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REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025 AT 7:03P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AT BOROUGH HALL

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

BOROUGH CLERK: this meeting is being held in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting was provided by forwarding a Sunshine notice which included the time, date and location of this public meeting of the Mayor and Council.

ROLL CALL:
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Councilman Fitzhenry, Councilwoman DeCicco, Councilman Karcic, Councilwoman Sheedy, Councilman Del Russo, Councilwoman Bocchino

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Daniel H. Pronti, Borough Clerk, Kathleen Moore, Borough Administrator, Stephen Lo Iacono, Borough Attorney, Randy Pearce

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS
100th Birthday – Laura DiFabritis
100th Birthday – Eleanor Arnold

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 223-25 THROUGH AND INCLUDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 234-25 DETAILED BY TITLE BELOW, ARE LISTED ON A CONSENT AGENDA, ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS. IF A COUNCIL MEMBER DESIRES DISCUSSION ON A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION, THAT ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

R-223-25 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS
R-224-25 RESO RE: CHANGE ORDER #2 +6.92% (+$19,800.00) INCREASE FOR THE ALLAN PARK SPORTS LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
R-225-25 RESO RE: RENEWAL OF 2025-2026 LIQUOR LICENSES
R-226-25 RESO RE: SOLICITATION OF PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
R-227-25 RESO RE: TAX OFFICE – REFUND OF MONIES
R-228-25 RESO RE: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TURNOUT GEAR, FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT
R-229-25 RESO RE: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO MTS POWER LOAD STRETCHERS WITH ACCESSORIES FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SQUAD DEPARTMENT
R-230-25 RESO RE: 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT – NJDCA GRANT, CONSTRUCTION OF THE PASSAIC RIVER WALKWAY AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS

R-231-25 RESO RE: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE 2025 CHEVROLET TAHOE SPORT UTILITY FOUR WHEEL DRIVE BASE VEHICLE WITH BASE OPTIONS FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

R-232-25 RESO RE: APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE ALCOTEST SYSTEM WITH ACCESSORIES FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

R-233-25 RESO RE: CAPITAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

~~R-234-25 RESO RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING~~

Councilman Karcic requests Resolution 234-25 be pulled from Consent.

MOTION TO APPROVE (except Reso 234-25)

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry*, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino
*Abstains from all Fire Department matters

COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILMAN FITZHENRY: I apologize for being late, I'm usually here a couple minutes earlier. Happy birthday to our two young ladies tonight it's a wonderful milestone and again like the mayor said your faces are so familiar, both of you I wish you a happy birthday and I look forward seeing you here five years from now. Also I have to excuse myself from the North Arlington fire department any business that pertains to them, because I'm still a volunteer fireman in town. So I can't think I can consciously vote for anything that pertains to spending money. However we did have a resolution tonight the purchase of turnout gear, which is the gear the firefighters wear. It's not cheap stuff I've stated before in this room the outfit of one firefighter is about $12,000 with a radio, helmet, gear, boots, gloves, SCBA, so it's not cheap. But this is a continued commitment from this council to make sure that our public safety agencies are fully ready for this job. I am a little disappointed and it's because the Mets and Yankees are both out of the playoffs and when you are a Mets fan and you know you're still hanging on to the playoffs, so we sat there watching the Yankees get their butts kicked again last night and it's a disappointment that our local teams aren't winning. Even though we are from New Jersey we're always rooting for the Yankees and the Mets and when the Giants aren't winning we're rooting for the Jets. Tonight I gave my tickets to my daughter and her boyfriend he's a Philadelphia Eagle fan. Last month I was not in attendance at the meeting I was at the firefighter's convention as normal North Arlington volunteer fire department was very well represented in the convention hall itself, as well as the parade, the old meeting they have and the classes they take down there. Another commitment that our volunteers take, some people in North Arlington take it for granted, they don't know it how often and how much personal time it takes just for simple things like taking classes, but maybe for people who are married have kids taking classes from 7am to 10pm on a Tuesday when mom's home with the babies is difficult, so kudos to them they did a wonderful job last month. We all know that we had the arrival of the brand new blue engine that sits in the firehouse on River Road, not another cheap piece of equipment, but again another example of our commitment to public safety in North Arlington. Not just police, EMS, but also to our fire department as well.

Unfortunately, because of government rules and regulations they require that you replace your equipment over certain period of time. They don't care if it has 10 miles on it, it's how you measure equipment not that they don't measure the miles, because they don't really drive it that far. They don't care if it has 5 miles on it, they say 25 years is the life expectancy piece of equipment. Unfortunately, we are forced to do what we have to do, but the firefighters like it. They don't get paid so they expect to have the best equipment and we give them the best equipment and by the way the engine should be in service. They're training on it right now as we speak, it should be in service by the end of October early November. Sometimes they are anxious to get it in service earlier, they will train extra hard to pro try it and put in service as soon as possible. With that come Halloween I am sure one of the councils will discuss our Halloween spectacular that is coming up and Thanksgiving is just right after that, so things are moving along very quickly here. The summer is over, school has started, baseball, football is in full swing and all the fall sports are starting and again kids are still on the streets every single day, so when you're driving your cars be careful because it's been beautiful weather out and expect the kids to be out there. Also on November 7th we all got the memo is the Shields Awards ceremony from the Knights of Columbus where they recognize as the firefighter of the year, police officer of the year, person of the year, resident of the year a whole bunch of stuff like that. But this year is special for the fire department because our firefighter of the year is the first female ever in history of our 110 years that we actually honored a female firefighter of the year. She is also becoming our first female Lieutenant in the fire department as of tonight she starts January 1st, 2026. That's all I have Mr. Mayor.

