

Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus
County of Bergen
Mayor and Council Public Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2024 7:00 p.m.

The Public Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus was held in the Municipal Building at 333 Warren Avenue, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ on March 26, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Randall who asked the Clerk to read the open a public meeting statement:

The Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus is now in session in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, adequate notice of this meeting has been posted in the front lobby entrance to the Borough Hall and Council Chambers, a copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies of the Annual Notice of Meetings, of which this is a part, have been sent to the Record and the Ridgewood News.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor.....	Thomas W. Randall
Council President.....	Douglas Troast
Councilman.....	Steven Shell
Councilman.....	Edward Iannelli
Councilman.....	Kevin Crossley
Councilman.....	Dane Policastro
Councilwoman.....	Kathleen Moran

Also, in attendance: William Jones, Administrator; Timothy Wiss, Borough Attorney; Joe Citro, CFO; Joan Herve, Borough Clerk, Police Chief LaCroix; Police Captain, McBain and DPW Supervisor, Jeff Pattman

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Randall led those present in the salute to the American Flag.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Randall recognized “RAMADAN” month from March 10, 2024 – April 9, 2024

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was offered by Councilman Shell, seconded by Councilwoman Moran to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of February 27, 2024 – Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Ayes, with the exception of Council President Troast and Council Policastro who abstained.

A motion was offered by Councilman Crossley, seconded by Councilman Iannelli to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting of March 19, 2024 – Motion carried on a roll call vote – all present voting “Ayes, with the exception of Councilwoman Moran who abstained

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Reports on file in the Clerk’s Office

- Police – February 2024
- Court Report– February 2024
- Library Board – March 2024
- Health Report – February 2024
- Arborist Report - February 2024
- Tyco Animal Control Report for 2023

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mayor Randall opened the meeting to the public. He stated if anyone desired to be heard, please raise your hand to be recognized, and state your name for the record. Seeing none, Mayor closed the meeting to the public

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Unfinished Business

Water Filtration System Project – As of the today all of the tanks are back on-line and are now being filtered. This begins a (3) week of testing. Our goal is zero reads for those chemicals. Mayor added we have been ahead of the curve of getting this up and running. Our water level was not in compliance with the present rates because they made it more sensitive. Our water was always safe; however, it is safer with the new standard. Even though we have gotten grants, these things do cost money to get those systems put in. We have been proactive in recouping some funds through class actions for some of the funds that might be available for those who may have caused those pollutions to be in the water supply.

New Business

Clean-up Day - is scheduled for Friday, April 26, 2024 from 3:15 to 5:15 at about 13 different location, rain date of May 3rd. There will be a brief ceremony for the rededication of trees and were dedicated to members of the community.

Shredding Day – is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th from 9-1 at the borough hall parking lot.

Styrofoam Day – the borough is going to be holding their first Styrofoam Collection Day (*for HHK residents only*) on April 13th from 9-1pm at the DPW building as part of Earth Day, we have a shared service agreement with the Village of Ridgewood.

Trash Truck pick up - Scheduled for April 20 & 27 from 8:30-11:30am at the DPW building.

Memorial Day Parade – Plans are underway, scheduled for May 27th which steps off at 10:30 by Blauvelt and will end at the Veterans Memorial Park will a brief ceremony.

HHK Day – Schedule for September 6, 2024, plans are underway.

CORRESPONDENCE - none

BUDGET INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE 2024-97

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A
CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus (the “Borough”) in the County of Bergen finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year’s final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$80,483** in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to **\$281,690**, and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

A motion was offered by Councilman Shell and seconded by Councilman Policastro to introduce Ordinance #2024-97. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”.

***Councilman shell gave a brief overview of the budget. He stated the tax levy increase is 3% or 1.8% tax points which is about \$166 dollars per year on the average home of \$769,000. The surplus remains the same at 3.1 million which improves are credit rating. Our debit services are about \$853,000 a year and our revenues are up. CFO, Joe Citro added the reason for our “Triple A” bond rating is because of the borough strong financial position due to keeping our surplus high our prudent budgeting practices. The Borough is in good shape.

