

BOROUGH OF METCHEN
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall on Monday, February 22, 2011. The Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor Vahalla. The Invocation given by Council President Cammarano was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor advised that adequate notice of this meeting was provided by an annual notice sent to the Home News and Tribune and the Star Ledger and filing a copy with the Borough Clerk within seven days following the annual organization meeting of the body.

Present were Councilmembers Cammarano, Manley, Muldoon, Rasmussen, Rubin, and Wallace.

Also present were Mayor Vahalla, Borough Administrator Boerth, Borough Attorney Murphy, and Borough Clerk Harris.

On a motion by Council President Cammarano and seconded by Councilwoman Rubin, with all in favor Council entered into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF
INTERVIEWING CANDIDATES FOR THE POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT AND OR
APPOINTMENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT .

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen to conduct an executive session closed to the public in order to interview candidates for possible employment and or appointment to the Police Department in the Borough of Metuchen;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Metuchen hereby moves to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. seq., for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the possible employment and or appointment to the Police Department in the Borough of Metuchen; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in and minutes of the closed session shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

On a motion by Council President Cammarano and seconded by Councilwoman Rubin, with all in favor Council re-entered into public session.

On a motion by Council President Cammarano and seconded by Councilwoman Rubin, with all in favor the agenda session was opened.

Council President Cammarano began the meeting by advising the members present that the minutes of February 7, 2011 had minor changes and were to be approved as amended at tonight's meeting.

Councilmember Rubin added an item to the Communications Agenda regarding a date change for the Chamber of Commerce Annual Garage Sale.

On a motion by Council President Cammarano and seconded by Councilman Manley, with all in favor the agenda session was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Council President Cammarano and seconded by Councilwoman Rubin, with all in favor, the minutes of February 7, 2011 were approved as amended.

The order of the agenda was amended to accommodate the students receiving a proclamation in conjunction with the "Stay Awhile For Maggie and Kyle" event from both Mayor and Council and Senator Buono.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Vahalla read the proclamation being presented to the Metuchen High School students that assisted in the event to help raise funds for two students stricken with cancer.

The proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2011 "Stay Awhile For Maggie and Kyle" benefit was sponsored by the Metuchen High School student body in honor of two students stricken with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Maggie Gossiaux a Metuchen High School sophomore suffers from Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma while Kyle Jachim a Metuchen High School junior suffers from T-cell Lymphoblastic Lymphoma; and

WHEREAS, the Metuchen High School Student Body organized and produced the successful fundraising event highlighted by student musical entertainment and heartfelt student speeches; and

WHEREAS, the independent student organization successfully collected refreshment donations from local businesses and community members; and

WHEREAS, the selfless devotion of the many students who participated in the event and raised over 7,000 dollars to defray the cost of the medical obligations incurred by the two families; and

WHEREAS, the kindheartedness of the Metuchen High School Student Body mobilized a community to reach out and take action for a common goal; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council recognize Kendra Best, Kristy Alexander, Emily Lacaskey, Catie Wolff, Kelly Jockwer, Mary Motyka, Aarthi Chezian, Sarah Weiss, Katie Duddy, Rachel Valovcin, Cady Motyka, Laura Alexander, Nick Vocinas, Chris Matthews, Josh Adlerman, Brittany Mathews, Sally Taylor, Grace Alexander, Kelly Sullivan, Alec Richards, Sunjay Kumar, Carson Kiers-Flood, Nyasa Cusmai, Robbie Facchini, Felicia Czochanski, Steven Switzer, Ricky Canton, Ben Eisner, Marvic Adoptante, Rachel Vermane, Rachel Philbin, Alyssa

Campisi, Jamie Asreen, Maddie Campbell, Nicole Kay, Mariah Black, Anna Nicholls, Jeremy Zipf, Jake Nevius, Jeremy Nevius, Drew Sher, Safi Ali-Khan, Kevin Lai, Tariq Aly, Mickey Ladines, Maddie McGrory, Laurene Best-Hartman, Lori Alexander, Pam Motyka, Dawn Valovicin and The Kids in Production Board for their dedication and personal excellence.

Senator Buono presented a proclamation on behalf of the Senate to the students also.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to comment.

Ernie Dokes (59 Durham Avenue) Mr. Dokes spoke about a recent medical emergency which required the dispatch of an ambulance, and the expenses incurred while using the provided emergency services. Mr. Dokes questioned why an Edison ambulance arrived to provide emergency services for him instead of Metuchen.

Council President Cammarano explained that Metuchen EMS has had problems obtaining daytime volunteers to provide emergency care. The Borough currently has a contract with Edison to provide back-up services during the hours of 7AM - 7PM Monday thru Friday when Metuchen EMS is not available. The Council President further explained that the Borough was seeking the possibility of JFK Medical Center providing similar services.

Mr. Dokes recommended Council advise the public of the situation regarding emergency services. Mayor Vahalla stated the Borough has had a contract with Edison for over five years to provide back-up services. The Mayor further stated that the Borough Attorney was currently negotiating with JFK Medical Center to provide services from 5AM - 7PM six days a week. Councilman Muldoon stated that regardless of which EMS team arrived to provide services, a bill may be received.

Mr. Dokes thanked the Council.

Beatrice Moskowitz (279 Middlesex Avenue) Ms. Moskowitz spoke about the public being notified by the Metuchen Chamber of Commerce when a new business opened in the confines of the Borough.

Councilwoman Rubin explained that new businesses were encouraged to become members of the Chamber of Commerce. Once the business became a member, they would reap all the benefits including newsletter advertising, a grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony, etc.

