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MINUTES of the a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey held on the 23th day of March, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, NJ.

Present: Mayor Michael Gonnelli
Councilmembers: Gary Jeffas
John Shinnick
Nick Costantino
William Mc Keever
James Clancy
John Bueckner

Pledge of Allegiance

The following statement was read by Town Clerk Michael Marra:

"Adequate notice for this meeting, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act, has been provided by the filing of the notice of Meetings with the Municipal Clerk, the posting of said notice on the official bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and the delivery of same to the Secaucus Home News on December 31, 2009."

This body wishes to advise you that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:23-11.1, et seq. of the Indoor Air Quality Standards and Procedures for Buildings Occupied by Public Employees, smoking anywhere in this public building is prohibited by law.

In the event of a fire or other emergency, please note that there are two exits in the rear of the Council Chamber which may be used."

The first item on the agenda is as follows:

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2010-11

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF
THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS TO AMEND VARIOUS FEES**

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, in the County Hudson, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 57 (Builders and Contractors) of the Code of the Town of Secaucus is amended as follows:

57-8 Fees

The application fee for a license under this chapter shall be two hundred (\$200) per calendar year or any part thereof. The fee for renewal of such license shall be two hundred dollars (\$200).

Section 2. Chapter 70 (Dumpsters/Construction Containers) of the Code of the Town of Secaucus is amended as follows:

70-4 Fees

A. The fees payable for permits issued under this chapter shall be seventy-five (\$75) dollars for seven (7) days or part thereof for each dumpster /construction containers use at the location stated in the permit. For each seven (7) days or part thereof thereafter the fee shall be seventy-five (\$75) dollars subject to the maximum periods set forth in this chapter.

Section 3. Chapter 104 (Property Maintenance) of the Code of the Town of Secaucus is amended as follows:

104.23 Signs

B. Every person or entity seeking to place a sign on property shall apply to the Zoning Officer for a permit and shall pay an application fee of fifth dollars (\$50). Any such permit issued pursuant to this section shall entitle the applicant to place to three (3) signs on the property for a maximum of two (2) consecutive days. Permission of the property owned, if different from the applicant, to place the sign at the location shall be

included with the application. The Zoning Officer shall prepare an application for these signs which shall include information concerning location of the sign, size and content of th sign and any other information required by the Zoning Officer.

Section 4. Chapter 105 (Property Maintenance, Inspection) of the Code of the Town of Secaucus is amended as follows:

105-9 Costs of inspections; correction of violations; reinspection.

A. Application for a certificate of habitability shall be filed with the Construction Official and accompanied by a fee of fifty dollars (\$50). Such fee shall be aid by the owner of the dwelling unit.

Section 5. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole of any part thereof.

Section 6. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances of the Town of Secaucus heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage. Notice of adoption shall be published as provided by law.

Mayor Gonnelli asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing proposed ordinance. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Bueckner moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli
ABSTAIN: McKeever
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Councilman Jeffas moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli
ABSTAIN: McKeever
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2010-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127-58B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "DESIGNATION OF LOCATIONS AT OR NEAR PRIVATE RESIDENCES"

SECTION 1

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Section 127-58B - "Designation of Locations at or Near Private Residences" shall be amended by adding the following location:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Third Street	West	On the west side of Third Street, beginning at a point 70 feet south of the southwest corner of Third Street & Front Street continuing south for a distance of 22 feet 777 Third Street.

SECTION 2

That the parking space designated for 777 Third Street adopted by Ordinance is to be personalized for Placard No. P445681.

If the license plate for the person utilizing the parking space at the above listed address changes, then the parking space designation shall be

changed to the new plate with proof from the resident that it is for the same person that the person is still entitled to handicapped parking.

SECTION 3

SEVERABILITY

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this ordinance are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of the regulation or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such persons or circumstances, to which the ordinance or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempted therefrom.

SECTION 4

REPEALER

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5

EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Mayor Gonnelli asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing proposed ordinance. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Bueckner moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilman McKeever.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Councilman Shinnick moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2010-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127-58B OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS ENTITLED "DESIGNATION OF LOCATIONS AT OR NEAR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES, PARKING FIELDS, ETC."

SECTION 1

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that Section 127-58A - "Designation of Locations at or Near Commercial Enterprises, Parking Fields, etc." shall be amended by adding the following location:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Irving Place	South	On the southwestern corner of Irving Place and Centre Avenue, proceeding in a southwesterly direction for a distance of 22 feet

SECTION 2

That the parking space on Irving Place is designated for the Secaucus Nutrition Center, located at 101 Centre Avenue, and shall have a sign attached to the pole designating "Two Hour Parking Limit".

