

BOROUGH OF METUCHEN COUNCIL MINUTES
December 7, 2015
7:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall on Monday, December 7, 2015.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Mayor Vahalla.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was sent to the Home News Tribune and Star Ledger on January 8, 2015, posted in Borough Hall and on file in the Clerk's Office. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied.

The Invocation was given by Reverend McCreary and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were Councilmembers Inserro, Leibfried, Muldoon, Rasmussen, Wallace, Council President Grayzel and Mayor Vahalla. Also present were Jennifer Maier, Borough Administrator, Denis Murphy, Esq. and Susan Jackson, Borough Clerk.

Communications Consent Agenda – Items A –F

Council President Grayzel made a motion to move Communication Consent Agenda, Items A through F.

Councilwoman Rasmussen second the motion, with all in favor, motion carries, 6-0

- A. Receive and Accept Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2014, January 21, 2015, June 17, 2015 and September 16, 2015
- B. Receive and Accept Shade Tree Commission Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2015, June 10, 2015, September 19, 2015 and October 14, 2015
- C. Receive and Accept Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2015
- D. Receive and Accept Metuchen Municipal Alliance Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2015
- E. Receive and Accept Metuchen Traffic & Transportation Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2015
- F. Receive and Accept Metuchen Arts Council Meeting Minutes of October 26, 2015

Proclamation

Abigail Brooks and Lilith Rebecca Hoover – Community Off-Leash Dog Area Project Recognition

Mayor Vahalla stated that these two young ladies worked diligently on getting the dog park off the

ground with all their hard work and initiative and working with the members of the Dog Park, Edison Township Council and Middlesex County Freeholders. Metuchen Borough, Edison Township and Middlesex County Freeholders have recently entered into an agreement to build the dog park on Whitman Avenue. Mayor Vahalla recognized each member of the Dog Park Commission.

Council President Grayzel presented Abigail and Lilith with their proclamations.

WHEREAS, Abigail Brooks and Lilith Rebecca Hoover, residents of Metuchen, conceived of an idea for a community dog park in the Borough of Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, the two girls set a goal of establishing a community dog park as a project for the Girl Scout Silver Award for their Girl Scout Troop #80417; and

WHEREAS, Abigail and Lilith began a “grass roots” community campaign to raise public awareness for their project and to persuade the Mayor and Borough Council to establish a community dog park; and

WHEREAS, the girls utilized social media, including Facebook and Causes.com, to inform the residents of their vision for a community dog park and to solicit public support; and

WHEREAS, the girls built public support for the project by providing flyers to their fellow students at Edgar School and Metuchen businesses and providing and staffing a booth at the Metuchen Fair and collecting signatures to petition the Mayor and Council to establish a community dog park; and

WHEREAS, Abigail and Lilith appeared at a Metuchen Borough Council Meeting and presented the petition, signed by over 500 citizens and dog lovers, to the Mayor and Council for the community dog park and persuaded the Mayor to appoint a Task Force to investigate the idea and make recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the two girls served with distinction on the Metuchen Dog Park Task Force and actively investigated potential sites and features for the Dog Park along with the other members of the Task Force and helped forge a joint project with the County of Middlesex and the Township of Edison for a community dog park; and

WHEREAS, Abigail and Lilith earned the Silver Award from Girl Scout Troop #80417 for their work on this project; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the dynamic and energetic efforts of Abigail and Lilith on November 2, 2015, the Metuchen Borough Council unanimously voted to approve a joint agreement amongst the Borough of Metuchen, the Township of Edison and the County of Middlesex to jointly construct and operate a community dog park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Borough Council, on behalf of all the residents of Metuchen, do hereby congratulate and thank

Abigail Brooks for her vision, her imaginative efforts in support of this project, and all her hard work in making this project a reality.

WHEREAS, Lilith Rebecca Hoover and Abigail Brooks, residents of Metuchen, conceived of an idea for a community dog park in the Borough of Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, the two girls set a goal of establishing a community dog park as a project for the Girl Scout Silver Award for their Girl Scout Troop #80417; and

WHEREAS, Lilith and Abigail began a “grass roots” community campaign to raise public awareness for their project and to persuade the Mayor and Borough Council to establish a community dog park; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Borough Council, on behalf of all the residents of Metuchen, do hereby congratulate and thank Lilith Rebecca Hoover for her vision, her imaginative efforts in support of this project, and all her hard work in making this project a reality.

Freeholder Charles Tomaro also presented the girls with proclamations from Middlesex County.

New Business – Resolutions 2015-309 through 2015-326

Council President Grayzel moved New Business Consent Agenda – Resolutions 2015-309 through 2015-326 for approval, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen.