COUNCILWOMAN DECICCO: Good evening everyone, on September 21st I attended the painting with Access For All it was a great experience. I brought my daughter along to bond with children from Access For All, so that was a success. On October 26th they will be having their pumpkin patch, which is different from the town if anyone is interested in going your more than welcome to come I know it's a great event every year. I also want to acknowledge Councilwoman Sheedy for Celebrate North Arlington we know how much hard work you put into that, so I want to say thank you so much for organizing it we had an amazing turnout. I forgot to mention on October 14th at 12pm we will be hosting a small ceremony for Hispanic Heritage Month at Daniel Morris Park, if anyone is interested in joining us you're more than welcome to come, we love to have you we will planting flags. Lastly, I want to report that on October 14th at 6pm the library will be holding a meeting, if anyone is interested to come and join them, feel free to stop by. On October 21st at 4pm they'll be hosting Globe in the dark haunted, they will have canvas painting, I think that's pretty cool for grades between 3rd and 8th they will be having a lot of activities for the kids there. I hope everyone has a great Halloween, Thank you.

COUNCILMAN KARCIC: I am going to start with EMS they had a total agency calls of 1,731 years to date and the volunteers 3,689 year to date they provided standby coverage and booth at Celebrate North Arlington and they also provided standby coverage for the football games. Every month NAVES is always accepting new applicants for riding the ambulance and our non-writing auxiliary that helps with events and fundraisers, please visit www.naves1972.org and become a part of the tradition of helping neighbors save lives. They also have their big fundraiser that is coming up next week October 17th it's Italian Dinner and a comedy show featuring Matt Jenkins, Johnny Lamper and Marian Gordon doors open at 6pm you can purchase your tickets online again at www.nave1972.org tickets are $60 a person and you must be 21 or older to join. The event will be held down at the Knights of Columbus on River Road.

Let switch to the police department training, we've spoken all along about once they are fully staffed squad the numbers of training that they are able to accomplish. During roll call they did updates to case law, criminal law and motor vehicle law. We have people as always attending Bergen County Bomb Training and Bergen County Regional SWAT Training that is monthly, special operations unit training, advanced handgun course, CPR instructor, recertification radar instructor course, station house adjustment conference, one person attended the FBI lead course, the cult armor course, the FDU executive leadership course and what might be the most important one in today's day and age is social media seminar. Police department statistics total for the month was 2,237 with 913 property checks. I say this monthly if you see something, call the police department they will come out and check the property, that's what they are there for. They did that over 900 times in the month of September, 241 motor vehicle stops and they issued 1,593 summonses. The Detective Bureau took in 23 new cases with theft and fraud check, fraud being the top cases for the month of September. There were extra details monitoring Fairmont between Steven's Place and Belleville Turnpike for quality of life issues, noise, parking, drinking, Ridge Road, double parking, enforcing the double parking laws on Ridge Road. Chief Horton's initiatives are continuing to enhanced community engagement, where each officer makes a minimum of two positive citizen contacts per shift, non-law enforcement related they attend and support at least one community event and neighborhood meeting and gather intelligence through community interactions. I would like to extend a happy birthday to our two citizens in the 100 years I can only imagine what you've seen and one of my most cherished childhood memories was growing up seeing my neighbor celebrate his 100 birthday, as a teenager we would sit there and talk about how the neighborhood had changed and growing up in North Bergen it blew my mind that the houses and apartments that were across the street from us when he moved in there was a forest and how he watched this park come down and just how the neighborhood changed. I can only imagine the stories that you guys have, personally I love that type of history things. I wish you both nothing but the best and happy birthday.

Mayor Pronti: Now he's half that age.

Councilman Karcic: Thank you, Mayor for pointing that out I tried to forget that.

COUNCILWOMAN BOCCHINO: Halloween is on its way I am working on getting the Halloween parade and pumpkin patch ready to go all the supplies have been ordered. I'll be asking for some help on making those goodie bags for the children. The parade starts promptly at 10am from here Borough Hall we will walk down Ridge Park Drive and into Fisher Field, we will have the costume contest for the pets, so if you have your pet bring it along we love that. The event is from 10am to 1pm we will have music, refreshments, the pumpkins and hayride lots of things for the kids. We also have the Halloween decorating awards the Recreation Commission will be out viewing all of these decorated homes and some of them are really cool. They will be giving out 30 awards some are also businesses. So once that's done that will be posted on the website our home page. If you're interested decorate your home and see if you get an award this year. With that being said Christmas is around the corner they are also going to be doing the decoration as well. We will have those dates later and we will confirm that the tree lighting will be December 4th at 6pm.

Mayor Pronti: Did you see New York will be lighting their tree before Thanksgiving? That's what I heard.

Councilwoman Bocchino: We picked that date because New York is doing their tree that Tuesday. I am still working with one of our residents on the film ready, so hopefully we'll be there soon and we could get North Arlington in on all the filming going on in the surrounding towns.

