

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
April 12, 2016

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held in the Charles S. Callman Courtroom of Borough Hall on March 22, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence in Memory of Retired DPW Superintendent Joseph J. Sorrentino.

At this time, Mayor Ekdahl asked everyone to please remain standing for a moment of silence in memory of Retired DPW Superintendent Joseph J. Sorrentino who passed away on Saturday, April 2nd.

(Moment of Silence)

Joseph J. "Joe" Sorrentino retired from the Borough in 2003 after 39 years of service. He had been hired in 1964 as the Borough Custodian then transferred to Public Works in 1966. He was promoted to DPW Foreman in 1975 and on May 1, 1998 he was promoted to Superintendent of Public Works. After his retirement in 2003, Joe worked part-time as the Bingham Hall Custodian and a substitute Crossing Guard.

A longtime resident of Rumson, he served in the U.S. Army; was an exempt member and former president of the Rumson Fire Company; life member of the Oceanic Fire Company Relief Association; an exempt member and past president of the Rumson First Aid Squad. Joe was also a member of the Rumson Planning Board.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife JoAnn and two sons, Joe Sorrentino and his wife Polly and Chief John Sorrentino of Sea Bright and his wife Melody.

Present: Mayor Ekdahl, Councilmen Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

Absent: Councilwoman Atwell and Councilman Broderick.

Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk/Administrator, was present.

Martin M. Barger, Borough Attorney, was present.

David Marks, Borough Engineer, was present.

The Mayor declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by the posting and mailing of a schedule of all regular and work meetings of the Borough Council for the year 2016 to the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Two River Times*.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS:

**LETTER FROM DAN LAMBE, PRESIDENT OF THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION
CONGRATULATING THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON ON EARNING RECOGNITION
AS A 2015 TREE CITY USA.**

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter from Dan Lambe, President of the Arbor Day Foundation congratulating the Borough of Rumson on earning recognition as a 2015 Tree City USA. Also enclosed with this letter is a press release to provider to local media and the community.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Day, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

LETTER FROM THOMAS P. SANTRY, P.A., ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS IN REGARD TO A DEP WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT INDIVIDUAL/IN WATER PERMIT FOR HENRY H. AND SUSAN M. BLOOM AT 17 OYSTER BAY DRIVE. BLOCK 128, LOTS 10 AND 10.01.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter from Thomas P. Santry, P.A., Engineers & Surveyors in regard to a DEP Waterfront Development Individual/In Water Permit Legalization Application for Henry H. and Susan M. Bloom at 17 Oyster Bay Drive. Block 128, Lots 10 and 10.01. The package included a copy of the DEP Land Use Regulation Program application form, public notice, compliance statement and a sealed drawing of the proposed project.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

LETTER FROM RJ MARASS, SECRETARY OF OCEANIC HOOK & LADDER CO. REQUESTING APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR AVERY C. ERWIN AS A NEW REGULAR ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE OCEANIC HOOK & LADDER CO., NO. 1.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter from RJ Marass, Secretary of the Oceanic Hook & Ladder Co. requesting approval of an application from Avery C. Erwin of 15 Second Street as a new regular active member in Oceanic Hook & Ladder Co. No. 1.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, this communication was ordered received. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 2016-0412-54 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF THERESE WOLLMAN AS LOCAL REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2016.

2016-0412-54

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF
LOCAL REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson is required by the State of New Jersey to appoint a Local Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

WHEREAS, Jane F. Hartman will retire effective May 1, 2016 as the Local Registrar of Vital Statistics, whose term would expire December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Therese P. Wollman successfully completed the New Jersey State Registrar Certification course and served as the Local Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics since her appointment on January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Therese P. Wollman shall be appointed as Local Registrar of Vital Statistics to fill the unexpired term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Therese P. Wollman be appointed as Local Registrar of Vital Statistics effective May 1, 2016, term to expire December 31, 2016, at an annual salary of \$4,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Payroll Clerk and the New Jersey State Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Broderick.

