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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 11th day of March, 2008 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

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, 2008."

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 following ordinance was read for public hearing: No. 2008-8

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY ORDINANCE  
OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS, NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, it is necessary to change the annual salary ranges as a result of the agreements reached with non-uniform collective bargaining units and non-union employees as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The annual salary ranges effective January 1, 2008, are:

Administrative Assistant	26,500-44,007.00
Sr. Administrative Assistant	26,500-60,167.00
Principle Payroll Clerk	26,500-38,035.00
Town Attorney	56,700-64,833.00
Chief Financial Officer	82,000-97,070.00
Fiscal Analyst/Office Supv.	26,500-44,104.00
F/T Police Dispatcher	34,954-43,471.00
Fiscal Officer-Recreation Dept.	26,500-32,849.00
F/T Certified Day Care Counselor	26,500-27,600.00
Day Care Head Counselor	26,500-37,600.00
Day Care Counselor	26,500-27,600.00
Asst. Counselor	15,000-16,873.00
P/T Food Pantry Coord./Handicap Pk Inves	15,000-16,873.00
Welfare Board Investigator	15,000-17,514.00
Town Administrator	101,350-129,750.00
Mayor's Secretary	26,500-43,305.00
Fire Official/Property Maint. Officer	25,000-45,177.00
P/T Inspectors	15,000-17,514.00
P/T Electrical Safety Sub-Code Official	15,000-15,570.00
P/T Asst. Communications Director	15,000-16,208.00
P/T Recycling	13,509-14,597.00
OEM/Operations Officer	15,000-16,208.00
Town Clerk & Tax Searcher	43,000-50,988.00
P/T Tax Assessor	20,000-35,028.00
P/T Asst. Tax Assessor	5,000-5,190.00
Deputy Tax Assessor	15,000-29,191.00
Parking Enforcement Officer	26,500-27,600.00
Municipal Court Judge	40,500-47,759.00
Executive Assistant	26,500-45,244.00
Executive Assistant/Insurance Coord.	26,500-45,244.00
Plumber	60,000-72,660.00
Full Time Medical Escort Driver	25,000-26,952.00

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Medical Escort Hourly Rate	13.00-14.61
P/T Bus Driver Hourly Rate	12.50-18.57
P/T Carpenter Hourly Rate	26.80-30.19
P/T Police Dispatcher Hourly Rate	12.94-20.76
P/T Park Patrol Attendants Hourly Rate	10.74-12.72
P/T Parking Enforcement Officers Hourly	13.22-14.31
P/T record Room Clerk Hourly Rate	14.89-16.74
P/T Lunches/Kitchen Employees	10.50-11.00
P/T Admin. Clerks	10.00-16.75
School Crossing Guards Daily Rate	63.17-70.99
Court Officer Session Rate	74.66-83.90
P/T Court Clerk Session Rate	72.21-81.15
P/T Aftercare Counselors	7.15-17.29
P/T Day Care Counselors	8.00-10.90
P/T Day Care Aides	8.00-10.90
Chaplains	1,000-1,500.00
Administrative Clerk	26,600-42,026.00
Court Administrator	45,000-63,686.00
Public Defender	62,400-64,775.00
Accounting Clerk	26,500-27,800.00
Violations Clerk	26,500-30,280.00
Asst. Violations Clerk/Bilingual	26,500-30,280.00
Principal Assessing Clerk	26,500-35,280.00
Principal Purchasing Agent	26,500-41,216.00
Sr. Acct. Sys. Asst.	26,600-38,646.00
Dispatcher Med. Escort	26,600-29,800.00
Technical Assistant	36,800-40,309.00
Tax Clerk	26,500-27,600.00
Deputy Town Clerk	35,000-45,099.00
Deputy Court Administrator	35,000-54,609.00
Recreation Facility Supervisor	26,500-37,360.00
Assistant Supervisor DPW	74,729-93,992.00
Supervising Foreman	69,479-74,376.00
Tax Collector	65,000-82,609.00
Communications Director	50,000-72,494.00
Superintendent DPW	85,000-130,515.00
P/T DPW Superintendent	15,000-16,000.00
P/T Engineer	9,000-10,000.00
Social Service Director	50,000-93,662.00
Construction Official	75,000-98,297.00
Purchasing Agent	75,000-84,451.00
Dir. Of Inspections	75,000-97,554.00
Recreation Director	50,000-71,307.00
After Care/Day Care Director	40,000-62,616.00
Mechanic	30,000-70,629.00
Mechanic/Welder	30,000-70,629.00
Lead Man	30,000-64,009.00
Recycling Coordinator	30,000-54,663.00
Laborer/Driver	28,500-59,133.00
PKS/St/Maint./Personnel	26,050-28,500.00
DPW Clerk	26,600-38,368.00
Maintenance	28,500-63,939.00
Painter	28,500-63,939.00
Carpenter	30,000-59,500.00
Custodian	28,500-39,291.00
Animal Warden	28,500-39,325.00
Animal Warden Aide	28,500-31,500.00
Housekeeping	28,500-36,032.00
Bus Driver	28,500-56,435.00
Vehicle Maintenance	28,500-56,435.00