Mayor Vahalla asked for a voice vote and with all in favor, motion carries, 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-309

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87 - BODY ARMOR GRANT**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget in the year 2015 in the sum of \$2,773.24, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice in the amount of \$2,773.24.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$2,773.24 is hereby appropriated under the caption Body Armor Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from State of New Jersey Division of Criminal Justice in the amount of \$2,773.24.

RESOLUTION 2015-310

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87 - MIDDLESEX COUNTY ENERGY DEVISE GRANT**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget in the year 2015 in the sum of \$4,495.96, which is now available from the County of Middlesex, Prosecutor's Office Energy Device Grant in the amount of \$4,495.96 with the provision of a match in the amount of \$4,495.96, and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$4,495.96 is hereby appropriated under the caption Middlesex County Energy Device Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from County of Middlesex, Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$4,495.96.

RESOLUTION 2015-311

*Borough of Metuchen
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State of New Jersey*

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87 - MUNICIPAL COURT ALCOHOL REHABILITATION & ENFORCEMENT
FUND GRANT**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget in the year 2015 in the sum of \$1,060.80, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts for a Municipal Court Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund Grant in the amount of \$1,060.80.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$1,060.80 is hereby appropriated under the caption Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from State of New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts for a Municipal Court Alcohol Education, Rehabilitation and Enforcement Fund Grant in the amount of 1,060.80

RESOLUTION 2015-312

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITEMS OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION
NJS 40A:4-87 – 2015 DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER YEAR END HOLIDAY
CRACKDOWN GRANT**

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget in the year 2015 in the sum of \$5,000.00, which is now available from the State of New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety 2015 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the like sum of \$5,000.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption State of New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety 2015 Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Year End Holiday Crackdown Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above is the result of funds from State of New Jersey Highway Traffic Safety 2015 Drive Sober or Get Pulled over Year End Holiday Crackdown Grant in the amount of 5,000.00.

RESOLUTION 2015-313

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2015 BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, there are unexpended balances in various 2015 appropriation accounts not required for the balance of 2015; 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	From	To
Administration & Executive OE		6,000.00
Clerk S&W		1,025.00
Elections		300.00
Fire Hydrant Service		4,000.00
Buildings & Grounds S&W		2,000.00
Buildings & Grounds OE		2,000.00
Sewers S&W		2,000.00
Garbage & Trash S&W		61,500.00

Recycling S&W		500.00
Parks & Playgrounds S&W		4,500.00
Utilities		46,000.00
Municipal Defined Contribution Plan		1,000.00
Street Lighting	18,000.00	
Streets & Roads S&W	20,000.00	
Solid Waste Collection	30,000.00	
Police S&W	60,000.00	
Streets & Roads OE	2,825.00	
	130,825.00	130,825.00

RESOLUTION 2015-314

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

RESOLUTION – REFUND OF PREVIOUSLY CANCELLED TAXES

WHEREAS, the following has made an overpayment of taxes that has been previously cancelled by the Borough,

WHEREAS, proper documentation has been filed with the Collector of Taxes so that the following amount(s) can be released:

Name	Block/Lot	Address	Amount		Year
Toni Riggi & Theresa Piasecki	62/45	20 Windy Hill Road	2,116.89	Duplicate payment previously cancelled	2 nd qtr 2011
Edgar & Divina Bansil	153/4 C213B	143 Newman Street	1,024.50	Duplicate payment previously cancelled	4 th qtr 2011
Erol & Natalie Kantar	155/5	5 Burr Drive	2,527.20	Duplicate payment previously cancelled	4 th qtr 2012

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above listed property owner or agent be refunded \$5,668.59 in previously cancelled taxes.

RESOLUTION 2015-315

*Borough of Metuchen
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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF STREET OPENING BOND
#2015-16 – CALVIN & WERNIK PLACES – WP MET CONSTRUCTION**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Borough of Metuchen Ordinance, \$500.00 was posted by WP

Met Construction as the required Performance Guarantees for Street Opening Bond #2015-16 - Calvin & Wernik Places; 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: WP Met Construction, 100 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004 as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

RESOLUTION 2015-316

*Borough of Metuchen
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State of New Jersey*

**RESOLUTION REFUNDING SIDEWALK ESCROW FEE #15-041
13 AYLIN STREET**

WHEREAS, Hans Raymond posted \$112.00 for sidewalk escrow fees at 13 Aylin Street; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary has requested that the escrow fees be refunded to Hans Raymond,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Hans Raymond be refunded \$112.00 from the Sidewalk Inspection Escrow account.