RESOLUTION 2016-0412-55 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MELISSA MCGUIRE AS LOCAL DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2016.

2016-0412-55

Councilman Hemphill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOROUGH OF RUMSON
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF
LOCAL DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson is allowed by the State of New Jersey to appoint a Local Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics; and

WHEREAS, Jane F. Hartman will retire effective May 1, 2016 as the Local Registrar of Vital Statistics, whose term would expire December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Melissa T. McGuire successfully completed the New Jersey State Registrar Certification course and served as the Local Alternate Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics since her appointment on January 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Melissa T. McGuire shall be appointed as Local Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics to fill the unexpired term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Melissa T. McGuire be appointed as Local Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics effective May 1, 2016, term to expire December 31, 2016, at an annual salary of \$2,500.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer, Payroll Clerk and State of New Jersey Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Day and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Broderick.

RESOLUTION 2016-0412-56 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF NICOLE SONNENBLICK AS ACTING MUNICIPAL JUDGE EFFECTIVE APRIL 12, 2016.

2016-0412-56

Councilman Day offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOROUGH OF RUMSON
RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ACTING MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson is in need of an Acting Municipal Court Judge for the Rumson Municipal Court; and

WHEREAS, the position shall be Acting Municipal Court Judge until the completion of the current Judge's term which concludes on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor formed a Committee to interview candidates and recommended a new Acting Municipal Court Judge to the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has recommended Nicole Sonnenblick to complete the unexpired term as Acting Municipal Court Judge effective today, April 12, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Nicole Sonnenblick is hereby appointed to the unexpired term as Acting Municipal Court Judge effective April 12, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Nicole Sonnenblick shall earn a salary of \$20,000.00 annually that shall be prorated and effective April 12, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Honorable Nicole Sonnenblick, Rumson Municipal Court Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Payroll Clerk.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried upon the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Broderick.

At this time, the Mayor invited Judge Sonnenblick and her husband, Peter Licata, to come forward and be sworn in as Acting Municipal Judge. Her husband held the Bible as the Mayor administered the Oath. The Mayor and Council congratulated her on her new position and the Judge thanked the Mayor and Council. She stated that she was excited to serve the residents in the Borough of Rumson.

RESOLUTION 2016-0412-57 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF COLLEEN SEHULSTER AS PART-TIME ASSISTANT TO MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR EFFECTIVE APRIL 12, 2016.

2016-0412-57

Councilman Hemphill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson is in need of Part-time Assistants to the Municipal Court Administrator for the Rumson and Fair Haven Courts; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Schulster of Fair Haven is the Deputy Court Administrator for the Township of Howell; and

WHEREAS, Rumson Municipal Court Administrator Carol Ann Dice recommended Colleen Schulster to fill a part-time position; and

WHEREAS, the part-time Assistants to the Municipal Court Administrator are paid at a rate of \$75.00 per court session plus \$25.00 per hour over 3 hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Colleen Schulster be appointed as part-time Assistant to the Municipal Court Administrator at a rate of \$75.00 per court session and \$25.00 per hour over 3 hours effective April 12, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Court Administrator and the Payroll Clerk.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Rubin and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Broderick.

RESOLUTION 2016-0412-58 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF MUNICIPAL CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS AGREEMENT.

2016-0412-58

BOROUGH OF RUMSON
RESOLUTION
AMENDING MUNICIPAL CONSULTING ENGINEERS AND PLANNERS
RESOLUTION ADOPTED JULY 28, 2015

WHEREAS, a Resolution was adopted on July 28, 2015 appointing T&M Associates as Municipal Consulting Engineers and Planners effective August 1, 2015, for one year; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution and contract specifically named David Marks as the Consulting Engineer; and

WHEREAS, David Marks no longer works for T&M Associates and is now an employee of the Borough in a newly created position effective April 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, T&M Associates has requested that the Borough of Rumson amend the agreement to reflect a new Consulting Engineer named Robert Keady, Jr. to replace Mr. Marks in the Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Attorney has reviewed the Amendment of the Contract and recommends the Amendment be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer and the Borough Administrator recommend that this Amendment to the August 1, 2015 Contract be adopted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Administrator be authorized to sign the Amendment to the Municipal Consulting Engineers and Planners Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Engineer and to T&M Associates.