OFF-CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #24-49- read in full by Councilman Shell

A Resolution – Budget Introduction

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statements of Revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2024; and

CURRENT FUND

General Appropriations

Appropriations within “CAPS”- Municipal Purposes	\$8,469,431.33
Appropriations excluded from “CAPS”-Municipal Purchases	3,068,570.26
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	<u>260,000.00</u>
Total General Appropriations	11,798,001.59
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>3,147,471.08</u>
Amount to be raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget	
Local Tax Municipal Purposes	\$8,114,372.59
Minimum Library Tax	<u>536,157.92</u>
Total to be raised by Taxes	<u>\$8,650,530.51</u>

WATER UTILITY FUND

Appropriations	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
Utility Revenues	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>

SOLID WASTE UTILITY FUND

Appropriations	<u>\$1,300,000.00</u>
Utility Revenues	<u>\$1,300,000.00</u>

BE IT RESOLVED, that said budget be published in the Ridgewood News on April 5th , 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the borough of Ho-Ho-Kus does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2024

A motion was offered by Councilman Shell and seconded by Councilman Policastro to approve Off-Consent Resolution #24-49. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES and PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE #2024-95

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE V, CHAPTER 85, ZONING OF THE BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS.

WHEREAS, the Borough seeks to establish criteria to clarify the regulations pertaining to accessory structures on corner lots in the R-1, R-2, R-2A and R-3 districts; and

WHEREAS, to establish an appropriate exemption to permit mechanically related accessory equipment to residential homes on corner lots with related criteria, some amendments to the zoning ordinance are reasonable and appropriate.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Article III section §85-35 entitled “Yard requirements” is hereby amended and supplemented in the existing code in the following particulars only: (deleted sections are noted by ~~strike-throughs~~, new sections are underlined)

Section 1. Amend section §85-35 by changing the entire section to read as follows:

Exterior residential accessory mechanical equipment, including air-conditioning condensers, heat pumps, and generators, ~~air-conditioning equipment~~ necessary to the operation of the residential ~~air-conditioning~~ needs of the principal structure may be installed in side or rear yards in single and two family residential districts, provided that it is mounted on an approved secure pad and does not block the electric disconnect and does not infringe on required setbacks more than five feet at any point. ~~Air-conditioning~~ Exterior residential accessory mechanical equipment shall not be permitted in a front yard except on a corner lot wherein such equipment shall be placed on the side of the residence not containing the residence front entrance door and shall not infringe on the required front setback more than 5 feet. This front yard exemption does not include fuel tanks. Any mechanical equipment located in the front yard area of a corner lot as permitted herein, must be screened with evergreen or deciduous shrub planting at a sufficient height and density of planting to block at least the height of the accessory equipment at the time of planting and such landscaping shall be placed no greater than 5 feet from such equipment.

~~Air-conditioning~~ **Such residential mechanical equipment installed inside dwellings shall require the filing of plans showing adequate structural support, venting and other requirements as may be determined by the Construction Code Official. Scheduling for regular generator testing shall be limited to Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. All applicable permits shall be required for all residential mechanical equipment installations, except window air conditioners. A property survey is required to review zoning setbacks for pad placement.**

Section 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

Section 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to give notice at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this ordinance to the Bergen County Planning Board, and to all others entitled thereto pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-15. Upon adoption of this ordinance, after public hearing thereon, the Borough clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage thereof and to file copy of this ordinance as finally adopted with the Bergen County Planning Board as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16 and with the Borough Tax Assessor.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage and publication as prescribed by law.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Randall opened the meeting to the public. He stated this is the time and place for the public hearing on Ordinance #2024-95 and all persons who wishes to be heard, please state your name before making your statement. Seeing none, Mayor Randall closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was offered by Councilman Policastro and seconded by Councilman Crossley to adopt Ordinance #2024-95. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”

ORDINANCE #2024-96

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF HO-HO-KUS FOR THE PROTECTION OF TREES

WHEREAS, it has come to the Borough's attention that there have been continued instances of the indiscriminate, uncontrolled and excessive destruction, removal and cutting of trees on privately owned individual lots and tracts of land; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to amend the Borough Code so as to add provisions regarding the removal of trees on privately owned individual lots and tracts of land; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds and determines that amending the Borough Code so as to establish regulations regulating the removal of trees on privately owned individual lots and tracts of land is required to ensure and protect the

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safety, health and welfare of residents of the Borough and the public at large.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus Code be hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Amendment(s). The Borough Code is hereby amended (new sections in **bold**, changes in ~~strike through~~):

§ 76C-3 Trees allowed to be removed ~~without tree removal permit.~~ **with a no-cost tree removal permit**

If permitted as set forth below, any tree as defined in this chapter (and any smaller trees) may be removed from a privately owned lot or tract of land without the necessity of submitting a tree removal/replacement plan, **but every property owner and/or individual who intends to remove a tree or tree equivalent (as defined in Paragraph D below) must obtain a no-cost tree removal permit, and obtaining a tree removal permit** except that, in any case, no endangered species tree, historic tree or specimen tree may be removed without a **full tree removal application, review by the Borough Arborist and/or Zoning Official, and tree removal permit**, except in the case of an emergency as set forth in Subsection B(2), below:

A.