Joseph Michiak (239L Amboy Avenue) Mr. Michiak stated that he made an application to the Planning Board for a minor subdivision to consolidate lots 31, 33, 35 and 37 located at 12 Center Street and 22 Center Street into two lots. Mr. Michiak complained that the cost was a ridiculous \$10,000.00 and the CFO was holding his funds.

Mayor Valhalla stated he would review the issue with the proper Borough personnel.

Ernie Dokes (59 Durham Avenue) Mr. Dokes questioned if Verizon FIOS was permitted in the Borough.

Councilman Manley replied that Verizon FIOS was permitted in the Borough and would be welcomed, however, they would not be franchising in Metuchen for their own monetary reasons. Mayor Valhalla stated it was frustrating because he could not get a straight answer from them. The most recent list placed FIOS in Metuchen in 2014.

Mayor Valhalla requested that Ms. Moskowitz clarify the franchise fees to Mr. Dokes.

Mr. Dokes also spoke about the live programming done through METV and the sound quality. Councilman Manley explained that the microphones need to be spoken directly into in order to be heard.

Joseph Michiak (239L Amboy Avenue) Mr. Michiak wished Councilman Manley well in all his future endeavors. Councilman Manley thanked Mr. Michiak for his kind words.

With no other public comments, the Mayor closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCES - PUBLIC HEARINGS

Borough Clerk Harris presented the affidavit of publication regarding Ordinance 2011-1 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN, VARIOUS CHAPTERS, TO AMEND CERTAIN APPLICATION, LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES.

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin with all in favor that the affidavit be received and filed according to law.

Borough Clerk Harris read Ordinance 2011-1 by title only.

Mayor Vahalla opened the meeting to public comment on said Ordinance only.

Hearing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Vahalla closed the meeting to public comment.

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin with all in favor that said Ordinance 2011-1 be approved on second reading and published according to law.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Manley, Muldoon, Rasmussen, Rubin, Wallace and Council President Cammarano

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-1

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN, VARIOUS CHAPTERS, TO AMEND CERTAIN APPLICATION, LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, as follows:

Section 1. Section **53-1** of Chapter 53, **Alcoholic Beverages**, of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, is hereby amended to change the annual license fees to read as follows:

53-1. License Fees		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
A.	Plenary retail consumption:	\$1,939	\$2200
B.	Plenary retail distribution:	\$1,193	\$1431
C.	Club License:	No Change to remain \$150	

Section 2. Section **120-7** of Chapter 120, **Massage and Somatic Therapy**, of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, is hereby amended to change the Permit fees to read as follows:

120-7. **Permit Fees**

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Therapist	\$50.—	\$58
Establishment	\$100.—	\$115

Section 3. Section **130-7** of Chapter 130, **Peddling and Soliciting**, of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, is hereby amended to change the Application fees to read as follows:

130-7. **Application Fees**

Annual application fees for door-to-door soliciting in the Borough shall be as follows:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Each Solicitor	\$100.—	\$115

Section 4. Section **175-11** and section **175-12** of Chapter 175, **Taxicabs**, of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, is hereby amended to change the permit fees to read as follows:

Fee Schedule

Application Fee

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
175-11. Owner's fees		
Taxicab	\$150	\$177
Taxicab fleet	\$1,500	\$1725
175-12. Drivers' license fees.		
Taxi Driver	\$30	\$35

Section 5. Section **110-14** of Chapter 110, **Land Development**, of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, is hereby amended to change the application fees to read as follows:

Fee Schedule

Application Fee

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Subdivision		
Minor subdivision	\$150.00	
Preliminary major subdivision	\$200.00	
Final major subdivision	\$150.00	

Informal presentation (one appearance only) \$100.00

Concept for plat review
 Minor subdivision \$ 75
 Major subdivision \$150

Site Plans

Minor site plan ~~\$125~~ \$150
 Preliminary site plan \$250

Fee Schedule

Application Fee

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Site Plans(cont.)		
Final site plan	\$150	
PURD	\$750	
Informal Presentation (one appearance only)	\$100	
Concept plan for review		
Minor site plan	\$100	
Major site plan	\$200	
Zoning Permit	\$ 50	

ADD

<u>Alterations and Additions</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$75</u>
<u>New Dwelling Unit</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$75</u>
<u>Change of Use</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$75 (<3000SF)</u>
		<u>\$100(>3000SF)</u>
<u>Signs</u>	<u>\$50</u>	<u>\$50 (<10SF)</u>
		<u>\$75 (>10SF)</u>
<u>Design Waivers</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$50</u>

Section 6. Section 169-3 of Chapter 169, **Swimming Pool** s, of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, is hereby amended to add/change the following fees to

read as follows:

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS

Prior to April 15

NEW MEMBERS

MEMBERS FEES

		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
(1) Resident Family. ; (equivalent membership: one)	\$280	\$290	
(2) Resident Family Plus.	\$370	\$380	
(3) Resident Individual.	\$150	\$155	
(4) Resident Senior.	\$45	\$50	

Resident Rates (after April 15):

(1) Resident Family. (equivalent membership: one);	\$340	\$350	
(2) Resident Family PLUS.	\$430	\$440	
(3) Resident Individual.	\$160	\$165	
(4) Senior	\$45	\$50	

Non Resident Rates:

		MEMBERS FEES	
(1) Nonresident family.	\$455	\$475	
(2) Nonresident Family PLUS.	\$545	\$565	
(3) Nonresident Individual	\$240	\$250	
(4) Nonresident senior.	\$140	\$150	

Section 7. Section 78-2 of Chapter 78, Construction Codes, Uniform

s, of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, is hereby amended to add/change the following fees to read as follows:

A. Building subcode fees. The building subcode fees shall be as follows:

(1) Plan Review Fees (N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.18)

- (a) The fee for a construction permit shall be as follows, and shall be paid before issuance of the construction permit:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u> <u>State</u>
<u>mandated</u> ft.		
In accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-4.19(b)	\$.00265 x cubic ft.	.00334 x cubic
For alterations without volume	\$.00135 x 1,000	.00170 x 1000

- (b) Twenty percent to be paid for plan review and prototype plans is not refundable.