COUNCILMAN DEL RUSSO: Thank Mr. Mayor, I'd like to also personally congratulate Mrs. Arnold and her family as well as Mrs. DiFabritis and her family for their milestones reached here tonight and let us share in those memories. Thank you, very much you've been a wonderful part of this community for many years and we cherish it we just want to say thank you. Congratulations to Councilwoman Sheedy a fantastic Celebrate North Arlington really everyone needs to know that all the planning that goes into it, this goes on for the prior years as well she is starting next year already, I wanted to congratulate you and thank you for all the hard work you did with that, it was a very good success. Our DPW department had prepared the Daniel Morris Park project which is on River Road I am sure everyone is aware of it. It's currently underway and it looks better every day we're excited about that and looking forward to getting id done. Fisher Field will be cleaned and prepared for our Borough's upcoming pumpkin patch event, that's also Councilwoman Sheedy that's on her plate and Donna, thank you both for that. This month the crew had trimmed many trees there was also one removal required for safety concerns. We recently provided Mark for the newer trees that are to be planted for our tree planting program and I have to add as Councilwoman DeCicco and I walking door to door we see many residents, many of them told us how clean the Borough is how nice it looks. They like the trees everyone notices and they appreciate it. Also the department has installed new uplighting at the library to match the Borough Hall you will be noticing that now as it gets darker earlier and with the holiday seasons coming up, it will look fantastic. The department recently ordered 125 tons of salt to ensure that our Borough and residents are safe this upcoming winter. As I have said before the department service all of its winter equipment, all the plows are ready to go, all of our salt spreader is ready to go and we are ready for any inclement weather that we may have this year. That is good to have this done prior to because sometimes you get caught early with a snow storm or an ice storm, our residents should know that comes our way. Leave season begins on October 27th it will last approximately six weeks, we ask our residents to put their leaves at the curb no earlier than 24 hours prior to their sweeper day, please do not block any catch basins or intersections to prevent flooding and accidents that is very important. We could have flooding issues if you're blocking the catch basins. The department is working on the 2026 recycling flyer once it's complete it will be sent to our residents. That's all I have Mr. Mayor thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN SHEEDY: A representative from SNAP will be at the Board of Health center on October 4th from 10am till 2pm to assist with the application process, as always try to try to make an appointment if you can and if there are no appointments you can contact the health department and they'll try and work out something to get you seen. Walgreens is administering vaccines at the senior center on October 16th from 9am till 12pm, they are offering flu, covid, pneumonia, rsv and shingles flu combo shot for ages 30 and up, if you're bringing in a minor they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Bergen County is also offering free screening for men and woman as part their early detection saves lives. This event will be held on Saturday October 18th from 10am till 2pm at the Elmwood Park recreation department, they will be doing pap smears, clinical breast exams, fit kit for colorectal and prostate screenings. If you know of anyone interested I have flyers up here for all of these events. Councilwoman DeCicco and I were

at the County Health meeting and the inspector reported to all of us that our local businesses are all above average upon inspection, so that's great to know. I think I said it last month, our County inspector is out there making sure that you're all safe when you're eating at our local establishments and we thank them for being on top of that and when there are issues, they follow up and make sure that within days they're taken care of. Under special events Celebrate North Arlington was held September 27th and the weather was perfect and so was the event, it was months of preparation go into planning such a large scale of event. I have to publicly thank so many people, sorry if you have to listen to all this and I've said it before, but they deserve the applause. First of all, to all the members of the Council and Mayor, sorry for the constant phone calls from me telling them what I need and how they can help me and they all work with me. I truly appreciate the team effort on that one. Our Borough Administrator Steve, the clerk Katie and Damaris the help that they give me doing this, obviously I am at work all day and they're the ones that are taking in all the applications and dealing with the public coming in, Colleen Doherty follows up with every food vendor and making sure that they're ready for the county health inspector and also the fire official inspections that must be done the morning od the event. The preparation by the DPW department this team starts hours before the public walks in, Chief Horton and the police department going to back what Mario reference earlier, were instrumental in speaking to local businesses and having them sign up to be vendors, combining community policing and promoting the event was a great initiative and that was thanks to Chief Horton, putting that together and working with us. The fire department is always truly helpful and stepped up at the last minute as a hotdog vendor, while most people just see what a wonderful event it was for the community, i see that and much more. I see a group of dedicated employees and volunteers who go the extra miles to be sure that this event is indeed a showcase for our town and all it has to offer. I truly appreciate each and every person who made this possible. Now stay tuned because Christmas is right around the corner. That's all I have for tonight, thank you.

MAYOR PRONTI: There are a few things I want to add. October is Italian Heritage month; we will be doing a brief Columbus Day ceremony on Monday for Columbus Day down at where the Columbus park is. Councilwoman DeCicco will be doing a Hispanic Heritage month ceremony on Saturday. As she said earlier its breast cancer awareness month is also the month of October that's a cause that is near and dear to my heart, six years ago my mother left to breast cancer and I bring it up every year, so I wore a pinkish tie that I try to remember that. Over the past month we did a few things in town, I know that the Legends basketball court is near completion, the benches were put in there, the stenciling is scheduled for tomorrow, I believe because there was a rain delay and that will be done and Councilwoman Sheedy will be very, very excited once that's done, she will be having a nice dedication ceremony down there. We just got notification about our senior and veterans housing, we got another preliminary sketch of each and every one of the units that are going to be one and two units, the two bedrooms are for any seniors who may need a live-in healthcare provider and that was one of the changes that we made to improve. There's also going to be a rooftop park on there that was left out of the original design. They will be coming back with the new drawing and they really did a nice job coordinating it. The sketch that they made is a preliminary, it's not exactly how it's going to look with that color combination or anything they will be making adjustments on that, but they are looking to present the final within 30 days. The new fountain was installed down at Daniel Morris Park it's level in case anybody was wondering its level. There was a picture that looked like it wasn't level and of course you had to get a few