A no-cost tree removal permit may be obtained for up to six trees or tree equivalents ~~may be to be removed every 12 months~~ for any reason from an existing lot within the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus which contains a residential dwelling, but no more than 10 trees **or tree equivalents** may be removed for any reason from an existing lot which contains a residential dwelling within any five-year period. The limitations herein shall not apply to any tree or trees removed for the approved construction of a new home, an addition to an existing home, the installation of a new septic system or the repair/replacement of an existing septic system, or the construction of an accessory structure to the home, such as a patio, deck, tennis court and/or swimming pool, but only to the extent reasonably required, after due consideration of the property owner's design needs, for the construction of the home, the addition, the repair/replacement of the septic system or an accessory structure. **However, in all cases above, a no-cost tree removal permit must be obtained before proceeding.**

B.

The removal of the tree or trees permitted below shall not count toward the six trees permitted to be removed every 12 months or the total of 10 trees permitted to be removed in each five-year period specified in Subsection A above.

(1)

Any dead or diseased tree, or any tree that creates an imminent hazard or danger to persons and property or an emergency, as defined in § 76C-2, above, may be removed immediately. However, the property owner shall, upon request of the **Borough Arborist or Zoning Official**, be required to provide documentation confirming said conditions, which will include photographs of the trees removed and the property and a certification from a duly licensed LTE.

(2)

Any tree may be removed as directed by the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, Bergen County, the State of New Jersey.

(3)

Any tree may be removed pursuant to an application for development (as defined in the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.) approved by the Ho-Ho-Kus Borough Planning or Zoning Board, provided that said approval includes a tree replacement plan.

(4)

Any tree may be removed as part of the operation of an agricultural or horticultural use on property that is five acres or more, and that is assessed for local property taxes pursuant to the New Jersey Farmland Assessment Act of 1964, N.J.S.A. 54:4-23.1 et seq.

C. Any property owner or individual who removes a tree without obtaining a no-cost tree removal permit shall be subject to a \$250 fine for the first offence, and subsequent offenders shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 76C-11. Any property owner or individual who removes a tree where a tree removal permit and/or replacement plan is required (other than a no-cost tree removal permit as set forth in this Section), shall be subject to the penalties set forth in Section 76C-11.

D. For the purposes of this Section, "tree equivalent" is defined as the number of replacement trees required pursuant to the chart found in Section 76C-6(c). By way of example, if a property owner or other individual intends to take down one tree greater than 31 inches, such tree shall be considered a tree equivalent of 4 trees and shall count as 4 of the 6 trees permitted.

76C-2 of the Borough Code is hereby further amended to clarify the following::

CALIPER/DBH

Standard measure of tree size for trees to be newly planted. The measurement is taken six inches above the ground level for trees four inches in diameter or less and 54 inches above the ground for trees over four inches in diameter.

TREE

Any living woody perennial deciduous plant with a caliper of at least six inches **measured 54 inches** above the ground, or any living woody perennial evergreen plant or thinner deciduous plant (e.g., dogwoods, birches, American hornbeams, etc.) at least 15 feet in height above ground level.

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76C-3 of the Borough Code is hereby further amended to clarify the following:

76C- 3B(1)

Any dead or diseased tree, or any tree that creates an imminent hazard or danger to persons and property or an emergency, as defined in § **76C-2**, above, may be removed immediately. However, the property owner shall, upon request of the Zoning Official, be required to provide documentation confirming said conditions, which will include photographs of the trees removed and the property and a certification from a duly **New Jersey** licensed LTE.

76C-3 of the Borough Code is hereby further amended to clarify the following:

§ 76C-4 Required tree removal/replacement plans.

A.

Unless the tree is smaller than described in the tree definition of this chapter or is otherwise permitted to be removed in accordance with one or more of the provisions listed in § **76C-3** of this chapter hereinabove, no more than six trees **or tree equivalents as defined in Section 76C-3** every 12 months, or 10 trees **or tree equivalents** in any five-year time period on any residential lot within the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus shall be removed (or purposely injured or damaged) unless a tree removal/replacement plan is submitted to and approved by the Zoning Official, with the advice and review of the Borough Arborist in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. This requirement remains applicable for up to two years prior to an application being submitted and applies to development projects as defined in § **76C-3A**.

