

**TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE  
ESSEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**APRIL 1, 2019**

**1. ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Cicala called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala  
Also Present: Township Manager Tucci, Township Attorney Semeraro, Township Clerk Stutz

The flag salute was led by Mayor Cicala.

Mayor Cicala made the required announcement concerning the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Adequate notice of this meeting was duly provided to the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger on December 28, 2018, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the public bulletin board in the Municipal Building Lobby in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

**2. EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS**

- a) Presentation of Proclamation – Autism Awareness Month

Mayor Cicala read and presented the proclamation to Suzanne Trupia, President of local parental support group R.E.A.L.I.S.E. Ms. Trupia provided details of upcoming Autism Awareness event scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Library.

- b) Presentation of Proclamation – Esposito’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mayor Cicala presented the proclamation to Pete Micciche of Esposito’s and thanked Mr. Micciche for continuous support of local organizations. The Township Manager also thanked Mr. Micciche for the business’s generosity.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) To consider approval of minutes of regular public meeting of March 4, 2019

Councilman Tanella moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

**4. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a) To consider adoption of Pending Ordinance #19-839 Amending Chapter 80 Of the Township Code entitled “Affordable Housing”

The ordinance was read by title only as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 80 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CEDAR GROVE, ENTITLED “AFFORDABLE HOUSING,” TO ADD ARTICLE II, TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT, THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC) REGULATIONS, AND THE COURT-APPROVED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS**

Mayor Cicala opened the public hearing on this item. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Cicala closed the public hearing.

Councilman Tanella moved that the ordinance be adopted at second reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a passed ordinance to take effect as prescribed by law, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilman Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala  
 NO: None

**5. AWARD OF BID**

- a) To consider resolution awarding bid for removal of liquid sludge from WWTP

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to advertising duly made, bids were received for Removal of Liquid Sludge and were publicly opened and read by the Township Clerk on February 6, 2019 as follows:

<b>BIDDER</b>	Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission		<b>Spectraserv, Inc</b>	
	<b>1-year</b>	<b>2-year</b>	<b>1-year</b>	<b>2-year</b>
Spectraserv Kearny NJ 07032	.031/gal	.031/gal	.029/gal	.029/gal
R & D Trucking Inc. West Milford NJ 07480	.031/gal	.032/gal	.031/gal	.032/gal
Russell Reid Edison NJ 08837	.0397/gal	.0397/gal	.0397/gal	.0397/gal

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Engineer and the Township Manager have reviewed the bids and recommend awarding the bid for a two-year contract to Spectraserv, the low bidder in the bid amount of \$0.031/gallon; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are available to satisfy our obligations under this contract in the 2019 Sewer Utility – Other Expenses Budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the award of the bid be made to Spectraserv of Kearny, New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the proper officials be instructed to execute a contract on behalf of the Township.

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Vargo, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

## **6. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

Mayor Cicala opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard on any item on the agenda. There being no one present wishing to be heard, Mayor Cicala closed this portion of the meeting.

## **7. REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

a) Township Manager – The Township Manager provided an overview of the 2019 Municipal Budget. Mr. Tucci advised that the total general appropriation for 2019 is \$15,487,603, an increase of approximately \$228,321 more than the 2019 budget, much of which is outside the CAP. Mr. Tucci further advised that the amount to be raised by taxation for municipal purposes is \$10,477,609, which is \$287,087 less than the maximum amount increase allowed under the 2% CAP law. Mr. Tucci cited factors outside of the Township's control that continue to impact the budget, including a deficit in the swimming utility. Mr. Tucci also noted several line item increases that impacted the budget. The Manager further noted that the proposed local tax rate is \$0.507, compared to \$0.495 in 2018. Mr. Tucci advised that the average assessed value of a home increased to \$482,200, compared to \$467,100 in 2018 and anticipated a \$61.62 increase in the local portion of the average assessed home's tax levy. Mr. Tucci explained the apportioning of a tax bill; 20% municipal, approximately 50-55% Board of Education, and approximately 30% for the County.

b) Township Clerk – The Clerk advised that the County Board of Elections approved the recommended polling site relocations to remove polling sites from the schools. Clerk Stutz advised that the County Board of Elections will send out letters to all registered voters to advise them of their new polling site. Clerk Stutz also advised that the new locations can be found on the Township's website, access channel, municipal Library, sample ballot, and voters can contact the Clerk's Office with any questions.