people ask if it was level, we are putting the water in, we will wait to see if it spills out, but it's level. We had a good time with it a couple of people laughed about it. That's all I have for now.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT (Stephen Lo Iacono): Everything you've heard tonight is going on in town, we're also involved in a number of things that are taking place outside of the Borough. I've reported earlier on the county oil hazard mitigation plan we continue to be part of that effort. With all the extreme weather we've had in the last few years there's a renewed interest in making sure we protect ourselves against floods and those kinds of occurrences. Everyone knows that the world soccer championship will be held here in New Jersey next year June And July, there's an organization that the county has put together, we are part of that and trying to plan for FIFA for the tournament as to how a town like North Arlington can somehow participate and also benefit from the fact that hundreds of thousands of people will be in the area for a couple of weeks next year before the beginning of the summer. There's an organization called Bergen 250 who has their initial meeting right now as we speak, actually next year the nation will be celebrating 250 years and a national celebration is going to take place. We want to be part of it but none of us here today could be at that meeting tonight because we are here, but our Chief police is representing the Borough and he will report back tomorrow, so there's a lot going on here. Finally after all the months of reporting on the 911 system, the new radio system, the new telephone system all three systems are installed ready to go, waiting for the flick of a switch which will happen when the State of New Jersey gives us their final approval, which should come any day it may even happen tomorrow. When that happens North Arlington will have the latest in communication equipment to communicate with ourselves, the various departments communicate with the State and it will communicate with our neighboring communities, making all of us safer our first responders safer and our residents safer, this is an extremely big news and a big step forward for the community, we are all proud of what's going on here. This is also still budget time, not only for the budget here in the Borough Hall but the JIF our insurance group is preparing their annual budget I am on that committee representing North Arlington. There will be an increase but it should be modest and we should not have too much of a problem when it comes to the insurance line in the next budget, What has consumed me more than anything in the past few months is the insurance crisis, the health insurance crisis that's spreading across the State, we're still not where we need to be, the potential answers or the potential changes contractual matters. I will be discussing this in closed session with the council, hopefully we will come up with some kind of solution which helps the Borough save some money and while protecting the employees and their benefits an unbelievable increase in cost at the State level, which gets passed down to us. Probably the biggest problem that's facing New Jersey municipalities right now is the cost of health benefits. What cost the Borough for coverage for certain employees $5,000 a year about ten years ago is bumping $80,000 a year now, It's a really tough situation. We are working on it and hopefully next meeting we will have certain report back on that.

REDEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT (Robert Ceberio): Good Evening, just to follow up on some of the Mayor's comments regarding senior housing, some people were asking why is it taking so long? Well what needs to be known by the public is that the governing body has been looking at each draft from the architects, from the engineers and getting feedback from the individuals that they have shown some of the ideas, some concepts and these people actually took pencil to the documents and made changes to the point where the architect now has exactly what the governing body was looking for and what are the most beneficial to the senior citizens.

I'd like to thank you, for all your input on that project you made it tailor made for the North Arlington seniors and that's pretty cool. In terms of the BCUA project the redevelopment committee and our CM met with the provisional developer, he brings to us at all these meetings different ideas and concepts not only for the actual redevelopment but other things that can improve North Arlington. His first item that he discussed with us is the beautification of the Belleville Turnpike and the cleaning up of the Belleville Turnpike, the planting of the trees on the North Arlington side of the Belleville Turnpike going where the trestle is, where North Arlington starts all the way up to Schuyler Ave, we even talked about the kind of species of trees. He will be talking to the public works superintendent.

Mayor Pronti: We actually met yesterday.

Robert Ceberio: There was a discussion about cherry trees or different types, he has indicated he's coming to North Arlington he's going to make sure at the entrance points from the Belleville Turnpike is the best that can happen. So he also discussed with us the ability to give to the municipality some potential additional parking for Zadroga Field, which the Mayor had indicated sit down with the town engineer and figure out how we can do that, he's already committed in some respects of providing some of the redevelopment area to additional recreational pars of facilities. Last but not least, he spoke of the different components of what potentially his redevelopment would look like and was trying to get feedback from the redevelopment committee as to are you interested in seeing this down there? So we are trying to finalize what his final submission will be to the municipality. My favorite subject 470 Belleville Turnpike the issue of the water to the site, they actually went to Hampshire tried to get water access to their building, they were denied. I think we discussed this las month of getting water access from the self-storage facility, bring it around the property that just refuses to cooperate at all, which was that old granite which is now empty, we've tried to the owners of the self-storage facility and Seagis together for the purposes of getting the approvals to hook it and that's why we provided all the information regarding that company out of Utah and Texas that owned that facility, we left to see just to get it done. The Mayor asked us to sit down with a firm that does EV charging stations, which was a very interesting meeting we had and the potential of putting EV stations obviously in either municipal lots or actually in fact into different commercial or residential components along Ridge Road or other areas in the municipality. We discussed that at length and we have some ideas that we will share with the redevelopment committee. We finally got a response from Mr. Chris Kolori the president, CEO of New Jersey Transit saying that as much as he would like to collect either a rent or sell the bus turnaround to the municipality for parking, his bus division said he should not do it because they really need the turnaround, so the discussion went further asking, can we have part or some of it? And we will make sure there's something there for the bus to turnaround, the bus people just don't want us on that, on that site.

Mayor Pronti: Have they considered a land swamp for that property?

Robert Ceberio: Do you have a site? I will gladly go back if you give me an alternative.

Mayor Pronti: There's property that are further North where there's ample parking to swap it out with something that we need down South.

Robert Ceberio: Just let me know and I will present it.

Mayor Pronti: See if they will be open to it. Go and inquire.

Robert Ceberio: Last but not least, something we are doing in another municipality that you may want to consider a downtown visioning project that looks at every component of your downtown from an economic development standpoint to traffic analysis in terms of how many passengers go up and down Ridge Road in a day, to a planning document, to a parking, so you may want to consider that going forward. We're even in this other municipality giving a standard of what facades should look like in the downtown, the lighting and so forth. So everything that you could imagine of walking down a main street, that's what we are working in another town and I was just wondering is that something you may want to consider in the upcoming year.

