

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
BOROUGH OF RUMSON
February 11, 2014

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson was held in the Charles S. Callman Courtroom of Borough Hall on February 11, 2014 and was called to order by Mayor John E. Ekdahl at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Ekdahl, Councilwoman Atwell, Councilmen Day, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

Absent: Councilman Broderick.

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

Martin M. Barger, Borough Attorney, was present.

David Marks of T & M Associates 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 2014 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 MERIDIAN HEALTH REQUESTING THAT THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON PARTICIPATE AGAIN THIS YEAR IN THEIR "PAINT THE TOWN PINK" FUNDRAISING DURING THE MONTH OF MAY AS "PINKSON" AND TO HANG A BANNER ON THE TENNIS COURT FENCE AT VICTORY PARK FROM APRIL 26TH THROUGH JUNE 7TH TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS OF BREAST CANCER:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter dated February 4, 2014 from Cait Coyle of Meridian Health requesting that the Borough of Rumson participate as "Pinkson" again this year in their "Paint the Town Pink" fundraising campaign to help raise awareness of breast cancer. The letter also requested that they be allowed to hang a banner from April 26th through June 7th. The Municipal Clerk/Administrator pointed out to the Mayor and Council that the request for the banner at Victory Park was much longer than what is normally requested for such events and suggested that the Council consider allowing it to be in place from May 1st through May 23rd, just prior to Memorial Day weekend.

On motion by Councilman Day, seconded by Councilman Hemphill, this communication was ordered received and permission for Rumson's participation in "Paint the Town Pink" was granted and that the banner at Victory Park be allowed to be displayed from May 1st until May 23rd only. All in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

LETTER FROM THOMAS P. SANTRY, P.A. ADVISING OF AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF ALAN L. SCHECHTER AND LISA M. SILBERT TO THE STATE NJ DEP FOR A WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT INDIVIDUAL/IN WATER PERMIT FOR THE LEGALIZATION OF AN EXISTING BOATLIFT AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A DECK AND DOCK ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12 RIVERS EDGE DRIVE:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter dated January 29, 2014 from Thomas P. Santry, P.A. on behalf of Alan L. Schechter and Lisa M. Silbert. The letter advised of an

application submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Land Use Regulations for a Waterfront Development Individual/In Water Permit for the legalization of an existing boatlift and reconstruction of deck and dock on property located at 12 Rivers Edge Drive.

LETTER FROM THE ENGLISH GROUP, LLC ADVISING OF AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF LIZA RISIN TO THE STATE OF NJ DEP FOR A CAFRA GENERAL PERMIT AND WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT INDIVIDUAL/IN WATER PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOL AND RECONSTRUCTION OF A PIER, FLOATING DOCK AND MOORING AREA DAMAGED IN SUPERSTORM SANDY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 18 WILSON CIRCLE:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised of a letter dated February 3, 2014 from The English Group, LLC on behalf of Liza Risin. The letter advised of an application submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Land Use Regulations for a CAFRA General Permit and Waterfront Development Individual/In Water Permit for the construction of a residential swimming pool and reconstruction of a pier, floating dock and mooring area damaged in Superstorm Sandy on property located at 18 Wilson Circle.

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Day, the above two (2) communications on the Consent Agenda were ordered received. All in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE JANUARY 26, 2014 AS “KAWASAKI DISEASE AWARENESS DAY” TO HELP RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF KD AS A SIGNIFICANT HEALTH CONCERN IN CHILDREN:

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised that the following Proclamation was requested by Rumson residents who are the parents of a child impacted by Kawasaki Disease.

BOROUGH OF RUMSON

PROCLAMATION

**IN RECOGNITION OF
“KAWASAKI DISEASE AWARENESS DAY”**

WHEREAS, Kawasaki Disease (also known as KD), is a serious illness characterized by inflammation of the blood vessels throughout the body, primarily affecting young children, and can lead to permanent heart disease; and

WHEREAS, KD can cause devastating consequences, including life-long aneurysms, stent placement, heart transplants, skin disorders, and childhood anxiety; and

WHEREAS, KD, the number one cause of permanent heart disease in children, is diagnosed in approximately 4,000-5,000 United States children annually, primarily under the age of eight, across racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines; and

WHEREAS, scientific studies indicate that genetic inheritance is an important risk factor; and

