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MINUTES of 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 10th day of April, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Government Center, Secaucus, N.J.

Present: Mayor Dennis Elwell  
Councilmembers: John Bueckner  
Richard Kane  
Michael Gonnelli  
Gary Jeffas  
John Shinnick  
John Reilly

**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 January 4, 2007."

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:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following resolution was read: No. 2007-73

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2007, Regular Meeting of February 13, 2007, the Regular Meeting of February 27, 2007, the Regular Meeting of March 13, 2007 and the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2007 are hereby approved.

Councilman Reilly moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Gonnelli and Jeffas on hand written checks written before adoption of resolution regarding hand written checks.  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2007-20

**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**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE 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 deleting the following location:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Chestnut Street	East	On the east side of Chestnut Street directly in front of 700 Chestnut Street for a distance of 22 feet.

SECTION 2

SEVERABILITY

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this ordinance are separable and if any provision, 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 of 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 3

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 4

EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Councilman Reilly moved that the foregoing ordinance be finally adopted, seconded by Councilman Kane.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2007-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE KNOWN AS "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATION OR TO ESTABLISH SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS, HUDSON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY"

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey, that the salary ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. NON-UNION ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES, PART TIME CLERICAL EMPLOYEES AND FULL TIME DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS.

The following employees shall be compensated for their services with or within the following annual wage or wage rate brackets.

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Chief Financial Officer	\$35,000-\$93,516
P/T Recycling	\$13,509-\$14,063
Director of Recreation	\$20,000-\$68,155

Section 2. All salaries, wages and other compensation as are in this ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2007.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon final adoption and  
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publication thereof as required by law; provided, however, that the provisions of this ordinance apply to managerial executive and confidential employees shall become effective twenty (20) days after publication thereof.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

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

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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

Councilman Bueckner noted that there was prior discussion on this matter and stated that he has a problem as he sees an overlap of responsibilities in the performance of one of the jobs listed in the ordinance. He suggested that it be amended.

Councilman Gonnelli said that for the same reason noted by Councilman Bueckner, he too would vote no.

Councilman Jeffas said that he recalls speaking about this regarding the Chief Financial Officer and Part-Time Recycle, but a stipend was discussed for the Director of Recreation but sees it as an increase in salary.

Town Administrator, Anthony Iacono stated that change was made at the request of Councilman Gonnelli.

Councilman Jeffas said he will abstain as he did not know that it was going to be part of the salary ordinance.

AYES: Kane, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: Bueckner, Gonnelli  
ABSTAIN: Jeffas  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2007-23

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 67 OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING  
ANIMAL CONTROL AND PROTECTION**

Councilman Gonnelli moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

Public hearing for this ordinance will be on June 26, 2007.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2007-24

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

Councilman Bueckner moved that the foregoing ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading, seconded by Councilman Reilly .

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None Motion carried.

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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. 2007-74

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO TROY & BANKS, INC  
FOR UTILITY BILL CREDITS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus by way of Resolution 2006-57 entered into an agreement with Troy and Banks, Inc., to share 50% of any credits benefitting the Town of Secaucus resulting from a utility charge audit; and

WHEREAS, as a result of non-working Verizon phone lines, as well as disconnected call boxes and service credits applied to our account, the Town has realize a savings of \$17,134.84.

WHEREAS, the Town engaged on a fifty per cent agreement for savings.

THEREFORE, the Town will enjoy a savings of \$8,567.42.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, that Troy and Banks, Inc., invoices for \$8,567.42 be approved for payment.

Financial officers  
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2007-75

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

WHEREAS, an Interlocal Agreement has been proposed between the Town of Secaucus and the Borough of Rutherford for the use of the Secaucus Swim Center by Rutherford residents, a copy of which Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Secaucus to enter into said Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the proposed Interlocal Agreement a copy of which is attached hereto, be and hereby is approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Dennis Elwell and the Town Clerk be and they are authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to:

Mayor Bernadette M. McPherson  
Borough of Rutherford  
Municipal Building  
176 Park Avenue  
Rutherford, NJ 07070

The following resolution was read:

No. 2007-77

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR REPLACEMENT OF  
SWIM CENTER FILTRATION SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council advertised for and receiving the following bid for replacement of the filtration system at the Secaucus Swim Center:

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<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID</u>
CFM Construction, Inc.	\$146,200.00

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has received and the bid determined that the bid of CFM Construction, Inc., is responsive and within the amount budgeted for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that a contract for replacement of the filtration system at the Secaucus Swim Center be awarded to CFM Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$146,200.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Town Clerk shall be authorized to execute a contract for replacement of the filtration system at the Secaucus Swim Center with CFM Construction, Inc.

Financial officers  
Certification attached.

The following resolution was read: No. 2007-78

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF A RECYCLING  
TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act P.L. 1987, c. 102 has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grant may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and the spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and to expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has promulgated recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and to indicate the assent of Town of Secaucus to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the Town of Secaucus hereby endorses the submission of the Recycling Tonnage Grant Application for the year 2007 to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and designates Anthony Citro to ensure that the application is properly filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

The following resolution was read: No. 2007-79

**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 United Water New Jersey has hereby requested to erect one fire hydrant at the following designated place, to be used for fire purposes only, in accordance with the Rules

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and Regulations of the Company and its rates as set forth in the Schedule of Rates filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in Newark, NJ:

LOCATION OF HYDRANT

X-33026-South Side of 12" W. Main Approximately 320' south of the centerline of Paterson Plank Road

The following resolution was read: No. 2007-80

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Scleroderma is a chronic, degenerative autoimmune disease that predominately affects women in the prime of their lives, but impacts children and men as well;

WHEREAS, AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE INCLUDING Scleroderma are one the of the top four causes of disability of women over fifteen and under age sixty-five; and

WHEREAS, it can take three or more years for an individual to be diagnoses and receive appropriate treatment, leading to higher medical costs and government spending; and

WHEREAS, there is more hope for those with Scleroderma to live a normal life today than there was five years ago due to the development of medications and ongoing clinical trials; and

WHEREAS, the month of June has been designated National Scleroderma Awareness Month, with patient education, patient support, and research the three-fold mission of the Scleroderma Foundation Tri-State Chapter (covering New York, New Jersey and Connecticut).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus do hereby proclaim June 2007, as SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH in the Town of Secaucus and urge all employees and residents to participate in our municipality's effort to become better educated on the subject of Scleroderma.

The following resolution was read: No. 2007-81

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FAIR & OPEN SOLICITATION PROCESS  
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus is desirous of providing its employees with the opportunity to defer a portion of their compensation and to defer the income taxes thereon, at no cost to the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, the Town Attorney has prepared a Fair & Open solicitation therefore.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized to post and accept proposals for deferred compensation plan pursuant to N.J.S.A. 44A-20.4 et. seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that proposals for deferred compensation plan shall be received on June 12, 2007 at 11:30 A.M.

The following resolution was read: No. 2007-82

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, an Interlocal Agreement has been proposed between the Town of Secaucus and the Township of Weehawken for the use of the Secaucus Swim Center by Weehawken residents, a copy of which Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Secaucus to enter into said Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus that the proposed INTERlocal Agreement a copy of which is attached hereto, be and hereby approved.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Dennis Elwell and the Town Clerk be and they are authorized and directed to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Town.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded:

Mayor Richard F. Turner  
Township of Weehawken  
400 Park Avenue  
Weehawken, NJ 07087

Councilman Kane moved to approve the resolution on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Gonnelli on 2007-79 only  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2007-76

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON  
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Secaucus Public Employees Association has requested the Town of Secaucus to amend its recent certification from the New Jersey Employment Relations Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus does not object to the creation of a new bargaining unit entitled the Secaucus Public Employees Association Clerical Supervisor's Unit; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus is satisfied that a majority of those employees being placed in the new unit are in agreement therewith; and it is hereby moved as follows:

The Town of Secaucus hereby recognizes the Secaucus Public Employees Association Clerical Supervisor's Unit as the collective bargaining agent for the following named employees:

Patricia Jakubowski  
Zogrigo Ballas  
Deborah De Rosa  
Marie Eck  
Cecilia Formisano  
John Schwartz  
Linda Seufert

The recognition will be effective upon the posting of this Resolution for ten (10) days.

Councilman Shinnick moved that the foregoing resolution be adopted, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

Councilman Bueckner explained that he asked for this to be pulled because this resolution was proposed at the last meeting and the list consisted of 10 names. He said that he wants to be sure that the people on the list have requested to be a part of this new association. He said that he does not have any objection of people being a part of an association if that is what they want. He asked for signatures of those participating in the group. He said that there are 3 people who do not want to be part of the association. He said that he did not like the process.