RESOLUTION 2015-317

*Borough of Metuchen
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**RESOLUTION REFUNDING SIDEWALK ESCROW FEE #15-031
42 VAN BUREN AVENUE**

WHEREAS, Antonette Signorello posted \$172.00 for apron and sidewalk escrow fees at 42 Van Buren Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary has requested that the escrow fees be refunded to Antonette Signorello,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Antonette Signorello be refunded \$172.00 from the Sidewalk Inspection Escrow account.

RESOLUTION 2015-318

*Borough of Metuchen
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**RESOLUTION REFUNDING SIDEWALK ESCROW FEE #15-027
30 PROSPECT STREET**

WHEREAS, Pave Patrol, LLC posted \$568.00 for sidewalk escrow fees at 30 Prospect Street;
and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary has requested that the escrow fees be refunded to Pave Patrol, LLC,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Pave Patrol, LLC be refunded \$568.00 from the Sidewalk Inspection Escrow account.

RESOLUTION 2015-319

*Borough of Metuchen
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**RESOLUTION REFUNDING SIDEWALK ESCROW FEE #15-028
90 CHRISTOL STREET**

WHEREAS, Joan Joselson posted \$100.00 for sidewalk escrow fees at 90 Christol Street; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary has requested that the escrow fees be refunded to Joan Joselson,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Joan Joselson be refunded \$100.00 from the Sidewalk Inspection Escrow account.

RESOLUTION 2015-320

*Borough of Metuchen
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND ESCROW BALANCE

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary has requested that the following escrow account be closed and the balance be refunded to the depositor,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary has contacted the Board Engineer, Planner and Attorney for authorization to release the funds and determine the project is closed,

WHEREAS, the Planning Board Secretary has provided a list to the Chief Finance Officer with a sign-off from the Board Professionals, that the following escrow project is complete and can be closed, and that no further billing from the professionals for this project will be paid.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen for the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector is instructed to refund, in the amount indicated, the following escrow balance to the depositor, as the project has been determined to be closed:

ESCROW ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	DEPOSITOR
10-901 E	507.75	First Presbyterian Church 270 Woodbridge Avenue

RESOLUTION 2015-321

*Borough of Metuchen
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX SALE LIEN

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector received the necessary amount to redeem the following Tax Sale Certificate on the following property:

<u>Cert #</u>	<u>Block/Lot</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Lienholder</u>
13-00002	153.1/4 C205M	218 Newman Street	US Bank Pro Capital III LLC

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

RESOLUTION 2015-322

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

RESOLUTION ADOPTING MUNICIPAL PESTICIDE REDUCTION POLICY

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen to promote matters which benefit the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the citizens of the community; and

WHEREAS, scientific studies associate exposure to pesticides with asthma, cancer, development and learning disabilities, nerve and immune system damage, liver or kidney damage, reproductive impairment, birth defects and disruption of the endocrine system; and

WHEREAS, infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems and chemical sensitivities are especially vulnerable to pesticide effects and exposure; and

WHEREAS, lawn pesticides and synthetic fertilizers are harmful to pets, wildlife, soil microbiology, plants, and natural ecosystems and can run off into streams, lakes and drinking water sources; and,

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management is coordinated use of pest and environmental information and all available pest control methods (sanitation, mechanical, biological and “least toxic” chemical) to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management has been investigated and considered by the Environmental Commission and the Department of Public Works, and it’s recommended by the Environmental Commission as a desirable and appropriate policy in order to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen does maintain public properties at which pest management issues are an ongoing concern; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that it is in the best interest of the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the Borough’s citizens to adopt Integrated Pest Management as the Borough’s pest management policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Borough does hereby adopt Integrated Pest Management, as the pest control policy and strategy to be employed in the maintenance of the Borough’s public properties and facilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen encourage all citizens to make every effort to participate in this endeavor on their own property, and that the Borough will designate certain public properties such as community parks as “Pesticide Free Zones”. These areas will be posted with a sign indicated that chemical pesticides have not been applied at the site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the resolution be sent to NJ Environmental Federation, 223 Park Ave., Marlton NJ 08053 or fax to 856-768-6662

RESOLUTION 2015-323

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOND REDUCTION FOR TOTAL RENAL CARE, INC.
(DaVITA HEALTHCARE PARTNERS, INC.)
BLOCK 111 LOTS 4 AND 5 - 319 LAKE AVENUE**

WHEREAS, Total Renal Care, Inc (DaVita Healthcare Partners, Inc.) has requested a partial release of the Surety and 10% cash performance bonds for various site improvements for Block 111, Lots 4 & 5 – 319 Lake Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer in a letter dated November 20, 2015 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 surety bond, in the amount of \$50,702.16 reduced from the posted amount of \$72,431.66 for a new performance bond figure of \$21,729.50; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer recommends the partial release of the 10% cash bond, in the

amount of \$5,633.57 reduced from the posted amount of \$8,047.96 for a new cash bond figure of \$2,414.39.