The above Resolution was moved for adoption by Councilman Hemphill. Motion seconded by Councilman Rubin and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Broderick.

RESOLUTION 2016-0412-59 AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS.

2016-0412-59

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the temporary appropriations previously adopted will be inadequate to the point when the 2016 Budget will be finally adopted; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 states that the Governing Body may, by resolution adopted by a 2/3 vote of full membership, make emergency temporary appropriations for any purposes for which appropriations may lawfully be made for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the budget for said year;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the following emergency temporary appropriations, in addition to the temporary appropriations already adopted, be adopted, and it is stated that these emergency temporary appropriations shall be included in the 2016 Budget when adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer, and the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Audit	\$ 17,900.00
Planning Board – Other Expenses	\$ 500.00
Zoning Board – Other Expenses	\$ 500.00
Police – Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Solid Waste – Contractual	\$ 13,100.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 15,000.00
Municipal Court – Other Expenses	\$ 500.00

Resolution seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Broderick.

RESOLUTION 2016-0412-60 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF LIEN REDEMPTION MONIES TO EBURY FUND 1NJ, LLC.

2016-0412-60

Councilman Day offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOROUGH OF RUMSON
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF LIEN REDEMPTION
MONIES TO EBURY FUND 1NJ, LLC

WHEREAS, at the Municipal Tax Sale held on December 16, 2015, a lien was sold on Block 33, Lot 2, also known as 7 Church Street in Rumson, for 2013 and 2014 delinquent tax and sewer charges; and

WHEREAS, this lien, known as Tax Sale Certificate #15-00002, was sold to Tower Fund Services as Custodian for Ebury Fund 1NJ, LLC, for a \$9,000.00 premium; and

WHEREAS, Foundation Title, on behalf of the new property owner, has effected redemption of Certificate #15-00002 in the amount of \$19,067.41.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby authorize the Chief Financial Officer to issue a check in the amount of \$28,067.41 payable to Tower Fund Services as Custodian for Ebury Fund 1NJ, LLC, PO Box 37695, Baltimore, MD 21297-3695 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-00002; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer/Tax Collector.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Broderick.

**RESOLUTION 2016-0412-61 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF VARIOUS STREET
OPENING CASH BONDS FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016.**

2016-0412-61

Councilman Hemphill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Eaton Holdings, LLC paid the required \$1,000.00 cash bond plus the \$125.00 application fee for Street Opening Permit Number 109/2015; and

WHEREAS, Sean P. Brennan paid the required \$1,000.00 cash bond plus the \$150.00 application fee for Street Opening Permit Number 112/2015; and

WHEREAS, Greenleaf Landscape Systems & Services, Inc. paid the required \$1,000.00 cash bond plus the \$125.00 application fee for Street Opening Permit Number 133/2015; and

WHEREAS, James Mandelino & Dina Polidori paid the required \$1,000.00 cash bond plus the \$150.00 application fee for Street Opening Permit Number 142/2015; and

WHEREAS, Mark Wellner, Superintendent of Public Works, has inspected the projects listed above and has found them to be satisfactory and therefore recommends the release of the \$1,000.00 bonds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Eaton Holdings, LLC, 3 Broadmoor Drive, Rumson, NJ 07760 be issued a refund of the \$1,000.00 bond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Sean P. Brennan, 3 S. Rohallion Drive, Rumson, NJ 07760 be issued a refund of the \$1,000.00 bond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that Greenleaf Landscape Systems & Services, Inc., 276 Pine Brook Road, Eatontown, NJ 07724 be issued a refund of the \$1,000.00 bond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that James Mandelino & Dina Polidori, 18 Wardell Avenue, Rumson, NJ 07760 be issued a refund of the \$1,000.00 bond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Chief Financial Officer.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Rubin and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Broderick.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR:

APPOINTMENT OF Nicole Sonnenblick as Acting Municipal Judge:

Mayor Ekdahl recommended the appointment of Nicole Sonnenblick as Acting Municipal Judge for the Borough of Rumson effective April 12, 2016 to fill an unexpired term that expires December 31, 2016.