76C-6 of the Borough Code is hereby further amended to clarify the following:

76C-6(c) is modified as follows:

Tree Removed/Destroyed (DBH in inches)	Number of Required Replacement Trees	Tree Replacement Fee
6 to 11.99	1	\$500
12 to 23.9	2	\$1,000
24 to 30.99	3	\$1,500
Greater than 31	4	\$2,000

32C-2 of the Borough Code is hereby further amended to clarify the following::

LANDSCAPE and LANDSCAPING

To be in the business, occupation or trade of mowing lawns, trimming shrubs **or trees, removing trees, engaging in tree replacement, and/or** applying pesticides and/or fertilizers. For purposes of this definition, the planting of flowers, shrubs and/or trees or the laying of sod and establishment of a lawn is not landscaping.

SECTION 2. *REPEALER, SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE*

- A. Any and all Ordinances and provisions thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.
- B. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
- C. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Randall opened the meeting to the public. He stated this is the time and place for the public hearing on Ordinance #2024-96 and all persons who wishes to be heard, please state your name before making your statement. Seeing none, Mayor Randall closed the meeting to the public.

A motion was offered by Councilman Crossley and seconded by Councilwoman Moran to adopt Ordinance #2024-96. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S) - None

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS (24-50 thru 24-56)

All Items listed were considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Mayor and Council and were approved

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by one motion.

RESOLUTION #24-50

A Resolution - Payment of bills – March

WHEREAS, claims have been submitted to the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus in the amount of \$3,127,380.71; and WHEREAS, such claims have been listed according to Department and account number with corresponding vouchers to be reviewed and approved by the Mayor and Council; and, WHEREAS, the CFO has determined that the funds have been properly appropriated for such purposes and are available, in the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus and that the claims specified on the schedule attached hereto, following examination and approval by the Mayor and Council, be paid and checks issued accordingly; and, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the claims totaling \$3,127,380.71; be approved and ratified respectively

BILL LIST:

23-01813	11/27/23	03526	MOTOROLASOLUTIONS,INC.**	BATTERY IMPRES2	LIION -OEM	Open	267.60
24-00123	01/17/24	00023	GANN LAW BOOKS	NJZONING/LANDUSEADMINBOOKS		Open	374.00
24-00318	02/14/24	80359	FOWLER, SAMUEL	RET.UNUSEDSCROW-503HOLLYWD		Open	572.25