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 \$50,702.16 (surety bond) and \$5,633.57 (cash bond) of the performance bond monies, to Total Renal Care, Inc, PO Box 2037, Tacoma, Washington 98401-2037.

RESOLUTION 2015-324

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS FOR
PROPERTY TAXES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to NJSA 40A:5-43, et sq. and NJAC 5:30-9.1 through 5:30-9.10, local municipal units are permitted to accept credit card, debit card and e-checks in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, subject to those provisions, the Borough of Metuchen seeks to offer to its property owners on-line payment for tax charges in the form of on-line banking, e-checks, debit and credit cards; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's current tax software provider, Edmunds & Associates, has the ability to act as service provider for the acceptance of electronic payments; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the aforementioned statute and administrative code, Edmunds & Associates utilizes FIS as their secured payment provider for e-checks, debit and credit card processing; and

WHEREAS, the charges paid by the property owner to the provider will either be a \$1.05 per E-Check convenience fee, a \$3.95 per Visa debit card transaction, or a 2.95% fee of the total property tax bill on all other debit or credit card transactions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Metuchen, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, accept electronic payments as outlined above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Manager and Chief Financial Officer are hereby authorized and directed to execute the appropriate service agreement with Edmunds and Associates.

RESOLUTION 2015-325

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF PEOPLE FOR BIKES COMMUNITY GRANT
PROGRAM APPLICATION FROM GRANTS & FUNDING SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Metuchen, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey desires to further the public interest by obtaining the following grant from the Grants & Funding Services for:
People for Bikes Community Grant Program.

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

- 1) The Borough of Metuchen does hereby authorize Jennifer Maier, Metuchen Borough Administrator, to prepare and submit the grant application and if awarded, to execute all grant agreements of the following grant: People for Bikes Community Grant Program

RESOLUTION 2015-326

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF 2015 TAXES

WHEREAS, the following has made an overpayment of taxes,

Name	Block/Lot	Address	Amount		Year
Matthew Curran & Jenna Novak	B7/L1	149 Mason Drive	1,478.20	Duplicate payment of added assessment	4th qtr 2015

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above listed property owner or agent be refunded property taxes as described in the amount of \$1,478.20.

Other New Business

Council President Grayzel made a motion to approve R2015-327; authorizing the Payment of the Bill List in the amount of \$7,842,289.17 second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carries, 6-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-327

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE BILL LIST

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the proper warrants be drawn and all bills be paid totaling **\$7,842,289.17**

I, Rebecca Cuthbert, Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Metuchen do hereby certify that funds are available for the payment of bills for the Borough of Metuchen.

Ordinance I- Public Hearing

Ordinance 2015-13

Council President asked for the presentation of Affidavit of Publication for Ordinance 2015-13.

Borough Clerk presented the affidavit of publication stating that said Ordinance 2015-13 has been published one time in the Home News Tribune according to Law on November 5, 2015.

Council President Grayzel moved that the affidavit of publication be received and filed, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all favor, the affidavit of publication has been accepted, 6-0.

Council President Grayzel asked Borough Clerk to read Ordinance 2015-13 by title.

Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2015-13 by title only

Ordinance 2015-13	An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, Chapter 185, Entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Section 185-34 – Handicapped Parking, to Add a Designated Location on West Walnut Street
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Mayor Vahalla opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-13.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Vahalla closed the Public Hearing session.

Council President Grayzel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-13 on second reading and be published according to law, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen.

Mayor Vahalla asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Inserro, Leibfried, Muldoon, Rasmussen, Wallace and Grayzel voted yes.

Ordinance 2015-13 has passed on second reading and be published according to law, 6-0

ORDINANCE 2015-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN, CHAPTER 185, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 185-34 – HANDICAPPED PARKING, TO ADD A DESIGNATED LOCATION ON WEST WALNUT STREET

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Police Department Code of the Borough of Metuchen be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 185 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen is hereby amended to add the following to Section 185-34 A. On-Street Handicapped Parking:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Location</u>
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West Walnut Street North side of roadway at a point 54 feet west of
Main Street to a point 68 feet north therefrom.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication after final passage in accordance with law.

Ordinance 2015-14

Council President asked for the presentation of Affidavit of Publication for Ordinance 2015-14.

Borough Clerk presented the affidavit of publication stating that said Ordinance 2015-14 has been published one time in the Home News Tribune according to Law on November 5, 2015.

