

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8 p.m.
and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Parker (8:28 PM), C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Absent: None.

Also Present: S. Turitz/W. Rupp - Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka, & Goldberg, Esqs.; W. Broughton, Township Manager, J. Evelina, Township Clerk, I. Abbasi, Executive Assistant.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 331-10, setting the 2011 meeting dates, sending a copy to **THE RECORD, THE SUBURBANITE, THE BERGEN NEWS/SUN BULLETIN, THE JEWISH STANDARD, and THE COUNTY SEAT**, filing a copy in the Township Clerk's Office and posting it on the Municipal Building bulletin board, and the Mayor hereby directs that this statement be included in the minutes.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Firefighter Andrew Wagner to Fire Lieutenant.

Fire Fighter Andrew Wagner to Fire Lieutenant – Township Manager Broughton spoke in honor of Fire Fighter Andrew Wagner, and swore him in as Fire Lieutenant.

Chief Anthony Verley congratulated Lieutenant Wagner on his promotion and spoke in honor of his work as a fire fighter. Council congratulated Lieutenant Wagner on his promotion and thanked him for his services.

2. Dorothea Costello to Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator.

Dispatcher Dorothea Costello to Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator – Township Manager Broughton spoke in honor of Dispatcher Costello, a 23-year dispatcher in the Teaneck Police Department, TVAC volunteer for 28 years and certified EMT. He further discussed the role of the Telecommunicating Dispatcher and swore in Ms. Costello as Public Safety Telecommunicator.

Captain Glenn O'Reilly spoke of Ms. Costello's work as Dispatcher for the Teaneck Police Department; thanked her for her services; and wished her well in her new role.

C. Katz recalled his work with Ms. Costello as a TVAC member and thanked her for her services to the Township.

Mayor Hameeduddin discussed the importance of dispatch services and thanked Ms. Costello for her efforts in her position as Dispatcher.

PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The Clerk read the Ordinances by title only.

ORDINANCE #4218 - CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF FENCING AT ANDREAS PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$20,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND.

ORDINANCE #4219 - CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF FENCING AND THE REPAVING OF A TRAIL AT SAGAMORE PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$22,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE TOWNSHIP'S MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND.

ORDINANCE #4220 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF HVAC IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

ORDINANCE #4221 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AT WINTHROP ROAD (FROM SUSSEX ROAD TO WINDSOR ROAD) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,090,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

ORDINANCE #4222 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE RENOVATION OF THE OLD POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR USE AS PART OF THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$3,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

ORDINANCE #4223 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances prior to opening the public hearing.

None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public hearings on the above ordinances were now open. Any members of the public who wished to be heard on any of said ordinances or to ask questions concerning said ordinances come forward and stated their names for the record. Comments or questions were limited to five minutes per person.

Mayor Hameeduddin recognized State Senator Loretta Weinberg and Board of Education Trustee Margo Fisher who were in attendance.

Howard Rose, Teaneck- discussed the nature of Ordinance #4222 and the economy.

Art Vatsky, Teaneck- shared his feelings regarding Ordinance #4222 and requested Council stage the borrowing of funds for the renovation of the Old Police Building.

Mildrer Tucker, Teaneck- questioned the timing of Ordinance #4222 and the future of Teaneck.

Dr. Alex Rashin, Teaneck- spoke about Township's plan for adding future employees with renovations of Old Police Building; technology and telecommuting; working conditions for Township employees working out of the basement; Ordinance #4222; property taxes; and Ordinance #4221.

Naomi Kramer, Teaneck- discussed enlarging the Council Chamber and Courtroom; Ordinance #4222; requested Council give the public a time to input on Ordinance #4222; and the timeline for bonding the Old Police Building.

Gwendolyn Acree, Teaneck- discussed the timing of Ordinance #4222 and saved her comments for the Good and Welfare portion of the meeting.

There being no further persons who wished to speak concerning said ordinances, the Mayor declared that the public hearing on the ordinances was closed.

Councilmember Katz moved to pass Ordinances #4218, 4219, 4220, 4221, 4222 and 4223 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Gussen.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances.