Mayor Elwell questioned Councilman Bueckner why he did not like the process and what the process was.

Councilman Bueckner said that he can not explain the process, but he understands that the people were not asked if they wanted to be part of the association until after the fact. He said that it should be something that they propose.

Mayor Elwell said that no one on the dais has control over the Unions.

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Councilman Shinnick asked if the resolution is just recognizing the unit?

Mayor Elwell said that it was.

Councilman Gonnelli said that he backed what Councilman Bueckner said.

Mayor Elwell stated that he does not think that it could have been controlled by the Mayor and Council. He asked if the Council could stop people from joining a union?

Mr. Iacono said that they can not.

Councilman Gonnelli also agreed, but added that the original presentation was different from what it presented today.

Mr. Iacono explained that the letter and the names of the people presented at the first meeting were presented by the representative of the Union. He said what was handed out was received from the Union.

Councilman Shinnick explained the specifications of joining the Union.

AYES: Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell

NAYS: Bueckner

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The following correspondences were received:

May 1, 2007

Dear Mayor Elwell and Town Council:

On behalf of the 2007 graduating classes of Huber Street School and Clarendon School, we would like to request use of the Nutrition Center for a social evening following the graduation ceremonies on June 22, 2007 . This has been a long standing tradition with both schools and we would like to continue the event.

Upon your approval of use of the facility, we will supply further information to the appropriate parties.

Thank you for your time and consideration with regards to our request.

Eileen Losurdo

April 27, 2007

Dear Mayor Elwell,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Clarendon School PTA we are seeking your approval along with the Town Council in order to use the Secaucus Swim Center Pool Facility for our annual PTA Family Pool Day.

We have held this event for the past several years after our annual track meet and it has been a huge success with the students, faculty and parents. The date of the track meet is set for June 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you could please let me know as soon as possible if we can continue this tradition, as we need to make arrangements for this day. You can contact me at 201-863-6778 or by mail at 711 Hudson Avenue.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Kelli D'Addetta

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Sir:

I am requesting to use Fountain Park for a Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony, on May 18, 2007.

The time for the ceremony is 4:00pm and will be using the park, if the weather is nice to have our end of year party.

Thank you for your cooperation i this matter.

Peggy Cirone

Councilman Shinnick moved that all the foregoing requests be granted, seconded by Councilman Gonnelli.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Shinnick announced that the Website Committee has received two proposals. He said that Councilman Jeffas as well as Mr. Iacono have decided that they would like to bring both proposed applicants into a meeting with the Committee so that they could perform a demonstration and then report back to Mayor and Council.

Councilman Jeffas updated the Council regarding the Fire Service Day on May 20, 2007. He explained some of the specifications and activities of the day.

Mayor Elwell said that he sent letters to Captains and Chief of each fire house. He explained that, a while back, based on a situation the NJMC rejected the Fire Department from using facilities that they own. He said that he sent a letter asking Mr. Ceberio to reconsider his position. He said he received a letter in response saying that the Fire Department can continue to use the NJMC facilities for training and educational sessions. He also said that they would require a notice of at least 60 days in advance and that there be proper insurance coverage.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Gonnelli asked if Councilman Jeffas could be added to the LEPC to the OEM as the fire liaison?

Mayor Elwell said absolutely yes.

Councilman Gonnelli asked about the speed bumps on Radio Avenue?

Mayor Elwell said the Town is looking into bolted ones.

Councilman Gonnelli said that he asked for the speed monitor to be put on Franklin Street, of which it has. He asked for some "Slow" signs to be painted in place.

Councilman Bueckner asked that Maple Street be added to that request.

Mayor Elwell asked for the direction.

Councilman Bueckner said he was looking for speed bumps at the exit of Maple Street.

Mayor Elwell said that they have asked the Police Department for some safety patrol. He said the Chief said that he is concerned about speed bumps on narrow streets because it would create head on accidents. He said he can come to the next meeting for further explanation. He spoke about the ones used on Stonewall Lane.

Councilman Reilly said that they would have to check with the Traffic Division.

Councilman Gonnelli said that residents at the cul de sac on Acorn were asking for a directional.

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Councilman Jeffas asked about getting PMK Group in about the Recreation Center. He said that he wants to make sure it is on the agenda.

Mayor Elwell explained that the Town is waiting for the DEP to give their report.