Councilman Day moved that this appointment be confirmed. Motion seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell and Broderick.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilman Hemphill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

\$	250.00	Monmouth County SPCA
\$	250.00	Animal Control
\$	28,830.78	SAFE-T
\$	28,830.78	Capital Account
\$	67.50	Banisch Associates, Inc.
\$	360.00	Richard B. Reading Associates
\$	427.50	COAH Trust Fund
\$	828.35	Americanwear Industrial Uniforms
\$	3,085.00	American Hose & Hydraulics
\$	19.00	American Red Cross
\$	629.40	Richard & JoAnn April
\$	1,674.75	Atlantic Coast Fibers, LLC
\$	353.00	Bayshore Fire & Safety, LLC
\$	1,600.00	Becker Tree Service
\$	500.00	James E. Berube, Jr.
\$	144.95	Bob's Uniform
\$	4,340.00	Borough of Fair Haven
\$	314.70	Frederic S. Bradley
\$	806.25	William E. Brooks
\$	680.10	William & Dzintra L. Brush
\$	629.40	Loretta & Harry Chebookjian
\$	1,622.41	Ralph Clayton & Sons
\$	314.70	Mark Conley
\$	230.00	Craney's Interpreting Services
\$	314.70	Regina Davidson
\$	170.00	Dynamic Testing Service
\$	28,067.41	EBURY Fund 1NJ, LLC
\$	3,553.65	Edwards Tire Co., Inc.
\$	339.84	Emergency Medical Products, Inc.
\$	354.00	Ever Dixie USA EMS Supply Co.
\$	511.50	Harden W. Fowler
\$	629.40	James F. & Linda L. Gallagher
\$	1,267.76	Game Time
\$	172.00	Gann Law Books
\$	1,253.00	Glenco Supply, Inc.
\$	15.00	Helen L. Graves
\$	125.75	Groff Tractor New Jersey, LLC
\$	314.70	John C. Hendricks
\$	1,023.00	Robert & Jane Hoffman
\$	317.40	Barbara M. Hoffman
\$	23,615.00	Holman Frenia Allison, PC
\$	979.50	Interstate Battery
\$	552.00	Johnny on the Spot

