

**MEETING MINUTES
BOROUGH OF METUCHEN
COUNCIL MINUTES
April 7, 2014
7:30 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall on Monday, April 7, 2014.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Vahalla and he read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which stated, "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. The Mayor advised that adequate notice was provided by an annual notice sent to the Home News Tribune and the Star Ledger and is posted in the Borough Clerk's office and posted in Borough Hall according to law.

The Invocation was given by Council President Muldoon and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Wallace, Rasmussen, Inserro, Grayzel, Cammarano and Council President Muldoon.

Also present were Mayor Vahalla, William E. Boerth, Borough Administrator, Denis Murphy, Borough Attorney and Borough Clerk Katie Cirulli.

Council President Muldoon asked that Item 4 – Proclamations and Resolutions Honoring be moved to this point in the meeting. With all in agreement, Item 4 has been moved.

Proclamation and Resolutions Honoring

Councilman Wallace presented the Resolution Honoring New Jersey Elks Softball "BATTER UP" Hitting State Tournament-Sarah Prehodka

WHEREAS, Sarah Prehodka entered into the New Jersey Elks Softball Batter Up Hitting State Tournament in August of 2013; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Elks Softball Batter Up Hitting State Tournament is a competition that tests young hitters abilities in different age groups; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Prehodka begin her quest for the state championship title by first entering into the competition at the local level through the Metuchen Elks where she finished first; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Prehodka then advanced to the Middlesex County Elks competition where she also finished first; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Prehodka surpassed all of her opponents in the Central Jersey Finals; and

WHEREAS, Sara Prehodka finalized her quest with her stellar performance at the state final competition by placing first in her age group of 10-11 year olds; and

WHEREAS, Sarah and her sister Skylar make a dynamic duo both winning the State title for their age groups; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen, hereby recognize the outstanding ability and talent of Sarah Prehodka;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, on behalf of the residents of Metuchen, do hereby extend their accolades and congratulations to Sarah Prehodka on a job well done and being named the New Jersey Elks Softball Batter Up Hitting State Tournament Champion in the 10-11 age group.

Councilman Wallace presented the Resolution Honoring New Jersey Elks Softball “BATTER UP” Hitting State Tournament-Skylar Prehodka

WHEREAS, Skylar Prehodka entered into the New Jersey Elks Softball Batter Up Hitting State Tournament in August of 2013; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Elks Softball Batter Up Hitting State Tournament is a competition that tests young hitters abilities in different age groups; and

WHEREAS, Skylar Prehodka began her quest for the state championship title by first entering into the competition at the local level through the Metuchen Elks where she finished first; and

WHEREAS, Skylar Prehodka then advanced to the Middlesex County Elks competition where she also finished first; and

WHEREAS, Skylar Prehodka surpassed all of her opponents in the Central Jersey Finals; and

WHEREAS, Skylar Prehodka finalized her quest with her stellar performance at the state final competition by placing first in her age group of 5-7year olds; and

WHEREAS, Skylar and her sister Sarah make a dynamic duo both winning the State title for their age groups; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen, hereby recognize the outstanding ability and talent of Skylar Prehodka;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, on behalf of the residents of Metuchen, do hereby extend their accolades and congratulations to Skylar Prehodka on a job well done and being named the New Jersey Elks Softball Batter Up Hitting State Tournament Champion in the 5-7 age group.

Councilman Wallace presented the Resolution Honoring New Jersey Elks Softball “BATTER UP” Hitting State Tournament-Mike Lapezynski

WHEREAS, Mike Lapezynski entered into the New Jersey Elks Softball Batter Up Hitting State Tournament in August of 2013; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Elks Softball Batter Up Hitting State Tournament is a competition that tests young hitters abilities in different age groups; and

WHEREAS, Mike Lapezynski begin his quest for the state championship title by first entering into the competition at the local level through the Metuchen Elks where he finished first; and

WHEREAS, Mike Lapezynski then advanced to the Middlesex County Elks competition where he also finished first; and

WHEREAS, Mike Lapezynski surpassed all of her opponents in the Central Jersey Finals; and

WHEREAS, Mike Lapezynski finalized his quest with his stellar performance at the state final competition by placing first in his age group of 12-13 year olds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen, hereby recognize the outstanding ability and talent of Mike Lapezynski;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, on behalf of the residents of Metuchen, do hereby extend their accolades and congratulations to Mike Lapezynski on a job well done and being named the New Jersey Elks Softball Batter Up Hitting State Tournament Champion in the 12-13 age group.