WHEREAS, despite the serious consequences that can manifest in children with KD, recent instances of young adults suffering heart attacks in their 20's and 30's show evidence of old aneurysms and a missed diagnosis of KD as a child; and

WHEREAS, underprivileged and minority communities are particularly devastated by the high cost of known treatment; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association, the World Heart Federation, and the National Institute of Health recognize the need for proper and timely diagnosis, education, and treatment of KD; and

WHEREAS, the lack of public knowledge and understanding of the disease plays a significant role in the overwhelming numbers of undiagnosed and untreated cases of KD, and the dissemination of inaccurate, misleading information contributes to the obstacles preventing diagnosis and treatment of the disease; and

WHEREAS, missed diagnosis of KD can lead to permanent heart disease and untimely death, placing an unnecessary financial burden on the health care system; and

WHEREAS, the lack of knowledge, combined with the issue that symptoms can disappear, has a particularly detrimental effect on the diagnosis and treatment of KD; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to educate health care professionals, parents, and the general public who could be at unknown risk about the disease, and a need for well-trained physicians and emergency room professionals capable of conducting timely diagnosis and treatment activities; and

WHEREAS, studies by Kawasaki Disease Research Center and others consistently reveal that through proper and comprehensive diagnosis and treatment, the symptoms and effects of KD can be substantially decreased and quality of life for the individual can be improved;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Honorable John E. Ekdahl, Mayor of the Borough of Rumson, do hereby Proclaim January 26, 2014 as

“KAWASAKI DISEASE AWARENESS DAY”

in the Borough of Rumson, New Jersey in order to help raise public awareness of Kawasaki Disease (KD) as a significant health concern and encourages the people of Rumson to find out more about KD and its signs and symptoms in order to seek the appropriate treatment and care.

Councilman Hemphill moved the above Proclamation. Motion seconded by Councilman Day and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Atwell, Day, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick.

RESOLUTION 2014-0211-32 AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND ADOPTION OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM FOR 2014:

2014-0211-32

BOROUGH OF RUMSON
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND ADOPTING
THE MONMOUTH COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND –
SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson is a member of the Monmouth County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (Monmouth JIF); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Monmouth JIF to achieve the best and most practical degree of freedom from accidents and/or injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth JIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members’ employees, volunteers and public are provided with a safe and healthy environment free from any recognized hazards; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth JIF endeavors to ensure that all of their members are in compliance with applicable safety and health requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth JIF has established a SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM, which should succeed in providing a safe, healthful and pleasant environment; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk/Administrator of the Borough of Rumson has reviewed this SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM and has recommended its adoption by the Borough Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Monmouth County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund SAFETY AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM be adopted by the Borough of Rumson.

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

In the affirmative: Atwell, Day, DeVoe, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick.

RESOLUTION 2014-0211-33 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO SELL THE COAH PROPERTY LOCATED AT 19 NORTH STREET:

2014-0211-33

BOROUGH OF RUMSON
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE BOROUGH'S
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPERTY AT 19 NORTH STREET

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has submitted and has an approved Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) Plan with the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, as a part of that Plan, the Borough of Rumson has a Market to Affordable Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough purchased the property at 19 North Street as part of that Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson has an agreement with the Affordable Housing Alliance of Eatontown (the Alliance) to manage the sale of COAH properties for the Borough; and

WHEREAS, through the Alliance and the required process of screening applicants, the Borough has received an approved applicant for the purchase of that property; and

WHEREAS, COAH sets the costs of Affordable Housing properties and the cost of the 19 North Street property was set at \$97,751.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby authorizes that the property at 19 North Street be sold following the COAH requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Council authorizes the Mayor and the Borough Administrator to sign the contract for the sale of the property at 19 North Street for \$97,751.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the signed contract be forwarded to the attorneys for the completion of the sale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Borough Attorney and the Rumson Chief Financial Officer.

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

In the affirmative: Atwell, Day, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick.

RESOLUTION 2014-0211-34 AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF LORETTA A. CHEBOOKJIAN TO A THREE-YEAR TERM AS DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUMSON EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014:

2014-0211-34

Councilman Day offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

BOROUGH OF RUMSON
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF
DEPUTY MUNICIPAL REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Rumson is allowed by the State of New Jersey to appoint a Deputy Municipal Registrar of Vital Statistics to aid the Registrar of Vital Statistics in carrying out the duties of the office; and

WHEREAS, the Registrar of Vital Statistics has re-appointed Loretta A. Chebookjian as Deputy Municipal Registrar of Vital Statistics for a three-year term effective January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth hereby approves the re-appointment of Loretta A. Chebookjian as Deputy Municipal Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Rumson in accordance with the State Registrar, Bureau of Vital Statistics.

Resolution seconded by Councilwoman Atwell and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Atwell, Day, DeVoe, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR TO SOLICIT SEALED BIDS FOR TWO (2) 2014 OR NEWER CHEVROLET CAPRICE POLICE INTERCEPTOR CARS:

Councilman Rubin moved that the Borough Administrator be authorized to solicit sealed bids for two (2) 2014 or newer Chevrolet Caprice Police Interceptor cars. Motion seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Atwell, Day, DeVoe, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION 2014-0211-35 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR 2013 AND 2014 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO A MONMOUTH COUNTY TAX BOARD JUDGMENT FOR BLOCK 16, LOT 4:

2014-0211-35

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF A 2013 PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT DUE TO A MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
MEMORANDUM OF JUDGMENT
FOR BLOCK 16, LOT 4

WHEREAS, Monmouth County Board of Taxation, Memorandum of Judgment, dated December 18, 2013, has been favorably awarded to Chad and Shannon Lore, Block 16, Lot 4, for fiscal year 2013; and

WHEREAS, such judgment has resulted in an overpayment of 2013 property taxes in the amount of \$4,363.03;

WHEREAS, such judgment has resulted in an overpayment of 2014 property taxes in the amount of \$1,308.92; and

WHEREAS, such judgment does not waive statutory interest;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the overpayment in the amount of \$5,671.95, plus statutory interest, be refunded to Frederick C. Raffetto and Chad and Shannon Lore, 1500 Lawrence Avenue, CN 7807, Ocean, NJ 07712; and

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

RESOLUTION 2014-0211-36 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR 2013 AND 2014 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO A MONMOUTH COUNTY TAX BOARD JUDGMENT FOR BLOCK 72, LOT 24:

2014-0211-36

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF A 2013 PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT DUE TO A MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
MEMORANDUM OF JUDGMENT
FOR BLOCK 72, LOT 24

WHEREAS, Monmouth County Board of Taxation, Memorandum of Judgment, dated December 18, 2013, has been favorably awarded to Ryan Zanetich, Block 72, Lot 24, for fiscal year 2013; and

WHEREAS, such judgment has resulted in an overpayment of 2013 property taxes in the amount of \$3,479.71;

WHEREAS, such judgment has resulted in an overpayment of 2014 property taxes in the amount of \$869.93; and

WHEREAS, such judgment does not waive statutory interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the overpayment in the amount of \$4,349.64, plus statutory interest, be refunded to Ryan Zanetich, 28 Navesink Avenue, Rumson, NJ 07760; and

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

RESOLUTION 2014-0211-37 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT FOR 2013 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO A MONMOUTH COUNTY TAX BOARD JUDGMENT FOR BLOCK 87, LOT 38:

2014-0211-37

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF A 2013 PROPERTY TAX
OVERPAYMENT DUE TO A MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
MEMORANDUM OF JUDGMENT
FOR BLOCK 87, LOT 38

WHEREAS, Monmouth County Board of Taxation, Memorandum of Judgment, dated December 18, 2013, has been favorably awarded to Patrick N. and Kristin M. Niro, Block 87, Lot 38, for fiscal year 2013; and

WHEREAS, such judgment has resulted in an overpayment of 2013 property taxes in the amount of \$7,919.40;

WHEREAS, such judgment does not waive statutory interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the overpayment in the amount of \$7,919.40, plus statutory interest, be refunded to Patrick N. and Kristin M. Niro, 129 Ridge Road, Rumson, NJ 07760; and

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

**RESOLUTION 2014-0211-38 AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT
FOR 2013 AND 2014 PROPERTY TAXES DUE TO A MONMOUTH COUNTY TAX
BOARD JUDGMENT FOR BLOCK 111, LOT 21:**

2014-0211-38

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REFUND OF A 2013 PROPERTY TAX
OVERPAYMENT DUE TO A MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
MEMORANDUM OF JUDGMENT
FOR BLOCK 111, LOT 21

WHEREAS, Monmouth County Board of Taxation, Memorandums of Judgment, dated December 18, 2013, have been favorably awarded to Michael Ziman and Tiziana Lopez, Block 111, Lot 21, for fiscal year 2013; and

WHEREAS, such judgments have resulted in an overpayment of 2013 property taxes in the amount of \$5,012.50; and

WHEREAS, such judgment have resulted in an overpayment of 2014 property taxes in the amount of \$1,160.18; and

WHEREAS, such judgments do not waive statutory interest;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rumson that the overpayment in the amount of \$6,172.68, plus statutory interest, be refunded to Rick Brodsky and Michael Ziman and Tiziana Lopez, 1500 Lawrence Avenue, CN 7807, Ocean, NJ 07712; and

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

Councilman Rubin moved the adoption of the above four (4) Resolutions on the Consent Agenda. Motion seconded by Councilman Hemphill and carried on the following roll call vote:

In the affirmative: Atwell, Day, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MAYOR:

Mayor Ekdahl made the following Announcement:

Borough Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents' Day. However, there will be garbage collection on February 17th.

Thank you for your cooperation.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):

Councilman Hemphill offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

\$	715.80	NJ Dept Health/Sr Services
\$	715.80	Animal Control Account
\$	6,300.00	Coast Cities Equipment Sales
\$	106,317.01	Quality Electrical Const Co
\$	112,617.01	Capital Account
\$	18.93	JCP&L
\$	73.87	NJ Natural Gas Co
\$	92.80	COAH Trust Fund
\$	18,196.28	Allied Oil LLC
\$	1,309.00	Americanwear Indust Uniforms
\$	95.00	ANJR
\$	127.40	AR Communications
\$	72.80	Asbury Park Press
\$	2,200.00	BER LLC
\$	249.90	Bob's Uniform Shop
\$	6,243.25	Rick Brodsky & Michael Ziman &
\$	120.00	Butch's Auto Car Wash Inc
\$	435.00	Central Boiler Repair Co Inc
\$	210.00	Certified Speedometer Service
\$	118.15	Circle Chevrolet Inc
\$	19,500.00	Coast Cities Equipment Sales
\$	2,365,595.32	Monmouth County Treasurer
\$	151,840.14	Monmouth County Treasurer (LIB)
\$	131,255.89	Monmouth County Treasurer (OS)
\$	340.00	Cross Over Networks
\$	55,998.96	Day Chevrolet Inc
\$	155.00	Draeger Safety Diagnostics Inc
\$	1,180.40	Edwards Tire Co Inc
\$.75	NJ E-ZPass
\$	171.70	Fair Haven Hardware Inc
\$	143.87	Fastenal Co
\$	150.00	FBI – LEEDA Inc
\$	625.37	Galls Inc
\$	172.00	Garden State Highway Products
\$	48.60	WW Grainger Inc
\$	89.82	Helen L Graves
\$	14.15	Christopher Halstead
\$	70.00	Jane F Hartman
\$	1,457.09	Hess Corporation
\$	400.00	Hoffman Services Inc
\$	76.95	Home Depot Credit Services
\$	6,613.83	Hutchins Meyer & DiLieto PA
\$	120.00	IACP

\$	399.79	Johnny on the Spot Inc
\$	91.50	Kepwel Natural Spring Water
\$	2,800.00	Roto-Rooter
\$	1,309.80	Lanigan Associates Inc
\$	106.35	Lawes
\$	1,145.40	Maaco Auto Painting
\$	587.02	Marpal Disposal
\$	1,303.00	MGL Printing Solutions
\$	230.65	Mid-Atlantic Truck Centre Inc
\$	17,927.86	Treasurer County of Monmouth
\$	150.00	Monmouth & Ocean Cty TCTA
\$	71.97	Sigman USA LLC DBA Mytarp.com
\$	304.04	Naylor's Auto Parts
\$	9,068.80	New Jersey American Water
\$	395.00	New Jersey Motor Truck Assoc
\$	8,026.09	Patrick N & Kristen M Niro
\$	1,929.46	NJ Natural Gas Co
\$	83,980.71	State of NJ Pensions/Active
\$	41,396.62	State of NJ Pensions/Retiree
\$	218.00	PEP Express Parts
\$	175.00	Powerhouse Signworks
\$	90.00	Public Works Assoc of NJ
\$	99,323.13	Quality Electrical Const Co
\$	5,734.35	Frederick C Raffetto and
\$	1,845.41	Reussille Law Firm LLC
\$	87.20	Sanitation Equipment Corp
\$	42.25	Seaboard Welding Supply Inc
\$	99.76	Staples
\$	416.42	Staples Advantage
\$	286.00	Michael B Steib PA
\$	162.05	Stewart Business Systems
\$	16,051.00	Targeted Technologies LLC
\$	314.89	Trico Equipment Services LLC
\$	1,000.00	United States Postage Service
\$	222.70	USA Bluebook
\$	30.15	Verizon
\$	526.50	George Wall Lincoln
\$	164.25	Mark Wellner
\$	4,396.02	Ryan Zanetich
\$	847.45	ZEP Sales & Service
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\$	3,068,653.21	Current Fund
\$	45.87	Fair Haven Hardware Inc
\$	390.00	Todd Havard
\$	850.00	Moorsetown Lacrosse Club
\$	90.00	Nelson Press
\$	15.98	Sarah Orsay
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\$	1,391.85	Recreation Account
\$	4,212.00	Michael B Steib PA
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\$	4,212.00	Trust Account
\$	412.53	NJ Department of Labor
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\$	412.53	Unemployment Account
\$	81,620.83	Current Fund Appropriations
\$	2,987,032.38	Current Fund Appropriations
\$	715.80	Animal Control Fund Expenses
\$	112,617.01	Capital Fund Disbursements
\$	1,391.85	Recreation Disbursements
\$	4,304.80	Trust Fund – Other Expenses
\$	412.53	Unemployment Disbursements
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\$	3,188,095.20	Total Of All Funds

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

In the affirmative: Atwell, Day, Hemphill, Rubin and Shanley.

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick.

COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:

The Mayor afforded the members of the Council an opportunity to be heard at this time and Councilman Day responded.

Councilman Day reported that there was a meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Red Bank Regional High School that was the second in the Time to Talk, Time to Act Series presentations. He stated that it was a follow-up to the presentation at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School in November on what to do about the heroin epidemic.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

The Mayor afforded the public an opportunity to be heard at this time and the following residents responded:

Shirley Adler of 15 Rivers Edge Drive stated that she was attending tonight's meeting because of the extensive tree trimming that ruined the trees on the edge of her property. She stated that she has lived in her home for forty years, lost her husband last year, lived through Hurricane Sandy last year and had to rebuild the first floor of her house. Mrs. Adler stated that she had been very upset to come home to find tree limbs all over her property and the limbs cut back to the tree trunk without a phone call to advise of the tree trimming being done by the Borough. She stated that there was no reason to cut back the trees in the Rivers Edge Drive cul-de-sac because there was plenty of room to turn around easily in the cul-de-sac with the trees as they had been. Mrs. Adler stated that she knew that the trees couldn't be brought back to their original state, but she wanted to let the Mayor and Council know how she felt. She added that two of the trees had been chosen by her and her husband at a nursery in 1978 and they had watched them mature; as a past president of the Rumson Garden Club she couldn't believe that the Borough had not notified her of the tree trimming before it was done.

In answer to a question from the Mayor, the Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised that the work was necessary because the tree limbs had grown into the Borough right-of-way.

Mrs. Adler stated that the limbs on one of the trees didn't grow out but grew up and didn't know how they could have grown out into the street.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator stated that he was very sorry and that he had not seen the trees before the work was done in her neighborhood. He agreed that she should have been notified prior to the tree trimming and he would speak to the Department of Public Works about doing that in the future. He again apologized for how it happened.

Mrs. Adler stated that she was afraid to leave her property because she didn't know what she would find when she returned. She added that she felt like she had been robbed.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator stated that there was an issue in some areas of town where trees and shrubs have encroached on the Borough's right-of-way and it was a problem for vehicles and trucks, specifically Borough trucks.

Mrs. Adler stated that if she had been made aware of the problem by a phone call or letter, she might have contacted someone who knew about trees who could do a good job. She added that the Borough workers ruined the trees.

Mayor Ekdahl apologized to Mrs. Adler but stated that we do have an ongoing issue with overgrown trees in power lines that the Borough has no control over and in the Borough right-of-way that we do have control over; he stated that sometimes the trimming is too aggressive and that was probably the case with her trees. He stated again that he apologized for the state of the trimming

of her trees and that the Borough learned from this that we should put a letter out a week ahead of time to the residents in the areas where the Borough planned to work to advise of the plan.