Council President Grayzel moved that the affidavit of publication be received and filed, second by Councilman Leibfried, with all favor, the affidavit of publication has been accepted, 6-0.

Council President Grayzel asked Borough Clerk to read Ordinance 2015-14 by title.

Borough Clerk read Ordinance 2015-14 by title only

Ordinance 2015-14 An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, Chapter 185, Entitled Vehicles and Traffic, Section 185-12 – Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets

Mayor Vahalla opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-14.

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Mayor Vahalla closed the Public Hearing session.

Council President Grayzel made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-14 on second reading and be published according to law, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen.

Mayor Vahalla asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Inserro, Leibfried, Muldoon, Rasmussen, Wallace and Grayzel voted yes.

Ordinance 2015-14 has passed on second reading and be published according to law, 6-0

ORDINANCE 2015-14

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN, CHAPTER 185, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, SECTION 185-12 – PARKING TIME LIMITED ON CERTAIN STREETS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that the Police Department Code of the Borough of Metuchen be amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 185 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen is hereby amended to add the following to Section 185-12. Parking Time Limited on Certain Streets:

<u>Street</u>	<u>Location</u>
Rowland Place	Entire Length

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication after final passage in accordance with law.

Ordinance – Introduction

Ordinance 2015-15

Council President Grayzel moved Ordinance 2015-15 to be introduced and be taken up on first reading, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carries,6-0.

Council President Grayzel asked that the Ordinance be read by title only.

Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title only

Ordinance 2015-15	Ordinance Amending § 185-31, Entitled, “Speed Limits” Reducing the Speed Limit on Grove Thirty-Five Miles per Hour to Twenty-Five Miles per Hour for the Entire Length of the Roadway in the Borough of Metuchen
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Mayor Vahalla spoke about the open public meeting that was held on October 14, 2015 and stated that traffic and pedestrian safety are a key issue for Metuchen. It is believed that reducing the speed limit on Grove Avenue will help protect pedestrians, create a better flow of traffic and reduce accidents on Grove Avenue. He thanked all the members of the Traffic and Transportation Commission and the Police Department for all their research on the speed reduction.

Council President Grayzel moved Ordinance 2015-15 be passed on first reading, be published according to law and a public hearing be set down for December 21, 2015, second by Councilman Leibfried.

Mayor Vahalla asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Inzerro, Leibfried, Muldoon, Rasmussen, Wallace and Grayzel voted yes.

Ordinance 2015-15 was passed on first reading and be published according to law, 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2015-15

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

ORDINANCE AMENDING § 185-31, ENTITLED, “SPEED LIMITS” REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON GROVE AVENUE FROM THIRTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR TO TWENTY-FIVE MILES PER HOUR FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE ROADWAY IN THE BOROUGH OF METUCHEN

WHEREAS, Grove Avenue is a two lane (one in each direction) local roadway, under the jurisdiction of the Borough of Metuchen, running south to north, within the Borough of Metuchen beginning at a four-way stop signalized intersection with Woodbridge Avenue (County Road 660), approximately one-quarter (¼) of a mile south of the Northeast Corridor AMTRACK, line, ending at the northern municipal boundary line shared with the Township of Edison, approximately two-hundred-twenty (220) feet north of Mason Drive, where it continues north through the Township of Edison; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 39:4-8* and *N.J.S.A. 39:4-197*, a municipality may establish by ordinance the speed limitations of a local roadway under its jurisdiction as provided in *N.J.S.A. 39:4-98* which in turn provides for a twenty-five miles per hour speed limit “when passing through a school zone during recess, when the presence of children is clearly visible from the roadway, or while children are going to or leaving school, during opening or closing hours” and “in any business or residential district”; and

WHEREAS, various residents of the Borough Metuchen have expressed safety concerns to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen relating to the current speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour on portions of Grove Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen referred the concerns and issue to the Metuchen Traffic and Transportation Committee for investigation and its recommendations relating to the current speed limit on Grove Avenue; and

WHEREAS, during the course of its investigation the Borough Administrator and Zoning Officer prepared a comprehensive Report, dated October 7, 2015, for the Borough and the Traffic and Transportation Committee on the aspects of Grove Avenue (a copy of the Grove Avenue Report is attached to the Traffic And Transportation Committee Report attached hereto); and

WHEREAS after publicly advertisement, on October 14, 2015, the Borough of Metuchen and the Traffic and Transportation Committee conducted a public hearing on the issue of the reduction of the speed limit on Grove Avenue to twenty-five miles per hour wherein there was overwhelming support for and no opposition to the reduction of the speed limit (a copy of the minutes of the public hearing are attached to the Traffic And Transportation Committee Report attached hereto); and