Mr. Iacono said that they (DEP) did an onsite inspection last Monday and they did not make any verbal comments before they left, which he feels is a good indication. They will put their findings in writing and submit in 30 days.

Councilman Jeffas asked if the Town could check with PMK.

Councilman Gonnelli asked about the parking at the pool.

Mayor Elwell said that there are some issues and he has spoken with the NJMC and are waiting to hear from them.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas said that he had a note from a resident regarding a garbage pail at a County Avenue bus stop.

Mr. Iacono said that the Town has a company to take care of that issue.

Councilman Jeffas said that he has had some calls about garbage issues from residents and the Little League.

Councilman Bueckner stated that he had a request from residents near Schmidt's Woods regarding a long standing problem of standing water. He requested that the Town contact the NJMC and request someone to look into flood control.

Mayor Elwell said that a few years ago there was a lot of drainage work done in that area. He said it could be looked at. He said he would see if the DPW can look at the pipes.

Councilman Bueckner asked that when the DPW goes there, that they clean up the area.

Councilman Reilly asked if the Town could find out what the County is doing about mosquito control.

Mayor Elwell said that the Town does get reports from the Health Department on a regular basis of when the County will be in Town to spray and apply a treatment that is not harmful to the environment.

Councilman Gonnelli said there was a discussion in Caucus of which he brought to light. He spoke about some anonymous letters that were sent in the past. One regarding the Fire Department and one regarding a sign. He said that he was charged with ethics violations. He explained the course of events. He continued to speak about other anonymous letters that were also received. He explained what transpired at the Caucus meeting. He said that he will fight it to the end. He continued to explain the situation. He explained how he abstains from all voting regarding the Fire Department. He said that he did receive an opinion that recusal was the answer.

Mayor Elwell explained some of the discussions that transpired. He said that the Town offered to send a letter to Trenton to support Councilman Gonnelli. He explained about other meetings and some discrepancies.

Councilman Gonnelli continued to speak about another letter that he did not want read into the record. He and the Mayor continued to discuss their opinion of the situation.

Councilman Kane gave his opinion on the situation and stressed that they are in office to deal with Town business.

Councilman Shinnick stated that in Caucus there was an unanimous offer from the Council for a letter of support to be sent on behalf of Councilman Gonnelli. Councilman Gonnelli said that he did not want to letter sent. He gave his opinion of the situation and asked if the Council could move forward with Town business.

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Councilman Reilly stated that Councilman Gonnelli made a good case and he did not know about it. He gave his opinion of the situation. He said that at Caucus Councilman Gonnelli made a good point and said that the outcome could effect many people throughout the state. He said that he felt that the letter should go whether Councilman Gonnelli wants it or not. He recommended that Councilman Gonnelli take the letter in his fight with the DCA.

Councilman Gonnelli said that he appreciated their opinions.

Councilman Kane also gave his opinion.

Councilman Gonnelli again gave his opinion on past issues. There ensued a discussion among the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Bueckner asked for a motion to send the letter to Trenton. There ensued a discussion.

Councilman Jeffas gave his opinion.

Councilman Bueckner made a motion to send a letter of support for Michael Gonnelli to the DCA, seconded by Councilman Reilly.

Councilman Bueckner noted that all Council members were given a copy of the letter, he said that Councilman Reilly said that he did not, as well as Councilman Bueckner. He said this was an issue discussed prior to December 31, 2006. He said that this was a hot issue in the campaign.

Councilman Kane gave his opinion on the above mentioned letters.

There was continued discussion on all issues mentioned.

Councilman Shinnick gave his opinion and noted that he was not an elected official when this opinion was distributed. He continued to say that this issue could have been resolved at the Caucus meeting.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAIN: Gonnelli  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Councilman Bueckner spoke about the budget and asked if he Councilman Shinnick and Councilman Kane, who make up the Finance Committee, could get an advanced look at the budget process so that they can look at it before it is given to the Council.

Mayor Elwell said that will happen.

#### REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Doug De Pice  
Michael Gadallah  
Carole Acropolis  
Thomas Troyer  
Barbara Napierski  
Sam Maffei  
Frank Mac Cormack  
Guy Pascarello  
George Heflich  
Dr. Robert Berckes  
Gary Pollack

Councilman Reilly moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

AYES: Bueckner, Kane, Gonnelli, Jeffas, Shinnick, Reilly, Elwell  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

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Michael Marra, Town Clerk