Mayor Vahalla presented proclamation to the Metuchen High School Girls Basketball Team

WHEREAS, The Metuchen Girls Basketball Team completed their season with an exceptional 19 and 9 record under the direction of Head Coach Patricia Mayo and Assistant Coaches Matthew Wexler and Guy Jensen; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Bulldogs achieved recognition by winning the 2014 Central Jersey Group 1 Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Bulldogs faced stiff competition but defeated Keyport High School, and then Middlesex High School and then defeated Shore Regional High School in overtime in the semifinals on March 7; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Bulldogs defeated South River High School in overtime by overcoming a 7 point deficit with 1 minutes and 39 second remaining on March 11 to be crowned Group 1 Central Jersey Champions with a final score of 45 to 43; and

WHEREAS, Metuchen Girls Basketball Team also had individual accomplishments attained by senior, Cassie Smith; and

WHEREAS, The Metuchen Girls Basketball Team consists of eight (8) freshman, Cassidy Ramsay, Molly O'Connor, Tracy Michalski, Mia Jordan-Gonzalez, Victoria Czochanski, Valentina Czochanski, Alanna Benderly and Brooke Bandola four (4) sophomores, Alexa Craft-Zaletel, Katharine Chura, Emily Buchanan and Kelly Beck, three (3) juniors, Samantha Streckfuss, Kelly Eustace and Liane Cifrodelli, and three (3) seniors, Kira Taylor, Cassandra Smith and Katelynn Flaherty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, on behalf of the residents of Metuchen, wish to acknowledge and commend the Lady Bulldogs for all their time, dedication and excellence in all that they have achieved.

Mayor Vahalla presented proclamation Metuchen High School Girls Basketball Player– Cassie Smith

WHEREAS, Cassie Smith, Metuchen High School Senior Lady Bulldog had a very noteworthy basketball career; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Smith’s hard work, dedication and love of the sport helped lead Metuchen Lady Bulldogs to a spectacular 19 and 9 record in their 2014 season; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Smith was named twice to the All-Blue Division in the 2013 and 2014, twice to the GMC Division 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Smith also received the honor of being selected to the First Team All-State Group I 2014 and Third Team All-State Group I 2013; the Third Team All-State All Groups 2014 and NJSIAA South All-Star Team 2014; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Smith also awarded the title of Star Ledger and Home News Tribune Middlesex County Player of the Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, Cassie Smith also holds the esteem record of the most points scored by a woman in a single season, the most points scored by a woman in a single game – 47 points and the most points scored by a Metuchen Basketball player at Metuchen High School of 2062.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, on behalf of the residents of Metuchen, wish to acknowledge and commend Cassie Smith for her time, dedication and excellence in all that

Agenda Session

Council President Muldoon made a motion to open the Agenda Session, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor, the Agenda Session was opened.

Council President Muldoon asked that R2014-71 be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

He announced that a Special Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2014 at 8:30 AM. This meeting is to fulfill a request for a Place-to-Place transfer Liquor License due to a timing issue.

He mentioned that on Saturday, Downtown Metuchen was very active. The Garden Club were planting spring flowers in all the pots that are maintained by the Garden Club; there was a group of volunteer citizens doing litter clean-up around town; the Metuchen Little League Parade was kicking off the beginning of the season. Saturday night was full of music at the Old Franklin School House.

Councilman Cammarano brought up the issue of cigarette butts on the sidewalks throughout the Borough. He would like to see this issue addressed. The students of Edgar School have been talking about ways to help rectify this problem. There was a discussion on how to address this issue. Mayor Vahalla asked that the Board of Health come back with recommendations and to meet with the students for their recommendations

Councilman Cammarano asked if there is a schedule for the Budget Hearing for Introduction and final adoption. Mayor Vahalla would like the Finance Committee to meet with the Borough Administrator one more time before introduction. The tentative date for Introduction of the 2014 Budget is April 21st.

Councilman Cammarano questioned Ordinance 2014-03 as to why it is coming before the Council and if it is appropriate. Mayor Vahalla explained the background of this Ordinance and explained the process that needs to be followed for adoption. The Council made a decision to table Ordinance 2014-03 in order to get more information on the LI zone, notice the public and set a new date for introduction for April 21st.

