Minutes

REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 AT 7:08P.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: Councilwoman DeCicco, Councilman Karcic, Councilwoman Sheedy, Councilman Del Russo, Councilwoman Bocchino
EXCUSED: Councilman Fitzhenry

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Executive Session – September 11, 2025
Regular Meeting – October 9, 2025
Executive Session – October 9, 2025
Regular Meeting – November 13, 2025
Executive Session – November 13, 2025
Regular Meeting – December 11, 2025
Executive Session – December 11, 2025

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

RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT
RESOLUTION NUMBER 59-26 THROUGH AND INCLUDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 73-26 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-59-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO PAY CLAIMS
R-60-26 RESO RE: TAX OFFICE – REFUND OF MONIES

R-61-26 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF PER DIEM CROSSING GUARD
R-62-26 RESO RE: REASSIGNMENT TO PER DIEM CROSSING GUARD STATUS
R-63-26 RESO RE: APPOINTMENT OF CROSSING GUARD TO PERMANENT STATUS
R-64-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS REGARDING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT AND HEALTH BENEFITS CONSULTANT
R-65-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH NJLEGALADS.COM FOR THE PUBLISHING OF PUBLIC NOTICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 2025 C.72
R-66-26 RESO RE: AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR PARK CONSTRUCTION AT MACALUSO PARK
R-67-26 RESO RE: CONTRACT WITH MUNICIPAL PARKING SERVICES, INC.
R-68-26 RESO RE: FIREFIGHTER – INACTIVE STATUS
R-69-26 RESO RE: RESIGNATION OF FIREFIGHTER
R-70-26 RESO RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS
R-71-26 RESO RE: CHANGE ORDER #1 RESOLUTION +18.18% (+$27,889.69) INCREASE FOR THE LEONARD PLACE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS (CDBG FUNDED) PROJECT
R-72-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZING TAX APPEAL SETTLEMENT PERTAINING TO 74, 76, 78, 82-88 RIDGE ROAD
R-73-26 RESO RE: AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON FOR THE YEAR 2026

MOTION TO APPROVE

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

COUNCIL REPORTS

COUNCILMAN FITZHENRY: EXCUSED

COUNCILWOMAN SHEEDY: The Board of Health reported good news this month flu numbers are decline, hopefully it's a sign that we will be complaining it's hot, it's too warm, instead of this cold winter blast that we've been dealing with. The rabies clinic is being held on Wednesday 3/25/26 from 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Dr. Singh from the Rutheford Animal Hospital will be giving the immunizations the rabies shots to the dogs and cats, the clinic will be held at Truck Company #3 on Legion Place. A SNAP representative will be available at the senior center on Tuesday 3/10/26 at 10am please call the Board of Health for an appointment. Our Boad of Health Director Colleen Doherty completed her immunization audits for the schools and the daycares and everything is satisfactory. Also, during Resolutions on consent ex- Chief Brian Fitzhenry, who is not in tonight was officially changed to inactive status. I would like to congratulate Brian on his retirement from active duty and thank you for his 34 years of service to the North Arlington volunteer Fire Department.

COUNCILWOMAN BOCCHINO: For recreation they had to move their meeting back, we did not have a meeting this month yet. I do know they did pick their opening day for baseball and

softball, so that will be April 11th for both, they will have their parade and then the opening ceremonies on that day as well, one will be earlier in the morning and the other one in the afternoon. The military banner program is back up and running, so if anyone is interested in purchasing or sponsoring a banner, military banner for a loved one or a friend, feel free to contact me or go to the Borough website you will find more information, you can order it right through the website there. The banners will be hung before Memorial Day and they will stay up till Veteran's Day, so they will be up quite a long time this year. We hope to have more on the outskirts we always do Ridge Road and we're hoping to have more on Schuyler Ave and River Road that's my dream.

COUNCILWOMAN DECICCO: The library will be sharing details soon about their summer reading program, the dates have not been released yet, you can check the library website for their current activities that they have coming up. I know they have one on February 21st at 12pm and they're also having an Easter basket giveaway to support the library; you can donate a dollar to win a goodie bag and also a gift card for $25. I also want to add that the Mayor and I attended the beef steak even fundraiser at the Elks for the softball team they were sold out, so that was a huge success for the softball girls. That's all I have, thank you.