WHEREAS, at a meeting on January 22, 2009, the Mayor was authorized to sign all of the Town's non-uniform collective bargaining agreements;

WHEREAS, the above referenced collective bargaining agreements annually increase monetary remuneration for each bargaining unit as follows:

a. Clerical Bargaining Unit of Secaucus Public Employees Assn. effective January 1, 2008 3.9% or \$1600.00 whichever is higher, effective January 1, 2009 3.9% of \$1600.00 whichever is higher, effective January 1, 2010 3.9% or \$1600.00 or whichever is higher, January 1, 2011 3.9% or \$1600.00 whichever is higher.

b. Clerical Supervisors Bargaining Unit of the Secaucus Public Employees Assn., effective January 1, 2008 3.9% or \$1600.00

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whichever is higher, effective January 1, 2009 3.9% of \$1600.00  
whichever is higher, effective January 1, 2010 3.9% or \$1600.00 or  
whichever is higher, January 1, 2011 3.9% or \$1600.00 whichever is  
higher.

C. DPW Supervisors Bargaining Unit of the Secaucus Public Employees  
Assn. effective January 1, 2008 3.8% or \$1600.00 whichever is higher,  
effective January 1, 2009 3.8% of \$1600.00 whichever is higher,  
effective January 1, 2010 3.8% or \$1600.00 or whichever is higher,  
January 1, 2011 3.8% or \$1600.00 whichever is higher.

d. Department heads Bargaining Unit of the Secaucus Public Employees  
Assn., effective January 1, 2008 3.8% or \$1600.00 whichever is higher,  
effective January 1, 2009 3.8% of \$1600.00 whichever is higher,  
effective January 1, 2010 3.8% or \$1600.00 or whichever is higher,  
January 1, 2011 3.8% or \$1600.00 whichever is higher.

e. DPW Blue Color Bargaining Unit of the Teamsters Local 11 Union  
3.8% effective January 1, 2009, 3.8% effective January 2010, 3.8%  
effective January 1, 2011 3.8%.

WHEREAS, it has also been the Town's practice to annually increase non-  
union part-time employees monetary remuneration at a rate consistent  
with their full-time counterparts;

WHEREAS, it has also been the Town's practice to annually increase non-  
union employee's monetary remuneration serving in similar titles as  
those covered by a collective bargaining agreement at a rate consistent  
with their union counterpart;

WHEREAS, it has also been the Town's practice to annually increase all  
other non-union titles consistent with the Department Heads bargaining  
Unit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of  
Secaucus as follows:

1. All of the above referenced salary ranges for employees covered by  
collective bargaining agreements shall be effective for 2008 and the  
maximum salary shall increase each year pursuant to the applicable  
collective bargaining agreement. Said provisions, heretofore, approved  
by the governing body, are incorporated herein as same were set forth  
in their entirety.

2. All of the above referenced salary ranges for part-time employees  
shall be effective for 2008 and the maximum salary shall annually  
increase at a rate consistent with their full-time counterparts.

3. All of the above referenced salary ranges for non-union employees  
serving in similar titles as those covered by a collective bargaining  
agreement shall be effective for 2008 and the maximum salary shall  
annually increase at a rate consistent with their union counterparts.

4. All of the above referenced salary ranges for all other non-union  
employees shall be effective for 2008 and the maximum salary shall  
annually increase at a rate consistent the Department Heads bargaining  
Unit.