Council President Muldoon made a motion to close the Agenda Session, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor, the Agenda Session was closed.

Public Comment

Mayor Vahalla opened the Public Comment to anyone wishing to speak.

Tyreen Reuter, 16 Durham Avenue, Metuchen spoke on the Litter Patrol and that their goal is to keep Metuchen a clean place but did note that the biggest percentage of the litter problem is cigarette butts.

Jacob Shulman, 171 Durham Avenue, Metuchen spoke about some research he has done on the smoking issue.

Sharon Goldman, 184 Hyland Avenue, Metuchen is following up to find out if there is any update on the business improvement districts. Council President Muldoon addressed the status of the Task Force and the directions that are potentially available to the improvements. Ms. Goldman also asked that potential new businesses be informed of the zoning regulations. She suggested that maybe there could be some educational program that would help these small businesses to understand the zoning requirements in Metuchen.

Sharon Taylor, 109 Maple Avenue, Metuchen questioned what the procedure is when a truck gets stuck under the Railroad bridge on Main Street. She also asked who is responsible for the sidewalks on Main Street and who is responsible for enforcing the repairs of the sidewalks. Mayor Vahalla responded that the police do send invoices to the trucking companies depending on the situation. As for the sidewalks the landlords are responsible for repairs to the sidewalks on Main Street. He asked that if she knows the addresses where the sidewalks are in need of repairs please forward it and they will have the Zoning Officer go out and issue summons to the landlords.

Sean Massey, 93 Highland Avenue, Metuchen asked if there is any way of increasing police presence in the area of Woodbridge Avenue and Main Street during peak commuting hours of pedestrian traffic. There was a discussion to different options that could be pursued.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Vahalla closed Public Comment.

Ordinance – Public Hearing

Communications Consent Agenda, Items A - B

Council President Muldoon moved Communications Consent Agenda, Items A through C, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion passed, 6-0.

- A. Receive and Accept Planning Board Minutes of February 21, 2013 .
- B. Receive and Accept Zoning Board Minutes of July 11, 2013.
- C. Receive and Accept Arts Council Minutes of January 27, 2014 and February 24, 2014

Reports of Councilmembers

Council President Muldoon

- Spoke on the progress made to date on pedestrian safety improvements. More flag crossings have been added and more signage reminding vehicle traffic to yield to and be aware of pedestrian traffic.

Councilman Wallace

- Recreation Commission meets tomorrow night,
- Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday morning at Myrtle Field starting at 9:00 AM.
- Traffic and Transportation meets Wednesday night.

Councilwoman Rasmussen

- Shade Tree Commission is applying for a Green Communities grant to hire a consultant to help update the Community Forestry Plan.
- Arbor Day will be celebrated on April 25th at the Old Franklin School House. They will be planting a couple of the trees from the Sandy Storm Relief program. Time will be announced on the website.
- The 500 tree samplings will be distributed at the Senior Center on April 19th from 10 AM to 2 PM. Shade Tree and Environmental Commissions will be on hand for assistance.
- PSE&G will be trimming tree limbs on Bridge Street, New Durham and Middlesex Avenues starting Friday this week or Monday next week.
- Development Commission is still gathering information for the business inventory. They have discussed future downtown projects and the positive effects it will have on the Borough and downtown.
- Environmental Commission applied for ANJEC (Association of New Jersey of Environmental Commission) grant to fund a rain garden at Edgar School.
- Please remember to recycle.
- Chamber of Commerce will be meeting tomorrow. Upcoming events are April 26th is the annual Town-wide Garage Sale. Sign-up to participate is \$10.00. Application form can be downloaded from the Chamber website and if you are a family member of the Chamber participation is free. May 5th is the annual golf outing and the first cruise night is May 7th.
- Please consider a Family Chamber membership. \$75.00 Membership fee includes a \$20.00 gift certificate. Support the local businesses.

Councilwoman Inzerro

- Board of Health is scheduled to meet on April 23rd at 7:30 PM. They will be looking at different smoking ordinances.
- Senior Citizen Commission meets this Friday at noon.
- Metuchen Youth Services Board meets this Thursday, April 10th. Jodi Kopac, who will be appointed at tonight, will be taking on the responsibility of administering the County grant that was received regarding drug abuse prevention funds.
- There is a movie show on Friday, April 25th at Campbell School at 7:00 PM to raise funds for the Alliance. The doors open at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 per adult with one child free; each additional child is \$3.00.