COUNCILMAN DEL RUSSO: With regards to this last storm we had a difficult storm as many of you know and throughout the State it was. Our DPW municipal workers are subject to State and Federal safety regulations and that includes vehicle inspections and fatigue management. The HOS maximums hours of service are 16 hours followed by 8 hours off and Steve can vouch on this. Mark does a great job these guys with their rest and they've been out there from 5am to 9pm many days trying to catch up, because like I said it was a very difficult storm and this storm began around 10pm and did not end till the next day 12pm, so they were out there with loaders they were removing snow. I appreciate your patience it's very important at a time like this, we're trying to get things done. We continue to remove snow as needed as we evaluate certain areas in town and we have to dump it as we remove it, so that's very important. I just ask for your help and the residents to be patient with that. With regards to our senior club, the Mayor and I went yesterday to the senior center and one of the ladies Philomena was her 90th birthday party, so we got to share that it was a great event. It was packed house as always, they had food, dessert and everything else they are all homemade, but it was a great time. They always put invite us and we always go, they had a Valentine's Day celebration as well, this past Christmas they collected many coats like 130 or so it was donated to the homeless. So they do things like that throughout the year, they are always looking to help and do things like that, it's very important to them and they enjoy doing it.

COUNCILMAN KARCIC: The report for the police department for the month of January 2026, one thing I want to point down we haven't talked about this in a couple of months, our police department is currently down one officer because we do have one officer who is currently on military active status he left us a couple of months ago, he is still out protecting our Country. I just wanted to acknowledged that he's out there and he is missed by the department, he's protecting all of us, please just kind of keep that in your mind. The police department has done extensive training again, they continue during roll call to do updates to case law, criminal law, motor vehicle law, Bergen County bomb and reginal SWAT training, special operations unit training, the ALCO test 9510 conversion class we have officers training on that now and the field training program. They conducted their own reorganization meeting, they were involved with our meeting as well, they also did espresso with a cop at Casa D'Amici. The department statistics they took 3,090 cases,

1,482 properties check in the month of January, 544 motor vehicle stops, 1,715 summonses were issued. There was a total of 15 arrests. Objectives for the following month is the Ilford commercial vehicle enforcement which addresses quality of life issues, noise, parking, drinking. Thia is being focused on Schuyler Ave and Belleville Turnpike, they are addressing all schools with parking issues and they are continuing their enhanced community engagement where each officer makes a minimum of two positive citizen contacts per shift non law enforcement related and continue to support community events and neighborhood meetings. There's a traffic safety initiative where they are targeting areas with frequent collisions or complaints with a focus on speed enforcement, DWI prevention and seat belt violations this report was submitted respectfully from the Chief. Thank you.

MAYOR PRONTI: I have a few things to touch on, Councilman Del Russo brought up about this past snow storm event. I want to let everyone know that we did reevaluate the entire storm, we sat down afterwards and we looked at all the facts, things that happened, things that went right, things that went wrong. We did make some changes moving forward from some of the things that we decided were working and some things that were not working. We are changing some of the snow emergency streets, as a result we are going to shift them around. Things like this are hard to keep up with because the traffic patterns change over the years. We haven't had a storm like this in probably 15 years, where you had this much freezing after the snow. We had to get approval from the DEP to remove the snow and dump it into the river because they were afraid that we were going to dirty the Passaic River with our snow, but that's a different story for a different day, so it's a very costly thing too, and what we do is we try to do the right thing. We try to wait for the weather. Most of it should have melted but we did not expect the 5 degree nights for 10 days in a row. If we would have gone out and removed the snow, like every single person wanted a big pile of snow removed from in front of their house, it probably would've cost us $3 million at least. I appreciate everyone sticking it out and you will appreciate it when you get your tax bill, because I cannot justify putting that much machinery, it's not like we have the Army Corps or call a construction company and have them remove, because you're not removing snow at that point, you're removing a pile of bricks because it's frozen solid and they are big mountains of ice. We live in the northeast and we are going to get snow, we're going to get ice, we're going to deal with it and we're tougher than the people in Georgia because they would've panicked, not to pick on Georgia, but they don't have the equipment. People say why don't you buy one of those machines that melts the snow? Well we could spend $6 million on two of those machines, but we could probably use it twice and then the new model will be out and it will be antiquated in another four years and we got two uses out of it. So there's a lot of factors to take into account with these things. Alternate side of the street parking we suspended it through this past storm right now, if we're going to extend it again you will be notified. If you don't have the app, please download the app, it's the best way to find out and I keep everyone notified on that. We let you know if your alternate side of the street is in effect or suspended. Last thing, I want to say happy Lincon's birthday to everyone. Our North Arlington rocks were not painted in February because our artist could not get to the rock, she kept driving around and texting me, she wanted to do a very nice Valentine's Day design with a groundhog for February, so hopefully she gets her St. Patrick's Day design, which she has already. I think tomorrow is going to be decent almost 40 degrees. So pretty soon we are going to be seeing some grass. We had a local resident who's nonverbal and he came to us with a great device, it's a push button, it's an iPad with an app you can push the buttons and he can speak. He has a disability and he pushed the buttons and it answers the questions, he can understand