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SEVERABILITY

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this ordinance are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of the regulation or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such persons or circumstances, to which the ordinance or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempted therefrom.

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REPEALER

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed, to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5

EFFECTIVE DATE

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

Mayor Gonnelli asked if anyone wished to be heard regarding the foregoing proposed ordinance. There being no one requesting the floor, Councilman Bueckner moved that the public hearing be closed, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Councilman Bueckner moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA-RESOLUTIONS

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Mayor and Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

The following resolution was read: No. 2010-32

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus awarded a Professional Service Contract in regards to the fair and Open Public Solicitation Process on September 8, 2009 to Weiner Lesniak, LLP for

Services of Special Counsel Meadowlands District Affordable Housing in the amount of \$200,000.00.

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WHEREAS, an amendment is needed for an increase to the Special Counsel Meadowlands District Affordable Housing Contract.

WHEREAS, an additional amount of \$30,000.00 is needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus amend the contract for the firm of Weiner Lesniak, LLC to \$230,000.00.

Financial officers
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read: No. 2010-54

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR AND RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR LEASE,
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC RECYCLING STATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has prepared specifications and contract documents for lease, operation and maintenance of public recycling stations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise and accept bids for operation and maintenance of public recycling stations in the Town of Secaucus.

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, that bids for operation and maintenance of public Recycling Stations shall be received on April 15, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

The following resolution was read: No. 2010-56

**TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to make the following appropriation reserve transfer in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59, two thirds of the full membership of the Town Council concurring:

GENERAL

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>
Municipal Court/Other Expenses	\$15,000	
Buildings and grounds/Salaries Wages	\$15,000	
Treasurer's Office/Salaries & Wages	\$15,000	
Tax Collector's/Salaries & Wages	\$15,000	
Police Department/Other Expenses	\$30,000	
Crossing Guards/Salaries & Wages	\$20,000	
O.E.M./Salaries & Wages	\$ 5,000	
Road Repair/Salaries & Wages	\$50,000	
Social Services/Other Expenses	\$ 5,000	
Parks & Recreation/Salaries & Wages	\$15,000	
Parks & Playgrounds/Other Expenses	\$30,000	
Supervision of Playgrounds/Salaries & Wages	\$65,000	
Supervision of Playgrounds/Other Expenses	\$25,000	
Recreation Activities/Salaries & Wages	\$10,000	
Cultural Affairs	\$40,000	
Group Insurance of Employees		\$355,000

The following resolution was read: No. 2010-57

RESOLUTION AMENDING AND INCREASING TEMPORARY BUDGET

Council offered and moved adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide additional appropriations in the 2010 Temporary Budget to make available the money necessary for the payment of tax appeals during the Temporary Budget period, and

WHEREAS, no adequate provision has been made in the 2010 Temporary Budget

for the aforesaid purpose and N.J.S.A. 40A 4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary increase to the temporary budget for the purpose mentioned above, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL, of the Town of Secaucus (not less than two thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) in accordance with the N.J.S.A. 40A4-20;

1. An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby created for:

Payment of Tax Appeals \$341,000.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriation will be refunded by adoption of a capital ordinance for refunding of tax appeals and Local Finance Board approval prior to adoption of the 2010 Budget.

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

The following resolution was read: No. 2010-58

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR AND RECEIPT OF BIDS FOR SWIM
CENTER POOL CHEMICALS**

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus has an annual need for and has budgeted for Pool Chemicals at the Swim Center and Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has prepared specification and contract documents in consultation with the Purchasing Agent for the purchase of pool chemicals.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise and accept bids for Pool Chemicals for the Swim Center and Recreation Center Pools in the Town of Secaucus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that bids for Pool Chemical shall be received on April 22, 2010 at 10:00a.m.

The following resolution was read: No. 2010-59

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT AWARD OF VARIOUS
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council received responses to its Fair & Open Solicitation Process for Professional and other services on January 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, after review and discussion of such responses the Mayor and Council has determined to whom contracts should be awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that contracts for Professional and other services be awarded as set forth below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Clerk shall be authorized to execute contracts for Professional and other services as follows:

1. Town Auditor-Bowman & Co. L.L.P. in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

Financial officers
Certification attached.

Councilman Bueckner moved to approve the resolutions on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2010-55

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund for to improvements to Ivanoski Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1) That the Town of Secaucus does hereby authorize the application for such a grant and any other documents that would need to be execute and/or submitted; and

2) Recognizes and accepts that Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore upon receipt of the grant agreement from the Hudson County open Space Trust Fund, does further authorized the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of a fully executed agreement from the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the Town of Secaucus and the Hudson County Open Space Trust Fund.