(2) Variation fees.

- (a) N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.10 application for variation for:

[1] Class I structure:	\$500.00
[2] Class II and III structure:	\$120.00

- (b) Reapplication for both classes: \$ 65.00

(3) Construction fees:

- (a) New construction:

[1] Basic Volume multiplied by 0.020: cubic feet x 0.020

DELETE [2] Over 100,000 cubic feet: cubic feet x 0.015.

ADD

[2]Footing and Foundation partial release: cubic feet x 0.030

- (b) Alterations, repairs or renovations **for all Residential uses**: \$ 20 x 1,000 or a minimum of \$50

ADD
\$500

Exception: Residential Structures damaged by fire: \$10 x 1,000 not to exceed

All commercial use groups: \$25 x 1,000 or minimum of \$150

(4) Certificate of occupancy fees.

Type

Fee

Certificate of occupancy \$28 or 10% of construction fee

ADD

Temporary Certificate of Occupancy \$30

Exception: There shall be no fee for the first issuance of the TCO provided the certificate of occupancy fee is paid at that time

Continued use of occupancy:

Residential R4 & R5	\$100
All other use groups	\$250
Change of use of occupancy, all uses	\$150

(5) Flat fees.

Type

Fee

Antenna:

12 feet in height or 2 feet in diameter	\$ 46
Over 12 feet in height or over 2 feet in diameter	\$ 60
Towers 50 feet and over require local approval	\$ 200

Asbestos removal, administrative fee for educational and public buildings subject to the provisions of subchapter 8 plus Certificate of Occupancy	\$ 70
	\$ 28

Demolition:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
All residential structures	\$ 250	\$500
Garages, decks, pools, utility sheds	\$ 50	
All commercial structures	\$ 30 per 1,000 or minimum fee of \$ 750	

Fence:

Residential R5 (1 & 2 family dwellings)	\$ 30	\$50
All other use groups	\$ 20 per 1,000 or minimum fee of \$100	

Pool:

Private, above ground	\$ 30
Private, in-ground	\$ 120
Public	\$ 200

Roofing and siding:

All Use Groups	\$ 20 per 1,000
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	Contract required
Shed	\$ 30
Sign	\$ 2.50 per square foot for all or minimum fee of \$50
Tent, temporary structure:	
Less than 250 square feet	\$ 30
250 square feet and over	\$ 90
Fireplace	\$ 50

- (6) Elevator devices (N.J.A.C. 5:23-12.4). New elevator and elevator test shall be performed by a State SubCode Department of Community Affairs (D.C.A.) Inspector by approved resolution and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23.12.

ADD (7) Minimum fee for the building subcode shall be \$50

B. Electric subcode fee schedule.

- (1) Fees for all buildings and structures for all Use Groups except Residential houses and accessory buildings shall be as follows:
- (a) Electrical fixtures. Electrical fixtures shall include but not be limited to wall switches, lighting outlets, convenience receptacles, fluorescent fixtures and similar items.

Number of Fixtures	Fee
1 through 20	\$ 80
21 through 50 additional	\$ 80
Each additional 25 over 50, add	\$ 50

- (b) Special Electrical Devices. Special electrical devices shall include but shall not be limited to motors, generators, transformers, central heating, cooking and air-conditioning equipment, electrical signs and protective system devices.

[1] One through five:	\$ 80
[2] For each additional device, add:	\$ 25

- (c) Electrical heaters.

[1] Under 5 kilowatts:	\$ 65
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[2] Each additional unit, add: \$ 25

(2) Fees for buildings and structures in Residential Use Group and accessory buildings shall be:

ADD

(a) Electrical fixtures. Electrical fixtures shall include but not be limited to wall switches, lighting outlets, convenience receptacles, fluorescent fixtures, **alarm devices, protective system devices** and similar items.

Number of Fixtures	Fee <u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
1 through 5	\$ 60	
6 through 25, an additional	\$ 40	
26 through 50, an additional	\$ 50	
Each additional 25 fixtures, an additional	\$ 50	

(b) Electrical heaters:

[1] Under 5 kilowatts: ~~\$ 35~~ \$50

[2] Each additional unit, add: ~~\$ 15~~ \$25

(c) Special devices. Special electrical devices shall include but shall not be limited to motors, generators, transformers, central heating, cooking and air conditioning equipment, electrical signs and protective system devices.

[1] One through five: ~~\$ 50~~ \$75

[2] For each additional, add: ~~\$ 15~~ \$25

(3) Service panel or subpanel: one meter.