Councilman Grayzel

- Cable TV Advisory Committee met for the first negotiating meeting with Cable Company regarding the renewal contract. There was a series of discussions on future needs for the Borough.
- Arts Council met and discussed programs for the spring/summer/fall cultural events including the gallery walk, summer concerts series, the garden tour, jazz fest, summer movie and a trip to the art museum in Philadelphia, as well as a continuous round of rotunda of gallery shows.

Councilman Cammarano

- Pool Commission met this evening. Tonight is the approval of the maintenance contract agreement for the pool for this upcoming season. As for improvements to the pool, it looks like the only improvements that will be done is the bathroom and breezeway floors for this year. This year there will be a vegetable garden at the pool worked on by some Girl Scouts and will be used as an educational tool to teach the younger children the importance of vegetables.
- The Library Board meets tomorrow night. There are numerous programs going on during this time of year. Check the Library webpage for the programs.

Reports of Officers

Denis Murphy, Esq.

- He explained the history, transfer, process and status in regards to R2014-71, Resolution Approving Liquor License Transfer-Sping Inc. to AJ Liquors LLC.

Bill Boerth, Administrator

- Has no report at this time.

Report of the Mayor

- Met with Ken Smith's class at Edgar's School. The class presented options on an issue about a stop sign on Rector and Route 27 which is being blocked by a tree. They suggested a "stop ahead" signage since taking down the tree isn't an option and putting a stop sign on the other side of the street so people can see that as they approach the intersection.
- Mayor gave the fire report for last month.
- This Saturday is the Shredding program at Edgar School from 9:00 AM to noon. Once the truck is filled they will be finished.

New Business Consent Agenda R2014-71 through R2014-80

Council President Muldoon made a motion to approve New Business Consent Agenda, R2014-71 through R2014-80, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion passes, 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2014-71

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY
RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE NUMBER 1210-33-006-004 FROM SPING, INC. T/A NJ'S
TAVERN TO AJ LIQUORS, LLC**

WHEREAS, Notices of Charges were filed against Sping, Inc. which resulted in various Consent Orders entered between Sping, Inc. and the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control ("ABC"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fourth Amended Order, Sping, Inc. was permitted to file a renewal application for 2013-2014 with the Borough of Metuchen and the Borough was permitted to consider the renewal application; and

WHEREAS, by way of Resolution No. 2013-157, the Borough of Metuchen authorized the renewal of Liquor License No. 1210-33-006-004 for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, subject to the Fourth Amended Order entered by the Director suspending this license indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fourth Amended Order, the license shall remain suspended until such time that the licensee provides proof to the Director of the ABC that the license has been transferred to a bona fide third party; which the Borough believes will occur pursuant to the within resolution and closing to be scheduled ten to fourteen days hereof; and

WHEREAS, AJ Liquors, LLC (“Applicant” or “AJ Liquors, LLC”) filed an application for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1210-33-006-004 heretofore issued to Sping, Inc. t/a NJ’s Tavern for the premises located at 154 Main Street, Metuchen, to AJ Liquors, LLC, with a mailing address of 228 A Pierson Avenue, Metuchen, NJ; and

WHEREAS, on or about January 15, 2014, legal counsel for AJ Liquors, LLC submitted to the Borough, the Alcoholic Beverage Retail Licensee Clearance Certificate (Transfer) for the transfer of the liquor license from Sping, Inc. to AJ Liquors, LLC. issued by the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Taxation; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated, January 24, 2014, counsel for AJ Liquors, LLC supplied the Borough with an Affidavit of Publication setting forth the notice published on January 10, and 17, 2014 in the Home News Tribune of the proposed transfer and that objections to the same shall be filed with the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application along with the supplemental information provided by the Applicant is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has disclosed and the Borough of Metuchen Police Department has reviewed the source of funds used in the purchase of the license and has found no abnormalities; and

WHEREAS, legal counsel for the current license holder has advised that a closing regarding the sale of the license will be scheduled within ten (10) to fourteen (14) days of the consideration of the within Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk of the Borough received no objections as to why the application to transfer Liquor License No. 1210-33-006-004 from Sping, Inc. t/a NJ’S Tavern to AJ Liquors, LLC; and

