

REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 8, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Commissioner Mahon, Commissioner Gorman, Mayor Magrini

Borough Clerk reads the following statement:

This is a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea and notice of time, date and place has been transmitted to the area newspapers, Avon Board of Education, Avon Public Library and the Avon Post Office in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Open Public Meetings Law.

Fire Exits are located in the direction I am indicating. In case of fire, you will be notified by an alarm bell. If so notified, please move in a calm, orderly manner to the nearest smoke free exit. Thank you.

Motion by Mahon seconded by Gorman that the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2017 be approved as written.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Gorman seconded by Mahon that,

WHEREAS, R.S. 40A:4-19 of the Local Budget Law provides that while any contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2018 budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations in the year 2018 budget, exclusive of any appropriation in the 2018 capital improvements and debt service, is \$440,000.00 in the Beach Utility Budget, \$300,000.00 in the Water Utility Budget and \$1,200,000.00 in the Current Budget for a total of \$1,940,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the temporary appropriations are made and that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Financial Officer.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Gorman that,

WHEREAS, there are unexpended balances of appropriations which are not needed, and other appropriations which will be deficient,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following 2017 appropriation transfers be authorized:

FROM: Beach Diesel Fuel O.E.	\$2,100.00
TO: Beach Electric O.E.	\$2,100.00
FROM: Planning Board O.E.	\$1,500.00
TO: Street Lighting	\$1,500.00
FROM: Landfill Contract	\$3,500.00
TO: Street Lighting	\$3,500.00

FROM: Diesel O.E. \$3,500.00
TO: Public Buildings O.E. \$3,500.00

The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Magrini seconded by Gorman that,

WHEREAS, R.E. 17:9-9 and N.J. 40:5-A5-14 provide for the designation of depositories for Municipal Funds by Resolution of the Governing Body.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea Commissioners that the following banks be designated for deposit of Borough Funds.

Amboy Bank, Bank of America, Kearny Bank, Dean Witter Trust Company, State of N.J. Cash Management Fund, Investors Bank, Ocean First Savings Bank, PNC Bank, Sovereign Bank, Sun Bank, TD Bank, Valley National Bank, Wells Fargo Bank.

The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea has budgeted funds for 2018 for payment of utilities, payroll, debt service, governmental fees, and insurance, and for the printing and mailing costs of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the payment of these items frequently arrives out of time for placement on the next available bill list, and in several months of the year the governing body does not meet for a period of one month, thereby inadvertently placing these bills and mailings in arrears because of the schedule of meetings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make pre-payment of the following fixed items prior to the same appearing on the meeting bill lists, such funds to be taken from the pre-budgeted amount for each such expenses for 2018;

- 1. Utilities (electric, gas, water, sewer, cable and telephone).**
- 2. Payroll.**
- 3. Debt services as evidenced by pre-existing bonds and notes.**
- 4. Health, dental and other insurance premiums.**
- 5. Federal, state, county fees and taxes.**
- 6. Postage for tax bills, newsletters, and other Township mailings.**

The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that,

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea Tax Collector:

- 1. There shall be a ten (10) day grace period on the quarterly taxes, after which unpaid taxes will be charged interest back to the due date.**
- 2. Interest shall be charged and calculated at the rate of eight (8)% per annum on the first \$1,500.00 of the delinquency, and eighteen (18)% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00 calculated from the date the tax was payable until**

the actual payment is received until all of the delinquencies on a property are brought to a current status.

- 3. There shall be a six (6)% penalty for a delinquency over \$10,000.00 if not paid prior to the end of the calendar year. Delinquency is defined to mean the sum of all taxes and municipal charges due on a given parcel of property covering any number of quarters.**
- 4. Redemption fees for Tax Sale Certificates are as follows:
Two (2)% on certificates \$200.00 to \$4,999.99
Four (4)% on certificates \$5,000.00 to \$9,999.99
Six (6)% on certificates over \$10,000.00**
- 5. A service charge of \$20.00 will be charged for each returned check, used to make any payment to the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea, for any reason specified by a financial institution.**
- 6. A fee of \$5.00 will be charged for the first duplicate copy of the tax bill requested by a mortgage servicing organization and a fee of \$25.00 will be charged to each subsequent duplicate copy of the same bill in the same tax year.**
- 7. All tax sale certificate redemption amounts shall be obtained from the Tax Collector. In addition, a \$25.00 fee will be charged for each additional request for a redemption.**
- 8. There shall be a fee of \$100.00 for the issuance of a duplicate tax sale certificate.**

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Magrini seconded by Mahon that,

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:5-14 mandates that the Governing Body shall, by Resolution passed by a majority of the membership thereof, approve a Cash Management Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea as follows:

- 1. The attached updated Cash Management Plan will guide the investment of idle cash of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea.**
- 2. The attached updated Cash Management Plan includes a Policy Statement to guide its implementation.**
- 3. The Chief Financial Officer will administer the Plan.**
- 4. The Plan is subject to annual audit.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of the within Resolution be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Borough Chief Financial Officer.**
- 2. Borough Auditor.**
- 3. All depositories named in Section IV of the attached updated Cash Management Plan.**
- 4. All dealers and brokerage firms in Section V of the attached Cash Management Plan.**

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that,

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act (CH 231, P.L. 1975) became effective on January 19, 1976, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with said act, it is necessary for the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea, as a public body, to post and maintain a schedule of the regular meetings of the public body to be held during the succeeding year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that the Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to do the following:

- 1. Post the schedule of meetings on the bulletin board in Borough Hall, which sets the time, date and location of all regular and workshop meetings. The public as always will be allowed to participate in the regular meetings and a portion of the workshop meetings will be set aside for public comment. Action will only be taken at the regular meetings unless otherwise advertised in advanced.**
- 2. Mail a copy of this resolution and schedule to the official Borough newspapers.**

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea (the "Borough"), in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, has determined that there exists a need within the Borough to finance the costs of various general improvements and water capital improvements throughout the Borough (the "General Improvement/Water Capital Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has duly adopted various bond ordinances (the "Ordinances") to appropriate moneys and authorize the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes to undertake the General Improvement/Water Capital Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined to finance the General Improvement/Water Capital Project with the proceeds of a loan (the "Loan") to be made to the Borough by the Monmouth County Improvement Authority (the "MCIA") in connection with an MCIA 2018 Pooled Governmental Loan Program currently scheduled to close on February 1, 2018 (the "2018 MCIA Bond Program"); and

WHEREAS, in order for the Borough to receive the Loan from the MCIA, it is necessary to combine the bonds authorized under said Ordinances into one consolidated issue of general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,250,000 (to be issued in two separate series, namely a general improvement bond series in the principal amount of \$1,900,000, and a water utility bond series in the principal amount of \$1,350,000, aggregating said amount and to memorialize the applicable obligations of the general improvement and water utility funds of the Borough), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented (the "Local Bond Law"); and

WHEREAS, to evidence the Loan, the MCIA also requires the Borough to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Borough's \$3,250,000 General Obligation Bonds, 2 #9665378.1(148693.002) Series 2018 (the "Bonds") in accordance with the provisions hereof and pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq. (the "Local Bond Law") and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, section 27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the Bonds to the MCIA without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth herein and in a Bond Purchase Agreement by and between the Borough and the MCIA to be dated as of the date of the sale of such Bonds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOROUGH OF AVON-BY-THE-SEA, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW

JERSEY, as follows: Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:226(f), the bonds of the Borough, authorized pursuant to the bond ordinances of the Borough heretofore adopted and described in Section 2 hereof, shall be combined into a single issue of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$3,250,000, to be issued in two separate series, namely a general improvement bond series in the principal amount of \$1,900,000, and a water utility bond series in the principal amount of \$1,350,000, aggregating said amount and to memorialize the applicable obligations of the general improvement and water utility funds of the Borough. Section 2. The principal amount of bonds authorized by each Ordinance to be combined into a single issue as above provided, the Ordinances authorizing the Bonds described by reference to the ordinance number, description and date of final adoption, amount of issue and average period of usefulness determined in each of the Ordinances are respectively as set forth in Exhibit A hereto: Section 3. The following matters are hereby determined with respect to the combined issue of Bonds: (a) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of Bonds presently authorized to be issued pursuant to each of the Ordinances and the respective periods or average periods of usefulness therein determined, is 8.95 years for the general improvement bonds, and 9.53 years for the water utility bonds. (b) The Bonds of the combined issue shall be designated “General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018”, consisting of two separate series, General Improvement Bonds and Water Utility Bonds, each of which series shall mature within the average period of usefulness applicable thereto. (c) The Bonds of the combined issue shall be sold and issued in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law that are applicable to the sale and issuance of bonds to a public entity under section 27(a)(2) of the Local Bond Law. 3 #9665378.1(148693.002) Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated: (a) None of the Bonds described in Section 2 hereof have been sold or issued heretofore, and the several Ordinances described in Section 2 have not been rescinded heretofore and now remain in full force and effect as authorizations for the respective amounts of bonds set opposite the descriptions of the Ordinances set forth in Exhibit A hereto. (b) The several purposes or improvements authorized by the respective Ordinances set forth in Exhibit A hereto are purposes for which bonds may be issued lawfully pursuant to the Local Bond Law and some of such improvements or purposes, if applicable and permitted by law, a deduction may be taken in any annual or supplemental debt statement. Section 5. In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:2-27(a)(2), the Borough hereby sells and awards the Borough’s \$3,250,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018 (collectively, the “Bonds”) to the MCIA in accordance with the provisions hereof and in accordance with the terms of a Bond Purchase Agreement by and between the Borough and the MCIA (the “Bond Purchase Agreement”). The Mayor of the Borough (the “Mayor”) and Chief Financial Officer of the Borough (the “Chief Financial Officer”) are each hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Borough, in consultation with Bond Counsel (as hereinafter defined), to negotiate the terms of such Bond Purchase Agreement, to be dated the date of sale of the Bonds, to approve the terms of aforesaid Bond Purchase Agreement and to execute and deliver said Bond Purchase Agreement to the MCIA. The Bonds have been referred to and described in the Ordinances being finally adopted at duly called and held meetings of the Borough Committee and published as required by law and which Ordinances were combined for purposes of sale pursuant to this resolution, all pursuant to terms of the Local Bond Law and other applicable law. Section 6. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to determine, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and pursuant to the terms and conditions established by the MCIA and the terms and conditions hereof and set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement, the following items with respect to the Bonds, except those terms and conditions which are set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement: (a) The aggregate principal amount of the Bonds to be issued, provided that the total amount of Bonds issued shall not exceed the aggregate principal amount of \$3,250,000; (b) The maturity and principal installments of the Bonds, which maturity shall not exceed 9 years; (c) The date of the Bonds; 4 #9665378.1(148693.002) (d) The interest rates of the Bonds; (e) The purchase price of the Bonds; and (f) The terms and conditions under which the Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. Section

7. Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Bonds by the parties authorized under Section 8(c) hereof. Section 8. The Board of Commissioners hereby determines that certain terms of the Bonds shall be as follows: (a) The Bonds shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered GI-1 for the General Improvement Bonds and WU-1 for the Water Utility Bonds (or such other designation as determined by Bond Counsel); (b) The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owners thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and (c) The Bonds shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Clerk of the Borough (the "Borough Clerk"). Section 9. The Bonds shall be in the form set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Borough to comply with the requirements of the 2018 MCIA Bond Program, upon the advice of Bond Counsel. Section 10. The law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Borough ("Bond Counsel"), the Borough Engineer, the Borough Attorney and the Borough Auditor are each hereby authorized and directed to perform all actions necessary to consummate the issuance of the Bonds and the General Improvement/Water Capital Project for which the Bonds are issued, including but not limited to, drafting and arranging for the printing and execution of the Bonds and all applicable documentation necessary to memorialize and consummate the issuance of the Bonds and the undertaking of the General Improvement/Water Capital Project, preparing all necessary financial information, all engineering and design work, preparation of plans and specifications and conducting all necessary studies, searches and analysis in connection with the issuance of the Bonds and the undertaking of the General Improvement/Water Capital Project. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Borough 5 #9665378.1(148693.002) Clerk, the Borough Attorney and any other Borough representative (including Bond Counsel or the Borough Auditor) are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any certificates necessary or desirable in connection with the financial and other information. Section 11. The Mayor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Borough Clerk and any other Borough representative, are each hereby authorized and directed to (i) execute any certificates or documents necessary or desirable in connection with the sale of the Bonds, including the Bond Purchase Agreement, or the undertaking of the General Improvement/Water Capital Project, and each are hereby further authorized and directed to deliver same to the County and/or MCIA, as applicable, upon delivery of the Bonds and the applicable receipts of payment therefore, or in accordance with the 2018 MCIA Bond Program and (ii) perform such other actions as they deem necessary, desirable or convenient, in consultation with Bond Counsel, in relation to the execution and delivery thereof. Section 12. Upon the adoption hereof, the Borough Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution: (a) via email, to (i) John D. Draikiwicz, Esq. of Gibbons, P.C., the MCIA bond counsel, at JDraikiwicz@gibbonslaw.com, and (ii) Anthony J. Pannella, Esq., of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Borough, at apannella@wilentz.com; and (b) via certified first class mail, to (i) John D. Draikiwicz, Esq., Gibbons P.C., One Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102-5310, and (ii) Anthony J. Pannella, Esq., of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095. Section 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Gorman seconded by Mahon that Kerry McGuigan is hereby designated as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Magrini seconded by Mahon that the following appointments be made:

Michele Darling	Deputy Borough Clerk	1 year term	End 12/31/18
Douglas Carter	Recreation Director	1 year term	End 12/31/18

The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that Steve Kegelman is appointed as the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund Commissioner. Sheila Sullivan is appointed as the Alternate Fund Commissioner.