C. Toffler discussed her excitement regarding the idea of renovating the Old Police Building and shared her feelings regarding the plan. C. Toffler hoped to see a phased plan of the renovation; she felt that a public committee should be formed and requested that Council hold off on bonding until a well-developed plan was created.

C. Katz requested that Mr. Turitz clarify if the plans to the Old Police Building could be changed after bonding was obtained.

Mr. Turitz confirmed that if the plan is within the general concept, the plans could be changed.

C. Katz affirmed his support for Ordinance #4222. Discussed the various municipal infrastructure; supported comments regarding the expansion of the Council Chambers and the Court Room; and discussed the need for investing in the Township's infrastructure.

Mr. Turitz added that Council is not approving a specific set of plans for the Old Police Building, but a general concept of a plan.

C. Katz spoke about the possibility of offering space to the Board of Education in the renovated Old Police Building as a future cost-saving measure.

C. Honis spoke about her support for Ordinance #4222 given it is a conceptual plan at this point in time; the working conditions in the basement; and ADA compliance for the Old Police Building.

Mayor Hameeduddin discussed Ordinance #4221 in an effort to answer a question raised by a resident during the public hearing on Ordinances.

DM. Gussen spoke about the antiquated sewer system in the Township and his concern for future investments in the Township's sewer system.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hameeduddin called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call.

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: C. Toffler (#4222)

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that said ordinances were duly adopted.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GOOD AND WELFARE OR PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments prior to opening the meeting to any comments from the public.

C. Toffler requested Mr. Turitz send an opinion letter to Council dated October 28, 2008 regarding the interaction of Councilmembers and administrative staff.

S. Turitz responded that on February 11, 2011, a report was circulated to the Manager on this topic with the aforementioned letter attached.

C. Toffler discussed the Council's decision at the January 27, 2011 budget meeting regarding raising fees for the Nursery program at the Richard Rodda Community Center; and confirmed Council's majority position to not raise said fees.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that any members of the public wishing to be heard at this time shall come forward and state their names for the record. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per person.

Howard Rose, Teaneck- spoke about the availability of Council meeting minutes; the repercussion of not abiding by Township Ordinances; the Township budget and its effect on those residents relying on Social Security payments; and requested more documentation than the Manager's PowerPoint presentation regarding the budget.

Art Vatsky, Teaneck- discussed the Township's operating schedule; the availability of parking in the Municipal Complex; bottled water; the availability of Council meeting minutes; and the availability of the Manager's Annual report.

Gwendolyn Acree- Teaneck, discussed the recent action by Council against one of its members; Resolution #47-11; revaluations of properties in neighboring towns; and requested a revaluation of properties.

Ron Costello, Teaneck- spoke about vacant houses on Shepard Avenue; requested Council consider their actions and the fiscal effect on residents in the future.

Vincent Napolitano, Teaneck- spoke of attacks both personally and professionally on Councilmembers and the availability of Council meeting minutes.

Mildred Tucker, Teaneck, questioned the availability of Council meeting minutes; Councilmembers' intentions; Councilmembers' constituents; re-visiting Resolution #47-11; and Council's respect for one another.

Ronnie Mays, Teaneck- inquired about Christmas Tree pick-up; and advised the public not to believe everything one sees and hears.

Genevieve Mayburger, Teaneck- inquired as to the status of Workshop meetings; the process of reviewing the budget line by line; and Resolution #47-11.

Dr. Alex Rashin, Teaneck- discussed the size of the Council Chambers; the affordability of living in the Township; repairs to the sewer system; borrowing funds for capital projects; process of adopting Capital Ordinances; and requested the Council table Capital Ordinances.

Naomi Kramer, Teaneck, spoke about water filters for the Township Building; the hours of operation for the Municipal Building; revaluating Township homes; Resolution #47-11; in-house discussions of the Council; and the Snow Emergency.

Ray Moore, Teaneck- expressed concern of the perception of the Township; recent lawsuits against the Township; and the role of Council members.

Leslie McKeon, Teaneck- questioned the availability of the Human Resource Director in an incident involving a Council member.

John McGilchrist, Teaneck- spoke about the Township's diversity; the need to work together as a community; and recent policy decisions by the Governor regarding education.