WHEREAS, AJ Liquors, LLC indicated in its application for the person-to-person transfer that, at this point in time, Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1210-33-006-004 will not be used at an operating place of business immediately upon the transfer. Hence, Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1210-33-006-004 shall become inactive or a “pocket” license and in order to reactivate said license,

AJ Liquors, LLC or the current licensee must file an application for a place-to-place transfer of the license so that it may be sited at the new active business address.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, does hereby approve effective April 22, 2014, the person-to-person transfer of the Plenary Retail Consumption License Number 1210-33-006-004 from Sping, Inc., t/a NJ's Tavern to AJ Liquors, LLC and the same is hereby granted subject to all of the conditions of the Fourth Amended Order of the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, included but not limited to the requirement that the license remain suspended "until such time as the licensee provides proof to me that the license has been transferred to a bona fide third party"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, that it hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: "This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to AJ Liquors, LLC, effective April 22, 2014" and further direct the Municipal Clerk to forward a certified copy of the within resolution in notification of the transfer to the Director of the Division of Alcohol Beverage Control.

RESOLUTION 2014-72

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REALEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR METUCHEN
ASSEMBLY OF GOD-130 WHITMAN AVENUE-B153 L30.01 AND 30.03 AND B156 L7.01, 8.01,
9.01 AND 10**

WHEREAS, Metuchen Assembly of God has requested a refund of the maintenance bond for various improvements on Block 153 Lots 30.01 & 30.03 and Block 156 Lots 7.01, 8.01, 9.01 & 10-130 Whitman Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Project Engineer in a letter dated December 4, 2013 has reported that the contract has been completed in an acceptable manner; and

WHEREAS, the Project Engineer recommends the full release of the maintenance guarantee in the amount of \$34,435.91 (paper bond) pending payment of any necessary outstanding escrow fees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Chief Financial Officer and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to release the maintenance bond in the amount of \$34,435.91 to Metuchen Assembly of God, 130 Whitman Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840 upon payment of any outstanding fees.

RESOLUTION 2014-73

**RESOLUTION REFUNDING SIDEWALK ESCROW FEE #09-015
TRI-STATE PAVING & MASONRY – 338 MAIN STREET**

WHEREAS, Tri-State Paving & Masonry posted \$176.00 for sidewalk and apron escrow fees at 338 Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary has requested that the escrow fees be refunded to Tri-State Paving & Masonry,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Tri-State Paving & Masonry be

refunded \$176.00 from the Sidewalk Inspection Escrow account.

RESOLUTION 2014-74

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF STREET OPENING BOND-J & L
COMMUNICATIONS GROUP-GROVE AVENUE #13-090**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Borough of Metuchen Ordinance, \$500.00 was posted by J & L Communications Groups Inc., as the required Performance Guarantees for Street Opening #13-090-Frove Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works advises that said work has been completed in a manner satisfactory to his department; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works advises it is in order to release the monies previously deposited,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by The Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to release said funds in the amount of \$500.00 to, J & L Communications Groups Inc., 85 Green Pond Road, Rockaway, NJ, 07866, as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

RESOLUTION 2014-75

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR 2014 MUNICIPAL POOL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Borough Administrator on March 27, 2014 for the 2014 Municipal Pool Maintenance for the Borough of Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Officer has determined that sufficient funds will be available in the amount of \$31,755.45 as evidenced by the Finance Officer's certification,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the contract for the 2014 Municipal Pool Maintenance be and the same is hereby awarded to most responsive bidder, **Aquatic Service, Inc., 170 Burlington Avenue, Spotswood, NJ 08884.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute the contract for the same.

RESOLUTION 2014-76

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCREASE TO MUNICIPAL COURT CHANGE FUND

WHEREAS, the amount in the Change Fund used by the Municipal Court Office is currently \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, this amount is not sufficient due to the amount of cash received and change needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the amount in the Change Fund be increased to \$200.00.

RESOLUTION 2014-77

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF MUNICIPAL LIENS

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector received the necessary amount to redeem the following Tax Sale Certificates on the following properties:

<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Lienholder</u>
11-00013	148/17	287 Main Street	Garden State Tax Liens LLC
11-00014	148/19	283 Main Street	Stonefield Investment Fund II

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Collector be authorized to cancel these liens from the municipal record.