Mrs. Adler thanked the Mayor and Council.

David Tauro of 61 South Ward Avenue introduced himself as an overseer of the Oxford House facility and stated that he thought that what has been going on about the house was unfair. He invited the Mayor and Council to visit the house to meet the people now in residence and advised that they would be very pleased that it was not the same facility as it had been last year. Mr. Tauro stated that the town would not be getting any more complaints about the facility. He stated that he felt that the comments made online and in the newspapers have been unfair, such as telling the residents to go home, because he has lived in the Rumson area for the past 44 years and not planning on going anywhere. He stated that Oxford House brought him in to keep the house straight and he gave his word that it would be kept that way. Mr. Tauro stated that the Mayor and Council were welcomed to stop over at any time and that he would give them his telephone number. He stated that he wanted things to change and that he could handle the Oxford House residents, if the Mayor and Council could handle the town.

Shawn Stewart of 61 South Ward Avenue stated that he also was an overseer of Oxford House. He stated that he would not comment on how the facility had been run in the past because he was not involved in it then, but he assured the Mayor and Council that things would be run a lot differently than they had been. Mr. Stewart stated that they now had a zero tolerance policy for every infraction, including curfew violations; he stated that a newer resident had a curfew violation and another incident with a neighbor and he was removed from the house when the facts were verified. He stated that they were taking things more seriously than had been done in the past. Mr. Stewart stated that what they were trying to do was to give the house residents a safe environment to share experiences and success stories from the people that they have selected to live there. He stated that they were not just filling vacancies in the house but were being very selective in who they invite into the house.

Mr. Stewart stated that he and David have a lot of experience working with these types of situations with a pretty good success rate and they hoped that would help to put the Mayor and Council and the town at ease. Mr. Stewart stated that he was glad that the Time to Talk, Time to Act presentation was mentioned by the Council earlier because it was very important and the more information you had made for better decisions. He stated that they didn't bring the problem with them, the problem was already in town and it was very important to be aware of the exact nature of the problem and how to go about correcting it.

The Mayor and Council thanked David Tauro and Shawn Stewart. Mayor Ekdahl stated that he appreciated their attendance and comments; it was a rough start with 61 South Ward Avenue, but he thought that Mr. Tauro and Mr. Stewart could change some of the attitudes of the neighbors who went through that rough beginning. He added that he applauded them for coming in and he felt that over time the attitude in the neighborhood would change.

Mr. Tauro stated that, if anyone had a problem, he asked that they please come by to talk about it with them and it should make the situation easier. He added that they were very strict and he enforced the rules very hard. Mr. Tauro stated that he couldn't promise anything because drug and alcohol addiction was difficult, but he would do his best to keep the house in order and thanked the Mayor and Council.

Richard Jones of 37 Navesink Avenue stated that he wished that it was possible for the legal matters to be dropped regarding the Oxford House facility with no hard feelings on both sides. He stated that he had a question regarding Borough Ordinance Amendment 13-009 G that was adopted on December 3, 2013; he asked if 13-009 G was part of the Oxford House legal matters at the State and federal levels.

The Borough Attorney stated that the Council had begun work on the Ordinance Amendment in 2012 and it had stopped when Hurricane Sandy hit and picked up again in 2013; when everything returned totally back to normal, the Council would work on it again. He stated that the Ordinance Amendment had nothing to do with the Oxford House facility.

Mr. Jones asked if transcripts were done for every Council meeting.

The Municipal Clerk/Administrator reported that they were not and that minutes were made from the recordings. He stated that the December 3, 2013 Council meeting had been two and one-half (2 ½) hours long and it made more sense to have that transcript done, which was approximately an inch thick.

Mayor Ekdahl stated that at that particular meeting there were people talking over each other and the only way to document all the conversation was to have a transcript prepared.

In answer to a question from Mr. Jones on what happened to the audio recordings, the Municipal Clerk/Administrator advised that the recordings were listened to for the minutes to be prepared and approved then kept based on the time frame that the State requires them to be retained, and then destroyed. In answer to another question from Mr. Jones, the Municipal Clerk/Administrator stated that he believed the retention time frame for the recordings was one (1) year from the time that the minutes were approved.

Mr. Jones thanked the Municipal Clerk/Administrator and the Mayor.

Mayor Ekdahl asked if there was anyone else who wished to be heard at this time and no one responded.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Shanley, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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