Mayor Pronti: We actually put something like that in the original redevelopment plan where it was, gave a few options, so that would be something that we could consider.

Robert Ceberio: Yes, because the redevelopment plan first started out in 1999, we've had a lot of amendments. That's just a question that maybe it's time to take another look at it.

ENGINEERS REPORT (Brian Intindola): I just want to lead off that one of our North Arlington seniors from the high school is in a co-op program and they're working with us and the young lady comes in Monday through Friday from 11:30am to 1:30pm she's learning first on how things get designated, how changes are made during construction how we deal with that, how we document it also learning how to write proposals that there's 564 municipalities in New Jersey each one has it's different personality and things that they have in a priority. It's been an eye-opening for her and to see it again a fresh in someone else's eye that you know that you're working for the public good or wheel is a great thing to do as a career and we really enjoy it as an organization and it brings that new perspective. Thank you for sharing one of your seniors with us. Another news the regatta that was scheduled for Sunday has now been moved to Saturday, so I think we have a line at Daniel Morris Park by the firehouse towards the South end finish Morris. I don't think it's going to interfere with any events, it's like three people in a chair, that's really what it comes down to most of the action will be on the water because we have a big Northeastern coming.

Mayor Pronti: Did you find out if the construction crew is going to be working down there on Saturday?

Brian Intindola: There will be some minor work, but they will knock off when the ceremony is there.

Mayor Pronti: The landscapers planned to work, just let them know that the parking we will make arrangements through Knights of Columbus or the VFW.

Brian Intindola: Okay, I will let them know, I'll stop by tomorrow so I just want to give you that update. We opened up a bid for Leonard Place, we're going to have the preconstruction meeting next week, low bidder was Smith Sondy and that was a standalone project because CDBG funding needed to get that out, so we did that. As we reported Legends Court of Fisher Field the stencils

will be done tomorrow. I am going to meet with the crew there tomorrow and lay it out make sure everything's okay and I'll let Councilwoman Sheedy know of course when we're on site. Another roadway project is ready to go it's down at the DOT for review and then we'll get a bid date with the clerk soon thereafter. For your Passaic River resiliency project, which is the next phase of Daniel Morris is to build a substantial bulkhead, we had to go out to bid for a design firm one firm submitted it. I think the cost is a little bit high, so we are going to review it on our side and then reach out to DCA and see whether it's okay to award to one firm if they're qualified or we have to go back out to bid, that's a federal process. You receive bids on August 20th for your solid waste and recycling that's under consideration. As reported for Daniel Morris the fountain is in construction, the water surface that we thought we had was deactivated, was reactivated as of yesterday, electric being done, lights are being run, planting to compliment the fountain and an upgrade to the Daniel Morris Monument. It's pretty much been done in the last eight days and they are working very well and very hard on that project. We are closing out other projects and Macaluso Park, I owe the Borough some concepts and a concept review session to go over what it looks like and what budgets are, we will be getting back to you on that pretty soon.

Mayor Pronti: We have a lot of public interest in Macaluso Park because we've been telling people that's the next one to get done, so people are excited about it they are anxious to see the drawing.

Brian Intindola: In the next two weeks we'll schedule a design session with whatever subcommittee you want to make and then we will set a budget or go through interactions of a budget and then we'll get the project moving.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

Cengiz Server – 16 Albert Street: There was a $200,000 out of course settlement in regards to the library where something happened, which was along the lines of racism, I believe. I would like to know what the Borough is doing in regards to this to make sure there is no racism going on. Is there anything that we are doing or are we acceptable to future lawsuits? I am a member of the AFOCIO I had to go through the training; I keep it near heart because it means a lot to me to be a union member. I work for a non-union they don't do much for you, unions they do a lot more for you. I had a member walking to town handing out literature to fellow union members that were stopped by a police officer. I am curious is this going to open up litigation to this town as well? Because we got freedom of speech in this country. We got freedom to go around campaigning and you know. you walk to properties too, right? Knocking on doors campaigning. So I am just curious what's going on with that. As far as the township goes we had a rec center called The Hut it wasn't amazing, it wasn't that great but it's not there anymore. We have a detective bureau and would like to know why it disappeared. We had a rec center that we could have made better or do something with it. But I would assume the council voted to take it away from the people and give us a detective bureau, I am just curious how that works out. Because Lyndhurst has a fountain, so we wanted a fountain, they got a pool and they got a rec center. Their Mayor and Council don't vote for raises every year, so there's a lot of things that happen all over the place. I am not here to dislike any member here we are all in the same country, we're all citizens, we're all trying for the

better of our own children. I'm putting my kids through school, my son's getting his master, my daughters in college trying to get her degree and I got my little guy left. We're working to make this town a better town; this country a better country and this division is disgusting me. I believe your republican fine; your democrat fine freedom of speech we're all brothers and sisters here. If we can't take care of each other, who are we taking care of? When I go to the library if I'm racially profiled I will call the cops, now I'll file a charge. I had somebody trespassing my property , stole from my property so I got a ring camera and I got a video, I went to the police department and filed a complaint , no comments yet. I called back to the officer to follow up no follow up yet. I'm not saying it's politically motivated things are hard, cops have a hard job. I have many families' members that are cops and they said that they support me, but they cannot come out in uniform and support me because that's not the right thing to do. Government jobs are government they are not partisan. I'm just curious about the rec center, my main priority is why was is it taken away? Why couldn't we fix that? You guys are doing a lot, getting the Ridge Road done up for Christmas lights for Thanksgiving you guys' care about the town. But if we had a rec center that brings everybody together that would be pretty nice. I think when I knock doors and ask people about quality life they all got the same thing I got. They're busy family, kids running out, this is what I see in North Arlington (holds up a paper with images) you got hanging wires, you got cables on the ground, street lights with a cover off and that's kind of bad. I think insurance companies jack up our rates for that, and we have a quality of life officer I believe he was given a stipend. So I'm curious what his duties are because I am sure he's doing something, nothing is free in this country.