c) Township Attorney – Attorney Semeraro noted that rent control ordinance was reviewed and recommendations made to amend the ordinance to establish terms for rent control board members and procedure for capital improvement increase request. Attorney Semeraro

provided an update regarding flooding/drainage concerns brought to the governing body at the last public by certain residents. Attorney Semeraro explained that following a review of Township documents related to area development, and site inspection by the Township Manager, Engineer and himself, it has been determined that the Township has no legal standing to take action regarding drainage concerns as the Township does not own any of property of concern, and there is no Township stormwater management system involved. Attorney Semeraro advised that residents may take against a third party for damages by retaining counsel. Attorney Semeraro further reported that the Township did send letter to County Executive requesting the County to meet with residents. Deputy Mayor Vargo commented that the residents' concerns are not a one storm issue and deemed the site visit as the first step by the Township to assist residents to resolve issues.

d) Other Reports

Councilman Kumburis suggested obtaining resident sentiment on Township acquisition of currently undeveloped Pompton Ave. property (117 & 135) to be preserved as open space. Councilman Kumburis noted complaint from a Pine Dr. resident concerning water run-off/dischage with iron ore.

Councilwoman Peterson – No report

Councilman Tanella requested an update on status of trail unification. The Manager advised that RFP's for a consultant are being solicited. Councilman Tanella also requested the status of rehabilitation of tennis courts. Mr. Tucci advised that the project should be completed within the next couple of weeks, weather permitting.

Deputy Mayor Vargo announced upcoming Downtown Advisory Committee sponsored events, Cinco de Mayo Fesitval, 5/18, Art Walk 6/13 and provided details. Deputy Mayor Vargo provided an update on the Bill Fearon memorial dedication. The Manager responded to Deputy Mayor Vargo's request for status of pedestrian crosswalk on West Bradford Ave. Deputy Mayor Vargo also requested an update on the Newark watershed property acquisition. The Manager advised that boundary confirmation is in progress and anticipated closing within a few weeks.

Mayor Cicala briefly commented on the issue of traffic control on E. Bradford Ave. at St. Catherine of Siena Church on Sunday morning.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a) To consider introduction of Pending Ordinance #19-840 to exceed the Municipal Budget appropriation Limits and Establish a Cap Bank

The clerk read the Ordinance by title only:

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION  
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5%

unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove in the County of Essex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2019 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$123,192.94 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, in the County of Essex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2019 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Cedar Grove shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$12,750,469.46, and that the CY 2019 municipal budget for the Township of Cedar Grove be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Deputy Mayor Vargo moved that Pending Ordinance #19-840 be passed at first reading, published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times as a pending ordinance with a public hearing of April 15, 2019, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:  
AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala  
NO: None

b) To consider introduction of 2019 Municipal Budget

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2018; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a summary of said budget be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times in the issue of April 5, 2018.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 7, 2018 at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

General Appropriations for:

1.	Appropriations within "CAPS"	
	(a) Municipal Purposes	\$12,347,885.00
2.	Appropriations excluded from "CAPS"	
	(a) Municipal Purposes	\$ 2,579,717.92
3.	Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 560,000.00
4.	Total General Appropriations	\$15,487,602.92
5.	Less Anticipated Revenues Other Than Current Property Tax	\$ 4,237,315.30
6.	Difference: Amount to be raised by taxes	
	(a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	\$ 10,477,608.66
	(b) Addition to Local District School Tax	
	(c) Minimum Library Tax	\$ 772,678.96

Councilman Tanella moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

- c) To consider introduction of 2019 Solid Waste Collection District Budget

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Solid Waste Collection District Budget for the year 2018 and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a summary of said budget be published in the Verona-Cedar Grove Times in the issue of April 5, 2018; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Municipal Building on May 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2018 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons;

General Appropriations for:

Total Solid Waste Collection District Appropriations	\$ 1,863,256.00
Amount to be raised by Taxation for Support of Solid Waste Collection District	\$ 1,620,477.00