WHEREAS, the Metuchen Traffic and Transportation Committee has concluded its investigation and has submitted its report and recommendation to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen who have had the opportunity to review its contents in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough investigation, the Metuchen Traffic and Transportation Committee made Findings of Fact and recommended the Mayor and Council reduce the speed limit on Grove Avenue from thirty-five miles per hour to twenty-five miles per hour for its entire length in the Borough of Metuchen due to its residential nature, the location of schools, houses of worship and recreational facilities along Grove Avenue and in order to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the residents, students, pedestrians, runners, bicyclists and motorists and for the reasons set forth specifically in the Report of the Traffic and Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS, the designated Traffic Safety Officer and the Borough of Metuchen Police Department endorse the reduction of the speed limit on Grove Avenue from thirty-five to twenty-five miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Metuchen to accept in its entirety the Traffic and Transportation Committee Report, Findings of Fact and Recommendations, as attached hereto and incorporated herein as if adopted by the Mayor and Council, and to reduce the speed limit on Grove Avenue to twenty-five miles per hour for its entire length in the Borough of Metuchen; and

WHEREAS, § 185-31 of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen establishes designated speed limits within the Borough of Metuchen.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that it hereby amends Chapter 185 of the Code entitled, “Vehicles and Traffic” specifically § 185-31 entitled, “Speed Limits.” to read as follows:

§ 185-31. Speed Limits.

- A. The speed limits for both directions of traffic along the streets or parts thereof described below and made a part of this chapter are hereby established at the rate of speed indicated.
- B. Regulatory and warning signs shall be erected and maintained to effect the above designated speed limits.

Name of Street	Speed Limit (MPH)	Geographic Limits	Approval Date
Central Avenue	35	From Middlesex Avenue (C.R. 501) to the southerly extension	July 17, 1957
Grove Avenue	25	Entire length of roadway in the Borough of Metuchen. From the four-way signalized intersection at Woodbridge Avenue to the Township of Edison corporate line	
Middlesex Avenue	25	From Bridge Street to New Durham Road (C.R. 501)	July 18, 1974
Oakland Avenue	25	From Metuchen Borough corporate line – Edison Township corporate line to Grove Avenue	June 16, 2003

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Metuchen that all Borough officials, employees and agents shall take all necessary actions to in order to effectuate the within Ordinance, including but not limited to the installation and removal of “Speed Limit” signs in and from the designated areas in order to provide sufficient notice to motorists.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect, and to that end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this amending ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of their inconsistencies only.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Metuchen that this ordinance and requirement thereof shall take effect after passage and publication as required by law.

Ordinance 2015-16

Council President Grayzel moved Ordinance 2015-16 to be introduced and be taken up on first reading, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carries, 6-0.

Council President Grayzel asked that the Ordinance be read by title only.

Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title only

Ordinance 2015-16

An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, Various Chapters, to Amend Certain Application, License and Permit Fees

Council President Grayzel moved Ordinance 2015-16 be passed on first reading, be published according to law and a public hearing be set down for December 21, 2015, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen.

Mayor Vahalla asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Inserro, Leibfried, Muldoon, Rasmussen, Wallace and Grayzel voted yes

Ordinance 2015-16 was passed on first reading and be published according to law, 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2015-16

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

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 **169-3** of Chapter 169, **Swimming Pools**, of the Code of the Borough of Metuchen, is hereby amended to add/change the following fees to read as follows:

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIPS RATES: (Prior to April 15)

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| (1) Resident Family;
(equivalent membership: one) | \$330.00 |
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(2)	Resident Family Plus	\$420.00
(3)	Resident Individual	\$185.00
(4)	Resident Senior	\$ 65.00

RESIDENT RATES (after April 15)

(1)	Resident Family (equivalent membership: one)	\$390.00
(2)	Resident Family Plus	\$480.00
(3)	Resident Individual	\$195.00
(4)	Resident Senior	\$ 65.00

NON RESIDENT RATES: (Prior to April 15)

(1)	Nonresident family	\$510.00
(2)	Nonresident Family Plus	\$590.00
(3)	Nonresident Individual	\$275.00
(4)	Nonresident senior	\$170.00

Non Resident Rates: (After to April 15)

(1)	Nonresident family	\$560.00
(2)	Nonresident Family Plus	\$635.00
(3)	Nonresident Individual	\$305.00
(4)	Nonresident senior	\$170.00

Miscellaneous Fee Schedule:

Teen Dances	- Members	\$ 1.00
	- Non-Members	\$ 3.00
Movie Nights	- Kids	\$ 2.00
	- Adults	\$ 3.00
General Event		\$ 5.00
Swim Lessons		\$ 30.00 per 6 Lessons
Swim Clinic		\$ 75.00

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Masters Swim	\$ 25.00 per Season
Camp Rentals	\$140.00 per hour
Long Course Rentals	\$125.00 per hour

Ordinance 2015-17

Council President Grayzel moved Ordinance 2015-17 to be introduced and be taken up on first reading, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor, motion carries, 6-0.