Don O'Neill – 13 William Street: Good Evening, Mayor and Council, well one thing I wanted to bring up to start with number one I don't think anybody from the council brought up yet out beautiful town borough town garage sale coming up very soon it will be October 18th and 19th so if anybody needs to sign up go to the Mayor's office and see Damaris or Katie and sign up, it's free as long as you sign up and sell, sell, sell. I want to say thank you for North Arlington day, I purposely drove up I was down the shore, but I drove up for that day and it was absolutely amazing I mean the weather was supposed to be horrible and it turned out to be perfect. As usual Mr. Fitzhenry on the fire department, the fire department engaged with all the kids with the fire hose and they had a demonstration of extrication with the hearse tools it was fantastic and everyone seemed to have a great time. It was the busiest time I've seen so far of any of them. If I may elaborate on this regarding the hut in 1987 that building was opened up they asked for volunteers to go into that building, fix it up. So I remember as a high school senior going in there with a bunch of friends of mine from high school a whole bunch of us from Queen of Peace students and adults we fixed it all up and they sheet rocked it. It was a great teen hangout back at the time, everybody hung up behind Borough Hall we never had to worry about these guys kicking us out when we got a little to rowdy. One of the problems with that was that it did not get used they had like an after school thing there and there was just really nobody using it and unfortunately it sat practically vacant. So I think that was one of the reasons why it got repurposed because otherwise it was a vacant building. The other thing is the rec center, Lyndhurst has their rec center and they have a pool down there, back in the day there was a little thing called endcap. Endcap came in and was going to build condos and a golf course down in the Meadowlands and money was set aside in case it went belly up, that the town, the Borough's or whoever would be paid in case something happened, unfortunately it belly up that program went bankrupt and North Arlington under the rule of that time, which was people that were there and were running the town decided to sue the company to get the money earlier, Lyndhurst waited and got a huge payout, North Arlington lost

and we got zero, so that was when we got the massive tax increase back in I am not sure the year. I remember I was a homeowner in North Arlington and I remember getting my tax bill and I was like what the heck! I was down at the Lyndhurst County Park by Valley Brook Ave, an Italian American Club for Bergen County was having their bocce thing down there and I went and they were having cannolis and everything else and someone said hey you're from North Arlington right? And I said yes, and they said I've played at that bocce court down there that they put in, it's fantastic I love that I can walk down my street and go practice instead of going to Lyndhurst, it was really nice to hear that, I think it's fantastic. I wanted to mention no matter where you go especially celebrating North Arlington you saw Chief Horton and your police officers they were walking around talking to everybody the council people talking to everybody it's one of those towns actually it's a Borough, the Borough has that small town feel again which I love and it's one of the reasons why I will stay in North Arlington. One more thing there was a Facebook post just the other day somebody found something by the cemetery on Schuyler Ave, a bag or whatever it may be I know people watch the North Arlington connect app, but if you see something say something don't post it on Facebook, call the police department I know I've called and the response time is immediate they will come down and check, you never know, who knows what's in the bag? Could be nothing, it could be a puppy. I wanted to know why nobody incorporated the idea of the miniature golf course on top, so wan have balls come out the bottom the senior housing has been on the books and now it's come to fruition for almost 30 years, finally seeing it like coming around now it's fantastic and one day I'll be a senior. Thank you, make sure you sign up for your garage sale.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

Mayor Pronti: These questions were all good questions, I may say Don answered some of these questions. As far as the hut that was your spot on it was a nice little thing that they had, I've had this conversation with a couple of people and it was great back in the days. What happened was they started bringing couches in there and they started bringing in video games, no one was playing with the ping pong table and the pool table, no one was using anything and it was costing us to staff it, we were paying people, we were putting out supplies. I know when I was a councilman I was actually on that committee for one year and we did some type of background on it and it was losing money and it was losing attendance; I know a couple of people that served on that committee.

Councilman Karcic: If I can add to that, I'm sure I still have in my house a thick fly folder with a bunch of pictures and everything. But when we looked at it and we actually spoke to people who were running the hut on average it attracted 12 to 15 kids a day and the average amount of time that they would spend there would be 20 minutes and what we found out is these kids were going to the hut tell their parents they were at the hut and then they would go and leave. It was ineffective and it was costing money. At the time when we put out a poll people were requesting, which is outside of our scope they were complaining that sac the aftercare program ends at 5th grade and people wanted us to open the hut as a daycare center for 6th, 7th and 8th graders after school every day.

Councilman Fitzhenry: Which is illegal for us to do outside of our preview.

Councilman Karcic: And as councilman Fitzhenry said it's Illegal for us.

Councilwoman Sheedy: There was also a survey sent out at the time to ask parents for interest the grades that you mentioned 6th, 7th and 8th and the response was maybe out of all those grades which is probably 300 kids, the response was less than 20, so less than 20 people were interested in actually having the program that they said we needed to keep the hut open for. This was 8years ago, it's been within the past 10 years because it was when I was on the council, it would've been middle school kids at that point.

Councilman Karcic: Let's be honest some parents wanted, but my 6th grader couldn't wait to go into 6th grade because they didn't want to go to sac anymore. They're 6th, 7th and 8th graders they wanted some freedom and that's what they got. Another thing that I want to add I hear this comparison to Lyndhurst, where is the Lyndhurst recreation center?

John Balwierczak speaks: It's the one on Valley Brook bottom of Valley Brook in the industrial area.