BE IT FURHTER RESOLVED, that David B. Drumeler, Esq., Administrator, or his designee, are authorized to sign the application, agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection with this application and award.

Councilman Bueckner moved to approve the foregoing Resolution, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

Councilman Jeffas explained that this grant is for the "Charles Street Park" on the south end of Town. He said that the monies would be used to improve the park.

Mayor Gonnelli stated that the grant may amount to somewhere between \$50,000 to \$100,000.00 depending on the County's decision. He said that there should be many improvements in that area in the next few years.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Councilman Jeffas moved that the following Salary Vouchers and Claims Fund Register be approved, seconded by Councilman Clancy.

Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 03/05/10	\$ 415,848.04
Adm. & Exec	9,871.75
Mayor & Council	9,752.78
Municipal Clerk	5,943.34
Legal Dept.	2,588.35
Treasurer	17,031.92
Tax Assessor	5,427.01
Tax Collector	5,059.31
Municipal Court	16,408.70
Engineering	808.08
Community Shuttle Bus	3,159.28
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	34,938.20
Off. Of Inspect.	6,947.67
Planning Board	541.66
Bd. Of Adjustments	541.66
Public Defender	600.00
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,651.25
Fire Department	28,625.00
Police Dept.	301,406.66
Construction	10,209.23
School Cross Grds.	2,987.13
Office of Emergency Man.	000.00
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,564.76
Rd. Repair & Maint.	112,367.47
Sewer System	1,711.17
Recycling Coord.	11,536.58

Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	10,436.61	
Pks. & Play Grds.	816.00	
Supv. Of Play Act.	43,069.54	
Rec. Activities	10,716.82	
Pool Oper.	000.00	
CDBG	700.89	
Town of Secaucus Tax Escrow Acct. w/ending 03/05/10		\$ 218,770.01
Town of Secaucus Payroll Acct. w/ending 03/19/10		\$ 440,854.48
Adm. & Exec	8,296.68	
Mayor & Council	1,346.15	
Municipal Clerk	5,943.34	
Legal Dept.	2,588.35	
Treasurer	17,297.18	
Tax Assessor	5,427.01	
Tax Collector	5,226.87	
Municipal Court	14,269.69	
Engineering	000.00	
Community Shuttle Bus	4,393.80	
Pub. Bldgs. & Grds.	34,734.97	
Off. Of Inspect.	5,804.33	
Planning Board	000.00	
Bd. Of Adjustments	100.00	
Public Defender	300.00	
Comm. & Security Adm.	3,651.25	
Fire Department	000.00	
Police Dept.	298,488.37	
Construction	10,311.79	
School Cross Grds.	10,289.34	
Office of Emergency Man.	000.00	
Unif. Fire Safety Off.	4,564.76	
Rd. Repair & Maint.	160,656.81	
Sewer System	444.23	
Recycling Coord.	10,345.27	
Bd.of Health	699.23	
Mosquito Control	000.00	
Social Services	10,178.74	
Pks. & Play Grds.	878.00	
Supv. Of Play Act.	47,188.99	
Rec. Activities	6,224.67	
Pool Oper.	000.00	
CDBG	700.89	
Town of Secaucus Escrow Acct. w/ending 03/19/10		\$ 229,496.23
Total Amount Claims	Check No. 28684-28854	\$ 869,818.16
Recreation Acct.	Check No. 1912	\$ 76,888.11
Current Account	Check No. 1796-1811	\$ 571,860.69
Trust Account	Check No. 1176-1181	\$ 511,500.00

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli
 ABSTAIN: (Gonnelli on all bills related to Fire Department in a statement to Michael Marra the day after the meeting.)

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

Councilman Shinnick moved that the following applications for Raffle/Bingo License be approved, seconded by Councilman McKeever.

- R-1113 Secaucus High School Patriot Booster Club On-Premise 50/50
- R-1114 Secaucus High School Patriot Booster Club On-Premise Draw Raffle

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

Councilman Jeffas moved to accept the Reports and Correspondence Register,

seconded by Councilman Clancy.

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Michael Marra read the following correspondence:

Citizens of Secaucus:

Just as your vote counts in any election. Your questionnaire counts in the 2010 US Census! Every 10 years, a census count of our population is conducted. The results help determine how 400 billion dollars in federal funds are spent in our community on things like roads, parks, and other public services, as well as your representation in government. As a citizen of Secaucus you'll make sure that everyone in your household is represented. The difference between your questionnaire being turned in or not reflects on the prosperity of your community. It means that roads are paved, that the parks are updated and well kept. How much federal aid will come into our community. It means your voice being heard in Washington. It may be a concern of citizenship for some. Citizenship is not a question on the questionnaire. Rest assured that the US Census Bureau does not share any information with any other Federal agency. As a matter of fact all records are sealed for 75 years according to Section 9 of Title 13, of the United States Code. The questionnaire is only 10 questions and only takes 10 minutes to complete. Ten questions in ten minutes will make history. The 2010 Census is "in our hands", let us together make the difference in Secaucus.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Clancy announced that the owners of the apartments in the south end of Town have donated \$29,000 for a new small fire truck.