RESOLUTION 2014-78

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 2014, effective April 7, 2014:

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE	S&W	40,000	SEWER SYSTEM	S&W	30,000
ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE	OE	10,000	SEWER SYSTEM	OE	16,000
MAYOR	S&W	2,500	GARBAGE & TRASH REMOVAL	S&W	80,000
CLERK	S&W	13,000	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		78,000
CLERK	OE	200	FORESTRY	S&W	31,000
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	S&W	43,000	FORESTRY	OE	1,000
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	S&W	15,000	BOARD OF HEALTH	S&W	4,000
ASSESSMENT OF TAXES	OE	3,000	PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS	S&W	28,000
COLLECTION OF TAXES	OE	600	PARKS & RECREATION	OE	3,000
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION	S&W	60,000	RECREATION	S&W	15,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	OE	20,000	SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER	S&W	10,000
PLANNING BOARD	S&W	1,500	SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER	OE	4,000
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	S&W	13,500	METV	S&W	17,000
GROUP INSURANCE	OE	315,000	METV	OE	8,000
FIRE DEPARTMENT	S&W	1,000	FICA		60,000
FIRE DEPARTMENT	OE	30,000	MUNICIPAL COURT	S&W	28,000

FIRE HYDRANT SERVICE		71,400	MUNICIPAL COURT	OE	3,000
POLICE DEPARTMENT	S&W	500,000	SEWERAGE DISPOSAL		250,000
POLICE DEPARTMENT	OE	20,000	OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MGMT	S&W	1,400
UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT	SW	6,000	LIBRARY CONSORTIUM		7,000
ROAD REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	S&W	90,000	INTERLOCAL - ANIMAL CONTROL		5,000
ROAD REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	OE	40,000	INTERLOCAL - HEALTH SERVICES		13,000
CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL	S&W	40,000	PERS		320,600
UTILITIES & BULK PURCHASES		120,000	PFRS		531,946
			COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX JOINT INSURANCE FUND		100,000
			TOTAL		3,100,646
			SWIMMING POOL	OE	30,000

RESOLUTION 2014-79

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF 2013 TAXES

WHEREAS, the following has made an overpayment of taxes,

Name	Block/Lot	Address	Amount		Year
Christopher Marotta	191/11	55 Eggert Avenue	\$2,484.93	Overpayment-Refinance	2013/4 th qtr

WHEREAS, funds can be released once sufficient documentation of proof of overpayment of taxes has been provided to the Tax Collector,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above listed property owner or agent is refunded property taxes as described in the amount of \$2,484.93.

RESOLUTION 2014-80

RESOLUTION TO REDUCE AND REFUND 2012 AND 2013 TAXES

WHEREAS, a successful State Tax Court Appeal judgment was awarded to Block 91, Lot 1.2, 499 Main Street for 2012 and 2013,

X – INDICATES VOTE	AB- ABSENT	NV- NOT VOTING
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Ordinance 2014-02 was passed and introduced, 6-0

Ordinance 2014-04

Council President Muldoon made a motion that Ordinance 2014-04 be introduced and taken up on first reading, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor; Ordinance 2014-04 was introduced.

Council President Muldoon asked the Borough Clerk to read Ordinance 2014-05 by title only.

Ordinance 2014-04

Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget
 Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank

Council President Muldoon made a motion that Ordinance 2014-04 be taken up on first reading, published according to law and a public hearing be set for April 21, 2014, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen.

Mayor Vahalla asked for a roll call vote.

COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB	COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	NV	AB
CAMMARANO	X				MULDOON	X			
GRAYZEL	X				RASMUSSEN	X			
INSERRO	X				WALLACE	X			
MOTION	MULDOON				SECOND	RASMUSSEN			
X – INDICATES VOTE			AB- ABSENT			NV- NOT VOTING			

Ordinance 2014-04 has passed and introduced, 6-0

Public Comment

Mayor Vahalla opened the meeting to the public for comment.

Seeing no one wishing to comment Mayor Vahalla closed the public comment.

Adjournment

On a motion by Council President Muldoon, seconded by Councilman Wallace, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan D. Jackson,
 Metuchen Borough Clerk