Charles Powers, Teaneck- discussed the Board of Education's recent budget meeting; the attendance and Municipal budget meetings; the cost of snow removal; the availability of the budget meetings in video format on the Township website; and charges by the Bergen County Utilities Authority (hereinafter referred to as "BCUA").

There being no further persons wishing to speak at this time, Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public comment portion of the meeting was now closed.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council or the Manager wished to respond to the public comments or whether a member of the Council wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda and have a separate discussion thereon.

DM. Gussen requested that the Manager produce any outstanding minutes in the most expeditious manner possible and requested Mr. Turitz discuss the requirements for a revaluation.

Mr. Turitz replied that the County Tax Board has the authority to review the percentages of fair market value, believed to be at 15%. If the percentage is above 15%, the County Tax Board can order a revaluation. As the Tax Assessor has not yet raised concern over the Township being over the 15% threshold, the Township is not out of line with the trigger demanding a revaluation.

DM. Gussen also spoke about the ordinance previously adopted that combined workshops and regular meetings into one meeting, which is now referred to as Open Session meetings; and the benefit of having open session meetings.

C. Toffler discussed her tenure on Council and thanked friends for their support. She further discussed the revaluation and remarks made during the 2008 election campaign to seek a second revaluation. She requested that she and C. Honis sit with the Tax Assessor to review the prospect of another revaluation while becoming more familiarized with the process.

C. Honis agreed to sit with C. Toffler and the Tax Assessor to review and become familiarized with the revaluation process.

C. Katz spoke about recent complaints by residents regarding the Snow Emergency policy and reminded residents to be wary of snowfall; and to obey the Township's Snow Emergency ordinance.

Township Manager Broughton confirmed that there has been no change to the Snow Emergency Ordinance and read said Ordinance into the record.

C. Parker requested the Manager clarify when Reverse 9-1-1 phone calls are made.

Manager Broughton responded that Reverse 9-1-1- phone calls are made during a State of Emergency and advised residents not to park on the side of streets during snow fall.

C. Stern inquired about Reverse 9-1-1 phone calls during snow storms and the Manager restated that calls are made during a State of Emergency.

C. Katz spoke of his support for Reverse 9-1-1- phone calls, however at appropriate times. He added his support for the Snow Ordinance and hoped the Township could be proactive in the coming winters.

DM. Gussen reminded residents to be mindful of weather forecasts and the times residents park their vehicles on the side of the street.

C. Katz discussed Resolution #47-11 and his reasoning for supporting it. He cited recent awards to Township employees for being retaliated against; and referenced Google search results of the Township Manager and Police Chief and the word “retaliation.”

C. Honis discussed property values in recent years; comments regarding action taken during closed session that are summarized at the beginning of Open Session. She asked Mr. Turitz to clarify closed session minutes being released to Council.

Mr. Turitz discussed the process by which closed session minutes are reviewed on a quarterly basis and redacted for confidential information before being released to the public.

C. Parker inquired about the timeline for the outstanding minutes being completed; and the staffing of the Municipal Clerk’s.

Manager Broughton responded by discussing the timely process by which Council meeting minutes are produced. He confirmed that within the coming weeks, outstanding Council minutes would be completed.

C. Parker further spoke about capital improvements and the importance of investing in the Township’s infrastructure. She requested a subcommittee sit with the Township Manager to review and discuss the Old Police Building’s layout; and re-visiting the operating hours of the Municipal Building as a committee of the whole.

S. Turitz informed Council that the operating hours of the Municipal Building is a condition of labor negotiations and an amendment to the agreement was approved by the Council. He reminded Council that this amendment cannot be unilaterally changed.

C. Toffler discussed recent conversations with residents and employees finding that the longer hours are a strain and requested a survey of employees and residents in order to understand what the public wants.

Mayor Hameeduddin discussed recent increases in the Township’s budget being attributed to pension contributions and health care costs; and the percentage increase of the budget being 2.9 %.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature by Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RAFFLES

All subject to approval and conditions applicable with the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and pursuant to State Statute.

RA #1289 - Holy Name Health Care Foundation - Change of Date from March 11, 2011 to June 3, 2011.