Councilman Kumburis moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

- d) To consider resolution concerning self-exam of municipal budget

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN SELF-EXAMINATION PROGRAM  
OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE 2019 BUDGET YEAR**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-78b has authorized the Local Finance Board to adopt rules that permit municipalities in sound fiscal condition to assume the responsibility, normally granted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, of conducting the annual budget examination; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:30-7 was adopted by the Local Finance Board on February 11, 1997; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.2 through 7.5, the Township of Cedar Grove has been declared eligible to participate in the program by the Division of Local government Services, and the Chief Financial officer has determined that the local government meets the necessary conditions to participate in the program for the 2019 budget year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Township of Cedar Grove that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-7.6a & 7.6b and based upon the Chief Financial Officer's certification, the governing body has found the budget has met the following requirements:

1. That with reference to the following items, the amounts have been calculated pursuant to law and appropriated as such in the budget:
  - a. Payment of interest and debt redemption charges
  - b. Deferred charges and statutory expenditures
  - c. Cash deficit of preceding year
  - d. Reserve for uncollected taxes
  - e. Other reserves and non-disbursement items
  - f. Any inclusions of amounts required for school purposes.

2. That the provisions relating to limitation on increases of appropriations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2 and appropriations for exceptions to limits on appropriations found at N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3 et seq., are fully met (complies with CAP law).

3. That the budget is in such form, arrangement, and content as required by the Local Budget Law and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4 and 5:30-5.

4. That pursuant to the Local Budget Law:

- a. All estimates of revenue are reasonable, accurate and correctly stated,
- b. Items of appropriation are properly set forth
- c. In itemization, form, arrangement and content, the budget will permit the exercise of the comptroller function within the municipality.

5. The budget and associated amendments have been introduced and publicly advertised in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Budget Law, except that failure to meet the deadlines of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 shall not prevent such certification.

6. That all other applicable statutory requirements have been fulfilled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution will be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services upon adoption.

Deputy Mayor Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

e) To consider resolution concerning deferral of school tax levy

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, the Local School District Tax for the year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 was raised in the 2018 Tax Levy in the sum of \$29,071,482.00 ; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutes permit the deferral of the cash liability of such School Tax up to fifty (50%) of the School Tax Levy or \$14,535,741.00.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the Deferred School Tax for the Local School District be increased from the sum of \$14,147,194.00 which was deferred as of December 31, 2017 to the sum of \$14,535,741.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the certified copies of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

f) To consider resolution concerning tax reduction granted by Tax Court of New Jersey

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector of the Township of Cedar Grove has determined that action is required as a result of 2016 - 2018 tax reductions granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey;

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has certified to the foregoing as well as to the amount of the tax cancellations, which are set forth along with the name and address of the taxpayer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that the required tax cancellations and refunds be made:

2016 Tax Reductions Granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner &amp; Location</u>	<u>Tax Cancellations and Tax Refund</u>
320	316	Jerry & Elaine Kaplan 164 Eileen Drive Cedar Grove, NJ 07009	\$1,251.86

2017 Tax Reductions Granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner &amp; Location</u>	<u>Tax Cancellations and Tax Refund</u>
65	21	American Savings Bank 310 Pompton Avenue Cedar Grove, NJ 07009	\$1,066.50
320	316	Jerry & Elaine Kaplan 164 Eileen Drive Cedar Grove, NJ 07009	\$1,291.65

2018 Tax Reductions Granted by the Tax Court of New Jersey

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Owner &amp; Location</u>	<u>Tax Cancellations and Tax Refund</u>
320	316	Jerry & Elaine Kaplan 164 Eileen Drive Cedar Grove, NJ 07009	\$1,305.83

Deputy Mayor Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Kumburis, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala  
NO: None

- g) To consider resolution concerning purchase of above ground fuel tanks, installation, removal, repair and related equipment through State contract No. A 42270

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Cedar Grove has availed itself of the right to purchase above ground fuel tanks, installation, removal, repair and related equipment entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by the Division of Purchase and Property in the Department of Treasury pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable from time to time to purchase above ground fuel tanks, installation, removal, repair and related equipment under contracts entered into on behalf of the State by the said Division without the necessity of advertising for bids, or in cases where no bids have been received; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desirable to purchase above ground fuel tanks, installation, removal, repair and related equipment under such contracts enter into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by said Division during the year 2019;

**WHEREAS**, funds for the purchase of above ground fuel tanks, installation, removal, repair and related equipment are available in Bond Ordinances No. 16-793 and 17-808.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, that the purchase of above ground fuel tanks, installation, removal, repair and related equipment be awarded to E.O. Habegger Co. Inc., through State Contract No. A42261 and Independence Constructors Inc., through State Contract No. A42270.

Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

h) To consider resolution concerning approval of raffle application – Cedar Grove Elks

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**WHEREAS**, an application for raffle license has been received from:

**APPLICANTS**

**EVENTS, DATES TIMES & PLACE**

Cedar Grove Elks Lodge #2237  
405 Bowden Rd.  
Cedar Grove NJ 07009

Off-Premise 50/50 Raffle to be held  
Sept. 7, 2019 at 5:30 am at  
405 Bowden Rd., Cedar Grove NJ 07009

**WHEREAS**, the fees have been paid, and the application has been reviewed by the Township Clerk and found acceptable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove that it does hereby approve said application.

Councilman Tanella moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Peterson, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala  
NO: None

- i) To consider resolution concerning developer's agreement – St. Mark Coptic Church

The following resolution had been posted on the bulletin board, and a brief synopsis was given by the Township Clerk:

**In the Matter of:**

**Coptic Orthodox Church – Archdiocese of North America, Inc.**

**5 Woodstone Drive**

**Block 40, Lots 400 & 402**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the appropriate municipal officials are hereby authorized to sign a Developer's Agreement with Coptic Orthodox Church – Archdiocese of North America, Inc., in connection with the development of Block 40, Lots 400 & 402, Cedar Grove, New Jersey, after satisfying the following:

- A. Submission of performance guaranties in the amount of \$101,916.86 for Lot 400, and \$61,011.56 for Lot 402 as set forth in the Agreement, which consists of ten percent (10%) cash in the amounts of \$10,196.28 and \$6,101.16, respectively;
- B. The posting of escrows in the amounts of \$39,851.28 and \$19,101.90 pursuant to the Agreement;
- C. The submission of an appropriate insurance certificate in the amount of \$1,000,000.00; and

The signing of the Developer's Agreement by the Developer

Councilwoman Peterson moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vargo, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

**9. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

The Bill Resolution was read by title and amount as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Council of the Township of Cedar Grove, County of Essex, New Jersey, that the attached summary of bills having been duly audited and found correct be and they are thereby ordered paid and that warrants be drawn on the Treasurer in the aggregate amount of \$184,599.17

Deputy Mayor Vargo moved adoption of the resolution, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

**10. MEETING OPEN TO RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP WISHING TO BE HEARD ON ANY ITEM ON OR OFF THE AGENDA CONCERNING TOWNSHIP BUSINESS**

Mayor Cicala opened this portion of the meeting to anyone wishing to be heard.

Kate Hartwyk; EC Liaison – Ms. Hartwyk advised that Bradford Ave. is scheduled to be repaved by the County from Grove Ave. to Woodstone Dr. Ms. Hartwyk also announced several upcoming Essex County Spring Events. Councilwoman Peterson informed Ms. Hartwyk of a large fallen tree obstruction on the West Essex Bikeway behind the Police Academy.

Ricard Vazzano; 14 Pilgrim Court – Mr. Vazzano offered cell phone pictures of West Lindsley Road run-off from 3/22/19. Mr. Vazzano raised complaints regarding roadway conditions on Pilgrim Court, specifically sewer drains projecting above roadway pavement.

Robert Coda; 1 Pilgrim Court – Mr. Coda described personal drainage issues; commented to remedy his drainage problem will create a problem for his neighbors.

James Palma; 119 Stevens Ave. – Mr. Palma voiced support for acquisition of Pompton Ave. property. Mr. Palma referenced proposed Cliffside Drive development and expressed concern regarding the developer responsibility to comply with the Township’s tree removal/mitigation ordinance.

Richard DeRose; 10 Pilgrim Court – Mr. De Rose voiced several concerns:

- Sewer grates above pavement level on Pilgrim Court
- Cleaning of West Lindsley Road retaining walls
- Jersey City aqueduct inspection
- Condemnation of uninhabited house at 125 W. Lindsley Road

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Deputy Mayor Vargo moved adjournment of the public council meeting, seconded by Councilman Tanella, and passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Kumburis, Peterson, Tanella, Deputy Mayor Vargo, Mayor Cicala

NO: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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JOSEPH CICALA                      MAYOR

ATTEST:

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KATHLEEN R. STUTZ      MUNICIPAL CLERK