

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
280 GODWIN AVENUE
MIDLAND PARK, NJ 07432
8:00 P.M. Open Public Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2010**

Mayor Monahan called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Monahan gave this evening's Invocation and he then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, notice having been published according to law with a copy on file in the Borough Clerk's Office and a copy posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call:	Mayor Monahan	Present
	Councilman Papapietro	Present
	Councilman Junta	Present
	Councilwoman Peet	Present
	Councilman Pruiksma	Absent
	Councilman Holst	Present
	Council President O'Hagan	Present

ALSO PRESENT: **Borough Attorney Regan, Borough Administrator Dugan and Borough Clerk Hanna**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

At this time, Mayor Monahan opened the meeting to the public for any questions, comments or concerns.

Paula Mancuso, 20 Donna Lane – again came before the Council regarding the traffic incident at the High School involving her daughter, which she spoke of at the last Council meeting. **Mayor Monahan** asked Police Chief Casson to address Mrs. Mancuso's concerns, and provide the information from Traffic Officer Lt. Vandenberg's report on the conditions in front of the high school. The Chief reported he had officers detailed to the area several times over the past two weeks, and directed the officers assigned to a PSE&G detail near that location to be aware of the conditions and watch the traffic/children flow. He noted the traffic report from Lt. Vandenberg recommends placing in-street signs in the area alerting drivers of a school zone crossing, prior to the entrance/exit of the high school, in both directions and also painting signs on the roadway. **Councilwoman Peet** suggested investigating flashing "Yield" signs, like the stop signs recently installed at the Franklin Avenue intersections. The Chief said he will contact the company to see if they make them. At **Councilman Papapietro's** request, Chief Casson will ask the crossing guard at Glen Ave./Prospect St. to count the number of children crossing in the morning and afternoon. **Council President O'Hagan** questioned if there would be any value to adding the amount of distance for the school zone to the signage, so a driver would realize there is a very long school zone. The Chief will also address these suggestions, and confer with the D.P.W. Foreman Rudy Gnehm and **Councilman Holst** on all ideas discussed.

Council also discussed Lt. Vandenberg's recommendation of educating the children and parents of Best Practices in a school zone for driving and walking, and they suggested a possible safety session or seminar at the high school, or passing out literature during a back to school night. **Administrator Dugan** noted the J.I.F. supplies DVD's on these subjects that may be available to play in classrooms.

Nancy Bargman, 183 Franklin Ave. – noted there is a PA system in the high school and maybe two minutes in the beginning of the day, or the end, they can announce – “students are reminded to be careful in the cross walks because of the near accident, etc” or send out e-mails to the parents.

Barbara Sheridan, 36 Second St. – stated we should encourage the children crossing at Hampshire Rd. to cross in a crosswalk by bringing the crosswalk closer to Hampshire Rd.

Ester Vierheilig, 333 Godwin Ave. – said there has never been an accident in this area, and the children are going to keep crossing on the grass. She said she feels the best thing to do is educate the children on how and where to cross the road.

There being no further response from the public, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

OLD BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:

Work Session Agenda

- 1. Warm Winter Coat Drive – Councilman Pruiksmas e-mail.**
Borough Clerk Hanna explained **Council Pruiksmas** has organized a coat drive to collect used/clean coats for the homeless shelter in Hackensack, and he would like the first drop off to be at the Christmas Tree lighting on December 3rd, and after that at the Borough Hall and Library. **Councilman Pruiksmas** has volunteered to bring the coats to Hackensack. The Clerk will touch base with Melissa Hughes, Library Director, in the morning.
- 2. Combined County Health Services – See Attached Document**
It was decided the Borough will continue their agreement with the North West Bergen Regional Health Commission. Councilman Junta will bring this agreement before the Board of Health to review and recommend. **Administrator Dugan** noted the only service we contract with the County is for the Blood Borne Pathogen service.
- 3. County Cooperative Purchasing/Joint Insurance Fund – Natural Gas/Electricity**
Councilman O’Hagan recommended that the Borough join with the Joint Insurance Fund for the aggregate expense of natural gas and electricity. **Administrator Dugan** noted that the County has also offered this service to all the municipalities, however, the J.I.F. has contacted the County and suggested they join with them, instead of going out on there own. Council’s decision was to join the J.I.F., and the Clerk will prepare the documentation.
- 4. Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes**
The **Mayor** suggested the Zoning Official John Wittikind and the Planning/Zoning Board Engineer Rick Wostbrock attend the next Council meeting, to review the Code changes the subcommittee has recommended and suggest any other changes they may feel should be made.
- 5. Stantec Proposal Page Revised**
Mayor Monahan directed the Clerk to obtain the cost of prefab ADA bleachers from the Engineer, and a clean copy of the proposals for the Open Space projects. The Engineering proposals for the Open Space projects will be addressed on the December 9, 2010 agenda.
- 6. FYI – 2011 Holiday Schedule**
This schedule was distributed to the Governing Body