Councilman Karcic: It's not a recreation center, it's not open to the public, kids can't go there after school and play baseball, it's used for recreational wrestling, it's used for recreational basketball and it's used for pre – k classes. There is no rec center that kids can go to after school in Lyndhurst, so that's why there's this big misconception of recreation in Lyndhurst. Because as Councilman Fitzhenry pointed out earlier or somebody pointed out sorry Mr. O'Neil that was originally supposed to be paid for by encap and then encap's deal fell through and it switched ownership and that entire complex was supposed to be done at no cost to the Borough to the township of Lyndhurst and when they backed out they were on the hook, they paid millions of dollars for the turf, for the lights of the building that's not a recreation center they had no desire to pay for all that. But as they were halfway through construction the funding fell out from the bottom of it so they had to continue. So once again there is not a rec center in Lyndhurst for the kids to go and play basketball after school. I know we talked about that and that would be a great thing to have, but (A) you got to have the space and (B) what is your tolerance in increase in taxes for a recreation center? Because we've had this conversation with numerous people.

John Balwierczak speaks: Put it to voter referendum.

Mayor Pronti: Can we not go back and forth?

Councilman Karcic: I need you to understand, I want to answer this question because that's the answer to everything is "oh we got to go to referendum"; we are elected to govern, we are not elected to be pollsters and go out to the community on every single decision to turn around and say, 'hey what do you want to do'? That's what you do when you campaign, when you go out and you knock on the door and you talk to people or you sit up here, we are elected to govern, not to be pollsters and say, 'hey I don't have the courage to make a decision, what do you guys want to do?' That's not our position.

Mayor Pronti: He's asking a hypothetical question, they don't require an answer. Just listen.

Councilman Karcic: I get frustrated where everything is like, well we should go out to referendum, that's right what we need to do is spend 400 to $800,000 to ask the town what they elect us to do the job. It cost money every single referendum, whether you do it at a general election whether you do it at a primary or you do it off election, it costs money to go out to the public and say, 'hey you elected me to do a job, I can't do it, what do you want me to do?' That's ludicrous.

Mayor Pronti continues: The next thing we ae going to go over is you asked about a quality of life officer, we have not had a quality of life officer employed in North Arlington in about five years. I don't know where you got it from, but there's none, so you could look into that. We have not paid anyone, there's no quality of life officer. That position is no longer there. And it was taken over by the DPW and the superintendent has his guys going out and doing that and it was a cost saving analysis that we did a few years back, good question.

Councilwoman Sheedy: But to see something, say something he should report that hanging wires to the police department like everyone else does.

Mayor Pronti: As far as the hanging wires yes, always report anything you see, if you see hanging wires and it could be a potential risk, you don't know if there are electrical wires. What we have is a direct line to our police dispatch, we call the police dispatch at 201-991-4400 you hit the zero as soon as they answer it rings downstairs at the desk. The dispatcher answers the phone no matter what the question is, no matter the complaint is or the problem the dispatcher is trained to know where to send the complaint or issue and it will be resolved, that's as easy as that. You don't have to come in here and say there's wires down because you don't know if it was an issue. If you saw wires down a week and half ago and you waited to come in here and somebody god forbid got electrocuted by those wires wouldn't that be counterproductive to what you're doing? Go and call the police let them look into it and see what they have to do there and fix the issue. You said you did a police report but they never followed up with it, have you spoken to a supervisor at the police department?

Mr. Sever: I left a message.

Mayor Pronti: What you do is, you follow up there, keep following up with the supervisor and there's a Chief of police that runs the police department, you could follow up with him if you don't see any satisfaction you could always reach out to Mr. Lo Iacono and he will oversee any issues that you may have. But no one is looking for you not to get an answer especially if a police report is done and there's an investigation done no one is going to withhold that information from you. You are entitled to that information follow with the Chief and find out. If you are not satisfied with the results then go to Mr. Lo Iacono and let him know what the issue is and we can always take it to another level. As far as AFLCIO members handling out literature, I don't know about that. If anyone was handling out literature whether it was for the AFLCIO I don't know. Did you call up the police and inquire as to what happened?

Mr. Sever: I was a member there; I got pulled back from it.

Mayor Pronti: So this is a third party complaint that you are bringing up?

Mr. Sever: A lady driving her car got pulled over by and started questioning, she told them he directed her that.

Mayor Pronti: What did she tell him?

Mr. Sever: How to get a permit.

Mayor Pronti: I Shouldn't be going back and forth with you, but I am going to tell you whatever happened with the police department, go to them and find out what the answer is. I can't tell you what the answer is, they are separate department from us, if you go and you have any issues I am being told by the attorney I can't go back and forth with you, anybody can have a lawsuit if you want to open a lawsuit go ahead. If you have an issue with the police you have to go down there and speak to the police and they will give you an answer to your question. I can't answer your question because I don't have that information in front of me. I wish I did you could have called ahead of time and we could have gotten an answer for you ahead of time. We don't know these things occur and you're saying that was the racial profiling thing that you were talking about? The library thing? The library thing is a separate entity; the governing body does not oversee the library.

Borough Attorney Randy Pearce: This issue was brought up at the last meeting and answered, that is a legal issue we don't control it we have an insurance firm that handles this. They hired an attorney and that attorney resolved the case. We have no control over that, no saying in the matter totally separate independent body, end of the story. You had a chance to get up earlier you didn't and I am answering your question at the direction of the Mayor, it's over and there's nothing that can be done about it.

Mayor Pronti: If they have further questions on this incident that occurred at the library, how would they go about finding information on it?