Councilman Bueckner spoke about upcoming spring activities. He noted that the cost has been cut in half for the Easter Egg Hunt. He also announced some upcoming events. He noted that the Recreation Department has received 200 tickets to a Net's game at the Izod Arena for April 3, 2010 and April 9, 2010 and expects to receive additional tickets. He said to call Recreation Center to obtain the tickets. He mentioned that April 9 will be "Secaucus Night". He announced that the 2010 attendance at the Recreation Center is down, which was not anticipated by the Council. He said that there some plans to increase revenues along with belt tightening.

Mayor Gonnelli said that all the committees are working hard to find ways to save money. He said the Recreation Center is a problem as there are two competitive facilities in Town.

Councilman Shinnick reported that the Governors cuts in Municipal aid and school funding were quite drastic. He explained the cuts and what these cuts will mean to the Town of Secaucus and the Board of Education. He noted that the Council and the Board have had meetings to discuss the budget. He said that there will be 3.3% reduction in the budget and still maintain programs.

He commended the Board of Education for the excellent work done on the budget. He noted that the public hearing on the budget will be on March 29, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Mayor Gonnelli stated that the community should attend the meeting and see what was accomplished in a short period of time in losing 100% of State aid.

He recommended that people come out and vote for the budget.

Councilman Costantino stated that there was bond sale conducted today and it went very well. He said that the S & P up the Town's rating. He explained the how that will affect the Town.

Councilman Jeffas spoke on the Alternate Energy Committee and explained that the NJMC has a Municipal Solar Pilot program and explained what that entails. He said there is a meeting on April 13, 2010 and will review their findings.

Councilman Mc Keever spoke about a program for the seniors on March 25, 2010 at the County conducted by Donald De Leo, County Surrogate. He explained what the program entailed.

Mayor Gonnelli asked Joseph Morano if he had report on EMS.

Mr. Morano explained what the committee is currently working on.

Susan Pirro reported on the Animal Committee. She provided a report on some

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of the projects that they are working on.

Don Evanson spoke about forthcoming dog activities to help raise funds for the Secaucus Animal Shelter.

Mayor Gonnelli called on the Halpern's to report on the Parade Committee and upcoming activities.

Ms. Halpern gave a brief overview.

Mayor Gonnelli said the Memorial Day parade will be on May 22, 2010 with a salute to veterans and a Fireman's Parade. He said there will not be a party of which can cost \$25,000 and the money will be saved for the community.

Mayor Gonnelli reported that there was a savings of \$70,000 by using the North Hudson Action Program that is working very well. He said there will be a case worker in Town to assist people who are in need. He also spoke about the lose of aid to the schools. He said that the Town also lost State aid of \$511,000 which is a 22% reduction to the aid to the community. He spoke about an Act that was passed to allow the Town's court to collect outstanding violations which would represent approximately \$350,000. He said it will be done through a collection agency.

Councilman Bueckner spoke about the good communications from the Council and attributed that to the Mayor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Gonnelli noted that the Auditor was changed in the Professional Service Contract process. He noted that he previous auditor was employed by the Town for approximately 20 year and it is recommended by the State Controller that the auditor be changed. He noted that there are still 5 positions outstanding and next Wednesday there will be meeting to go over bid applications and end the process.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Clerk, Michael Marra announced that next Tuesday, March 30, 2010 is the last day for voters registration for eligibility to vote in the School Board Election. He noted that the Town Clerk's office will be open until 9:00pm that evening.

Councilman Costantino spoke about construction at the dead end of Pandolfi Avenue and asked for a meeting with Chuck Snyder, Superintendent of the DPW to get a meeting to get an update on the progress of the work.

Mayor Gonnelli reported on what he knows is happening at that location. He also reported on the northeast storm last weekend and stated that the Town faired well. He reported on some of the flooding and damage in the Town. He said the OEM and DPW did a great job during and after the storm.

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Pat Belenski
Anthony Aiello
Jules Carricarte

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Bueckner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm, seconded by Councilman McKeever.

AYES: Jeffas, Shinnick, Costantino, McKeever, Clancy, Bueckner, Gonnelli
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Michael Marra, Town Clerk