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION:

There was no New Business to discuss this evening.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Mayor Monahan

Mayor Monahan commended the Veteran's organizations on a very nice ceremony this morning honoring Veterans's Day, and also the dedication of the two new streets named Swap Lane and Streelman Way, honoring two World War 1 veterans. The **Mayor** than read the note received from Glen Rock thanking all the towns that responded to their Fire Department's call for help in responding to a major house fire alarm yesterday. He stated the Library will be proceeding with the building renovations, which will be funded through decades of contributions to the Library, to address the core of the building by opening up the stairwell in the rear of the building, moving the circulation desk to the center, create better access to the public areas from the elevator, update the bathrooms and also change the layout of the basement to create a wider and free circulation.

Mayor Monahan announced there are term expirations of various Borough Board positions, which create possible volunteer appointments for 2011, and anyone interested in applying for the positions, please submit a resume to the **Borough Clerk**.

He than requested the **Administrator** have the Finance Officer run a spread sheet on a 5 year history of vendor payments, and a employee payroll cost spread sheet by position and department. He said he would also like a breakdown on the pension and benefits paid, per person, to the state.

Councilman Holst

Public Works

Councilman Holst reported the flashing stop signs have been installed by the **D.P.W.** at the Franklin/Vreeland/Erie Avenues intersection, and the leaf pickup schedule is going well.

Councilman Papapietro

Finance/Ambulance Corps

Councilman Papapietro reported progress in the **Finance** Department and the Governing Body is working on the 2011 budget.

Councilwoman Peet

Personnel/Board of Education

Councilwoman Peet noted progress in both the **Personnel** Department and the **Board of Education**.

Councilman Junta

Public Safety-Fire Department/Board of Health

Councilman Junta stated there is progress in the **Board of Health**, and the fire house bay floors have been refurbished. The **Councilman** said the **Fire Department** thanks Rudy Gnehm and the Department of Public Works for housing the fire trucks during the floor project.

Council President O'Hagan

Public Safety-Police/JIF/Alliance

Council President O'Hagan reported he missed the J.I.F. meeting last evening, as he, **Councilman Junta** and **Councilman Papapietro** attended a meeting with Waldwick Councilmen instead. He noted the Borough of Midland Park is more advanced than Waldwick in terms of both budget position and approach to large purchases.

Councilman Pruiksmas

Recreation

As **Councilman Pruiksmas** was absent, there was no report this evening.

Administrator Dugan reported on a meeting she held with Lori Dent and Police Chief Casson relative to background checks, and how they could encourage participation by the coaches. She said Chief Casson will be following up by contacting each sports organization leader to have them get the word out to their coaches to submit their applications. She said Lori Dent feels that the Chief should pass along the background approvals to her and she would give the head coaches a letter stating who has been approved, because not all coaches that have received their approval from the police department have informed the head coaches. The **Mayor** said that Ms. Dent should reach out to the heads of the sports organizations to let them know this is not an option and they must comply, and also speak to the Board of Recreation on the issue. Chief Casson expressed the concern of obtaining grant funding next year if the coaches do not comply this year. It was noted that failure of participation may create a problem with fulfilling the Kanka Foundation grant obligation. The **Administrator** stated the Board of Recreation is going to hold a meeting with all the heads of the sports organizations on this issue, and hopefully this will create action.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

A Motion was made by **Council President O’Hagan**, Seconded by **Councilman Holst**, and unanimously carried, to remove Resolutions #180-10 and 181-10 from the Consent Agenda. Each Resolution will be addressed as a separate issue.

Roll Call:

Councilman Papapietro	Aye
Councilman Junta	Aye
Councilwoman Peet	Aye
Councilman Pruiksma	Absent
Councilman Holst	Aye
Council President O’Hagan	Aye

Resolution #180-10 – Budget Transfers 2010

WHEREAS, transfers are permitted between budget appropriations during the last two months of the fiscal year:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, that transfers between 2010 Budget Appropriations be made as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Insurance	Bergen JIF Prop	0-01-012-406	\$ 7,701	
Fire	Fire Hydrant	0-01-031-301		\$ 2,000
	<i>Ridgewood Water increased hydrants after they said they wouldn't</i>			
Sewer	Line Maintenance	0-01-022-281		\$ 200
Bd of Health	Contractual	0-01-023-218		\$ 1
Recreation	Salary-Regular	0-01-025-101		\$ 2,000
	<i>Didn't budget for the increase in error</i>			
Court	Salary-Regular	0-01-200-101		\$ 3,500
	<i>Forgot to include Judge & PT's salary</i>			

Introduced by: Council President O’Hagan **Seconded by: Councilman Holst**

Council President O’Hagan stated he had this Resolution removed from the Consent Agenda

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because he wants the public to be aware that the transfers of funds are needed to pay Ridgewood Water for the increase in the hydrant fees that have been implemented, even though Ridgewood Water said there would be no increase in these fees, and the 21% and a 15% increase in the cost of water.

Roll Call:	Councilman Papapietro	Aye
	Councilman Junta	Aye
	Councilwoman Peet	Aye
	Councilman Pruiksma	Absent
	Councilman Holst	Aye
	Council President O’Hagan	Aye

Resolution #181-10 – 2011 Council Meeting Dates

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Midland Park that the schedule of meetings for 2011 shall be as follows:

January 6, 2011	Sine Die Meeting - 7:30 P.M.
January 6, 2011	Reorganization Meeting at 8:00 P.M. -Fire House, Witte Dr.
January 13, 2011	6:00 P.M. Budget Meeting
January 27, 2011	7:00 P.M. Budget Meeting/ Closed/Work/Open Public Meeting
February 3, 2011	7:00 P.M. Budget Meeting
February 10, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
February 24, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
March 10, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
March 24, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
April 14, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
April 28, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
May 12, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
May 26, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
June 9, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
June 23, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
July 14, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
July 28, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
August 11, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
August 25, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
September 8, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
September 22, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
October 6, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
October 27, 2011	Closed Session/Work Session/Open Public Meeting
November 3, 2011	6:00 P.M. Budget Session
November 10, 2011	6:00 P.M. Budget Session/Closed/Work/Open Public Meeting
December 1, 2011	7:00 P.M. Budget Session
December 8, 2011	6:00 P.M. Budget Session/Closed/Work/Open Public Meeting
December 15, 2011	6:00 P.M. Budget Session/Closed/Work/Open Public Meeting

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Meetings will convene either at 6:00 P.M. or 7: 00 P.M. as designated: Closed Session - 7:00 P.M. (Prevailing time), Work Session - 7:30 P. M., and 8:00 P.M. for the Open Public Session meetings. All Open Public Meetings may be action meetings. All Open Public Meetings will be held in the Midland Park Borough Hall, Council Chambers, 280

Godwin Avenue, Midland Park, New Jersey, unless otherwise advertised according to law.
On all scheduled dates:

Budget Work Sessions begin at 6:00 P.M. - Dinner Meeting

Closed Sessions - 7:00 P.M. /Work Sessions - 7:30 P.M./Open Public Meetings - 8:00 P. M

Introduced by: Council President O’Hagan Seconded by: Councilman Holst

Council President O’Hagan stated he would like this Resolution passed as is, with the proviso that the October 6, 2010 meeting date may be changed due to a conflicting obligation of the Borough Council members.

Roll Call:

Councilman Papapietro	Aye
Councilman Junta	Aye
Councilwoman Peet	Aye
Councilman Pruiksma	Absent
Councilman Holst	Aye
Council President O’Hagan	Aye

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #179-10 – Bills List

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Midland Park in the following amounts:

Current Fund	\$ 896,748.51
Dog Fund	\$ 596.40
Unemployment Fund	\$ 14,357.55
Capital Fund	\$ 7,059.00
Trust Fund	\$ 3,585.92
TOTAL:	\$ 922,347.38

WHEREAS, such claims have been listed according to Department and account number with corresponding vouchers to be reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for

such purposes and are available, in the Borough of Midland Park and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Finance Committee, be paid and checks issued accordingly; and,

WHEREAS, claims have already been paid in the following accounts:

Current	October 29 th Payroll	\$ 137,936.15
Current	Dell Mktg (debit card)	\$ 1,804.01 UCC computer

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park that the claims totaling **\$1,062,087.54** be approved and ratified respectively.