what's happening, he just can't communicate. So if you ask him a question he has it in there, he was giving people his mother's name, his address all the other stuff, I asked him how old his mother was, but she didn't think that was funny, she didn't have that one programed in. It was a lot of fun and it was great, it didn't only teach the kid how to communicate with the police and make him comfortable enough to sit and speak with the police officers, it showed the police there's a device out there like this that could help them too. So if you come up with a nonverbal child you know there's different ways to go about it, I thought it was fantastic. I put it on social media and showed everybody and I had a couple of people reach out to me who have similar family members in those situations, they were very happy that I brought it to light and that I showed it to other people who need it. As Mario said, we did the espresso with a cop, it was very nice. Our senior housing project, I know we were waiting on the answer from the DEP.

Matt Gilson: Thank you Mayor, as you know we've completed our engineering and architectural plans. There's an issue between a discrepancy between the NJDEP map and the Federal map, we don't want to get approvals then not to be able to construct because we haven't addressed that issue and have to come back to the board, so we're just waiting on DEP. As you know it's a painfully slow process, but we're hoping within the next month or two we have our application, the town's reviewed it. I know you guys are fine with it and we will be ready to submit and move forward with that project but we want to address this issue before we have to go to the board. Because the last thing we want is come to the board, get approved, everything is ready to go and then we got to come back to the board because we didn't address it, obviously it's a very sensitive flood area down there.

Mayor Pronti: We did get our final version of it and everything looks great, so we're ready to go and this is going to be realistic. I'm going to tell everyone and everyone keeps asking me, how do I get on the list? The day the shovel goes in the ground is the day I'm going to start a list, not before, definitely not before. North Arlington residents get preference and American United States veterans get preference. It's a project that you don't see often it's going to have a senior center in it and it's also going to have a rooftop park for our seniors this way they don't have to cross the streets or anything to go to the park, they'll just take the elevator to the top; it's going to be a great project, we are very excited.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – STEVE LO IACONO: Just to button up the conversation on the snow storm, I've been in the business for a long time and I've said it for many years the toughest part of managing or being the administrator in a local town is a snow storm, because you can never do it right and to please everyone. Someone is always going to be displeased with something you do with snow. I want to publicly commend our DPW department these guys have been working nearly around the clock as the storm hit, they were working till 10pm last night still removing some snow piles where ever they were able to do so, our superintendent slept in his office chair for four days in response to the storm. It was a very difficult storm to deal with. I like everyone to please be patient; we haven't had a storm like this with this much snow in about five to six years. Most of our DPW never had to deal with the plowing this kind of a storm or dealing with it. So there's a lot of factors that goes into how we respond, we had to call in an outside contractor to help us with the snow removal, I have no numbers yet, I know it's somewhere of a hundred thousand dollars just in two contractors that have helped us haul away some of the snow removal, so you got guys working for us and the DPW they are really dedicated and they work very hard,

did they do it perfect? Probably not. Nobody took a look at the other towns around us, we looked pretty good, just keep that in mind and we thank you for whatever cooperation you can give us in dealing with this. As far as my report's concerned we are well into the budget process, again we are dealing with a very difficult years, this year in terms of budgeting especially the number one being the healthcare situation, it's mind boggling. In the next couple of months you'll get a better focus on exactly what we're looking at. This is a tough one and I don't think we're going to have good news as we've had the last few years, but we're trying to do our best. Going back to the snow storm some towns have experienced a severe shortage of salt in dealing with this storm and most of the problem is the towns that did not anticipate and ordered salt properly were not able to get it at the last minute, we had plenty of salt and we continue to have plenty of salt. This evening we had the elected officials go through some training with our insurance carrier, the fact that they did this training makes us eligible for a significant discount in our insurance cost. I want to commend them all for giving a part of their time for the training. For the last couple of months I've been talking about Bergen County Fiber we went live on Bergen County Fiber today, so that's installed, it's up and running we now have fiber optic system, that is twice as fast as the one we had previous, we're going to save not a lot of money but probably about $150 a month when all is said and done. Many people were asking about the mobile motor vehicle unit we've had here in the past they are very tough to get, but we finally were able to nail them down for May 12th that's a Tuesday it will be set up in the parking lot here, you can check the website for details, you will need to make an appointment all the information will be posted on the Borough website. Our emergency management people have arranged with the American Red Cross there's going to be a shelter drill on May 21st at the senior center and in our rear parking lot, it's not for the public it's to enhance our response to emergencies in the future. That's all I have; the rest is for executive session.

REDEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT – ROBERT CEBERIO: Good evening, I recently met with the owners of the Haywood property, for all of you that don't know that property is on Porete Ave, we've had a significant number of issues dealing with environmental and that was one of the main reasons why we weren't able to do anything. The good news I can offer you tonight, I met with the ownership they provided me all their documents as it relates to the environmental cleanup of the site. They already submitted to NJDEP 104 page document, which outlines every potential environmental issue, whether is soil, the air within the building, within the fibers of the building. I read the entire application that they are submitting to NJDEP they do have a new LSRP that has started the discussion with NJDEP regarding the approach to clean the site specifically. They have identified what we call the areas of concern, according to the LSRP they will be dreading out all those soils on those eight locations and as we discussed previously, where the most of the contamination rolled along the inside of the building, so they have a plan and I was very impressed with their conversation.

Mayor Pronti: Is this 29 Porete Avenue?

Robert Ceberio: Yes, sir, I even discussed with them if you do the remediation, what's your intentions? Their intention is to have a warehouse at that site of approximately 40,000 square feet, they may keep some of the foundation they are raising the elevation of the roof to whatever the redevelopment plan calls for, which I think is 30 or 35 feet high which will be compatible to the warehouse across from them. Their intention is also to tear down one of the buildings they had on the site for the purpose of using it as truck parking. Their intentions are to make a very good

looking modern building and considering how many times we've come up here to discuss, this is a great process, I can tell you. So our next stop is to figure out what their requirements are. Remediation is going to take a while, but they're committed and they have set aside the funding for the remediation and to take whatever's necessary. The whole floor of what's there after they take out the soil, it will be a concrete cap and after that cap is put in they are going to test the walls again to make sure that there's no vapor intrusion of any kind of the VOCs that were there and if there is, they've decided they are doing it any away. Is put a air exchange system that takes the VOCs out. Now you're using a very interesting approach to clean up the soils in the building and around the building and it's a new method of neutralizing the VOCs in the ground, so it renders all the VOCs or the contamination and it neutralizes everything. My recommendations to the governing body is we would like to go forward with them to the construction code official, it's going to be monitored, they are not going to be able to do anything unless it's proven by their LSRP that they have satisfied all the terms and conditions with NJDEP in particular. The interesting fact is one of the elements found around the site is copper. They also know that they're going to have to deal with ground water treatment going forward or whatever they built, they have gone down 300 feet to see what the contamination levels are, so it's a very good plan, I haven't seen a plan like this in a long time. As far as the Melray's property there is a contract that will be ready to Mr. Procida I spoke to the attorney from this group, two of the mayor components of the LLC are, real estate developers and investors from Northern Bergen County. I had significant discussions with their attorney as to where they are in terms of contract. The attorney told me that in fact they are ready to provide the contract to Mr. Procida at a lower rate than what he offered to us, the idea would be the following a pharmacy compound of 6,300 square feet, a Jersey Mike's which they have already had this discussion with Jersey Mike's to get the franchise a bakery and a small section dealing with furniture. We have started our parking analysis in terms of looking specifically at the Riverview Garden apartments especially the spots that they have next to Ridge Road or right behind Ridge Road, what we did was at various times of the day we saw how much usage there was in those parking areas. I could tell you that Riverview Garden has the same problem with vehicles that we all do, some apartments have two cars. I would not hate to see how difficult it's going to be to maneuver a fire truck into that site. I would like to talk to the town engineer to look at maybe doing a parking analysis, traffic analysis only on the Southend of Ridge Road to get a good handle as to what the volumes are Mr. Intindola and I have been working on a similar in Carlstadt on their downtown area and they provided some really significant information. The other thing I would like to see if there's any engineering that can be done where the buses can coexist with maybe 20 parking spaces. If we could design that, we could go back to NJ Transit and say I think this works for you and we would lease that particular spots.