\$	314.70	Gerald P. & Helen M. Kelly
\$	1,734.25	Kempton Flag
\$	504.00	Kencor, Inc.
\$	133.20	Kepwel Natural Spring Water
\$	950.10	Iris O. Kirkpatrick
\$	800.00	Roto-Rooter
\$	37.44	Peter Koenig
\$	369.85	Lanigan Associates, Inc.
\$	568.29	LA Police Gear
\$	573.76	Lertch Recycling Co., Inc.
\$	12,650.00	Lincoln Nat'l Life Insurance
\$	629.40	Norman & Joanne B. Long
\$	295.00	Michele A. MacPherson
\$	45.00	MCAA of NJ c/o Tracey Moran
\$	1,800.00	Township of Middletown
\$	2,911.85	Mid-Atlantic Truck Centre, Inc.
\$	6.50	Treasurer, County of Monmouth
\$	629.40	Royal E. & Virginia Moss
\$	314.70	Elizabeth N. Murphy
\$	629.40	M. Patricia & Joseph Murphy
\$	445.25	Naylor's Auto Parts
\$	95.00	NJ Shade Tree Federation
\$	97.00	New Jersey PHCC
\$	87,443.51	State of NJ Pensions/Active
\$	49,965.19	State of NJ Pensions/Retiree
\$	73.74	Norwood Auto Parts-Belford
\$	56.89	Sarah Orsay
\$	314.70	James J. Peluso
\$	100.56	PEP Express Parts
\$	650.00	Phoenix Advisors, LLC
\$	1,000.00	Postmaster
\$	1,052.05	Republic Services of NJ, LLC
\$	26,495.00	Reussille Law Firm, LLC
\$	325.00	Roy Press Printers
\$	730.80	Edward Rumolo
\$	4,060.80	SAFE-T
\$	730.80	J. Gary Sammon
\$	629.40	James & Evelyn Scalzo
\$	52.00	Seaboard Welding Supply, Inc.
\$	75.00	Colleen Schulster
\$	314.70	Joan C. Shea
\$	518.84	SiteOne Landscape Supply
\$	632.10	Joseph J. & JoAnn Sorrentino
\$	328.55	Staples Business Advantage
\$	331.63	Storr Tractor Co.
\$	6.45	Linda Strub
\$	2,000.00	Jeffrey R. Surenian & Assoc., LLC
\$	629.40	James & Pauline Tanner
\$	2,533.29	Targeted Technologies
\$	100.00	Tax Collectors & Treasurers
\$	1,630.00	Traffic Safety Services
\$	1,347.33	TRANE
\$	25.00	Department of the Treasury
\$	8,872.00	Treasurer, State of NJ
\$	591.00	Treasurer, State of NJ, DCA
\$	100.00	Treasurer, State of NJ
\$	2,000.00	Treasurer-State of NJ
\$	25,502.76	Treasurer, State of NJ/727 GSPT
\$	222.00	TRIUS, Inc.
\$	314.70	Joseph E. Tuzik, Sr.
\$	367,228.00	Two Rivers Water
\$	569.24	USA Bluebook
\$	250.00	VNA of Central Jersey
\$	100.00	Wageworks

\$	222.52	George Wall Lincoln
\$	314.70	Lorraine J. Watson
\$	168.75	Wilcox Roofing, LLC
\$	81.21	Therese Wollman
\$	436.50	Donald York
\$	185.50	ZEP Sales & Service
\$	314.70	Robert Zerr
\$	2,000.00	Reussille Law Firm, LLC
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\$	701,508.02	Current Fund
\$	400.00	Siciliano Landscape Co., Inc.
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\$	400.00	Endowment Inc Account
\$	8,378.28	Athlete's Alley
\$	1,080.00	Congregation B'Nai Israel
\$	200.00	Bob Cosentino
\$	200.00	Megan Douty
\$	1,700.00	Kevin C. Lydon
\$	787.50	NJ Wildcats
\$	956.32	SiteOne Landscape Supply
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\$	13,302.10	Recreation Account
	1,000.00	Karla Brewer
	1,000.00	Eaton Holdings, LLC
	1,000.00	Greenleaf Landscape Systems
	1,000.00	James Mandolino
\$	675.00	T&M Associates
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\$	4,675.00	Trust Account
\$	18,370.73	Current Fund Appropriations
\$	683,137.29	Current Fund Appropriations
\$	250.00	Animal Control
\$	400.00	Endowment Disbursements
	28,830.78	Capital
\$	13,302.10	Recreation Disbursements
\$	5,102.50	Trust Fund – Other Expenses
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\$	749,393.40	Total Of All Funds

Let the record reflect that Councilman Broderick joined the meeting at this time.

Resolution seconded by Councilman Day and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Broderick, Conklin, Day, Hemphill and Rubin.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Atwell.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

The Mayor afforded the members of the Council an opportunity to be heard at this time and no one responded.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

The Mayor afforded the public an opportunity to be heard at this time and one resident responded.

Joseph Kelly of 72 Ridge Road approached the Mayor and Council to discuss his concerns surrounding the installation of a synthetic turf field at Piping Rock Park. He stated that back in November, he had presented the Council with a couple of letters from the US Senate and House of Representatives urging the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to answer questions regarding the use of crumb rubber in synthetic turf fields. Mr. Kelly advised that the

EPA responded with a research initiative to determine the safety of synthetic turf, specifically the crumb rubber used in such fields. He provided the Mayor and Council with an article printed from the EPA website (www.epa.gov/tirecrumb) entitled “Science in Action-Innovative Research for a Sustainable Future Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds”. The article states that the EPA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) and the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) are launching a multi-agency research initiative to study key environmental human health questions regarding the use of crumb rubber. Mr. Kelly urged the Mayor and Council to take this initiative strongly into consideration before installing the synthetic turf field at Piping Rock Park.

Councilman Rubin inquired as to whether or not Mr. Kelly was aware of any other acceptable products that could be used for this project in place of tire crumb. Mr. Kelly responded with a suggestion of cork however, he wasn't sure if any other products had been adequately vetted and he had not performed any research on this matter. He also stated that most of the synthetic turf manufacturers he knew of were using tire crumb.

Councilman Conklin asked if there was a study based on the use of “virgin” tire crumb as opposed to recycled. Mr. Kelly was not aware of any such study.

Councilman Rubin asked Mr. Kelly if theoretically, we were to identify a product that did not contain rubber and was considered safe by the industry, would it change his opposition to the turf field being installed. Mr. Kelly stated that in all honesty, he did not believe in synthetic material and was more of a naturalist.

Mr. Kelly noted his concerns for athletic injuries on turf fields along with his concerns for the groundwater recharge and effects of changing the natural habitat of the birds that currently visit the grass field in question at Piping Rock Park. He applauded the Mayor and Council for making the “right” decision regarding Meadow Ridge Park, as he did not think the turf field should be there either.

Mr. Kelly would prefer that the alternative be the proper irrigation and drainage at the current grass field at Piping Rock Park.

Mayor Ekdahl pointed out that at some point, it becomes the intensity of use on a grass field and when it comes to sports such as lacrosse and soccer, the goal area will wear first, then the center of the field next. Therefore, while you can properly maintain a grass field it will always depend on the amount of usage it gets and when it reaches a certain point of usage, no matter what steps are taken, the grass cannot be maintained. The Mayor stated that having a playable field ranks up there with the top three or four reasons to install a turf field. Mr. Kelly feels that Piping Rock is a park and not a recreational sports field. Councilman Rubin noted as an example, that the name Meadow Ridge Park, is not synonymous with the park's actual use. The Municipal Clerk/Administrator commented that 95% of the activities at Piping Rock are organized recreational sports.

Mr. Kelly feels that the current grass field isn't in that bad of shape considering that the sports of baseball/softball, football, lacrosse and flag football are currently being played there during the year. He's been a resident by the park for about 10 years now and feels that there is only one spot that gets really bare each year.

The Mayor mentioned that play is also being limited at all fields, to the point where one field has to come out of the rotation for a whole season entirely and another issue is that we keep getting more sport add-ons, more gender and age groups added to programming.

Mr. Kelly understands the increased demand for playing fields however in this case, he feels the installation of a synthetic turf field would be a mistake. He is concerned about draining and groundwater recharge. He has read the Borough's Master Plan Examination Report gathered after Hurricane Sandy. This report made many mentions of ground and water recharge, and Mr. Kelly is concerned that if the Borough installs a synthetic turf field, there would be no groundwater recharge. Borough Engineer, Dave Marks corrected Mr. Kelly stating the entire turf project would have a drainage system based on groundwater recharge. Dave also stated that a synthetic turf field is more porous than grass and water would drain vertically into the groundwater.

The Mayor mentioned the fact that we are 9 years into the only local experience we have with a synthetic turf field and that is the field located at Rumson-Fair Haven High School. The athletic teams and Recreation programs have been very happy with the field with no injuries, health issues or complaints to report.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Kelly for his comments and advised that the Council is still weighing options on this project. Municipal Clerk/Administrator Tom Rogers offered an approximate timeframe of 18 months for the shelf-life of the grant awarded for this project. When asked if the award monies are strictly for use on the synthetic turf project, Borough Engineer Dave Marks responded that the Borough is currently working with Monmouth County on this question.

Mr. Kelly thanked the Mayor and Council for everything they do and expressed his appreciation for their time this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S. Rogers, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk/Administrator