Council President Grayzel asked that the Ordinance be read by title only.

Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by title only

Ordinance 2015-17	An Ordinance Amending and Supplementing Ordinance 92-25 Establishing Salary Ranges
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Council President Grayzel moved Ordinance 2015-17 be passed on first reading, be published according to law and a public hearing be set down for December 21, 2015, second by Councilwoman Rasmussen.

Mayor Vahalla asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call: Inserro, Leibfried, Muldoon, Rasmussen, Wallace and Grayzel voted yes

Ordinance 2015-17 was passed on first reading and be published according to law, 6-0.

ORDINANCE 2015-17

*Borough of Metuchen
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey*

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 92-25
ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGES.**

**[STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: TO AMEND THE MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM WAGE
RANGES FOR CERTAIN BOROUGH EMPLOYEES]**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Metuchen that Ordinance No. 92-25 as amended and supplemented be further amended as follows:

**GROUP I & II – LIBRARY PERSONNEL – SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND INCREASE
PER LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

1. **SECTION I, GROUP I**, is hereby amended by changing title from/to as follows:

Range

- 6 - Change title from “Library Assistant II” to “FT Library “Assistant/Senior Library Assistant”
- 7 - Change title from “Library Assistant I” to “FT Principal Library Assistant”
- 8 - Change title from “Children’s Librarian” to “FT Librarian/Senior Librarian (Youth Services)” and from “Adult Services Librarian” to “FT Librarian//Senior Librarian”
- 9 - Change title from “Assistant Administrator” to “FT Principal Librarian”

2. **SECTION I, GROUP I**, is hereby amended by deleting the following title:

- 9 - Delete title “Reference Librarian”

3. **SECTION I, GROUP II**, is hereby amended by changing titles from/to as follows:

- Change Title from: “Pages and Junior Assistants” to “PT Library Page” and “PT Library Assistant/Senior Library Assistant”
- Change Title from: “Young Adult Librarian” to “PT Librarian/Senior Librarian (Youth Services)”

4. **SECTION I, GROUP II** is hereby amended by deleting the following:

Delete title “Library Intern/Child Services”

5. **Section I, Group II**, is hereby amended by deleting the minimum and maximum ranges for the Municipal Court Judge and Municipal Prosecutor and inserting the following:

Position	Minimum	Maximum	Per
Municipal Court Judge	\$25,000	\$30,000	Yearly
Municipal Prosecutor	\$20,000	\$25,000	Yearly
Municipal Public Defender	\$15,000	\$17,500	Yearly

A. Section I, Group I, is hereby amended by deleting the minimum and maximum ranges and titles and replacing them with the following for Library Personnel

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	
6	\$18,200	\$33,000	FT Library Assistant/Senior Library Assistant
7	35,000	\$55,000	FT Principal Library Assistant
8	\$42,000	\$63,000	FT Librarian/Senior Librarian (Youth Services), FT Librarian/Senior Librarian
9	\$55,000	\$72,000	FT Principal Librarian

11 \$70,000 \$95,000 FT Library Director

2. Section I, Group II is hereby amended by deleting the existing salary and titles and replacing them with the following:

Library Bookkeeper	\$ 20.50	\$ 30.00	hour
PT Library Assistant/Senior Library Assistant	\$ 10.00	\$ 18.00	hour
PT Library Page	\$ 8.52	\$ 10.00	hour
PT Librarian/Senior Librarian (Youth Services)	\$ 22.00	\$ 35.00	hour
PT Librarian/Senior Librarian	\$ 22.00	\$ 35.00	hour

6. Additional compensation by way of holiday pay, longevity, overtime, sick days, personal days, insurance benefits for full time employees not covered in collective bargaining agreements are fully set forth in the Personnel Resolution and amendments thereto previously adopted by the Borough Council and are hereby incorporated in this Ordinance.

7. No officer or employee shall be paid at a base rate which is above the maximum rate for any salary range in any of the aforementioned groups. Unless otherwise provided for all new employees or newly promoted employees shall be paid at the minimum rate of the salary range for the position to which they are hired. However, the Borough Administrator may hire a prospective employee who possesses qualifications that are greater than the minimum qualifications for the position at a rate above the minimum rate, but in no case shall a new employee be hired at a rate which is greater than that of a current employee in the same group.

8. If any portion of this ordinance is in conflict with any portion of a collective bargaining agreement, then the collective bargaining agreement shall take precedence.

9. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

10. This ordinance shall take effect after its publication according to law and the amendments contained herein shall be retroactive to January 1, 2015.

Vahalla has given many years of service to the Borough of Metuchen and Council President Grayzel called on the following people for their tributes to Mayor.

Presentation for Mayor

- Len Roseman, Chairman - Parking Authority – The Parking Authority presented Mayor Vahalla with a Red Sox’s baseball cap.
- R. Dyas – Former Councilman – presented Mayor Vahalla with an autographed football from Notre Dame

- David Irizarry – Chief of Police – presented Mayor Vahalla with a clock from the Metuchen Police Department
- Robert Donnan – Metuchen Volunteer Fire Chief – presented Mayor Vahalla with a white Fire Chief helmet.
- Bruce Peragallo – Metuchen High School Principal – presented Mayor Vahalla with a Metuchen Coach’s jacket and shirt.

Proclamations

- Legislature – Senator Peter Barnes, III, Assemblyman Patrick Diegman, Jr. & Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin - presented Proclamations from the NJ Legislature
- Middlesex County Freeholder – Charles Tomaro – presented a Proclamation from the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Council President asked that all former Mayors and Councilmembers please stand and be recognized.

- Metuchen Borough Council – Dorothy Rasmussen – presented a Proclamation from the Metuchen Borough Council.

WHEREAS, Thomas Vahalla moved to Metuchen Borough in 1974 and in 1993 he was elected as a Councilman and served as Borough Council President for five of those years; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Thomas Vahalla was elected as Mayor and during his terms as Councilman and Mayor, he served as Council Liaison to the Department of Public Works, The Metuchen Alliance/Youth Service Board, Metuchen Volunteer Fire Department and Metuchen’s Senior Citizens; and

WHEREAS, outside of his elected positions Thomas Vahalla was always involved in the community; he taught for 41 years at Metuchen High School where he coached girls basketball and golf for 30 years; chaired “Metuchen Pulls Together” which raised funds for a handicapped van for a resident; and in conjunction with Barbara Johnson, established the “Wall of Fame” at Metuchen High School to honor those Metuchen residents who served in the military; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Vahalla received a leadership award while serving in the Teaching Division of the Civilian Air Patrol and also earned Teacher of the Year from Metuchen High School and the Metuchen Elks; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Vahalla had a kinship with the business owners in the Borough having his own business for 30 years as Vahalla Wood Working and Construction; and

WHEREAS, during his term as Mayor, he accomplished many goals with the support of Borough Council, including the negotiation and establishment of the Pitman Schedule providing 75 hours of free policing per patrolman and improving morale of Metuchen Police Department; establishing the position of Lieutenant which provided evening supervision; the re-establishment of a dedicated Traffic Officer; establishing the Historical Preservation Committee and Accessibility Committee; simplifying the Zoning Ordinance to make it more business friendly and simplifying the garbage and recycling pickup to single stream, single day, pick up; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental with the replacement of two bridges and having DOT adopt and resurface a third bridge; the implementation of many traffic calming and pedestrian safety features including left hand arrows at Main Street and Route 27; and

WHEREAS, he helped implement the contract to provide first aide services through JFK Medical at no additional cost to the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, Tom Vahalla was also instrumental in the revitalization, improvement and expansion of Charles Field and other recreational facilities through the Borough; and

WHEREAS, he worked with all Borough Departments on the approval and construction of a new building to replace the vacant Metuchen Bicycle Building; re-zoning of the Pearl Street Lot; Pearl Street Development including a Town Center Green/Piazza; approval of the DaVita Dialysis Center to replace the vacant Blockbuster Building; and the approval of the first phase of the Whole Foods Development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of Metuchen and the residents of the Borough of Metuchen do hereby jointly recognize and further commend Thomas Vahalla for his tireless and dedicated service to the community; your efforts have enriched us greatly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council, on behalf of the residents of Metuchen, do hereby extend their gratitude and appreciation and offer their best wishes of good health, happiness and success in the years ahead.

Presentation to Vahalla Family

- Beatrice Moskowitz – presented flowers to Maryann Vahalla, daughter Beth and granddaughter Kaitlyn.

Public Session

Mayor Vahalla opened Public Session to anyone wishing to speak.
Seeing no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Vahalla closed the Public Session.

Mayor Vahalla spoke of his gratitude and appreciation of all that have supported him through his career serving the people of Metuchen.

Closing Comment

- Reverend McCreary

Adjournment

Council President Grayzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Rasmussen, with all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Susan D. Jackson, RMC
Metuchen Borough Clerk