Mayor Pronti: Have you gotten anything on 9 Porete Ave? That was knocked down and we are still waiting for Hampshire to build their project over there.

Robert Ceberio: Actually, today I got notification from the consultant Mr. Hanley provided us with information regarding a potential pilot on that site, which I will forward the town attorney. If they are reaching out about the pilot, I'm assuming that they are going to go forward with some kind of construction that was 40,000 square feet.

Mayor Pronti: We do have an approval?

Robert Ceberio: Yes, you do they got approval not only for that site, but the extension out to Haywood property as well. The owners of The Haywood property provided me all the emails that went back and forth, which was a little bit different than what we were told.

Mayor Pronti: Get me more on that so when we have our meeting we can talk about that.

ENGINEERS REPORT – BRIAN INTINDOLA: Good evening everyone, the 2025 road program is ready to go we opened the bids in November contracts are done and as soon as the weather breaks we will get those roads going which is Pulaski Drive, Ridge Park Drive and the municipality, the cost is being offset by NJDOT. We also have Locust Ave and the parking lot for the fire house and all that was awarded and that's the project moving forward. Leonard Place is pretty much complete the Borough approved the design, proposal for Macaluso park we are chipping away the snow and we'll start the survey next week and then we'll come back with concepts based on that survey and we send the estimate to your CFO so he can start to put the money aside or bonding to make sure we have the money for that. For the Passaic River resiliency project it's an involved process, you did receive bids last week or this week. Then we got the range was from 600,000 to 114,000 which we thought it would be worth for and outside consultant to do it, so we're reviewing that consultants low bid to make sure it meets the DCA standards and they are federally approved. We will have that recommendation letter back to the Mayor and Council for the March meeting, the State is aware of that so we're moving through the process. We are also working on the Comcast property to see what level of scale the demolition needs to be done. I am scheduled to go on Tuesday to do a walkthrough to see how deteriorated it has become or we can go out for price quotes for the demolition and get three, I think we do have because it may be under the bid threshold to do that. We want to get the maximum value for the Borough.

Councilman Karcic: Do you have an update on the bid package for the streetscape? We met a couple of weeks ago about that.

Brian Intindola: It's a federal process, so then we have to present to you a design firm approved by the NJDOT and they have a stable of five or six design engineers that they use because it's the Borough's engineer can't do that. We will present it to Steve a design engineering firm that can do that work that we've done in the past. I have one or two in mind, I'll go through it one more time with Augie, then we'll make that recommendation.

Steve Lo Iacono: I think it's important to note on the design engineer, they will have a recommendation in March; it appears that by going out to rebid we saved us about a half a million dollars.

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

Don O'Neill – 13 William Street: I wanted to say, that all I can see through Facebook on NA Happenings people complaining about a pile of snow in front of their houses, what are they going

to do come take the snow? As the Mayor and Council quoted out I think we have ten DPW employees. Could you imagine working 16 hours a day? Seven days a week busting your butt, you're talking about miles of streets we have in the Borough.

Mayor Pronti: 34.1 miles.

Don O'Neill: I was looking for that number actually to use it tonight, my thing and point is that we've had these storms before. I remember it was 2012 my mother was undergoing chemo and the plow truck came through William Street and got like three houses and stopped, because they couldn't push the snow on each end of the street. Eventually they had to bring in an outside contractor, you couldn't go through. People need to realize to help your neighbors too, I watched people screaming and yelling at each other fighting over a parking space. Another thing I wanted to comment on is I see an introduction of Ordinance for a handicap spot for 3 William Street, I want to say thank you to the Borough and thank you to the police department for allowing Mrs. Lemke who resided at 3 William Street to have that spot, she's gone now, she liked going once in a blue moon out for a ride. Now we don't need that spot; I'm sure people on the block will be happy to have an extra spot. I want to say the Mayor did not answer this before, NA Connect is the name of the app, download it on your phone, everything is there. Every single answer to any questions that you may have is there, regarding council meetings or whatever you need to know.

Stephanie Wheaton – 17 2nd Street: Hope you're all doing well, I don't know what the process is for this, so I apologize if it's out of line. On 2nd Street between Pulaski Drive and Noel Drive there is a section where folks routinely park, but it was a little bit tough for a school bus to get across the other day. I've noticed that a few mornings ago people trying to get to Roosevelt school. So I don't know if it's possible to put a no parking when it's covered in snow, that's between 2nd and Noel Drive. Thank you for your time.