24-00344	02/20/24	02316	BCMCAA	BCMCAA2024MEMBERSHIP-COURT		Open	40.00
24-00345	02/20/24	02425	MCAA OF NJ	MCAA 2024 DUES - COURT		Open	50.00
24-00364	02/26/24	00056	TYCOANIMALCONTROLSERVICES	ANIMALCONTROLSVCFEB2024		Open	500.00
24-00365	02/26/24	01840	OPTIMUM	POLICE/CADCABLE3/16-4/15		Open	124.08
24-00366	02/26/24	00030	HO-HO-KUSBOARDOFEDUCATION	SCHOOL TAX - MONTH OF MAR.		Open	1,291,483.00
24-00367	02/26/24	00018	BERGENCOUNTYMUNICIPALJIF	2ND INSTALLMENT 2024 JIF		Open	91,876.00
24-00368	02/26/24	01571	BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK	QTR1-CONSTRUCTIONINTERLOCAL		Open	20,000.00
24-00369	02/26/24	02899	OFFICE CONCEPTSGROUP	OFFICE SUPPLIES - ADMIN		Open	212.24
24-00370	02/26/24	02781	VFIS	ACCIDENT/SICKNESSPOLICY-FD		Open	3,679.00
24-00371	02/26/24	01051	V.E. RALPH &SON	DEFIBPADS&BATTERYPACK-PD		Open	498.00
24-00372	02/26/24	03577	HIGHLANDSTRVELBBBALLASSOC	RETURN2024JIFINSUR-BASEBALL		Open	4,800.00
24-00373	02/26/24	03529	SCHWANEWED/HALS &VINCE	ROADOPENINGREV-7STONERIDGE		Open	250.00
24-00374	02/26/24	03529	SCHWANEWED/HALS &VINCE	ROADOPENINGREV-619N.MAPLE		Open	250.00
24-00375	02/26/24	03159	BOSWELL ENGINEERING. INC.	WATER TREATMENTIMPROVEMENTS		Open	4,492.25
24-00376	02/26/24	03239	AT&T MOBILITY	IPAD/CELLPHONESV1/12-2/11		Open	1,351.48
24-00377	02/26/24	02024	PASCARELLA, NICHOLAS	REFUND TREE PERMIT FEE		Open	100.00
24-00379	03/05/24	03474	KOCH 33 FORD	2023-FORDPOLICEINTERCEPTOR		Open	38,200.00
24-00381	03/07/24	03555	JEV CONSTRUCTION	WATERTREATMENT-ESTIMATE#7		Open	897,381.10
24-00387	03/13/24	80089	DENCH, BRIAN	REIMB-TRAININGCOURSE/PDDECAL		Open	599.35
24-00388	03/13/24	80231	TRI-COUNTYPROPERTYMAINT.	SITE WORK - NORTH FIELD		Open	1,700.00
24-00389	03/13/24	00103	BOROOFH-H-KWATERTRUSTACCT	REIMBURSEPOSTAGE-RECBROCHURE		Open	297.19
24-00390	03/13/24	80121	ZACHMANN, JESSICA	REIMB-CHILDSAFETYCERTIFICATE		Open	55.00
24-00392	03/13/24	03550	URBAN AUTO SPA II, LLC	CARWASHSERVICE-FEBPOLICE		Open	104.00
24-00393	03/13/24	03004	WYCKOFF WASH	FEB CAR WASHES - POL DOPT		Open	27.50
24-00394	03/13/24	03524	HOLIDAY BOWL	STIGMA FREE BOWLING EVENT		Open	468.00
24-00395	03/13/24	80220	CARROLL, JOANN	REIMB. EYEGLASSES - 2024		Open	275.12
24-00396	03/13/24	02863	LAWOFFICESOFGARYCUCCHIARA	REVAPPLIC/DOCUMENTS-9BRIDLE		Open	1,300.00
24-00397	03/13/24	02863	LAWOFFICESOFGARYCUCCHIARA	LEGALSVCs-PLANNINGBOARD-JAN		Open	1,520.00
24-00398	03/13/24	02863	LAWOFFICESOFGARYCUCCHIARA	LEGALSVCs-ZONINGBOARD-JAN		Open	2,220.00
24-00399	03/13/24	00201	GARBARINI & COPC	2024BUDGETPROCEDURES-CURRENT		Open	9,000.00
24-00400	03/13/24	00201	GARBARINI & COPC	2024 BUDGETPROCEDURES-WATER		Open	5,000.00
24-00401	03/13/24	00201	GARBARINI & COPC	2024BUDGETPROCEDURES-SWASTE		Open	5,000.00
24-00402	03/13/24	03108	JPMONZO MUNICIPALCONSULTING	BUDGETADOPTIONSEMINAR-CITRO		Open	50.00
24-00404	03/13/24	00821	AT&T	FEB 2023 FAX/LONG DISTANCE		Open	97.82

