

REGULAR MEETING  
BOROUGH COUNCIL  
BOROUGH OF RUMSON  
June 28, 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 Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Councilmen Broderick and Hemphill.

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

Tamila Bumback, Deputy Municipal Clerk, 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 Day, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written, copies having been forwarded to all Council members. All in favor.

**MOTION TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO PRESENT DOUGLAS A. SPENCER WITH A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING HIS YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION:**

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Day, the Order of Business was changed at this time to present Douglas A. Spencer with a plaque for his service on the Shade Tree Commission. All in favor.

**PRESENTATION OF THE PLAQUE:**

Mayor Ekdahl congratulated and thanked Mr. Spencer with a plaque in gratitude for his 17 years of service on the Rumson Borough Shade Tree Commission.

The Mayor asked Mr. Spencer to confirm how many of the 17 years Rumson Borough had been declared a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation and Mr. Spencer responded that the Borough received this recognition each of the 17 years he served on the Commission. The Mayor also thanked Mr. Spencer for his other contributions to the town and for helping to make Rumson such a great place to live.

Mr. Spencer thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to have served the town and noted that he was honored and very appreciative of the plaque.

The members of the Council thanked Mr. Spencer for his service to our community and wished him well in his new venture.

**MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Day the meeting returned to the Regular Order of Business. All in favor.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

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None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**RESOLUTION 2016-0628-88 AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2016 BOROUGH BUDGET AS INTRODUCED. PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016 AT 7:30 P.M.**

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**2016-0628-88**

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE

Section 1.

Municipal Budget of the Borough of Rumson, County of Monmouth for the Fiscal Year 2016;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2016;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the *Two River Times* in the issue of July 8, 2016.

The Governing Body of the Borough of Rumson does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2016.

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

AYES: Atwell, Conklin, Day and Rubin.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Broderick and Hemphill.

ABSTAIN: None.

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the GOVERNING BODY of the BOROUGH OF RUMSON, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, on June 28, 2016.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Borough Hall on July 26, 2016 at 7:30 o'clock (p.m.) at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2016 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

**RESOLUTION 2016-0628-89 AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF EIGHT (8) PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017.**

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**2016-0628-89**

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the renewal of the following Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses for the year 2016-2017:

1. Sing Song, Inc., T/A Barnacle Bill's Restaurant, 1 First Street, Rumson, N.J.  
(State Assigned License #1342-33-004-003);
2. Beefeater, Inc., T/A What's Your Beef, 21-23 West River Road, Rumson, N.J.  
(State Assigned License #1342-33-013-003);
3. Two River Partners, LLC, T/A Undici, 11 West River Road, Rumson, N.J.  
(State Assigned License #1342-33-006-005);
4. Rumson House, LLC, T/A The Fromagerie Restaurant, 26 Ridge Road, Rumson, N.J.  
(State Assigned License #1342-33-009-003);
5. Trained Monkeys, LLC, T/A Murphy's Tavern, 17 Ward Lane, Rumson, N.J.  
(State Assigned License #1342-33-007-005);
6. Salt Creek, L.L.C., T/A Salt Creek Grille, 4 Bingham Avenue, Rumson, N.J.  
(State Assigned License #1342-33-010-005);
7. Round Lake Partners, LLC, T/A Val's Tavern, 123 East River Road, Rumson, N.J.  
(State Assigned License #1342-33-003-004);
8. Scooter 2, LLC, T/A Surf BBQ, 132 East River Road, Rumson, N.J. 07760  
(State Assigned License #1342-32-002-007).

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick and Hemphill.

**RESOLUTION 2016-0628-90 AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF TWO (2) PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017.**

**2016-0628-90**

Councilman Day offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the renewal of the following Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License for the year 2016-2017:

1. Rumson Wine & Spirit Shop, Inc., T/A Rumson Buy-Rite, 5 West River Road, Rumson, N.J.  
(State Assigned License #1342-44-011-006);
2. Brennan's Delicatessen at Rumson L.L.C., T/A Brennan's Delicatessen, L.L.C. 42-44 West River Road, Rumson, N.J.  
(State Assigned License #1342-44-001-005).

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick and Hemphill.

**RESOLUTION 2016-0628-91 AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS.**

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**2016-0628-91**

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**2016 TEMPORARY BUDGET APPROPRIATION 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.