RA #1292 - TVAC - \$280.00.

MINUTES

None.

RESOLUTIONS

49-11. Approve 2010 Budget Account Transfers - Chief Financial Officer - Various.

50-11. Refund 2010 Tax Overpayments - Chief Financial Officer - Various.

- 51-11. Authorize Municipal Consent for Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire - Bergen Transportation Services - 2011.
- 52-11. Ratify Payments - Chief Financial Officer - January, 2011.
- 53-11. Appropriate Funds from Capital Improvement Fund - Pembroke Street Drainage Improvements.
- 54-11. Appropriate Funds from Capital Improvement Fund - Court Game Area Renovations at Phelps and Votee Parks.
- 55-11. Award Professional Services Contract - Kinsey Associates - Court Game Area Renovations at Phelps and Votee Parks.
- 56-11. Award Professional Services Contract - Kinsey Associates - Fence Replacement at Andreas, Sagamore and Votee Parks.
- 57-11. Award Contract - All State Technology - Wading Pool Improvements at Multiple Municipal Parks.
- 58-11. Ratify Issuance of Purchase Orders - International Salt Company and CM & Son Trucking, Inc. - Rock Salt.
- 59-11. Authorize Submission of TWA Application to NJDEP - Replacement of Sanitary Sewer Line on Winthrop Road from Winthrop Road to Sussex Road.
- 60-11. Award Professional Services Contract - Schwanewede/Hals Engineering - Pembroke Street Drainage Improvements.
- M. Authorize Agreement with Bergen County Animal Shelter - Animal Control Officer Services - 2011.

BILL LIST

The Clerk read the amount of the Bill List into the record. **(\$4,723,813.33)**

Deputy Mayor Gussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes, Resolutions, and Bill List, and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day. Seconded by Councilmember Toffler.

C. Katz requested Resolution M be pulled for discussion. DM. Gussen amended his motion to approve Resolutions 49-11 to 60-11. .

Mayor Hameeduddin called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: C. Stern (50-11, #161231), C. Katz (Raffle #1292, 50-11, Bill List)

Mayor Hameeduddin declared whether said items were passed.

DM. Gussen moved Resolution M. Seconded by C. Toffler.

C. Katz discussed Resolution M and his disapproval of the \$62,423.60 charge for animal control services.

Township Manager Broughton felt that the Township could not provide this service and that other organizations would not provide similar services due to an over capacity in clients.

C. Katz requested Resolution be delayed one more meeting in order to explore alternative options such as calling three neighboring towns to inquire about their provider and their respective agreement.

Council consented.

DM. Gussen motioned to table Resolution M. Seconded by C. Honis

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Deputy Mayor Gussen moved that Ordinance #4224 be tabled for the purpose of retrieving input from the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Advisory Board (hereinafter referred to as “PPRAB”) regarding the expenditure of MOST funds.

The Clerk read Ordinance #4224 by title only.

ORDINANCE #4224 - AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$95,000.00 FROM THE MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK AND APPROPRIATING \$95,000.00 AS A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FOR THE PHELPS PARK TENNIS COURT IMPROVEMENTS, VOTEE PARK TENNIS COURT IMPROVEMENTS AND VOTEE PARK HANDBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED FROM THE BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Seconded by Councilmember Katz.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired as to whether any Councilmember wished to comment upon the motion to introduce.

None.

Roll Call

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

Deputy Mayor Gussen moved that Ordinance #4225 be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required legal notice of the introduction thereof, together with a notice of the place, time, and date on which a public hearing will be held on said ordinances, and on which said ordinances will be considered for final adoption.

ORDINANCE #4225 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION N.J.S. 40A:4-53

Seconded by Councilmember Katz.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired as to whether any Councilmember wished to comment upon the motion to introduce.

None.

There being no further comments, Mayor Hameeduddin called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

Roll Call

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that Ordinance #4225 was duly introduced and passed on first reading.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired if the Manager had an update regarding the salary of Parking Enforcement Officers.