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

Mayor Pronti addresses Don O'Neill: Mr. O'Neill pretty much covered everything he's got it all under control. Thank you Don, he pays attention to everything that happens in town and it's nice to hear the perspective from people who see what goes on in this town, he's a lifelong resident and thank you.

Councilman Karcic: If I can comment on that, being a resident for over 25 years. On 2006 when we had the storm our DPW did not have the equipment, I was going to say to adequately address the storm. We had those big green trucks that kept breaking down, I remember living on Coupe Place it was not plowed and it was only passable by me starting on one side with my snow blower and the neighbor starting on the end of the street and that was the only way we were able to make that snow passable. You said it's not perfect, it's never perfect. In 2016 when we did the massive snow removal it wasn't because of a snowstorm, if you remember we got about 12 to 15 inches

and then five days later we got 12 to 16 inches of snow. We had like 30 inches depending where you lived.

Mayor Pronti: That's when we did snow removal 10 years ago, we concentrated only on emergency streets, we noticed there was a problem on Inman Place the way that you go up from Schuyler Ave and if you're avoiding the Belleville Turnpike, so we removed the snow on those streets because what was happening you were getting one lane of traffic and cars were trying to go both directions trying to avoid the Belleville Turnpike, so that was the very first fix we did. We met quite often during the storm myself, Steve and the department heads. We came up with different things, ways to fix it, but I can tell you something if anyone in this room ever lived on a dead end street 15 years ago where your street was snowbound, where we were actually closing streets, the town was closing streets back then because we did not have the equipment to plow them out. What a difference living on a dead end street today. I had somebody complain to me that they live on a dead end street and there's no emergency parking on one side of the street. So we were only allowed to park on the other side, but that's only until the snow is cleaned to the curb, call the DPW let them know they may have missed something. To wait 8 days later until it's a big block of ice it makes it impossible. Thank you for being patient and thank you Mario. The other thing I want to bring up that on Pulaski Drive on 2nd street is that only when it snows?

Stephanie Wheaton: It's far enough that there's no issue, but there's no houses there so no one is plowing it and no one is shoveling it out. So everyone parks close like more to the road.

Mayor Pronti: Ok, we will pass that along. Thank you very much.

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2452

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 3 Williams Street)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2453

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL STOP SIGN AND INTERSECTION WHERE PARKING SHALL BE PROHIBITED

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2454

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE BANNING BUSES ON CERTAIN ROADWAYS WITHIN THE BOROUGH

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2455

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE REGULATING PARKING ENFORCEMENT CAMERAS WITHIN THE BOROUGH

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2456

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 80 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "AFFORDABLE HOUSING"

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2457

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 80 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ENTITLED "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" OVERLAY ZONES IN FURTHERANCE OF THE BOROUGH'S FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

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

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2451

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 187 §9(B) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH ARLINGTON ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC" PROVIDING FOR A HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE (81 Melrose Avenue)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 2451 TO THE PUBLIC

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

No one wishes to be heard

MOTION TO CLOSE HEARING AND ADOPT

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

R-74-26 RESO RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION @8:02pm

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: PERSONNEL MATTERS, 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 DeCicco
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino
EXCUSED: Councilman Fitzhenry

[Executive Session]

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

R-75-26 RESO RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 2026 TREE REMOVAL AND TRIMMING (WETLANDS, INC.)
INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino
SECONDED BY: Councilman Karcic
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino
EXCUSED: Councilman Fitzhenry

R-76-26 RESO RE: AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 2026 LANDSCAPING & MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS BOROUGH PROPERTIES (SCOTT CUMMINGS LANDSCAPING)
INTRODUCED BY: Councilwoman Sheedy
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman DeCicco
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino
EXCUSED: Councilman Fitzhenry

R-77 -26 RESO RE: RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE BERGEN MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FUND
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilwoman Bocchino
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino
EXCUSED: Councilman Fitzhenry

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT @9:54pm:
INTRODUCED BY: Councilman Karcic
SECONDED BY: Councilman Del Russo
ROLL CALL: AYES: Councilmembers DeCicco, Karcic, Sheedy, Del Russo, Bocchino
EXCUSED: Councilman Fitzhenry