Service	Fee <u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Up to 100 amperes	\$ 50	\$75
101 to 200 amperes capacity in all use groups	\$ 75	\$100
Each service panel or bank meters:		
Greater than 200 amperes and less than or equal to 1,000 amperes	\$ 150	\$200
Over 1,000 amperes	\$ 500	\$600
Each additional meter	\$ 20	\$25

(4) Pools:

(a) Above ground: ~~\$ 50~~ \$100

(b) In-ground: ~~\$125~~ \$150

(5) Motors or electrical devices:

Horsepower	Fee	
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Greater than 1 to 10	\$20	\$40
11 to 50	\$75	\$100
51 to 100	\$125	\$150
Greater than 100	\$475	\$500

(6) Transformers and generators:

Kilowatts	Fee	
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Greater than 1 to 10	\$25	\$50
11 to 45	\$65	\$80
46 to 112.5	\$125	\$150
Greater than 112.5	\$475	\$500

NOTE: All motors, except those in plug-in appliances, shall be counted, including control equipment, generators, transformers and all heating, cooking or other devices consuming or generating electrical current.

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
(7) Water boiler or furnace:	\$ 50	
(8) Radon:	\$40	\$50
(9) Minimum electrical subcode fee for all use groups:	\$ 75	

C. Plumbing fee schedule.

Type	R5		All Other Use Groups
	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	
Fixtures	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Drinking fountain	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Bath tub	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Dishwasher	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Washing machine	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Hose bibs	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Water closet	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Urinal or bidet	\$12	\$15	\$ 25

Lavatory	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Floor drain	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Shower	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Sink	\$12	\$15	\$ 25
Minimum fee	\$50		\$ 75

REMOVE

Water Heater

Type	R5		All Other Use Groups	
Fuel-oil piping	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Gas piping	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Steam boiler	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Hot water boiler	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Warm air heating unit	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Grease trap	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Interceptor/separator	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Water connection	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Sewer connection	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Water cooled air conditioner	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Backflow preventer	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Sewer pump	\$ 50		\$ 75	
ADD Sump Pump	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Oil separator	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Sewer backflow valve	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Sewer ejector	\$ 50		\$ 75	
Lawn sprinkler	\$ 50			
ADD	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Water Heater	\$12	\$50	\$25	\$75
Air Conditioning System	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$75
Water Filter /Softner	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$75
Back flow Preventer yearly	\$0	\$75	\$0	\$75

Test/certification

D. Fire subcode fee schedule.

(1) Tanks

	Fee
Installation, abandonment, removal:	
Up to 1,000 gallons	\$ 65
1,001 to 2,000 gallons	\$ 150
Over 2,001 gallons	\$ 250
Tank monitoring systems	\$ 50

(2) Sprinklers.

Heads	Fee
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1 to 20	\$ 90
21 to 100	\$ 150
101 to 200	\$ 250
201 to 400	\$ 620
401 to 1,000	\$ 850
Over 1,000	\$1,200
Standpipes – each	\$ 150
Fire Pump	\$ 150

(3) Fire alarm systems-Automatic and Manual Systems for all Residential Uses:

Smoke Detectors – 110V/battery back up	Fee
1-3	\$ 35
4-10	\$ 50
Over 10	\$ 75
Alarm System	\$ 75

Carbon Monoxide Detectors Shall Be Included in Smoke Detector Count.

All Other Use Groups

Modify existing system:	Fee
1-5 Devices	\$ 50
Over 5 additional devices in lots of 10	\$ 30
Devices shall include smoke detectors, heat detectors, Manual pull stations, bells, horns, strobes and other Peripheral devices not itemized in this section.	
Install new system:	Fee
Automatic/Manual alarm system up to 10,000 square feet	\$ 150
Addition per 10,000 square feet	\$ 75
Central station alarm	\$ 50
Duct smoke detector	\$ 20
Flame or beam detector	\$ 50

(4) Pre-engineered systems.

	Fee
Foam extinguishing system	\$ 75
Carbon dioxide extinguishing system	\$ 75
Dry chemical extinguishing system	\$ 75
Wet chemical extinguishing system	\$ 75

	Range hood extinguishing system	\$ 75	
(5)	Exhaust systems.		
		Fee	
	Kitchen Hood System	\$ 75	
	Vapor/Gas Exhaust System	\$ 100	
	Smoke Control System	\$ 100	
(6)	Gas and oil-fired appliances.		
		Fee	
		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	Commercial	\$ 50	
	New residential	\$ 50	
	Replacement residential	\$ 25	\$35
	Gas fired fireplace	\$ 50	
	Stoves	\$ 50	
	Chimney Liner	\$ 35	
	Gas Logs	\$ 35	
	Chimney New or Replacement	\$ 35	
(7)	Wood-burning appliances.		
		Fee	
	Fireplaces	\$ 50	
	Stoves	\$ 50	
(8)	Minimum fees for miscellaneous required permits not itemized above:		
		Fee	
		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
	Residential	\$ 35	\$50
	Commercial	\$ 50	\$75
(9)	Emergency Generator System	\$ 50	
(10)	Elevator Recall	\$ 50	
(11)	Automatic Smoke/Fire Control Doors or Shutters		
	Security locking devices integrated with alarm system	\$ 50	
(12)	Gasoline/Gaseous/Service Stations		
	Dispensers-Per Unit	\$ 30	
	Vapor Recovery Systems	\$ 50	
	Canopies	\$ 50	
(13)	Replace Occupancy Notice Certificate	\$ 25	

ADD:

E. Special Inspection Request on off-duty hours

(all Subcodes) \$250

Section 8. Section **93.7 and Section 93.10** of Chapter 93, Fire Prevention of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen is hereby amended to read as follows;

93.7 Any person, firm or corporation that is in violation shall be subject to a penalty. The penalty for knowing failing to register shall be up to \$500. Unpaid penalties can be subject to the issuance of a summons to appear in Municipal Court in the Borough of Metuchen.

Replace Section 93.10 to read as follows:

93.10 Registration Fees

The following non-life hazard uses shall register with the Bureau of Fire Prevention and pay an annual registration fee, according to the following schedule:

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|----|--|---|
| A. | (1) Mercantile/Retail/Banking | \$50 for the first 2,000 Sq. Ft \$5 for each additional 1,000 or fraction thereof. |
| | (2) Factories, Assembly Plants, Wood and metal Shops | \$75 for the first 1,000 Sq. Ft. \$10 for each additional 1,000 or fraction thereof. |
| | (3) Warehouse, Storage (No Assembly Manufacturing or Retailing | \$50 for the first 3,000Sq. Ft. \$5 for each additional 1,000 or fraction thereof. |
| | (4) Business/Office | \$50 for the first 2,000 Sq. Ft. \$5 for each Additional 1,000 or fraction thereof. |
| | (5) Mutliple Dwellings (three or more Dwelling units) | \$50 for the first 4 dwelling units \$10 for each additional 4 units or fraction thereof. |
| | (6) Other Use: | \$50 Minimum Inspection Fee |
- B. Residential (one or two family houses): Annual registration fee is \$40 per rental unit.
- C. Uses not classified above that are subject to the Uniform Fire Code will be classified as business uses.
- D. Uses required to register with the State as life hazard uses shall not be required to register under this section.
- E. In the discretion of the Fire Official, vacant buildings will be charged and inspected according to the previous use of the building.

Section 9. Section **87-20** of Chapter 87, **Fees, Article 11 – Recreation Program Fees**, of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, is hereby amended to add/change the permit fees to read as follows:

§ 87-20 – Fees Established.

<u>Program</u>	Fee	
Programs:	FROM	TO
Bulldog Soccer	\$120	\$130
Travel Discount	\$100	\$120
Kids Cooking Class	\$65	\$70
Summer Tennis Lessons session	\$35 for ½ session	\$40 for ½ hr.
session	\$50 for 1 hr. session	\$55 for 1 hr.
session	\$75 for 2 hr. session	\$80 for 2 hr.
Flag Football	\$100	\$110
Late Fee	\$20	\$20
Fall Field Hockey	\$40	\$45
Winter Basketball	\$25	\$35
Basketball Camp	\$99	\$105
Chess Programs		
Lessons	\$0	\$15 per lesson
Camp	\$180	\$200
Vacation Sports Camps		
2 Day	\$0	\$75
4 Day	\$0	\$175
Music Camp	\$300	\$295
		\$20 early bird Discount
Indoor Hockey	\$55	\$60
Lacross Camp	\$119	\$109
Men's Softball	\$300	\$325
Golf Camp	\$119	\$119
Art Classes	\$55	\$60
Sports Squirts	\$99	\$79
Multi Sports Camp		
½ Day	\$169	\$169
Afternoon (3 hrs)	\$0	\$139
Full Day	\$189	\$199
Theater Camp	\$145	\$150
Baseball Camp/T-ball Camp		
5 day 1 hr per day	\$0	\$79
4 day 2 hrs per day	\$0	\$175
Science Camps		

Mad Science	\$105	\$110
Sciensational Workshops	\$130	\$140
Pony Share Camp		
Mini Clinic	\$170	\$175
Full Clinic	\$200	\$205
Special Events		
Daddy-Daughter Dance	\$50 per couple	\$65 per couple
Additional Child	\$20	\$30
Halloween Poster Painting	\$6.50—	\$7
Pumpkin Float	\$8.50	\$9
Family Fishing ‘N Fun	\$1	\$2
Country Fair Booth	\$.50 (one try)—	\$1 (two tries)

Section 10. Section 87-22 of Chapter 87, Article 14

All tax redemption calculations requests must be made in writing.

Tax redemption calculation	\$50 for each request after 2 nd request made by any party entitled to redeem a tax sale certificate
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\$50 for any request by a lien holder on a certificate that they own, with the requirement that the lien holder specify the date used in calculation

Borough Clerk Harris presented the affidavit of publication regarding Ordinance 2011-2 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK.

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin with all in favor that the affidavit be received and filed according to law.

Borough Clerk Harris read Ordinance 2011-2 by title only. Mayor Vahalla opened the meeting to public comment on said Ordinance only.

Joseph Michiak (239L Amboy Avenue) Mr. Michiak asked what a CAP Bank is.

Borough Administrator Boerth explained that there is an appropriation Cap set in correspondence to a specific index that the State tracks. Every year a municipal body can only increase their appropriations by that index amount. If the municipality chooses to increase by more than the amount an ordinance must be passed stating such intentions.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Vahalla closed the meeting to public comment.

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin with all in favor that said Ordinance 2011-2 be approved on second reading and published according to law.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Councilpersons Manley, Muldoon, Rasmussen, Rubin, Wallace and Council President Cammarano

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-2

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriation, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase the CY 2011 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 345,869.10 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2011 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Metuchen shall, in accordance with this ordinance and the N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$ 345,869.10 and that the CY 2011 municipal budget for the Borough of Metuchen be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to the final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of the ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin with all in favor the Communications Consent Agenda was approved including the late addition to the agenda by the Chamber of Commerce to change the date of their Town wide Garage Sale.

COUNCIL REPORTS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Council President Cammarano stated that the Metuchen EMS is still seeking additional members to

help serve the residents of the Borough of Metuchen.

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Council President Cammarano stated that the Reverse 911 system will be up and running in the coming weeks and that a link has been added to the Borough website to add alternate numbers to the system. This will allow the resident to be notified of emergencies on multiple numbers.

Council President Cammarano reiterated a message from the Chief of Police to be vigilant in notifying the Police Department of any suspicious activity happening in the Borough.

Council President Cammarano wished Councilman Manley well and thanked him for everything he has done for the Borough.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

Councilman Wallace stated that the Traffic and Transportation Committee met and the meeting was highly attended by residents with issues regarding the parking situation on Sydney Place. The Committee will be painting curbs and Redfield Village will paint parking spaces in their rear parking lot to help ease any parking issues.

RECREATION

Councilman Wallace stated that the Recreation Committee postponed their meeting for this month.

Councilman Wallace stated that Councilman Manley started working for the Borough in the Public Works Department and was instrumental in the creation of the Borough's recycling program. Councilman Wallace also felt that Councilman Manley was leaving before his time.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Councilwoman Rubin announced that the Borough approved the change of date request for the Chamber's Town wide Garage Sale to April 30th with a rain date of May 1.

Councilwoman Rubin also stated that the 58th Annual Recognition and Awards Dinner will be held on March 19 at the Pines Manor in Edison. Tickets may be purchase through the Chamber office.

PLANNING BOARD

Councilwoman Rubin stated that the Planning Board did not meet this month.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Councilwoman Rasmussen stated that the commission met on February 16. They discussed the possibility of tying Earth day in with the recycling of electronic waste. The commission would like to see the Department of Public Works pick up electronic waste after the yard sale and holidays.

The commission also questioned the status of the Solar Energy Application for the Department of Public Works Garage.

The commission also had questions regarding the diversion hearing that occurred in January.

SHADE TREE

Councilwoman Rasmussen stated that the Shade Tree Commission met on February 15. The spring planting will include the planting of 18 trees at homeowner's requests. The possibility of a fall

planting will be addressed after the Borough budget has been finalized.

DEVELOPMENT

Councilwoman Rasmussen stated that the commission is in the beginning stages of planning the Open House for Metuchen.

Councilwoman Rasmussen also stated that the commission was again asking about the appointment from the Planning Board to their organization.

The Development Commission is interested in having a member of the Chamber of Commerce attend their meetings occasionally.

Councilwoman Rasmussen stated that the Development Commission has made recommendations for building height requirements. These recommendations will be forwarded to the Borough Council.

PARKING AUTHORITY

Councilman Muldoon stated that the RFP for the Pearl Street Parking Lot has been finalized and released. There will be a pre proposal conference regarding this matter at Borough Hall on March 1 at 11pm. The proposals are due back on the 16th of March. The Parking Authority will be forming a review committee to discuss the submitted proposals.

Councilman Muldoon stated that the Parking Authority will be placing a link on the Borough website so that parking stickers may be purchased online.

CULTURAL ARTS

Councilman Muldoon stated that the screening of the film Catfish was well attended and enjoyable.

Councilman Muldoon stated that at the last meeting a request was made to possibly showcase student artwork in the rotunda. The request was taken back to the commission who were delighted with the idea. The commission will correspond directly with the schools to come up with a schedule to have student artwork showcased in conjunction with professional artists work.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Muldoon stated the Historical Commission will be having a scavenger hunt beginning May 1. The event will have pictures of architectural sites within the Borough. This event will help to bring people to the downtown area and build awareness of the historical buildings in the Metuchen area. More information on this event will be on the Borough website.

Councilman Muldoon wished Councilman Manley well.

LIBRARY BOARD

Councilman Manley stated that the Library Board did not meet.

CABLE TV AND TECHNOLOGY

Councilman Manley stated that the Cable TV and Technology Board meets this Thursday. Councilman Manley would like to have Councilman Muldoon help with the Cable TV and Technology Board in his absence because Councilman Muldoon was involved in the last upgrade to the Borough website.

Councilman Manley stated that he had decided not to seek re-election this November and that he

would step down now rather than finish out his term so that someone that was interested in being elected in November could come in and gain some experience.

Councilman Manley also suggested that the Borough research having an incentive program for the public employees. If an idea to save the Borough money is successful then the person that submitted the proposal should receive ten percent (10%) of the total savings.

Lastly Councilman Manley wished everyone his best and that he knew that the Borough was in competent hands.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH ATTORNEY

The Borough Attorney had no report.

REPORT FROM BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

The Borough Administrator had no report.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Vahalla stated that the Metuchen Inn will be having a ribbon cutting for their grand opening on February 27 at 3pm.

Mayor Vahalla also mentioned that the house next to the Senior Center has come in to the Borough to apply for permits for renovations to begin on that structure.

Mayor Vahalla also stated that he is pulling resolution 2011-59 from the agenda in order to get some clarification on certain issues pertaining to the grant addressed in said resolution.

NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin with all in favor Resolutions 2011-46 through 2011-58 have been approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-46

WHEREAS, Metuchen I LLC., has requested a refund of the performance bond for various improvements on Block 71 Lots 37. – 700 Middlesex Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Project Engineer has reported that the contract has been completed in an acceptable manner; and

WHEREAS, the Project Engineer at that time (Maser Consulting) recommended the full release of the performance guarantee in the amount of \$68,904.24(posted in cash) and \$620,138.16 (posted in the form of surety bond) and \$1,892.58(posted in cash for Landbank parking) and \$17,033.22(posted in the form of surety bond for Landbank parking) pending the posting of a two-year maintenance guarantee and payment of any necessary outstanding escrow fees in May of 2009; and

WHEREAS, Metuchen I LLC. did not post said maintenance guarantee as requested and now has requested release of said performance guarantees again; and

WHEREAS, the current Engineer (Birdsall Engineers) in a letter dated February 10, 2011 supports the findings of Maser Consulting and the release of said performance guarantees with the stipulation that a three month maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$88,946.03 and 1500.00 in escrow fees be posted to the borough; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to release the performance bond in the amounts directed by the Project Engineer to Metuchen I, LLC, c/o The Maven Group, 7801 Norfolk Avenue, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD upon posting of a three month maintenance bond in the amount of \$88,946.03, \$1500.00 in escrow and payment of the any outstanding fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-47

WHEREAS, the Metuchen Community Development Advisory Committee met and made a recommendation for the use of the 2011-2012 Community Development Block grants funds to provide for the salaries of the Senior Citizen shuttle bus drivers, Senior Citizen programs and sidewalk and handicap ramp improvements in the Borough of Metuchen,

WHEREAS, the needs identified by the Metuchen Community Development Advisory Committee concerning the above referenced improvements are applicable to the southeast quadrant and for handicapped improvements,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that on the basis of input from the Metuchen Community Development Advisory Committee and the input from the public hearing, the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to prepare an application to be submitted for the utilization of the 2011-2012 Community Development Block Grant to provide for the salaries Senior Citizen shuttle bus drivers, Senior Citizen programs and sidewalk and handicap ramp improvements in the designated target areas in the Borough of Metuchen.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-48

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen desires to participate in a grant program by submitting an application to the New Jersey Department of Highway Traffic Safety for the Pedestrian Safety Enforcement Grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen, county of Middlesex, that:

- 1) The Borough of Metuchen is hereby authorized to participate in the **PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ENFORCEMENT** Grant; and
- 2) The Chief of Police be and is hereby designated to serve as the coordinator of the Program on behalf of the Borough of Metuchen in cooperation with the Office of Highway Safety.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-49

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen desires to participate in a grant program by submitting an application to the New Jersey Department of Highway Traffic Safety for the Cell Phone Enforcement Grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen, county of Middlesex, that:

- 1) The Borough of Metuchen is hereby authorized to participate in the **CELL PHONE ENFORCEMENT** Grant; and
- 2) The Chief of Police be and is hereby designated to serve as the coordinator of the Program on behalf of the Borough of Metuchen in cooperation with the Office of Highway Safety.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-50

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen desires to participate in a grant program by submitting an application to the New Jersey Department of Highway Traffic Safety for the Aggressive Driver Enforcement Grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen, county of Middlesex, that:

- 1) The Borough of Metuchen is hereby authorized to participate in the **AGGRESSIVE DRIVER ENFORCEMENT** Grant; and
- 2) The Chief of Police be and is hereby designated to serve as the coordinator of the Program on behalf of the Borough of Metuchen in cooperation with the Office of Highway Safety.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-51

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen desires to participate in a grant program by submitting an application to the New Jersey Department of Highway Traffic Safety for the **Click It Or Ticket-** Seatbelt Enforcement Grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen, county of Middlesex, that:

- 1) The Borough of Metuchen is hereby authorized to participate in the **Click It Or Ticket-** Seatbelt Enforcement Grant; and
- 2) The Chief of Police be and is hereby designated to serve as the coordinator of the Program on behalf of the Borough of Metuchen in cooperation with the Office of Highway Safety.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-52

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen desires to participate in a grant program by submitting an application to the New Jersey Department of Highway Traffic Safety for the **Child Passenger Safety Education** Grant,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen, county of Middlesex, that:

- 1) The Borough of Metuchen is hereby authorized to participate in the **Child Passenger Safety Education** Grant; and
- 2) The Chief of Police be and is hereby designated to serve as the coordinator of the Program on behalf of the Borough of Metuchen in cooperation with the Office of Highway Safety.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-53

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen desires to submit the 9-1-1 Emergency Number Plan to be in compliance with the Statewide 9-1-1 Enhanced Emergency Telephone Network,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen as follows:

- 1) The Borough of Metuchen is hereby authorized to submit the attached 9-1-1 Emergency Number Plan in compliance with the implementation of the Statewide 9-1-1 Enhanced Emergency Telephone Network System; and
- 2) The Chief of Police be and is hereby designated to serve as the coordinator of the

Program on behalf of the Borough of Metuchen and in cooperation with the Office of the Attorney General.