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24-00405	03/13/24	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	DCRP - FEB2024	Open	671.08
24-00406	03/13/24	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	CURRENTSOCIALSECURITY-FEB	Open	16,364.33
24-00407	03/13/24	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	WATERDPTSOCIALSECURITY-FEB	Open	1,680.32
24-00408	03/13/24	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	SOLWASTESOCIALSECURITY-FEB	Open	934.43
24-00409	03/13/24	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLLCURRENT1/2MNTH2/29	Open	193,571.81
24-00410	03/13/24	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL-WATER 1/2MONTH2/29	Open	9,590.27
24-00411	03/13/24	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL-SWASTE1/2MNTH2/29	Open	5,674.37
24-00412	03/13/24	00144	BORO OF H-H-K PAYROLL ACCT	PAYROLL-RABIESCLINIC-FEB	Open	1,050.00
24-00413	03/13/24	00737	KUIKEN BROS. CO. INC.	BANNER SIGN POSTS - DTB	Open	185.40
24-00414	03/14/24	80119	MORRISSEY, OWEN	REIMB-CHILDSAFETYCERTIFICATE	Open	55.00
24-00415	03/14/24	80330	KARNI, AMIR	RETURNENGBONDS-6SADDLERIDG	Open	13,000.00
24-00417	03/14/24	02982	ROBERTC.METZDORF,ESQ.	PUBLICDEFENDERSVCS3/13/2024	Open	200.00
24-00418	03/14/24	00414	THERECORD	SUBSCRIPTIONTHRU4/1-3/31	Open	506.99
24-00419	03/14/24	03192	PIAZZA&ASSOCIATES,INC.	COAHCONSULTING-MARADMIN	Open	100.00
24-00420	03/14/24	02983	NJSTASSNOFCHIEFSOPOLICE&LACADEMYSRING2024-MCBAIN		Open	1,400.00
24-00421	03/14/24	02331	WISS&BOUREGYP.C.	BOROATTORNEYLEGALSVCS-FEB	Open	2,640.00
24-00422	03/14/24	02331	WISS&BOUREGYP.C.	LEGALSVCSRE:TAXAPPEALS-FEB	Open	1,155.00
24-00423	03/14/24	01607	BURGISASSOCIATES,INC.	HAZARDVULNERABILITYSTUDY-JAN	Open	2,655.00
24-00424	03/14/24	03358	ARCARI & IOVINOARCHITECTS	LIBRARY FEASIBILITY7/1-7/31	Open	1,500.00
24-00425	03/14/24	03298	PASCACK DATASERVICES,INC	MSOFFICELICENS10/1-12/31/23	Open	720.00
24-00426	03/14/24	03298	PASCACK DATASERVICES,INC	AWSOFFSITEBACKUP4/1-6/30	Open	1,845.00
24-00427	03/14/24	03298	PASCACK DATASERVICES,INC	AZUREINFOPROTECTION-COURT	Open	48.00
24-00428	03/14/24	00226	BCASSOCOFASSESSORS	2024ANNUALTAXASSESSORDUES	Open	130.00
24-00429	03/14/24	03319	AGRA ENVIRONMENTAL & LAB SVCS WATER TESTING - FEB		Open	4,670.00
24-00430	03/14/24	00022	STONEINDUSTRIES,INC.	ASPHALT/TACK COAT-WATERDEPT	Open	253.00
24-00431	03/14/24	02965	CORE & MAINLP	BLUEMARKINGFLAG-WATERDPT	Open	29.61
24-00432	03/14/24	01457	A-VAN ELECTRICALSUPPLYINC	ELECTRICALCONNECTORS-DPW	Open	11.99
24-00433	03/14/24	02777	BOSS SECURITYSYSTEMS,INC.	ALARMMONITORING-WELLHOUSE	Open	276.00
24-00434	03/14/24	03277	ETDDISCOUNTTIRECENTERS	10TIRES255/60R18POL	Open	2,330.00
24-00435	03/15/24	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	SITEPLAN/SOILMOVING-4DUNCAN	Open	775.00
24-00436	03/15/24	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	PLANREVIEW-ADDITION-63ARBOR	Open	400.00
24-00437	03/15/24	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	MEDICAL/PRESCRIPT/DENTAL-MAR	Open	87,649.53
24-00438	03/15/24	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	PAYROLLCURRENT1/2MNTH3/15	Open	195,008.04
24-00439	03/15/24	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	PAYROLL-WATER1/2MONTH3/15	Open	8,983.01
24-00440	03/15/24	00144	BOROOFH-H-KPAYROLLACCT	PAYROLL-SWASTE1/2MNTH3/15	Open	6,558.67
24-00441	03/15/24	00095	TRAFFIC SAFETY&EQUIPMENT	STREETSIGNS&POSTS-DPW	Open	1,098.76
24-00442	03/15/24	03048	QUALITYAUTOMALL	VEHICLEPARTS-DPW&POL	Open	460.32
24-00443	03/15/24	00347	HAWTHORNECHEVROLET	POLICE VEHICLEPARTS	Open	80.06
24-00444	03/15/24	03472	AMAZONCAPITALSERVICES	BATTERYBACKUPS/LITEBULBS-DPW	Open	534.52
24-00445	03/15/24	99874	PRIESTNER,DAN	REIMBURSE-WORKBOOTS2024	Open	300.00
24-00446	03/15/24	03264	QUALITYAUTOGLASS,INC	WINDSHIELD-POLVEHICLE	Open	475.99
24-00447	03/15/24	01609	JESCO,INC.	TURBOCHARGER-DPWVEH760	Open	1,737.25
24-00448	03/15/24	03150	ELECTROBATTERYSYSTEMS	BATTERY760CCA&CORE-DPW	Open	111.88
24-00449	03/15/24	03204	MONTAGUETOOL&SUPPLY	BINDERCHAINS&HOOK-DPW	Open	676.80
24-00450	03/15/24	00012	PROSTOCKMIDLAND	WIPER BLADES -DPW	Open	59.94
24-00452	03/15/24	02686	ONECALLCONCEPTS	ONECALLMESSAGES-FEB2024	Open	45.76
24-00453	03/15/24	00139	PRESTIGELOCK&HOME	4KEYSFOEWATERDEPT.	Open	31.80
24-00454	03/15/24	00610	NJDEPTOFHEALTH	2/1-2/29DOGLIC#167-308	Open	218.40
24-00455	03/15/24	00926	IPD	TAX SEMINARS-JKROP	Open	100.00