Manager Broughton discussed the Police Department's recommendation for an hourly rate of pay for full-time Parking Enforcement Officers and confirmed with the Chief Financial Officer that funding was available for the hiring of a full-time Parking Enforcement Officer without affecting the budget. A resolution would be necessary to create a full-time position as the current resolution only reflects part-time Parking Enforcement Officers.

DM. Gussen inquired if the full-time Parking Enforcement Officer could cover the critical hours of enforcement of parking regulations.

C. Katz asked about the staffing of Parking Enforcement Officers.

Manager Broughton responded that a resolution would need to be prepared to first hire a full-time Parking Enforcement Officer and subsequent full and part-time officers could be hired shortly thereafter to ensure adequate staffing levels for parking code enforcement.

DM. Gussen added that the PPRAB should have transmitted a letter to the Manager's Office supporting the addition of an above-ground pool to Phelps Park. Manager Broughton added that the Superintendent of Recreation is investigating the possibility of acquiring previously used Olympic sized above ground pools used during the 2008 Olympics.

Manager Broughton spoke about the cost of traffic signs and the cost of their procurement for both green and blue street signs. Between 2006 and 2008, 212 signs were replaced, the Manager added.

C. Katz requested the Township move along with replacing street signs with the Teaneck blue street signs in the business district first. Council concurred to replace the street signs with the Teaneck Blue color and directed the Manager to undertake said action.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Honis announced that Clean and Green weekend will be scheduled for May 14th and May 15th.
C. Honis directed the Township Clerk to advertise open membership for the public.

DM. Gussen requested the Clean and Green Committee put together an information piece so that the Teaneck High School Class of 1991 could participate in this program.

C. Stern reported that the Cedar Lane Management Group met in the prior week and are currently planning the Memorial Day Street Fair; and reminded the general public to mark their calendars for Memorial Day.

Mayor Hameeduddin requested an update from the Township Manager about a recent meeting with the Environmental Commission, PPRAB and Recreation Staff about field turf at Votee Park.

Manager Broughton reported that those in attendance at the meeting felt that a survey was not needed and the Environmental Commission members would undertake the research to review the type of field necessary. The Manager reported that the Project Agreement is on the Green Acres Commissioner's desk awaiting review and his signature. Once this agreement is approved, the two year time frame begins.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Light Rail (C. Katz).

C. Katz discussed Tenafly's recent resolution to reject the idea of a light rail and requested Council pass a resolution to request the light rail.

DM. Gussen discussed the train tracks in Teaneck belonging to CSX and their policy not to have passenger railways.

Members of Council did not reach a consensus for a proposed resolution to seek a light rail in the Township.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Fire Department.

C. Parker requested items under the Township Manager's report be listed on the agenda.

Manager Broughton shared that he is preparing a presentation for the Township Council regarding staffing of the Fire Department.

He reported that the Old Police Building interior demolition is moving forward and underway. A proposal from Arcari+Iovinno Architects on architectural design services is being prepared. The design specifications have been prepared and bid specifications are being designed by Mr. Iovinno's firm for the cupola. The Municipal Building's walkway and landscaping is in need of repairs and is being studied. The Manager is working with members of the Community Gardens Committee to improve the area that included the cleaning of garden plots and establishing a model area for gardening plots. He recently met with a gentleman from Greener Corners to discuss the procurement of outdoor recycling containers. A Request for Proposal is being prepared by the Purchasing Agent for said containers. A recycling meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd from 12 PM to 1 PM and from 7:30 to 8:30 PM and will be facilitated by the Director of Public Works. The Manager advised that State Aid numbers will be available on February 23rd and reminded Council that the budget must be introduced by March 11th and adopted by April 22nd. The Library HVAC is being worked on and he mentioned that the Library will need to be closed for two weeks in May in order for asbestos to be removed from the building. A volunteer contractor has offered to estimate the cost to repair the PAL Building's sill.

C. Parker inquired if Council had four supporting votes to approve the outdoor recycling container.

Council discussed their feelings towards the containers. DM. Gussen shared a statistic shared by a PPRAB member of 100,000 plastic bottles being used by our students playing sports in our parks and indicated that the PPRAB would be supportive of such containers.

Council requested material from the vendor to be re-circulated in their packets.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Katz moved to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember Toffler.

Roll Call

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.