Administration – Salary & Wages	\$ 3,900.00
Administration – Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Clerk – Salary & Wages	\$ 6,275.00
Municipal Clerk – Other Expenses	\$ 500.00
Municipal Clerk – Elections	\$ 500.00
Finance – Salary & Wages	\$ 5,200.00
Tax Collection – Salary & Wages	\$ 2,950.00
Tax Collection – Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Tax Assessment – Salary & Wages	\$ 1,650.00
Legal – Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Engineering – Salary & Wages	\$ 6,250.00
Planning Board – Salary & Wages	\$ 555.00
Zoning Board – Salary & Wages	\$ 555.00
Zoning Officer – Salary & Wages	\$ 1,905.00
Code Enforcement – Salary & Wages	\$ 400.00
Plumbing Inspector – Salary & Wages	\$ 665.00
Electrical Inspector – Salary & Wages	\$ 1,325.00
Fire Protection – Salary & Wages	\$ 230.00
Fire Sub-Code – Salary & Wages	\$ 375.00
Construction – Salary & Wages	\$ 6,000.00
Construction – Other Expenses	\$ 5,500.00
Police – Salary & Wages	\$ 75,000.00
Police – Other Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Police Dispatch – Salary & Wages	\$ 8,000.00
First Aid – Salary & Wages	\$ 225.00
Fire – Salary & Wages	\$ 425.00
Prosecutor – Salary & Wages	\$ 510.00
Streets & Roads – Salary & Wages	\$ 47,000.00
Streets & Roads – Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
Sewer – Salary & Wages	\$ 6,500.00

Sewer – Other Expenses	\$ 10,000.00
Solid Waste – Contractual	\$ 26,166.00
Buildings & Grounds – Salary & Wages	\$ 2,200.00
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
Board of Health – Contractual	\$ 13,223.00
Board of Health – Salary & Wages	\$ 275.00
Animal Control – Salary & Wages	\$ 200.00
Recreation – Salary & Wages	\$ 10,000.00
Municipal Court – Salary & Wages	\$ 2,500.00
Municipal Court – Other Expenses	\$ 750.00
Public Defender – Salary & Wages	\$ 115.00
Utility and Bulk Purchases	
Street Lighting	\$ 10,000.00
Fire Hydrants	\$ 9,400.00
Electricity	\$ 7,000.00
Water	\$ 12,000.00
Landfill	\$ 25,000.00
Statutory Expenditures:	
Social Security	\$ 12,000.00
Employee Group Health Insurance	\$ 136,000.00
Sewer Authority	\$ 101,000.00
Fair Haven Construction – Salary & Wages	\$ 5,200.00
Fair Haven Construction – Other Expenses	\$ 3,800.00
Fair Haven Court – Salary & Wages	\$ 1,500.00
Fair Haven Court – Other Expenses	\$ 500.00
Little Silver Construction – Salary & Wages	\$ 6,800.00
Little Silver Construction – Other Expenses	\$ 2,500.00
Debt Service	
Interest on Bonds	\$ 153,743.00

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick and Hemphill.

**RESOLUTION 2016-0628-92 AUTHORIZING REFUND OF RAFFLE REPORT OF OPERATIONS FEE TO RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL DUE TO OVERPAYMENT.**

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**2016-0628-92**

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION REFUNDING RAFFLE REPORT OF OPERATIONS FEE TO RUMSON COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, upon submission of a Raffle Report of Operations for Raffle License No. 1036, Rumson Country Day School paid an additional \$244.00 to the State Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and an additional \$244.00 to the Borough of Rumson; and

WHEREAS, the State Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission determined that only \$120 additional fees were due for this raffle; and

WHEREAS, Rumson Country Day School has requested a refund of the overpayment in the amount of \$124.00 paid to the Borough of Rumson; and

WHEREAS, Thomas S. Rogers, Municipal Clerk, recommends refunding the \$124.00 to Rumson Country Day School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the refund of \$124.00 to Rumson Country Day School as a result of overpayment for Raffle License No. 1036; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate Borough officials are hereby authorized to take action consistent with this resolution.

Seconded by Councilwoman Atwell and carried upon the following roll call vote:

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick and Hemphill.

**RESOLUTION 2016-0628-93 AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF MAGDY A. HANNOUT AS PART-TIME ASSISTANT CREW COACH.**

**2016-0628-93**

Councilman Rubin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rumson Recreation is in need of a Part-Time Assistant Coach for the Summer Recreation Crew Program; and

WHEREAS, it is the Recommendation of the Recreation Director to hire Magdy A. Hannout as Part-Time Assistant Coach for the Summer Recreation Crew Program; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Commission has approved this appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Rumson hereby approves the appointment of Magdy A. Hannout as a Part-Time Assistant Crew Coach for the Summer Recreation Crew Program effective June 28, 2016; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Hannout shall be paid \$13.00 per hour for the Summer Recreation Crew Program; and

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

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick and Hemphill.

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR:**

**APPOINTMENT OF Robert Gura as a Member of the Navesink River Municipal Community Group:**

Mayor Ekdahl recommended the appointment of Robert Gura as a Member of the Navesink River Municipal Community Group effective June 28, 2016.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick and Hemphill.

**APPOINTMENT OF Robert Santry as a Member of the Navesink River Municipal Community Group:**

Mayor Ekdahl recommended the appointment of Robert Santry as a Member of the Navesink River Municipal Community Group effective June 28, 2016.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick and Hemphill.

**APPOINTMENT OF Councilman John J. Conklin, III, as Council Liaison for the Navesink River Municipal Community Group:**

Mayor Ekdahl recommended the appointment of Councilman John J. Conklin, III, as Council Liaison for the Navesink River Municipal Community Group effective June 28, 2016.

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick and Hemphill.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:**

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Mayor Ekdahl made the following Announcement:

Borough Hall will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. There will be no garbage collection.

Thank you for your cooperation and best wishes for an enjoyable and safe July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday.

Thank you.

**FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT:**

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The Financial Officer's Reports disclosed the following as of May 31, 2016:

Borough of Rumson  
Chief Financial Officer Report to the Mayor and Council

Analysis of Cash for the Month Ending:

May 31, 2016

FUNDS	Beginning Balance	Cash Receipts	Disbursements	Ending Balance
1. CURRENT FUND				
Current Fund Checking	17,376,085.86	9,265,295.44	(4,403,191.08)	22,238,190.22
Change Funds	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Certificates of Deposit	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Total Current Fund	17,376,385.86	9,265,295.44	(4,403,191.08)	22,238,490.22
2. CAPITAL FUND				-
Capital Fund Checking	1,983,060.73	0.00	(5,520.81)	1,977,539.92
2007 Capital Improvement Bond Proceeds	165,270.83	0.00	0.00	165,270.83
Total Capital Fund	2,148,331.56	0.00	(5,520.81)	2,142,810.75
3. PAYROLL & PAYROLL AGENCY				
Payroll	2,981.86	279,534.38	(279,534.38)	2,981.86
Payroll Agency	10,905.91	159,903.38	(159,903.38)	10,905.91
Total Payroll & Payroll Agency	13,887.77	439,437.76	(439,437.76)	13,887.77
4. TRUST FUNDS				
Trust Fund Checking	673,380.18	8,026.00	(1,738.93)	679,667.25
Unemployment Trust	91,572.43	60.14	(5,894.21)	85,738.36
Recreation Trust	427,434.15	85,780.00	(14,873.42)	498,340.73
C.O.A.H. Trust	2,112,585.07	19,487.33	(9,060.68)	2,123,011.72
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	437.56	0.29	0.00	437.85
D.A.R.E.	14,071.40	9.54	0.00	14,080.94
Cafeteria Plan	9,820.29	0.00	(985.41)	8,834.88
Animal Control Trust Fund	25,428.99	575.00	(97.80)	25,906.19
Public Assistance Trust Fund	-			-
Total Trust Funds	3,354,730.07	113,938.30	(32,650.45)	3,436,017.92
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	22,893,335.26	9,818,671.50	(4,880,800.10)	27,831,206.66

Respectfully submitted by:

*Helen L. Graves*

Helen L. Graves, Chief Financial Officer

On motion by Councilman Day, seconded by Councilman Rubin, the Financial Officer's Report was ordered received and carried on the following roll call vote:

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick and Hemphill.

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS AND CLAIMS (RESOLUTION):**

Councilman Day offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

\$	100.00	Kerry Gowan
\$	67.50	Roy Press Printers
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\$	167.50	Animal Control Account
\$	276.10	Global Industries, Inc.
\$	14,819.25	Harter Equipment
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\$	15,095.35	Capital Account
\$	510.90	Banisch Associates, Inc.
\$	21.00	Borough of Rumson CURRENT ACCT
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\$	531.90	COAH Trust Fund
\$	709.36	Air & Gas Technologies
\$	2,935.44	Allied Oil LLC
\$	815.40	Americanwear Indust Uniforms
\$	185.00	AR Communications
\$	1,733.68	Atlantic Coast Fibers, LLC
\$	243.00	Bayshore Fire & Safety LLC
\$	2,229.90	Bob's Uniform Shop
\$	537.50	Boxwood Gardens
\$	80.00	Butch's Auto Car Wash Inc
\$	652.00	Ralph Clayton & Sons
\$	729.00	Cross Over Networks
\$	162.20	Diehl's Landscape LLC
\$	750.00	Division of Criminal Justice Academy
\$	1,619.92	Edwards Tire Co Inc
\$	385.76	Emergency Medical Products, Inc.
\$	628.24	Fastenal Co
\$	50.00	FBI-Leeda Inc.
\$	43.78	F&C Automotive Supply, Inc.
\$	1,085.00	Fire & Safety Systems Co.
\$	346.41	Garden State Sealing, Inc.
\$	115.68	WW Grainger Inc
\$	174.37	Groff Tractor New Jersey, LLC
\$	47.23	Brian J. Hand
\$	3,572.75	Harter Equipment
\$	17,478.46	JCP&L
\$	2,730.92	JNM Holdings Inc
\$	93.40	Johnny on the Spot Inc
\$	504.00	Kencor Inc
\$	111.08	Lawes
\$	4,139.00	Meridian Occupational Health
\$	5,457.86	Mid-Atlantic Truck Centre Inc
\$	147.32	Monmouth Truck Equipment
\$	100.00	Monmouth Sprinkler Co Inc
\$	199.56	Naylor's Auto Parts
\$	14,409.18	New Jersey American Water
\$	33.00	NJ Division of ABC
\$	1,132.00	NJ Fire Equipment Company
\$	221.25	One Call Concepts
\$	1,800.00	Oswald Enterprises Inc
\$	2,380.00	Petruzzelli Brothers Excavating
\$	79.96	Queen Vacuum Company
\$	2,076.00	Reliance Graphics
\$	3,298.26	Republic Services of NJ LLC
\$	721.67	Ricoh USA Inc
\$	312.00	Thomas S. Rogers
\$	535.00	Roy Press Printers
\$	124.00	Rumson Country Day School

\$	83.45	Sherwin-Williams Co.
\$	501.74	SiteOne Landscape Supply
\$	250.00	State Shorthand Reporting Service
\$	391.36	Staples Business Advantage
\$	1,518.41	Stavola Asphalt Co., Inc.
\$	18,937.42	Suburban Disposal Inc
\$	867.43	T & M Associates
\$	2,624.26	Targeted Technologies LLC
\$	810.50	Trane
\$	2,180.00	Treasurer State of NJ
\$	19.84	The Two River Times
\$	222.47	Verizon
\$	648.56	Verizon Wireless
\$	289.98	Verizon Business Fios
\$	100.00	Wageworks
\$	521.36	George Wall Lincoln
\$	1,459.70	ZEP Sales & Service
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\$	109,342.02	Current Fund
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\$	24.00	Nelson Press
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\$	24.00	Dare Program
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\$	1,201.00	Bartlett Tree Experts
\$	4,909.80	SiteOne Landscape Supply
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\$	6,110.80	Endowment Inc Account
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\$	3,811.10	Athlete's Alley
\$	260.00	Brian Bosonac
\$	50.00	Alexandra Devito
\$	450.00	William Gettings
\$	171.16	Jugs Sports, Inc.
\$	10.00	Nelson Press
\$	576.79	Oriental Trading Company, Inc.
\$	900.00	Racquet Shop
\$	40.70	Thomas S. Rogers
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\$	6,269.75	Recreation Account
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\$	992.50	T&M Associates
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\$	992.50	Trust Account
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\$	109,342.02	Current Fund Appropriations
\$	167.50	Animal Control Fund Expenses
\$	15,095.35	Capital Fund Disbursements
\$	6,110.80	Endowment Disbursements
\$	6,269.75	Recreation Disbursements
\$	1,548.40	Trust Fund – Other Expenses
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\$	138,533.82	Total Of All Funds

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

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

In the negative: None.

Absent: Broderick and Hemphill.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

The Mayor afforded the members of the Council an opportunity to be heard at this time and Councilman Conklin responded. He stated that the Mayor and Council serve here in the Borough because of the love they have for the community they live in. He feels that one of the reasons it's such a great place to live is because of people like Mr. Spencer. Mr. Spencer served the community for 17 years on top of his work commitments and raising a family. What he has done for the Commission is cherished.

The Mayor then commented that Mr. Spencer's most recent contributions included discussions with residents on Center Street, Avenue of Two Rivers, and Washington Street. Some were disgruntled because of the removal and future replacement of certain trees from their streets. At this time, the Mayor asked the Municipal Clerk/Administrator and the Borough Engineer for a status on the tree letter responses. Dave Marks confirmed 25 responses to date and the due date was this past Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. A few more responses are expected.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

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The Mayor afforded the public an opportunity to be heard at this time and Jeffrey M. Cruz of 1 Laurel Lane approached the Council. Mr. Cruz stated that he had lived in town for approximately 9 or 10 years on Laurel Lane. Over the years, he has enquired as to the status of the curbs and the asphalt paving on the street. He stated that the paving has fallen into disrepair. He believes the street was paved back in the 1970's when his grandfather installed the curbs and sewers during those years. Public Works Superintendent Mark Wellner went out and reviewed the current situation with the curbs. Mr. Cruz distributed photos for the Council's review. Mr. Cruz understands there is a "list" and this falls under the classification of a capital improvement project for the Borough. He also stated that he was not aware of the budget for projects such as this nor how money is allotted or these decisions are made. Mr. Cruz appeared before the Mayor and Council to bring this situation to their attention and hopefully obtain some type of indication as to the next steps required.

The Mayor responded by saying that it was probably Mr. Cruz's grandfather that helped put the sanitary sewer system into Rumson, at which time, a large amount of the Borough's roads were paved at the same time. The Mayor went on to say that the town faces the challenge of being unable to replace all the roads at the same time. He stated that work began about 20 years ago on asphalt replacement and about \$1 million dollars per year is budgeted for these projects. Occasionally, the town does receive grants from the State of New Jersey to help subsidize costs. The Mayor stated that the town spent a little more than usual last year on the repaving of streets as three projects were completed. The Mayor stated that the town is surveyed each year in order to develop a list of the roads in worst condition. The most competitive pricing is achieved when curbs, sidewalks and the paving projects are completed as one. Many factors play a role in determining which roads are placed on the list for repaving annually.

Dave Marks, Borough Engineer, stated that he takes a look at the condition of all Borough streets each year and it's a dynamic list. Not all streets on the list follow the same linear path for repaving, for a variety of reasons. One street may jump ahead of another on the list as a result of planned utility company openings, etc. Curbs, sidewalks and pavement are the main things evaluated. Then evaluation is based on the cost per mile. There are approximately 50 miles of road in the Borough of Rumson. Taking the general 30 plus year lifespan of a road into consideration and completing approximately a mile and a half each year, a quick estimate would be \$2 million dollars. The majority of the Borough roads were paved between 1972 and 1976. Mr. Marks estimates about 125 of the 150 Borough roads fall into that lifespan. From this, about half of those streets paved in the early 1970's have been since repaved. Mr. Marks confirmed the Mayor's comment on State grant funding. In 2010, the Borough submitted a Department of Transportation grant request in order to pave Kemp Avenue, Elm Lane and Laurel Lane. This grant request wasn't successful and no funds were obtained. Mr. Marks assured Mr. Cruz that he had been onsite at the street today to review its condition once again and it has heightened attention at the Borough. Laurel Lane will continue to be surveyed with respect to all other streets and responsibilities faced in the Borough. Mr. Marks continued by stating that sewer infrastructure improvements are a major focus this year. At this time, Mr. Marks stated he would not be able to make a commitment to the project date regarding Laurel Lane, Elm Lane and Kemp Avenue. However, in order to make the project cost effective, these three streets will be completed at the same time.

Mr. Cruz responded by stating that he realizes taking care of fifty miles of roadway is a great responsibility and he does not wish to add to the workload while he is still very concerned over the one thousand feet of roadway in question. Mr. Cruz also noted that there is a catch basin at the end of Elm Lane and one does not exist on Laurel Lane. The water runs into his property, unfortunately and he asked Mr. Marks if this concern was in the scope of being evaluated. He would appreciate someone taking a look at this situation. Mr. Cruz has installed dry wells on his property in an effort to assist with the draining on his acre and a half lot, as taking all the water from Laurel Lane is cumbersome.

Councilman Conklin noted that a new home is being built at 3 Laurel Lane right now.

Mr. Marks stated that active construction can always prolong the process as well.

Mr. Cruz asked if it would be appropriate for him, as a homeowner, to check back in periodically for a status on this issue. Mr. Marks provided Mr. Cruz with his business card and assured him that he would make himself available for phone calls and emails at anytime.

Mr. Cruz thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and informed Mr. Marks that he may keep the photos he had provided.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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On motion by Councilman Rubin, seconded by Councilman Day, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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