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24-00456	03/15/24	02711	OPTIMUM *	OPTIMUMSVCBOROHL3/1-3/31	Open	29.95
24-00457	03/15/24	80108	ADAMS,NORA	SPANISHINTERPRETER-2/7COURT	Open	260.00
24-00458	03/15/24	00958	STATEOFNJDEPTOFLABOR	QTR1/QTR22022UNEMPLOYMENT	Open	163.89
24-00459	03/15/24	03208	MONMOUTHTELECOM	TELECOMSERVICE-FEB/MAR	Open	791.17
24-00461	03/15/24	02671	SUBURBANDISPOSALINC.	SOLIDWASTE/RECYCLINGFEB2024	Open	68,784.66
24-00462	03/15/24	03261	KONICA MINOLTA BUS. SOLUTIONS POLICE	COPIER-COPIES 2/4-3/3	Open	69.00
24-00463	03/15/24	02535	RIDGEWOODCYCLESHP	BICYCLEFORDARE/LEADPROGRAMS	Open	450.03
24-00464	03/15/24	03267	ELIZABETHSTEWART,LLC	ARBORISTSVCJAN/FEBSTREE	Open	2,565.00
24-00465	03/15/24	03267	ELIZABETHSTEWART,LLC	ARBORISTSVC-FEBTREEREMOVALS	Open	540.00
24-00466	03/18/24	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	GEN.ENGINEERINGSVS-DEC-MAR	Open	1,557.50
24-00467	03/18/24	01607	BURGISASSOCIATES,INC.	HAZARDVULNERABILITYSTUDY-FEB	Open	1,810.00
24-00468	03/18/24	02723	CLARKECATONHINTZ	RESEARCHAFFORD.HOUSINGISSUE	Open	87.50
24-00469	03/18/24	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	PLREV/INSPECTION-58JACQUELIN	Open	320.00
24-00470	03/18/24	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	REV/INSPECTION-11POWDERHORN	Open	410.00
24-00471	03/18/24	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	INSPECTION-12POWDERHORN	Open	82.50
24-00472	03/18/24	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	INSPECTION-6MARIONCOURT	Open	55.00
24-00473	03/18/24	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	INSPECTION-7BOILINGSPRINGS	Open	160.00
24-00474	03/18/24	00728	KEYTECH	PAVEMENTTESTING-WSADDLERVR	Open	2,010.00
24-00475	03/18/24	03568	CHRISTOPHERMARTIN,LLC	PAYMENT-DWISPECIALSESSION	Open	200.00
24-00476	03/18/24	80331	LAWOFFICESOFTHOM.BUONOCOREPAYMENT-DWISPECIALSESSION		Open	200.00
24-00477	03/18/24	01607	BURGISASSOCIATES,INC.	EVAL.APPLICATION235WEARIMUS	Open	38.75
24-00478	03/18/24	01607	BURGISASSOCIATES,INC.	AMEND2FISYSETBACK-PLANBD	Open	1,743.75
24-00479	03/18/24	80360	RAMUNDO,MARC	RET.UNUSEDSCROW-14PRESCOTT	Open	528.22
24-00481	03/19/24	03159	BOSWELLENGINEERING.INC.	WATER TREATMENTIMPROVEMENTS	Open	29,560.00
24-00482	03/19/24	03280	CLEANINGWORLD,INC.	CLEANINGSVC-FEBRUARY	Open	1,775.00
24-00483	03/19/24	03342	SPECTROTEL	INTERNETACCESSOVERFIBER-MAR	Open	393.72
24-00484	03/19/24	02863	LAWOFFICESOFGARYCUCCHIARA REVIEWAPPLIC/DOCS-62EDGEWOOD		Open	1,520.00
24-00485	03/19/24	03529	SCHWANEWEDE/HALS&VINCE	PLREV/INSPECTIONS-619NMAPLE	Open	412.50
24-00486	03/19/24	00555	PSE & G*	ELECT.SVC-EASTGATE2/11-3/11	Open	87.78
24-00487	03/19/24	02590	AMERICANWEAR,INC.	FEB2024UNIFORMS-ROADS2/3	Open	240.43
24-00488	03/19/24	02590	AMERICANWEAR,INC.	FEB24UNIFORMS-WATER1/3	Open	120.22
24-00489	03/19/24	00001	HOMEHARDWARE	FEBRUARYPURCHASES-DPW	Open	590.40
24-00490	03/19/24	00038	VERIZON	WATERDEPTPHONESFEB/MAR	Open	90.96
24-00491	03/19/24	00038	VERIZON	BORODEPTS.PHONES-FEB/MAR	Open	380.27
24-00492	03/19/24	00255	GANNETTNY-NJLOCALIQ	BOROLEGALADS-FEB	Open	645.69
24-00493	03/19/24	00255	GANNETTNY-NJLOCALIQ	ZBALEGALAD-CANCEL3/7MTG	Open	21.56
24-00494	03/19/24	02730	ALLANBELLEZZACONTRACTING	TOWNLIGHTING4TREES/BULBS	Open	8,097.00
24-00495	03/19/24	00926	IPD	CFOSEMINARS-JCITRO	Open	150.00
24-00496	03/19/24	01073	DOWNESTREESERVICE	TREEWKRSADDLIVERPARK	Open	31,550.00
24-00497	03/19/24	03472	AMAZONCAPITALSERVICES	GRABBERREACHERTOOL-DPW	Open	167.94
24-00498	03/19/24	01662	AAAEMERGENCYSUPPLY	ANNUALEQUIPTESTING-FIREDEPT	Open	3,959.62
24-00499	03/20/24	02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'SOILCO.	2200GALSGASDELIVERED2/20	Open	5,261.84
24-00500	03/20/24	02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'SOILCO.	1248GALSDIESELDEL2/29	Open	3,483.76
24-00501	03/20/24	02484	RACHLES/MICHELE'SOILCO.	600GALSGASDELIVERED2/28	Open	1,443.12
24-00502	03/20/24	03562	NATIONALHIGHWAYPRODUCTS	IN-STREET PEDSIGN	Open	579.70
24-00503	03/20/24	00085	FREMGEN POWEREQUIPMENT,INC	CHAINSAW&FILEGUIDE-FIREDP	Open	132.00
24-00504	03/21/24	80108	ADAMS,NORA	SPANINTERPRETER-3/63/16COUR	Open	400.00
24-00505	03/21/24	03537	PSE & G****	ELECT/GASCLIFFST2/15-3/14	Open	196.32
24-00506	03/21/24	03128	PSE & G**	ELECT/GASORVILCT2/15-3/15	Open	495.65