Councilman Fitzhenry: Go to the library board meeting, here is the thing the library itself was created by an act of congress just to let everybody know and in that act of congress they are a separate entity from the Borough of North Arlington just like the Board of Education is, the Board of Education is in charge of that. The Mayor does have the ability to make appointments as a liaison only, not as voting members to that act. They spend their own money; they do their own hiring and firing. They do their own thing, so in reality of it is North Arlington is only the custodian of funds, just like we are for the Board of Education doesn't collect money, we collect it for them and they raise taxes or lower taxes which never happens to the Board of Education side by the way. In reality of it is all we are is custodian of funds for the Board of Education which has their own trustees and their own money to spend. The library is no different it's supported by an act of congress and all they do is operate a loan by an act of congress. You have to understand that and all we do is hold their funds and we do their bills for them, basically is what it comes down to at the end of the day. That's it.

Mayor Pronti: Des it makes sense? I mean go to the library and if you find something we'd all like to know so you let us know. I know there's a lot of assumptions that go around, but I am glad that you do come in and ask, this way there's clarifications. So thank you for presenting those questions and I hope we answered everything in a sufficient manner.

Councilwoman DeCicco: I just want to add the library meeting is October 14th at 6pm so if you want to go, you can ask all of the questions you may have and the meeting is at the library, feel free to attend and it's like 30 minute long.

Mayor Pronti speaks regarding Resolution 234-25: We have a resolution that was pulled, Reso-234-25 that resolution is regarding award of contract for solid waste and recycling.

Borough Attorney Randy Pearce: On that resolution I am glad that president Karcic asked to remove it from the consent agenda this was a painstaking process. We have had a great service from Cali for the last five years, actually many before that just for the last five years we had a public bidding process. We received three bids and one of bids was determined by my office and by Negia's office to be a non-responsive bid, we asked specific information, we had information that one of the bidders was not properly handling the existing contracts they have, that their vehicles were problematic and one of the important questions on the bid was to provide information about those vehicles. They did not provide it and therefore that bid was disqualified and so the resolution for tonight is a awarding the bid to our lowest responsible bidder which is Cali.

R-234-25 RESO RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2448
BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW POWER LOADER STRETCHER FOR THE USE OF THE NORTH ARLINGTON VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SQUAD IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $104,000 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.

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

ORDINANCE NO. 2449

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON AND SPG 500 BELLEVILLE TURNPIKE URBAN RENEWAL LLC AND APPROVING AN APPLICATION THEREOF PURSUANT TO THE LONG-TERM TAX EXEMPTION LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:20-1 *ET SEQ*. WITH RESPECT TO BLOCK 168, LOT 1 (500 BELLEVILLE TURNPIKE) IN THE BELLEVILLE TURNPIKE REDEVELOPMENT AREA

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman DeCicco
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2445

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 187 §9(B) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"
(Repeal of Handicapped Parking Space at 23 Eagle Street)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2445 TO THE PUBLIC

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Del Russo
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

No one wishes to be heard

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman DeCicco
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

ORDINANCE NO. 2446

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW LADDER FIRE TRUCK, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $2,095,000 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.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2446 TO THE PUBLIC

INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

No one wishes to be heard

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT
INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino
ABSTAINS: Fitzhenry

ORDINANCE NO. 2447
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING $208,000 FROM GENERAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION CODE DEPARTMENT, PURCHASE ONE PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION DEPARTMENT AND THE PURCHASE OF FIRE PERSONAL ESCAPE EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR AND BY THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2447 TO THE PUBLIC
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

Cengiz Sever: Will the council consider buying an EV for these vehicles? Because I do know from personal usage that they do save a lot of money. There's no downtime for maintenance just plug it in and go.

Mayor Pronti speaks: We don't decide what vehicles are purchased, the way it works here is we get people from different divisions they come up and they do their research, they request the vehicles that they're looking to purchase to Mr. Lo Iacono and then he decides with the council president if it's going to go on for a vote. No one has brought any electric vehicles to our attention to vote on, so we can't vote for that. So right now from what I see I don't know if you have any further information on that. If you go to the different divisions the departments and you propose maybe looking at something like that and they propose that to the administrator, that's how you get that started. We don't propose it downward they come up to vote each division, each department head puts in their budget and they plan ahead to purchase equipment. They come to the Borough administrator and it gets put on the agenda for us to vote on. We don't interfere with the day to day operations of each department, we vote on the issues that are brought before us. I know a lot of people think we sit here and micromanage every department in town and go over everything that they do. Mr. Lo Iacono handles day to day operations and when they come to him it gets brought to us.

Cengiz Sever: I see the papers how many per pounds they get EV's for their vehicle police or not?

Mayor Pronti: That's completely up to them, bring it up to them if you find something that they may be interested in. I am sure they would entertain it and look at and see if it's feasible for what they need.

Cengiz Sever: That falls under public?

Councilman Fitzhenry: It's also a government contract, whatever is available under the government contract at the time.

Mayor Pronti: There are electric vehicles on government contracts because Councilman Granell at the time, I believe he purchased one about 12 years ago and it lasted about two months.

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT
INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino
ABSTAINS: Fitzhenry

R-235-25 RESO RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION
WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and **WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; **WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Council wish to discuss: CONTRACTUAL MATTERS, ANTICIPATED AND/OR PENDING LITIGATION, ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE, ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY **WHEREAS,** public release of the discussion will only occur after counsel approval and action may or may not occur after discussion. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council are now in executive session

INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

[Executive Session]

MOTION TO RETURN TO THE REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS
INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

R-236-25 RESO RE: OFFERING SPECIFIC FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES SELECTING EITHER THE OMNIA OR HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE LOW PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026
INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman DeCicco
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT: (10:36pm)
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Fitzhenry
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Fitzhenry, DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino