Option C which is to have two collections a week from May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 15 and one collection a week for the balance of the year, the savings in the first year are \$130,000 and the second year of \$135,000.

Administrator Polce read the email which says Year 4 would be \$718,000 vs. \$700,000 and some odd thousand.

Mayor Arnowitz said those numbers reflect six months on and six months off.

Administrator Polce said the Council has to come up with something they are reasonably comfortable with, come back to him and he will go to Waste Management and ask if it is acceptable.

Mayor Arnowitz said we should not start this until the anniversary of the contract which is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Councilmember Weinstein said if we reduce the collection to one pickup a week for the whole year, savings for year one would be \$209,000 and savings for year two would be \$216,000. If we went to the seven and five where for seven months it is one day a week for

five months it is two days a week, year one would be a savings of \$130,000 and year two \$135,000 and that would bring us to the end of the current contract. We are looking at a two year experiment.

Mayor Arnowitz said they were the only company who bid on the contract and it is possible they will be the only company when we bid again. They are located in Hillsdale and they can come up with the best price. In 2011, we will begin negotiating a new contract.

Councilmember Weinstein said we looked at this three years ago he recalled an overwhelming response from the community not to go to once a week collection and that is why we didn't go down that path.

Mayor Arnowitz said many people said they want their taxes cut and many people said they didn't have a problem with the garbage. It is a different era.

Councilmember Weinstein said he is getting the same feedback as three years ago. People are economically affected by what is going on around us, however, garbage is a passionate issue and people are concerned with storing the garbage in the warmer months and that presents a different issue.

Councilmember Frank we started out with two pickups a week plus you could put out anything you wanted on a Friday. We now take a huge portion of the garbage stream into recycling on Wednesdays and put out grass clippings. We have cut down the amount that goes into household garbage quite a bit. Garbage trucks come down his street four days a week. He believed there is an environmental part to the town to reduce the amount of days that we have garbage trucks driving around on our streets from a traffic standpoint, a pollution standpoint, and a noise pollutant standpoint. He has spoken to many residents who are concerned about taxes and they seem to be understanding and think the town has to do something.

Councilmember Weinstein said everyone seems to be understanding until you start taking services away that are not likely to come back. This Council is not going turn around to bring back services whether it is DPW hours or garbage so quickly. Spending money will be equally difficult no matter what our economic climate is. He said it is going to be problematic.

Mayor Arnowitz said the residents of this town have been greatly affected by this economy and we have a moral obligation to do something and we have to do something about the CAP. He is in agreement with the CAP and it is an important way to go to stifle the spending.

Councilmember Schiavone said the only correspondence we did receive was against changing the pickup. The only people who took the time to write and comment are people that don't want it to be reduced.

Mayor Arnowitz said this does away with backyard service which some people were concerned about. Eighty percent of the residents put their garbage out on the curb; Waste Management has agreed that there are some people have a problem getting garbage out to the curb and if they truly have a problem, they will make arrangements. With regard to condos, churches, schools that have dumpsters, there is no room for additional dumpsters and we would have to continue with two day a week pickup.

Councilmember Weinstein asked if we have a picture of where the Borough stands today in relation to the 2% CAP?

Mayor Arnowitz said that is not a factor; we have an obligation to save.

Councilmember Weinstein said last time it was about the dollars and cents that people were going to pay; this time there is an added component which is making sure the Borough complies with the 2% CAP. That doesn't necessarily mean that you make dramatic changes during that period of time only to be unable to undo them later on. We make the changes in the best interest of the moment but these are not changes easily undone. Hillsdale has traditionally been in a good situation financially due to decisions we have made over the long term. He wanted to be careful of making changes now that we regret going forward because it changes the type of community Hillsdale is and we will feel that in other ways.

Councilmember Frank said in the 2010 Budget you used 1.2 million of surplus to plug the hole. We don't have that much surplus now going into 2011. It is hard to identify how much off we are going to be for that 2%. If we wait until March or April next year when we have the hard numbers, it might be too late.

Administrator Polce said as of now, it is inherently difficult to have any sort of idea where we are as far as the 2% is concerned. You never want to use a lot of surplus, but the fact that there is still a fair amount remaining and we will be generating our numbers for 2010, it is not as dire as we are making it out to be. The Finance Committee is looking at ways to save; Waste Management contract was one and he is looking at other things. There is also the possibility of looking to change our Delta Care provider and possibly another carrier for health care insurance. There are a number of things on the table.

### Motion

Councilmember Frank made a motion to change our garbage collection to service level option "C" which is one day a week from September 16 to April 30 and two days a week from May 1 to September 15. Councilmember Schiavone seconded the motion.

#### OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Joseph Meyers, 19 Glendale Drive -

He said a Councilmember generates two full cans between pickups. He asked if he would generate that as non-recyclable. He believed the recycling program is outstanding now. He suggested eliminating dirty diapers and going back to the old way as the landfill is filled with these diapers. We have to start inconveniencing ourselves because we are burying ourselves deeper and deeper. He could go for a month without having a pickup. He believed a lot of people don't recycle. He believed one day a week pickup is phenomenal and by saving money, he is in favor of it. He asked what people generate from Monday to Thursday which is the second pickup.

DPW Superintendent Durie said the ultimate confusion we will end up is dividing the town into four and switch back to two and back to four. Montvale just went to one pickup twelve months a year and he feels Hillsdale is similar to Montvale. They are hoping to do more recycling at the same rate - you have to reduce what you are putting out so that you come down to a barrel or two of garbage once a week. It can be done with recycling efforts. One day a week pickup you can put out five barrels. He believed we should save as much money as we can and this is a good thing and we can enhance our recycling efforts. The Green Team says it will work and they endorse this. If there is an emergency, we can make provisions.

Bob Greenberg, 40 Colonial Village Drive -

He was in favor of the new collection proposed because the economy will never go back the way it was. He said the newspapers, bulletin board and monthly issues need to advertise and let people know what is going on.

Michael Brinzey, 33 Highland Avenue -

He concurs with the one day a week collection. Residents will fall into that pattern almost immediately.

David Wertheim, 85 Baylor Avenue -

He believed townspeople need to know what is recyclable and there is very little information available and very few people know how much is actually recyclable.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have a Green Team and they will get the

message out to improve our recycling and make us compliant.

Joseph Meyers, 19 Glendale Drive -  
Perhaps the Green Team should visit the schools and educate them and the parents.

Borough Clerk Sandt said the motion is Level C, one day a week for seven months of the year and two days a week five months of the year.

Councilmember Frank said there is one curbside from September 16 to April 30 and two curbside from May 1 through September 15.

DPW Superintendent Durie said it is going to take place over four days a week, it is not going to happen on a Monday or Tuesday. The town will be divided into quarters; if you live in a section that is picked up on a Monday through the fall and winter months and you are picked up on a Monday and a Thursday in the summertime, you are going to go back to that Monday pickup. In another section of town, it will be Tuesday and it will be Tuesday and Friday. There will be another section in town that will be Thursday so it will be a Monday and a Thursday and another section Tuesday and Friday. The confusion will be where people will be putting out through the summer two days a week and as hit September 16, one day a week, and people just came back from vacation will think they are having a second pickup; the town will be loaded with curbside trash. When you make the change, it will not happen immediately and they will have to refer to the correspondence we must get out and make the switch. He believes this will be a very confusing factor and that is why he is promoting one day a week trash and garbage pickup for each section of town. There is three quarters of the town that doesn't have any trash barrels at the curb but in the summertime you are going to have trash barrels twice a week.

Councilmember Frank said he believes it is a communication issue and we will have to be very vigilant to make sure it is communicated properly to everyone.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Giancarlo, Schiavone, Weinstein and Frank

Nays: Councilmember Hanlon

Absent: Councilmember DeJoseph

Mayor Arnowitz said this will begin November 1<sup>st</sup> and we have to get this information out to the public.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Arnowitz opened the public meeting and invited comment from

the audience.

Paul Giovanni, 136 Sebastian Court -  
He attends the meetings to earn the Citizenship badge for Scouts.

Jeff Wertheim, 85 Baylor Avenue -  
He is here this evening also to earn the Citizenship badge.

Bob Greenberg, 40 Colonial Village Drive -  
He asked for more information with regard to the cell tower.

Michael Brinzey, 33 Highland Avenue -  
He referred to Ordinance 10-11, Salaries for Borough employees and asked if everyone is getting a raise or are the salaries frozen.

(Inaudible)-

We had a shed that was located near the Stonybrook Field; a few years ago we lost the shed to Hurricane Floyd and checked with the DPW Superintendent about putting the exact shed back there. He asked if it can be moved 10 ft. up so we don't have a problem again.

DPW Superintendent Durie said he received a request to replace a shed at Stonybrook at the LaCross area which is the field across the brook from the swim club. He suggested the Mayor and Council be approached for permission to put up another shed that was lost in the flood.

The Council was in favor of granting permission to replace the shed.

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

#### ORDINANCES:

Ord. 10-11	At the Mayor's request, the Borough
(Adoption)	Clerk read by title only proposed Ordinance
Ordinance	No. 10-11 as follows:
Establishing	
2010 Salaries	AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR AND DETERMINE
For Borough	THE RATE, AMOUNT AND METHOD OF PAYMENT OF
Employees	COMPENSATION TO PERSONS HOLDING CERTAIN
	OFFICES AND POSITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE
	BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE, COUNTY OF BERGEN,
	STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

The Borough Clerk confirmed to the Mayor that copies of the ordinance have been posted in the Municipal building and that no written objections to the ordinance had been received.

Mayor Arnowitz then opened the public hearing on the proposed ordinance and asked if anyone in the audience cared to discuss it. There being no response, the public hearing was closed on Ordinance No. 10-11.

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

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 10-11:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember DeJoseph

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

Ord. No. 10-12	At the Mayor's request, the Borough
(Introduction)	read by title only proposed Ordinance
Amending	No. 10-12 as follows:
Chapter 310	
Sign	AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING
Ordinance	CHAPTER 310 ENTITLED "LAND USE LEGISLATION",
	SECTION 310-4 "DEFINITIONS" AND ARTICLE XV
	"SIGNS."

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 proposed ordinance on first reading.

Following is the result of the roll call vote on the foregoing Ordinance No. 10-12:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember DeJoseph

(SEE COPY OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AFFIXED HERETO)

RESOLUTIONS: (Consent Agenda)

Mayor Arnowitz read the Consent Agenda of Resolutions.

10107 Developers Agreement, Block 1206, Lot 10, 54 Orchard Street was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10108 Authorize Execution of Deed for Block 908, Lot 10, was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10109 Authorize a Grant Application with the NJDOT for a Bikeway Construction Project was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10110 Authorize a Grant Application with the NJDOT for the Reconstruction of Ell Road was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10111 Authorize a Grant Application with the NJDOT for the Downtown Intersection Improvement Project was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10112 Authorize a Grant Application with the NJDOT for the Reconstruction of Ralph Avenue Project was introduced by councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10113 Award Contract for the 2010 Road Improvement Program was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10114 Refund 2009 Tax Overpayment, Block 2201, Lot 7 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10115 Refund 2009 Veteran Deduction, Block 1526, Lot 25, was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10116 Community Development Representatives was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10117 Community Development Grant for Senior citizen Activities - 7/1/10 to 6/30/11 was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10118 Authorize Borough Attorney/Borough Clerk to Advertise Cell Tower Bid Proposals was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

10119 Bergen County Community Development Grant Endorsement was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember

Weinstein.

10120 Authorize reduction/Increase in Assessments Due to County Board Judgments was introduced by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Weinstein.

Motion to approve all Resolutions was made by Councilmember Giancarlo, seconded by Councilmember Schiavone.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember DeJoseph

(SEE COPIES OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL RESOLUTIONS AFFIXED HERETO)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief's Report for the Month of July 2010.

Motion to approve the Fire Department report was made by Councilmember Schiavone, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon, and unanimously carried.

(SEE COPIES OF THE AFORESAID ORIGINAL REPORTS AFFIXED HERETO)

LAST GO ROUND

Mayor Arnowiz said we have a number of retirements and he wanted to bring everyone up date on positions. He said this should be done in Open Session because there is no conflict.

Borough Engineer Statile said we are applying for a CD Grant application; Open Space applications also. It is easy to get money for parks which is a matching grant. We can apply for it and get the money, we don't have to accept it. There is a fee or \$200 to apply. He suggested applying for matching grants for forestry and use that as leverage for additional planting. The matching grant would possibly cost \$10,000 and you want to apply for a \$7,000 or \$10,000 application for Open Space and that should help, it is just an idea. If you don't have a plan you don't get any money.

Mayor Arnowitz said we could apply for a \$1,000 expense total. He said we have a meeting next week.

Councilmember Giancarlo said any recreations areas for the public needs to go forward. Sometimes the small expenditures, whether

they be grant money are worthwhile and you get a lot of dollars for your dollar. He is considering the opportunities for the children and seniors in the town and he would move forward on this.

Councilmember Weinstein agreed it was worth the couple hundred investment and if we actually get the grant, then figure it out how to proceed.

The Council was in favor of going forward.

Borough Engineer Statile said if we get the grant, we can always give it back.

Councilmember Griancarlo asked if there was any sort of safe crossing device be utilized going across Kinderkamack towards Centennial Field.

Engineer Statile said we would need crosswalks. We could make an application to the County next year.

Councilmember Hanlon said she previously brought up the Orchard Street/Broadway for people making left turns where we have a lot of close calls and near accidents. She asked if there is any way we can enhance the safety at that intersection.

Borough Clerk Sandt said utilities have been deregulated, it has been brought to his attention that PSE&G doesn't care where they get electricity, they make their money from the transition lines. There are other smaller utilities providers that supply their electric through PSE&G, one being America Approved. Councilmember DeJoseph has been investigating this also. The company that he spoke with allowing them to provide electric power to the Borough facilities through PSE&G could save us just under \$10,000/year. There is no change in service and he would like the Council give permission for a one year agreement for America Approved to provide electric service through PSE&G. We would be billed through PSE&G and there would be no changes whatsoever in the process except that it will save almost \$10,000/year.

Administrator Polce said this is something we should look into and he hopes the Council will agree.

Mayor Arnowitz said it is obvious to the residents that everyone is seeking areas of saving taxpayer dollars. It takes a lot of work, phone calls, lot of writing and time.

The Council unanimously approved the request by Borough Clerk Sandt to go ahead with making the transition.

Borough Engineer Statile said we did an analysis on Wierimus Lane

and did the project on our own, we did not join the Cooperative. Bergen County has a Cooperative for Department of Transportation projects. We saved about \$15,000 by going through this by ourselves; Cooperative is o.k., but not all the time and for the past three times, it has been cheaper to go by ourselves. It is the result that the contractors don't have to drag themselves all over the County; there are a lot of relocation costs and by sitting tight in one place it is a lot less expensive.

Police Chief Stalter said on September 25, the Department is going to be participating in Operation Take Back; last September it was called Operation Medicine Cabinet that is where we will be one of the collection centers where people can bring unused prescription drugs, unused over-the-counter. We encourage the public to clean out their medicine cabinets for two reasons; one because it is the biggest acquire of abuse drugs in this area and two, they are starting to show up in ground water. Last year we collected about 16 lbs. just in Hillsdale and if you multiply throughout the whole State, it is phenomenal what was collected. It is then disposed of in an environmentally correct and friendly way by the Drug Enforcement Agency. It is coming from the person who is bringing it in to a police officer to a container that is sealed here and then to the DEA.

Stalter said we lucked out with Hurricane Earl but we encourage our residents to go to ready.gov which is a site run by Homeland Security which is basic preparedness. Our residents have to be self-sufficient for a few days in the event of a big storm. Emergency Services will be there for true emergencies but with power outages, they have to prepare themselves.

We had a great first half of the year but once the second half came, things went a little sour. One officer required emergency surgery and was out a month; we have another employee out on maternity leave and we have another pending departure on maternity leave. We are working shorthanded but we are listing the help of some per diem dispatchers to cover some shifts.

Mayor Arnowitz complimented Chief Stalter, Councilmember DeJoseph and the Administrator on the court costs for police officers and they came up with some great ideas.

Chief Stalter said there was a problem at Beechwood Park during the Dog Fest and Sergeant McLoughlin with the help of the DPW signs were placed to enforce existing regulations with our Stop Signs, distance from corners, etc. Some curbs were painted and we are going to monitor the events and the events that provide a bigger turnout and we will erect temporary No Parking Signs.

Lieutenant Niego said on August 24 the Department of Corrections

did their annual inspection of the cell area and we were found to be in full compliance. There is now more funding for fingerprint background checks for Coaches. Originally the town would receive \$2,016 to fund 50% of the Coaches; there is a new grant that goes through 2011 which will fund 100%. We want to get the ordinance in place as soon as possible; with regard to Soccer and Wrestling there is a combination of River Vale Coaches that will Coach on our Soccer fields. It is a joint team and they were only going to do name checks. After a meeting with River Vale, they will also do fingerprint checks also. We don't need an ordinance to get the funding and all he will do is send a Letter of Intent with the approximate number of Coaches and the Recreation Associations are getting them this week. There will a process and everything will be spelled out in an ordinance.

Councilmember Giancarlo said this is Part Two of Coach; everyone needs a Rutgers certification before they coach but now we are talking about a second phase to see what kind of coaches are coaching our children. It is a State and Federal background check.

DPW Superintendent Durie said he was asked to discuss tonight funding that CFO Henderson had come up with regarding replacing a Mason Dump. He prepared for the Council the cost of a Mason Dump. Clean Communities each year provides us with a certain amount of money which is placed in an account which is to spent specifically on various different Clean Communities projects. Since we have not spent quite a bit of the money CFO Henderson said we would qualify for being able to demonstrate to Clean Communities that we were saving enough money to replace a vehicle which we would be using cleaning of the municipality. Since we were not able to move forward during budget sessions for the Mason Dump that he had requested and it is a 20 year old vehicle which is in disrepair. It would be a replacement of that vehicle. He went to the State Contract and he got a F450 which would be a four by four Mason Dump with bare essentials. The only extra he would want would be the heavier duty lug type tires which we would use for snow plowing than the normal highway tread that is provided with the truck as a standard. It would have a 3-4 cu. yd. dump body, undercoated, ball & hook, tow hitch package, etc. The base price would be \$35,283, the snow plow installed by Cliffside Body which has a state contract, would be \$5546 and he allowed \$400 for radios and wiring for a total of \$41,229. This is a gas truck and diesel is about \$6000 more and the pollution devices added to the diesel are making it difficult to work on at this time.

There is approximately \$72,000 in the Fund so we would not be spending all of it and still have money remaining for other projects under the definition of Clean Communities. This truck would qualify and we would be able to replace the vehicle without

having to go to the general budget.

Mayor Arnowitz spoke to Councilmember DeJoseph and CFO Henderson who were in favor of going forward and he was told these funds would be lost if we don't spending them. It must be used for Clean Communities and this is the most important item needed.

Motion

Motion by Councilmember Frank, seconded by Councilmember Giancarlo to approve the purchase of the vehicle described by the DPW Superintendent.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilmember DeJoseph

DPW Superintendent Durie said as we are starting to lose our street signs to age, we have become compliant with the new DOT requirement of a larger street sign with a high visibility lettering. We are replacing the signs with the regular budget process; they are green and white.

Mayor Arnowitz said because of the holiday yesterday, barrels were overflowing on Broadway and asked if we can pass an ordinance that they have to empty the barrels on a regular basis at least on the weekends when we are not collecting. The barrels in front of the nail salons contain household trash and asked if that is enforceable.

DPW Superintendent Durie will research it further.

Mayor Arnowitz said a letter should go out to the merchants that we are going to start enforcing this.

With regard to Town Day, he wanted to have an agreement on the number of DPW employees that will be there on overtime.

Durie said he was anticipating three DPW employees plus himself volunteering time and when the person is finished at the recycling center to come over and finish cleaning up after 2PM. This would involve breaking down the tables and getting everything well organized at the end because everyone leaves and those tables have to be brought all to one central area.

Mayor Arnowitz said we have to start thinking about getting donations from merchants and residents to help offset the costs.

Administrator Polce was asked by Councilmember Schiavone about looking into the website and other Mayors suggested to him that he and Borough Clerk Sandt look at the e.gov site which has provided a number of municipalities throughout the Pascack and Norther Valley with substantive websites which would provide a little more color, change of pace, and more cost effective. He will try to have a product which we could disseminate to our residents.

Councilmember Weinstein extended his thanks to the Finance Committee for some of the suggestions that were presented tonight. He would ask that issues be debated thoroughly before we vote.

Mayor Arnowitz said when he first started here we had round table discussions about everything and nothing was voted on. He found them very effective.

Councilmember Frank said we have a lot of pre-discussions as part of the Finance Committee and we could probably share them as well.

We went to the Seniors luncheon today at Stonybrook and those responsible did a nice job.

Councilmember Giancarlo reminded everyone that 9-11 is approaching and services will be held at the Park.

He said having dialogue prior to the meeting is very important and he is in favor of having a meeting beforehand for various discussions. He complimented the Borough Clerk and Administrator regarding saving money on energy.

Councilmember Hanlon said everyone enjoyed the Senior luncheon today. She is also in agreement with having a round table discussion prior to the meeting.

Mayor Arnowitz said the Fire Department has been conducting a ceremony on 9-11 in the morning. We meet at the firehouse at about 8:15AM and we move to the clock by the park and have a simple ceremony. It is a time for inner reflecting and when the first plan hit the tower, we salute and hold the salute for a period of time. We reflect on what happened and when the second plan hit the second tower, we salute again and then we go home. We don't have speeches and it is our way of remembering people who perished. Everyone is invited.

On September 21, he reserved the Chamber for a town meeting for anyone who wishes to get information about the school referendum. We will be televised. He encouraged everyone to vote against this referendum; he wants to let everyone know the facts. The facts of this referendum are that Woodcliff Lake and Montvale want to change

the State Formula; this is not the Hillsdale/Pascack Valley Formula, this is a State Formula that sets up how the schools are funded. If this were to pass, the Hillsdale residents can expect the tax increase on an average home of \$850. If the home is not average, it can be a lot more. Education would still be the same, there is no change. This is just Woodcliff Lake and Montvale paying less than Hillsdale and River Vale paying more. There was a time years ago that Hillsdale paid more and Woodcliff Lake paid less and the reason is the commercial properties. If you pull the commercial properties out of the mix of this all four towns pay a similar tax on a residential community based on their children going to school.

Hillsdale hosts the school in town, we have numerous expenses that we incur that supplements the school system. Montvale has a school also; River Vale doesn't and Woodcliff Lake doesn't so they don't have those expenses. We have a resource officer that works for the school, it is a phenomenal program and he would not want to stop it. The police officer works closely with the students and we had a serious situation a couple of months ago that was abated before it even started because we had a resource officer in the school. We get \$30,000 for that but he costs us in salary and benefits approximately \$100,000. He works 75% to 80% in the school because he is not there in the summer months. We are supplementing that, it is a good program. He is encouraging the residents to vote because the Mayor of Woodcliff Lake has personally said that he doesn't care about this referendum, he doesn't even want this referendum. They are going to go to Trenton to plead their case that the formula should be changed. If large voters from Hillsdale and River Vale come to vote against this Referendum, the politicians in Trenton are going to realize there are a lot of people here and they don't want to mess with a good thing. We have a good school system and he does not want to see it destroyed.

He would appreciate the newspapers publishing this information because it is important. He thanks Council President Weinstein, Ann Cron who have been attending meetings with the River Vale representatives to get this moving and get the vote out. This is so, so important.

He said Councilmember DeJoseph will not be here for the month of September and October as he is getting his license at school for Financial Officer. He asked if the Council would be willing to change a couple of meeting dates from Tuesday.

Administrator Polce has been advised of retirements, one of which has taken place. With regard to the second retirement, we were advised by Tom Farrell of the Police Department that he will be retiring November 1 but it is being pushed to March 1. The governing body with the department heads will look to make some

decisions as far as overall staffing requirements and make a decision as to where we are going.

We have also been advised of two retirements in our Municipal Court and they will be effective starting November 1 and December 1 and this may be an opportunity for the municipality to look into shared services with local towns. He would suggest that a committee of the governing body be apprised of looking into and discussing it with other municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Weinstein, seconded by Councilmember Hanlon, and unanimously carried.

9-7-10

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Borough Clerk

APPROVED AS PRESENTED

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