Introduced by: Councilman Papapietro Seconded by: Councilman Holst

Roll Call:

Councilman Papapietro	Aye
Councilman Junta	Aye
Councilwoman Peet	Aye
Councilman Pruiksma	Absent
Councilman Holst	Aye
Council President O’Hagan	Aye

Resolution # 182-10 - Ridgewood Water

WHEREAS, there is presently pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Bergen County under Docket No. BER-L-1138-10 a matter entitled, “Township of Wyckoff v. The

Village of Ridgewood” wherein Wyckoff has challenged certain fees, charges, levies and assessments imposed by the Water Department of the Village of Ridgewood, a public utility which provides water to Wyckoff, Midland Park, and Glen Rock, as well as to Ridgewood; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Midland Park is desirous of becoming a party plaintiff to the within litigation; and

WHEREAS, counsel for the Township of Wyckoff, Joseph B. Fiorenzo, Esq., has agreed to represent the Borough on a pro bono basis for a limited time period.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of Borough of Midland Park that it does hereby authorize counsel for the Township of Wyckoff to file an appropriate amendatory pleading and apply to the court so as to permit the Borough of Midland Park to become a party plaintiff to the pending litigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should such time as counsel for the Township of Wyckoff require payment of fees by the Borough in connection with its participation in the litigation of the within matter, same shall be reviewed at such time by the Mayor and Council for a determination as to its continued participation as a party to the litigation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the within resolution shall be sent to the Clerk of the Township of Wyckoff and to Joseph B. Fiorenzo, Esq.

Introduced by: Councilman Papapietro	Seconded by: Councilman Holst
Roll Call: Councilman Papapietro	Aye
Councilman Junta	Aye
Councilwoman Peet	Aye
Councilman Pruiksmas	Absent
Councilman Holst	Aye
Council President O’Hagan	Aye

MOTION:

A Motion to give approval to the Borough Clerk and the D.P.W. Foreman permission to go forward with the bid process relative to the “Repair of Emergency Vehicles” – “Repair of D.P.W. Trucks and Fire Trucks” – and the “Repair of Vehicle Electrical Systems and Equipment”.

Introduced by: Councilman Holst	Seconded by: Councilman Holst
Roll Call: Councilman Papapietro	Aye
Councilman Junta	Aye
Councilwoman Peet	Aye
Councilman Pruiksmas	Absent
Councilman Holst	Aye
Council President O’Hagan	Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Once again Mayor Monahan opened the meeting to the public for any comments, questions or concerns.

Nancy Bargman – questioned if the Borough has any other option for their water supply other than Ridgewood Water. It was noted there is no other supplier. Mrs. Bargman then remarked that it does not seem that the Village of Ridgewood enforces their own water restrictions. **Council President**

O’Hagan spoke of the meeting he, Mayor Monahan and Councilman Papapietro attended with the Village of Ridgewood, at which the Water Company costs were discussed.

Ester Vierheilig – asked if there is some way Ridgewood Water could be made to have to go back

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to the Board of Public Utilities, instead of the Local Finance Board, in order to receive approval for their rate increases. It was noted by **Attorney Regan** that this may be one of the issues raised during the litigation. Mrs. Vierheilg then noted, regarding the County Board of Health services discussed earlier in the meeting, Wyckoff used to use the County for these services and then switched to the Regional Board because they were very dissatisfied with the County services. She also informed the Council that during the Glen Rock fire this week, Mike Rau and Phil Scaglione, two Midland Park firemen, were the men that dragged the water full basement during the fire to see if there were any fatalities from the fire.

There being no further business to address, on a Motion made by **Councilman Holst**, Seconded by **Councilman Junta**, and carried, **Mayor Monahan** adjourned the Open Public Meeting at 9:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Adeline M. Hanna, R.M.C.
Borough Clerk