RESOLUTION 2011-54

WHEREAS, by resolution dated September 20, 2007 (#07-1797), the County of Middlesex was authorized to accept FY 2007 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program Grant from the Federal Emergency Agency (FEMA) for the development of a county wide all hazards mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan was prepared and submitted to FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the State office of Emergency Management has advised that said Plan has been approved by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, FEMA requires that the County and each Municipality must formally adopt the said Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen is of the opinion that the adoption of said Plan is in the best interest of the residents of the Borough of Metuchen as well as Middlesex County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Metuchen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen do hereby adopt the Middlesex County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazards Mitigation Plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Metuchen shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the County of Middlesex, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the mayors of each municipality within the County of Middlesex.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-55

WHEREAS, Suburban Square has requested a second *partial* release of the performance bond for various site improvements of Block 82, Lot1.01, 2.01, 8 and 16.01and Block 83 Lots1-8, 9.01, 9.02, 28 and 29; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer in a letter dated February 15, 2011 has agreed to a *partial* reduction as the improvements which has been performed have been completed in an acceptable manner; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends the partial release of the bond, in the amount of \$273,847.01 surety and \$30,427.45 (cash portion) reduced from the posted amounts for a new performance bond figure of \$338,405.03 (surety) and \$37,600.63 (cash portion); and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.1* provides for the accumulation of interest on escrow deposits in excess of \$5,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to release the balance of the performance bond in the amount of \$30,427.45 (cash portion), to Suburban Square, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-56

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 of the Local Budget Act provides that temporary appropriations shall be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following additional temporary

emergency appropriations shall be made for the year 2011, effective February 22, 2011:

Administrative & Executive	OE	23,000.00
Collection of Taxes	OE	500.00
Tax Assessment	OE	1,000.00
Insurance		100,000.00
Emergency Management	OE	1,000.00
Fire Department	OE	10,000.00
Fire Hydrant Service	OE	72,404.00
Public Works Administrative	OE	2,000.00
Streets & Roads	OE	10,000.00
Garbage & Trash	OE	5,000.00
Library Consortium	OE	6,000.00
Utilities		30,000.00
Bond Principal		455,000.00
Bond Interest		300,000.00
	TOTAL	1,015,904.0

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-57

WHEREAS, there exists a need to purchase **office supplies** for the Borough of Metuchen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, this can be purchased through State Contract #77249; and

WHEREAS, the maximum amount of the purchase of office supplies for the Borough of Metuchen is \$12,600.00 and funds will be available in the 2011 budget as evidenced by the Chief Financial Officer's Certification of which \$12,600.00 is certified from the 2011 temporary budget, subject to adjustment to the amount of award at time of budget adoption; and

WHEREAS, public bids are not required when the purchase is under a state contract in accordance with 40A:11-12 of the Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, in the County of Middlesex as follows:

1. The Chief Financial Officer and Borough Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to approve and forward a Purchase Order to Staples Business, PO Box 415256, Boston, MA 02241-5256.

RESOLUTION 2011-58

WHEREAS, there are unexpended balances in various 2010 appropriation reserve accounts not required for the balance of 2010; and

WHEREAS, additional sums are required for the operating expenses of other Borough accounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following transfers be approved:

APPROPRIATION	TRANSFER IN	TRANSFER OUT
ADMINISTRATIVE & EXECUTIVE OE	1,300.00	

POLICE OE	2,000.00	
TELEPHONE	5,500.00	
STREETS & ROADS SW	8,050.00	
SEWER SW	3,700.00	
GARBAGE & TRASH SW	900.00	
PARKS SW	400.00	
BUILDING & GROUNDS OE	100.00	
RECYCLING OE	4,600.00	
CONSTRUCTION SW		5,000.00
ZONING BOARD S & W		600.00
ELECTIONS		250.00
STREETS & ROADS OE		4,000.00
GARBAGE & TRASH OE		4,000.00
SEWER OE		2,000.00
COURT SW		2,000.00
CLERK S & W		2,600.00
AUXILLIARY SW		700.00
SOLID WASTE		700.00
METV SW		200.00
PLANNING OE		2,500.00
BOARD OF HEALTH SW		2,000.00
TOTALS	26,550.00	26,550.00

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

BILL RESOLUTION

On a motion by Council President Cammarano, seconded by Councilwoman Rubin with all in favor the Bill Resolution in the amount of 3,513,786 had been approved.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Vahalla appointed Mike Sudol to the Senior Citizens Commission with a term to expire on January 1, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Vahalla opened the meeting for public comment.

Joseph Miciak (239 L Amboy Avenue) asked if there have been any talks in Middlesex County regarding the possible consolidation of police and fire services.

Mayor Vahalla stated that there was some discussion going on regarding that subject in Somerset County.

Council President Cammarano stated that in the future possibly dispatch and ambulance services may be centralized.

Mr. Miciak asked if there had been any discussion regarding consolidation of the court with a surrounding town.

Borough Administrator Boerth stated that Metuchen employees are paid on a lower scale than the surrounding communities which may increase the cost to Metuchen residents if we were to merge with another municipality. He went on to state that the court brings in fees

which offset the cost of operating that department along with general revenue to the Borough. If Metuchen hosted the merger than more employees would need to be hired to handle the additional work load.

Council President Cammarano stated that consolidation will work regarding the new Department of Environmental Protections guidelines regulating vehicle washes. The County is building a facility for itself that municipalities will be able to utilize.

Mr. Miciak mentioned that the Borough should look into the possibility of renting snow removal equipment for the winter months. Mr. Miciak also stated that the Borough should look into purchasing a hydraulic plow for the front end loader currently owned by the Borough.

Mayor Vahalla stated that the Borough is looking into the possibility of using a brine solution that is more cost effective than rock salt which will work better on smaller icier snow accumulations. The new brine solution if rinsed out properly will allow the Borough to utilize the same equipment to water parts of the Borough.

Mr. Miciak stated that he felt that alternate side of the street parking should be enforced to help the Department of Public Works with the snow removal process.

Mayor Vahalla stated that the parking issue is the main hindrance for proper snow removal. Another issue is that when residents utilize snow blowers the snow is blown back into the all ready plowed streets.

Hearing no one else wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public comment portion.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Manley, seconded by Council President Cammarano with all in the meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kathryn Harris, RMC