The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that the following appointments be made to the Planning Board effective January 1, 2018:

Michael Davey	Class IV	4 years	End 12/31/21
Richard Maloney	Class IV	4 years	End 12/31/21
Sandra McLaughlin	Alt. #1	2 years	End 12/31/19
Steven Mazouat	Alt. #4	2 years	End 12/31/19

The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Magrini seconded by Mahon that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoint Benjamin Choi as Municipal Prosecutor for the year 2018. This appointment is being made without competitive bidding as this appointment involves a member of a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law, and is, therefore, exempt under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Gorman seconded by Mahon that the Board of Commissioners hereby appoint Edward Kerwin as Municipal Public Defender for the year 2018. This appointment is being made without competitive bidding as this appointment involves a member of a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law, and is, therefore, exempt under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

The Vote:
Aye: All
No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Gorman that,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea has a need to acquire a Municipal Engineer and does so pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year and may be extended three (3) times as approved by the Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Rooney has submitted and/or will submit a proposal indicating he will provide engineering services for no more than \$135.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Rooney has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Charles J. Rooney has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Charles J. Rooney from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for in the 2018 Municipal Budget,

WHEREAS, this appointment is being made without competitive bidding as this appointment involves a member of a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law, and are, therefore, exempt under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Charles J. Rooney as described herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution and contracts will be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea has a need to acquire a Municipal Attorney and does so pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition may exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year and may be extended three (3) times as approved by the Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, Barry A. Cooke has submitted and/or will submit a proposal indicating he will provide legal services for \$130.00 per hour; and

WHEREAS, Barry A. Cooke has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Barry A. Cooke has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit Barry A. Cooke from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for in the 2018 Municipal Budget,

WHEREAS, this appointment is being made without competitive bidding as this appointment involves a member of a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law, and are, therefore, exempt under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Barry A. Cooke as described herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution and contracts will be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

RESOLUTION offered by Mahon seconded by Magrini that,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea has a need to acquire a Municipal Auditor and does so pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 or 20.5; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Administrator has determined and certified in writing that the value of the acquisition will exceed \$17,500; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated term of this contract is one (1) year and may be extended three (3) times as approved by the Board of Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Hulsart has submitted and/or will submit a proposal indicating they will provide the municipal auditing for \$26,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Robert A. Hulsart has completed and submitted a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that Robert A. Hulsart has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea in the previous one year, and that the contract will prohibit the Robert A. Hulsart from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract, and

WHEREAS, funds will be provided for in the 2018 Municipal Budget,

WHEREAS, this appointment is being made without competitive bidding as this appointment involves a member of a recognized profession, licensed and regulated by law, and are, therefore, exempt under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract with Robert A. Hulsart as described herein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Disclosure Entity Certification and the Determination of Value be placed on file with this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution and contracts will be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

Motion by Magrini seconded by Gorman that the bills in the amount of \$349,028.33 be approved for payment.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

Department Head reports:

Sgt. McGrath, Police Dept. – thanked everyone who cooperated throughout the storm and did a good job staying safe during the winter storm.

Mayor – suggested the police dept. begin working on beach plan for the summer.

Comm. Gorman – asked how residents cooperated in the storm.

Sgt. McGrath said the police did issue some tickets to people who parked on the north and east sides of the street.

Comm. Mahon – wind made things difficult when shoveling snow and clearing paths.

Further discussion on snow protocols being implemented in town.

Mayor Magrini & Comm. Gorman encouraged residents to sign up for the Reverse 911 alerts.

Scott Hauselt, DPW Supt. – bench plaques were finished right before the storm. Christmas trees will all be picked up by DPW. Overall, the snow removal went well with no equipment issues.

Charlie Rooney, Engineer – thanked Commissioners for re-appointment. Things are quiet with the cold weather but did recommend we go to bid in Feb. for the 2017 road program.

Mayor asked about the backflow preventer being implemented to prevent flooding on Poole Ave.?

Charlie said he is hesitant to use the preventer because Sea Bright has had problems with their system. However, the Mayor & Charlie agreed it is worth pursuing since it is not highly expensive.

Kerry McGuigan, Adm. – many water main breaks with cold weather keeping Karl very busy. Tax collection was very busy at the end of 2017 with residents pre-paying their property taxes.

Mayor – the town has continued to research pursuing a new Master Plan, 1st Aid doing a great job but in need of new volunteers.

Comm. Gorman – thanked the P.D. and DPW for doing a great job with the storm.

Mayor asks if anyone would like to be heard?

Mrs. Pesci – asked if anything is being put into budget to purchase more equipment to better handle the storms.

Mr. Hauselt said it's not necessary to buy big expensive trucks for storms that only hit once every 5-10 years.

Comm. Gorman asked about using trash trucks in snow.

Mr. Hauselt said that trash trucks do not handle the snow well, we stopped plowing sidewalks because too much damage was caused to people's properties.

Motion by Mahon seconded by Magrini that being there is no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

The Vote:

Aye: All

No: None

John B. Magrini, Mayor

Robert Mahon, Commissioner

Francis E. Gorman, Commissioner

Marc Freda, Acting Borough Clerk