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

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 Kane.

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

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The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2008-12

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

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

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

Public hearing for the ordinances will be on April 8, 2008.

The following ordinance was read for introduction: No. 2008-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 127 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF SECAUCUS  
ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

Councilman Gonnelli 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.

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. 2008-42

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT WITH CONCESSIONAIRE PURSUANT TO PROPOSAL  
SUBMITTED UNDER COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS OF LOCAL PUBLIC  
CONTRACTS LAW

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus, published Notice of its solicitation of proposals pursuant to the competitive contracting process of the Local Public Contracts Law for appointment of a sole operator of the concession/refreshment stands at the Municipal Swimming Complex, at the skating rink at Buchmuller Park, Buchmuller Park Amphitheater and to be the exclusive provider of refreshments at the County Avenue Soccer Field and Mill Ridge Ball Field; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said published notice, proposals were to be received on or before March 7, 2009; and

WHEREAS, in response to said solicitation for submission of written proposals, the Town of Secaucus received one (1) Proposal that has since been considered by the evaluation committee in accordance with the evaluation criteria and weighting attributed to each criteria as described in the Request for Proposals; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the evaluation and scoring of the Proposal, the evaluation committee has reached a determination as to the concessionaire bearing the highest score being the party deemed most qualified and able to assume the responsibilities of swimming pool and ice rink and amphitheater concession operator and to assume responsibility for exclusive sale of refreshments at the County Avenue Soccer Field and Mill Ridge Ball Field.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, Joseph Pepe is hereby appointed concession operator of the concession stands at the Secaucus Municipal Swimming Center Complex, at the ice rink at the Buchmuller Park, Buchmuller Park Amphitheater and for exclusive sale of refreshments at the County Avenue Soccer Field and Mill Ridge Ball Field for a period of two (2) years effective upon passage of this resolution, and it is further,

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RESOLVED, that Joseph Pepe be presented with and execute a two (2) year contract with the Town of Secaucus in the amount of \$5,000.00 per year as provided for the Request for Proposal submitted and favorably evaluation by the evaluation committee for the operation of said concessions; and it is further

RESOLVED, that should the successful proposer refuse or be unable to execute a contract with the Town, the said security deposition of \$1,500.00 shall be forfeited.

The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-43

**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 regulation to implement the Mandatory Source Separations 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 indicated the assent of the 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 2008 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. 2008-44

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

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of NJ entered into a contract with Zipp and Tannenbaum for the year 2007 for a total amount of \$109,460.00 for Special Tax Appeal Counsel Services;

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the contract for an additional \$15,200.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus to approve additional funds of \$15,200.00 for said contract.

Financial Officers  
Certification attached.

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The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-45

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 is hereby requested to add an extension to its distributing system, consisting of 2935' of 8" DIP, 3930' of 12" DIP, and fire hydrants, in New County Road, and other streets, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Company and its rates as set forth in its Schedule of Rates filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities in Newark, NJ:

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

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

Motion carried

The following resolution was read:

No. 2008-41

TOWN OF SECAUCUS, COUNTY OF HUDSON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Secaucus, County of Hudson, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The annual salaries for non-union administrative employees, effective January 1, 2008 as follows:

	<u>2008</u>
Sr. Administrative Carole Barna	44,107.00
Sr. Administrative Trina Zloty	44,326.00
Executive Assistant, Regina Bator	38,900.00
Executive Assistant/Insurance Coord. Roxanne Paciga	45,388.00
Principle Payroll Clerk, Lorraine Carr	38,035.00
Town Attorney, Frank Leanza	64,833.00
Chief Financial Officer, Margaret Barkala	97,070.00
Fiscal Analyst/Office Supv., Anna Territola	44,246.00
F/T Police Dispatcher, Diane Kilroy	43,471.00
F/T Police Dispatcher, Doreen Bouille	39,829.00
F/T Police Dispatcher, Debbie De Felice	36,074.00
F/T Police Dispatcher, Marie Miele	35,351.00
F/T Police dispatcher, Thomas Meicke	34,954.00
Fiscal Officers, Recreation Dept, Barbara Baer	33,246.00
Day Care, head Counselor, Lori Kowalewski	21,801.00
Day Care Counselor, Linda Kitrys	19,666.00
Asst. Counselor, Lacey Rozansky	21,801.00
Asst. Counselor, Kelly Gettman	21,801.00
P/T Food Pantry Coord./handicap Pkg Invest, Chas Gasser	16,873.00
Town Administrator, David Drumeler	119,370.00
Mayor's Secretary, Madelon Michaels	41,445.00
Fire Official/ Property Maint. Off. Vincent Massaro	45,177.00
P/T Property Maint. Inspector, Robert Zych	17,514.00
P/T Construction Official, Louis Caballero	17,514.00
P/T Construction Inspector, Alan Kashian, Jr.	16,208.00
P/T Electrical inspector, Jorge Gonzalez	17,514.00
P/T Plumbing Inspector, Vincnet Prieto	17,514.00
P/T Sanitary Inspector, Vincent Rivelli	17,514.00
P/T Fire Inspector, William Woltman	17,514.00
P/T Fire Inspector, Carl Leppin	16,208.00
P/T Fire Inspector, William Bergner	16,208.00
P/T Fire Sub Code Inspector, Thomas Tormey	17,514.00
P/T Bldg. Sub Code Inspector, Franco Zanardelli	17,514.00
P/T Electrical Safety Sub-Code Official Nicholas Lordo	15,570.00
P/T Asst. Communications Director, Richard Damato	16,208.00
P/T Recycling, Robert Cordes	14,597.00
OEM/Operations Officer, Vincent Massaro, Sr.	16,208.00
Town Clerk & Tax Searcher	50,988.00
P/T Tax Assessor, Michael Jaeger	35,028.00
P/T Tax Assessor, Chris Eilert	5,190.00
Deputy Tax Assessor, Edward Guinta	29,191.00
Parking Enforcement Officer, Norma Rodriguez	27,600.00
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Public Defender, Pete Weiner	64,771.00
Plumber, Jack Sallustio	72,660.00
P/T Engineer, Gerald Perricone	9,342.00
P/T DPW Superintendent, Glenn Beckmeyer	15,570.00
Full Time Medical Escort Driver, George P. Miller	26,952.00
Medical Escort Hourly Rate	13.00-14.61
P/T Bus Driver Hourly Rate	12.50-18.57
P/T Carpenter Hourly Rate, John Esposito	26.86-30.19
P/T Police Dispatcher Hourly Rate	12.97-20.76
P/T Park Patrol Attendants Hourly Rate	10.74-12.72
P/T Parking Enforcement Officers Hourly Rate	13.22-14.31
P/T Record Room Clerk Hourly Rate	14.89-16.74
School Crossing Guards Daily Rate (effective 9/1/08)	63.17-70.99
Court Officer Session Rate	74.66-83.90
P/T Aftercare Counselors	7.15-17.29
P/T Day Care Counselors	8.00-10.90
P/T Day Care Aides	8.00-10.90
P/T Lunches/Kitchen Hrs. Rate	10.50-16.74
P/T Administrative Clerks	10.00-16.74

Section 2. All salaries, wages and other compensation as are in the ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2008.

Councilman Jeffas moved to approve the forgoing resolution, seconded by Councilman Kane.

Councilman Jeffas commented that there was prior discussion about salaries listed for certain employees who have Professional Services Contracts who are on the above Resolution, pertaining to taxes paid and the cost to the Town.

Councilman Bueckner said that he had mentioned in the Caucus Meeting that he agrees with Councilman Jeffas, he thinks that people who have Professional Service Contracts should not get annual cost of living increases. He said that he does not think that is a good thing and intends to vote against it.

Town Attorney, Frank Leanza stated that this is not a line item veto.

Councilman Gonnelli agreed with Councilman Bueckner and Councilman Jeffas opinions regarding the people who have Professional Service Contracts, but does not intend to vote not to everyone on the list, therefore will vote yes.

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

Motion carried

#### BINGO/RAFFLE APPLICATIONS

Councilman Reilly moved that the following application for Raffle/Bingo License be approved, seconded by Councilman Bueckner.

R-1051 Unico National-Secaucus On Premise 50/50

Councilman Gonnelli asked Mr. Leanza, that as a member of Unico, may he vote on this license.

Mr. Leanza explained that there is no benefit to him, the money raised by the Raffle will go to the organization

Councilman Gonnelli stated that Mr. Leanza said that about the Fire Department and he could not vote on that on money coming into the Fire Department.

Mr. Leanza said that Councilman Gonnelli will get some remuneration from the Fire Department and asked if he would get anything from Unico.

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Councilman Gonnelli responded no.

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

COMMUNICATIONS REQUIRING ACTION BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

The following request were made:

March 5, 2008

Dear Mayor Elwell & Town Council:

I am requesting use of the Secaucus Municipal Swim Center on June 12, 2008 for Secaucus Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pool Day, rain date, June 13, 2008.

Your kind consideration in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Pasquale Cocucci  
Principal

Councilman Bueckner moved to approve the foregoing requests, seconded by Councilman Kane.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman Gonnelli asked that the Mayor form a Chairman for each committee so that Chairman can call a meeting.

Mayor Elwell agreed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Jeffas asked that someone come in to report and update on costs regarding the Recreation Center.

Mayor Elwell said that based on what he has seen, it will be time for a tour of the facility.

Councilman Jeffas asked for time for analysis on the project.

Town Administrator, David Drumeler gave some preliminary numbers on the Recreation Project.

Councilman Gonnelli noted that for several meetings he has been asking about Bus Stops, a sign on Meadow Lane as well as the property of Mrs. Lyle.

Mayor Elwell said that it all has been sent to the DPW and he will find out why they have not been addressed.

Councilman gonnelli asked that they be addressed soon.

Councilman Gonnelli spoke about a problem at Arch Lane and Hops Lane and wind the other day. He noted that trees came down. He addressed Mr. Drumeler.

Mr. Drumeler said that he would stay on top of it.

Mayor Elwell said that he spoke to John Dubiel today and developed another list of trees that need to be trimmed or taken down. He that the two that Councilman Gonnelli is referring will be on the list.

Councilman Gonnelli he noted that in front of Mr. Schmitt's house on Luhmann Terrace large portions of trees came down and took down wires. He asked that they be included also.

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Mayor Elwell said they can be added to the list.

Councilman Gonnelli reported that the lights at Mill Creek Point are still out. He also spoke about Garry Terrace and a schedule on the flood control project. He spoke about work being done on Keiswetter Lane. He asked about the pump station.

Mayor Elwell said that he has a report to give on that issue.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Elwell stated that he has a report regarding the trees that were lost. He reported that bleachers were destroyed at Mill Creek Park. He said the way the destruction was, it looks like possible tornado activity.

Councilman Gonnelli said it came down Luhmann and stopped.

Mayor Elwell said it blew windows out of his basement. He also reported about a meeting with the PMK Group. He spoke about sidewalk grants what streets have been recommended to be done by the PMK Group. He noted that work on Hops Lane is schedule to resume on April 1st, weather permitting. He said they plan, while doing Hops Lane, to do a small section of Paterson Plank Road. He noted the Town received for 2008, a \$250,000 Grant which will be used for the various projects. He spoke about other projects including a marina at Mill Creek Park, drainage projects as well as Luhmann Terrace. He also reported that the biannual reports for the DPW facility are being done by PMK. He spoke of a meeting regarding the pump station on Keiswetter Lane. He noted that pilings have begun, and said the owner has agreed not to build anything there until the pump station is in place, which was agreed to at the Planning Board meeting.

Councilman Gonnelli said it was agreed not to do any construction until the pump was in place.

Mayor Elwell said hopefully the pump will be place soon. It is just piling.

Councilman Gonnelli asked about the Meadow Lane project as he received a call from a resident who was concerned that some damage was done to his fence. He said the resident was not notified of a project.

Mayor Elwell said when that project was planned, it was found, that building was not hook up to the sanitary system. He gave the history of the problem. He said that if there is damaged it will be rectified.

Councilman Gonnelli asked that it be given to PMK for follow up.

Councilman Gonnelli said to Mr. Drumeler that he found out about that project on Channel 36 and asked that in the future there be better communications, especially with the Council members whose Wards will be affected.

Councilman Bueckner asked out PMK and asked that they look at Lucht Place.

