

TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG
MEETING MINUTES
6:30 PM Executive Session/7:30 pm Regular Session

April 3, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Lopatcong Township Council was called to order by Mayor Wright. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building located at 232 S. Third St., Phillipsburg, New Jersey

A Prayer was offered followed by the Oath of Allegiance.

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

Present: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright. Also, present were Attorney Cohen and Engineer Wisniewski.

Attorney Cohen summarized Executive Session Items one through four.

Swore In: Dilan Rottmann as a Police Officer

Old Business:

Minutes – Approve Executive and Regular Session for March 6, 2024 on motion by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Councilman Marinelli. All in favor.

Ordinance No. 24-05 – Second reading and public hearing to Vacate Paper Street known as Block 95, Lot 18.01 to become part of adjacent lots. This Ordinance has been reviewed and recommended by the Planning Board for adoption. Motion to hold a public hearing by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman McQuade. All in favor. Comment by Richard Bruce of Harwich Road that he was witness to the Planning Board discussing the recommendation and remarked he saw this through fruition as it was a pretty smooth flow. Motion to close the public hearing by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman McQuade. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05

SECOND NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the following Ordinance was presented and passed on the final reading. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law by title only.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, VACATING A LOT KNOWN AS
LOT 18.01 IN BLOCK 95 TO BECOME PART OF ADJACENT LOTS**

Said Ordinance may be read and inspected at any time at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Motion to adopt this Ordinance by Councilman Belcaro, seconded by Councilman McQuade.

Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Mayor Wright.

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Council President Palitto

Ordinance No. 24-06 – Second reading and public hearing to include provision of background check for members appointed to all boards, commissions and committees. Motion to hold a public hearing by Councilman McQuade, seconded by Council President Palitto. All in favor. No comments from the public. Motion to close the public hearing by Council President Palitto, seconded by Councilman Belcaro. All in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06

SECOND NOTICE OF AN ORDINANCE

NOTICE Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey, held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at the Municipal Building, 232 South Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, the following Ordinance was presented and passed on the final reading. The Ordinance was then ordered to be published according to law by title only.

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 4 ENTITLED “BACKGROUND CHECKS, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE MEMBERS” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG REGARDING BACKGROUND CHECKS

Said Ordinance may be read and inspected at any time at the Office of the Municipal Clerk, Lopatcong Township Municipal Building, 232 S. Third Street, Phillipsburg, New Jersey Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Motion to adopt this Ordinance by Council President Palitto, seconded by Councilman McQuade. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright.

NAYS: None

Resolution No. 24-66 – Self-Examination of 2024 Budget.

R 24-66

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING, SELF-EXAMINATION OF BUDGET

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 thru 7.5, the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local Government Services, and the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Township meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2024 budget year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification. The Governing Body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
 - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges.
 - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
 - c. Cash deficit of preceding year.
 - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes.
 - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items.
 - f. Any inclusion of amounts required for school purposes.
2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at 40A:4-45.3 et seq. are fully met. (Complies with the "CAP" law).
3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.
4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:
 - a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate, and correctly stated.
 - b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth.
 - c. In itemization, form, arrangement, and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.
5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Director of Local Government Services.

Approved: April 3, 2024

Vote recorded as follows: All in favor

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright.

NAYS: None

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Motion by Councilman Marinelli, seconded by Council President Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright.

NAYS: None

Introduce 2024 Municipal Budget – CFO Browne stated that the Appropriations for this year’s budget are \$12,536,409.40, Miscellaneous Revenues projected at \$6,472,501.79 which includes using \$2,334,000.00 in the Fund Balance. The amount to be raised by taxes is \$6,063,907.61. This represents a 2.2 cent increase equal to \$51 per year on a home valued at \$231,000.00. The public hearing will be held on June 5th at 7:30 pm. Motion to adopt on first reading of the Budget by Councilman Marinelli, seconded by Council President Palitto. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright.

NAYS: None

Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Council President Palitto, seconded by Councilman Marinelli. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright.

NAYS: None

R 24-67

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CONSENT AGENDA FOR COUNCIL’S
CONSIDERATION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby approve and authorize a Consent Agenda to move routine items of business requiring no discussion; and

WHEREAS, there are listed Items one through fourteen on the Consent Agenda.

1. Resolution to Approve Temporary Municipal Budget for 2024.
2. Resolution to Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2023-003 on Block 64, Lot 5 in the amount of \$1625.76, Premium \$700.00.
3. Resolution to Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-018 on Block 99, Lot 367 Qualification C0717 in the amount of \$24,531.03, Premium \$28,000.00.
4. Reject request from Edgewood Properties to close out their escrow accounts as recommended by Engineer Sterbenz.
5. Authorize software agreement with Spatial Data Logic in the amount of \$4200.00 for Construction Dept.
6. Authorize renewal of software agreement with Spatial Data Logic in the amount of \$3230.00 for Zoning Dept.
7. Renewal Maintenance Agreement with Vanguard Energy Partners in the amount of \$3,071.86.
8. Authorize payment to Gamka for lighting towers provided for park fields in September and October 2023 in the amount of \$2994.00.
9. Resolution to hire a Purchasing Agent.
10. Ordinance No. 24-08 – First reading to Establish position of Purchasing Agent.
11. Ordinance No. 24-09 - First reading to Amend Chapter 35 entitled “Deputy Clerk” to remove Tenure.
12. Resolution awarding contract to Top Line Construction for the Belview Road Improvement Project Phase II in the amount of \$236,601.08.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 24-68 - Approve Temporary Municipal Budget for 2024.

R 24-68

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROVING TEMPORARY MUNICIPAL AND SEWER
UTILITY BUDGET FOR 2024

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2024 Municipal and Sewer Budgets, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided; and

WHEREAS, the Township has adopted a resolution on January 3, 2024 for the first quarter appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Budget will not be adopted until June, another temporary budget is needed for April Current Fund appropriations in certain budget line items; and

WHEREAS, total temporary appropriations shall not exceed 26.25% the total of the appropriations in the 2022 budget, exclusive of any appropriations made for interest and debt redemption charges, capital improvement fund and public assistance in said 2023 budget or in the sum of \$2,364,795.70 for the Current Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following appropriations be made and that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer for the record:

Current Fund	\$110,000.00
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As temporary appropriations for the year for the purpose identified by the title herein below listed and, in the sum, set aside such titles:

CURRENT FUND

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Acct. No.

20102200	Postage	\$ 3,000.00
20140100	Computer Services: Salary & Wages	\$ 1,000.00
Mayor and Council:		
20110100	Salaries and Wages	\$ 500.00
Municipal Administration:		
20120100	Municipal Clerk Salaries and Wages	\$10,000.00
Revenue Administration (Tax Collection):		
20145100	Salaries & Wages	\$ 9,000.00
20145200	Other Expenses	\$ 2,500.00

	Engineering Services and Costs:	
20165200	Other Expenses	\$ -

PUBLIC SAFETY:

	Prosecutor:	
25275200	Other Expenses	\$ 3,000.00

STREETS AND ROADS

	Street and Road Repairs and Maintenance:	
26290100	Salaries & Wages	\$ 20,000.00
26290200	Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
	Public Buildings and Grounds:	
26310100	Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,000.00
26310200	Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
	Municipal Court:	
43490100	Salaries & Wages	\$ 20,000.00
43490200	Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00

RECREATION AND EDUCATION:

	Parks and Playgrounds:	
28375200	Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00

UTILITIES:

31430200	Electricity	\$ 3,000.00
31446200	Gas (Natural or Propane)	\$ 2,000.00
31435200	Street Lighting	\$ 2,000.00

UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE:

	Building Sub-code Official	
22195100	Salaries & Wages	\$ 9,000.00
22195200	Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
	Fire Safety Inspector	
25265100	Salaries & Wages	\$ 2,000.00
25265200	Other Expenses	\$ -

TOTAL OPERATIONS WITHIN "CAP"	\$110,000.00
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	\$110,000.00

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at the Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 24-69 - Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2023-003 on Block 64, Lot 5 in the amount of \$1625.76, Premium \$700.00.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2023-003 ON BLOCK 64, LOT 5

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 12, 2023, a lien was sold on Block 64, Lot 5 also known as 104 Dana Street for delinquent sewer; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2023-003 was sold to Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank; and

WHEREAS, on March 18 2024, the Certificate No. 2023-003 has been satisfied in the amount of \$1,625.76, Premium \$700.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 3rd day of April 2024, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$1,625.76, Premium \$700.00 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2023-003 to:

Pro Cap 8 FBO Firstrust Bank

P.O. Box 774

Fort Washington, PA 19034-774

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at the Reorganization Meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 24-71 - Authorize Redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-018 on Block 99, Lot 367 Qualification C0717 in the amount of \$24,531.03, Premium \$28,000.00.

R 24-71

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
NO. 2021-018 ON BLOCK 99, LOT 367 QUALIFICATION C0717

WHEREAS, at the Lopatcong Township Municipal Tax Sale held on December 14, 2021, a lien was sold on Block 99, Lot 367 Qualification C0717 also known as 717 Brandywine Way for delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, this lien known as Tax Sale Certificate No. 2021-018 was sold to BALA Partners, LLC; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2024, the Certificate No. 2021-018 has been satisfied in the amount of \$24,531.03, Premium \$28,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 3rd day of April 2024, that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to issue a check

Reject request from Edgewood Properties to close out their escrow accounts as recommended by Engineer Sterbenz.

Authorize software agreement with Spatial Data Logic in the amount of \$4200.00 for Construction Dept.

Authorize renewal of software agreement with Spatial Data Logic in the amount of \$3230.00 for Zoning Dept.

Renewal Maintenance Agreement with Vanguard Energy Partners in the amount of \$3,071.86.