Mayor Elwell explained how the funds from CDGB Funds are used through out the Town and how it is used for sidewalks only.

Mayor Elwell said that in Capital Fund, it may be paved.

Councilman Gonnelli asked that Myrtle Avenue be looked at also.

Mayor Elwell reported about sewer maintenance between the MUA and the DPW. He said the report is available in his office.

Mayor Elwell said there was also a funding request through Congressman Rothman's office to fund Golden Avenue. He noted that the grant is Federal.

Councilman Gonnelli asked if that was done by Krivit & Krivit?

Mayor Elwell said that it was.

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Mayor Elwell said that the request for funding for the bus to Clinton rally was received through Assemblyman Prieto's office and the cost was \$141.25 , O.T. 16.99 and \$1.69 which includes gas for a total of \$159.89.

Councilman Reilly reported on a retaining wall that fell on Ninth Street that caused some damage. He asked if the Mr. Prieto come to a meeting to discuss guidelines for construction.

Mayor Elwell said that it can be discussed along with the Master Plan.

Councilman Gonnelli said there was a fire hazard as there was a service tied up without a meter. Discussion ensued regarding the electric problem.

Councilman Jeffas spoke about a call from a resident regarding the on and off ramps of Rte. 3 and Paterson Plank Road. He asked that some signage be changed.

Mayor Elwell explained that Assemblyman Prieto has arranged for a meeting with the NJDOT to discuss various problem areas in the Town.

Councilman Jeffas noted that there is a similar problem in the center of Town.

Councilman Kane said that he has spoken with Mr. Dubiel and that work will be done in the spring.

Councilman Jeffas spoke about a meeting with Mr. Ceberio and the next phase of Fraternity Meadows. He spoke about a letter that was not given to the Council members, rather posted on the bulletin board only. He asked if it is too late to contact the NJMC to comment on the project. He said that he is concerned that an opportunity may be missed.

Mayor Elwell spoke about Affordable Housing with Phase I and Phase II.

Discussion continued regarding the issue.

Councilman Jeffas spoke about a press release regarding a request to be removed from the Meadowlands Commission and said that he did not have position on it either way, but requested that in the future the Council members be notified prior to a press release and a letter to the Governor on the Council's behalf.

Mayor Elwell said that he would explain in closed session.

Councilman Gonnelli reported that he received calls regarding the condo's on Farm Road and the lights. He said that they are out and the Condo owners want to know whose responsibility it is to have them fixed.

Mayor Elwell said the Town would have to look into the Condo services Act, and explained what that entailed.

Councilman Gonnelli said that at the end of Mill Creek Point and how there is still some debris there. He asked that it be addressed.

Councilman Bueckner noted that it seemed that there were dump trucks going in that area this week. He asked if anything is going on down there.

Mayor Elwell said he is not aware of anything. He said that the Town is due to start to build the wall at the ball fields.

Councilman Gonnelli asked Mr. Drumeler and an Elizabeth Court Project and again asked that in the future the Councilman in the Wards be told of projects.

Mayor Elwell said that will be discussed in closed session.

Town Clerk, Michael Marra announced that the Board of Education Election is on April 15, 2008 and on March 25, 2008 is the last day to register to vote or make any changes in order to vote in that election. The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 9:00pm that night.

March 11, 2008

REMARKS OF CITIZENS

Thomas Troyer  
Louis Schmitt  
Joseph Kellenberger  
Erica Pohl  
Wanda Bosinski  
Wayne Wolf

Councilman Bueckner moved to go into closed session at 8:30, seconded by Councilman Kane.

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

Councilman Gonnelli moved to come out of closed session at 9:50 p.m., seconded by Councilman Jeffas.

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

the following resolution was read: No. 2008-46

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FAIR & OPEN SOLICITATION PROCESS  
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town of Secaucus is desirous of obtaining expert professional services to serve the Town in both statutory and operationally required functions; 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 obtaining the following professional services: Labor Attorney and Public Relations Specialists.

BE IT RESOLVED, that proposals for such services shall be received on April 4, 2008 at 11:30am.

Councilman Kane moved to go out for RFP's for Labor Attorney and Public Relations Firm, seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

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

Councilman Jeffas moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m., seconded by Councilman Shinnick.

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

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Michael Marra, Town Clerk