Gamka Invoice - Authorize payment to Gamka for lighting towers provided for park fields in September and October 2023 in the amount of \$2994.00.

Resolution No. 14-72 - Hire a Purchasing Agent.

R 24-72

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO HIRE A PURCHASING AGENT

WHEREAS, the Township Council is creating the position of purchasing agent in ordinance No. 24-08; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has advertised for the position of purchasing agent in the office of finance; and

WHEREAS, the Township Administrator has reviewed applicants for the position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Councils finds it in the Township's best interest to authorize the Administrator to hire the most well qualified applicant, subject to the passing of ordinance 24-08; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong that Township Administrator is hereby authorized to fill the position of purchasing agent, subject to the passage of ordinance 24-08.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Ordinance No. 24-08 – First reading to Establish position of Purchasing Agent.

ORDINANCE 2024-08

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG,
COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-03 IN ORDER TO CREATE THE POSITION OF
PURCHASING AGENT AND TO ESTABLISH A SALARY RANGE THEREFORE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Ordinance 2024-03 is hereby amended by creating and adding the position of Purchasing Agent within the Township and establishing a salary range therefore of \$75,000 to \$115,000.

Section 2 - Severability

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 3 - Repealer

Any ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to their inconsistencies only.

Section 4 - Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect as required by law.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced for first reading at a meeting of the Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey to be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 and will be considered for adoption upon second and final reading at a regular Township meeting to be held at 7:30 pm or shortly thereafter on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Ordinance No. 24-09 - First reading to Amend Chapter 35 entitled "Deputy Clerk" to remove Tenure.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-09

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
LOPATCONG, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND
SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 35 SECTION 3, DEPUTY CLERK TERM OF OFFICE;
TENURE, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-135, the Township established the position of Deputy Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the position of Deputy Clerk shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Township Clerk or from time to time by the Township Council. Said Deputy Township Clerk shall have all the powers and duties of the Township Clerk during such times and for such periods as said Township Clerk Shall be absent or in case of vacancy in the office of Township Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council seeks to modify the tenure provision for the Deputy Clerk Position; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council believes such an amendment is in the best interest of the Township of Lopatcong.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren State of New Jersey as follows:

Section 1 - Chapter 35 Section 4, Term of Office; tenure, of the code of the Township of Lopatcong are hereby repealed and replaced as followed:

§ 83-4 Term of Office.

The term of office of the Deputy Municipal Clerk shall be for a period of three years, to commence on January 1 of the year in which the appointment is made. Any subsequent term of office shall be subject to appointment by the Township Council.

Section 2 - Severability

The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

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Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Resolution No. 24-70 - Award contract to Top Line Construction for the Belview Road Improvement Project Phase II in the amount of \$236,601.08.

R 24-70

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO AUTHORIZE AWARD OF CONTRACT TO TOP LINE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE BELVIEW ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE II IN THE AMOUNT OF \$237,601.08

WHEREAS, the Township of Lopatcong received and opened bids on March 28, 2024 for the Belview Road Improvement Project Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the low bid for the base bid for the project was submitted by Top Line Construction Corporation (“Top Line”) of Somerville, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the low bidder has been found to be qualified and the bid was found to be in compliance with the contract document and technical specifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, at its meeting of April 3, 2024, that a contract be awarded to Top Line for the base bid in the amount of \$237,601.08.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the N.J.D.O.T.'s Bureau of Local Aid.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council at a meeting held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC

Council Reports:

Councilman McQuade – No report.

Councilman Belcaro – No report

Councilman Marinelli – No report

Council President Palitto – Reported that the Egg Hunt was held and a great turnout. Also, Earth Day Celebration is April 20, 2024.

Mayor Wright – Thanked everyone for their help with the Egg Hunt and expressed that it was enjoyed by all who attended. There was a meeting held regarding the pool/park project. Construction on the pickle ball courts will begin shortly.

Report of the Engineer – Reported the Belview Road Phase II construction project award of the bid went to Top Line Construction – this section is Strykers Road to Rt. 519. A local aid grant is partially funding this project.

Report from EMS Phillipsburg – Sean was present to report that 354 calls were answered in Lopatcong over a year period. Just for March, 115 calls were answered in Lopatcong.

Report of Chief of Police – Police Chief Garcia provided his monthly traffic report.

Approve Dept. Reports – Motion to approve reports by Council President Palitto, seconded by Councilman McQuade. All in favor.

Approve Payment of Bills – Councilman Marinelli made the motion to pay bills, seconded by Councilman McQuade. Roll call vote:

AYES: Councilman Belcaro, Councilman Marinelli, Councilman McQuade, Council President Palitto, Mayor Wright.

NAYS: None

Public Comment – 3-minutes -

Brian Weeks – Reminded the public that Leaf season is only in the fall and asked that the public not put their leaves out now.

Adjournment – Councilman Belcaro made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council President Palitto. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret B. Dilts, MMC
Clerk/Administrator

William D. Wright
Mayor