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RESOLUTION #24-51

A Resolution – Transfer of Funds

	FROM:	TO:
(2023) Police (S&W)	\$65,000.00	
Engineering (O.E.)		\$35,000.00
Finance (O.E.)		\$30,000.00
Total	<u>\$65,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 65,000.00</u>

RESOLUTION #24-52

A Resolution - Grant permission for the Contemporary Club to sell Raffle Tickets on the Town Green on Memorial Day from 9-noon

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho Ho-Kus has received a request from the Ho-Ho-Kus Contemporary Club to sell Raffle Tickets on the Town Green on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024 from 9-noon.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, that permission is hereby granted to sell Raffle Tickets on the Town Green on Memorial Day from 9-noon.

RESOLUTION #24-53

A Resolution - Award of Architectural Services for 10 Orvil Court

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus request for Architectural Services at 10 Orvil Court and;
WHEREAS, Arcari + Iovino Architect, One Katherine Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643, is duly qualified and available to perform such services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that a contract for the above-referenced is hereby awarded to Arcari + Iovino Architect, One Katherine Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Administrator is hereby authorized to execute said Proposal on behalf of the Borough; and

RESOLUTION #24-54

A Resolution – Concerning Public Interest Sign

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus (“Borough”) wishes to support the “Ho-Ho-Kus Community Garden” and wishes to erect certain signs in support of the community garden;

WHEREAS, the Borough has heretofore passed Section 85-37H(3) of the Code of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus, which establishes an exemption for public interest signs, markers, or plaques of a noncommercial nature in all zone districts, subject to other provisions of the ordinance.

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that erecting a sign is in the public interest and does not propose a commercial transaction or advance an economic interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus that the Borough Clerk is authorized to refer this matter to the Ho-Ho-Kus Planning Board consistent with Section 85-37H(3) of the Code of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus ;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, the Borough Administrator, the Borough Clerk, and the Borough Attorney are authorized to take all appropriate actions so as to implement this Resolution.

RESOLUTION #24-55

A Resolution - Appointment of Alternate Municipal Prosecutor – William R. Fenwick, Esq.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus requires the professional services of attorneys, for the calendar year 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the expenditures for each of such professional services will/may exceed the sum of \$

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21,000 in said calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer in accordance with the Local Contracts Law has duly executed Certificates of Availability, indicating that adequate funds have been, and additional funds will be appropriated in the 2024 Budgets for fees reasonably required by each of such professionals under the following line items in said Budget:

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| FOR LEGAL SERVICES: | 1. Legal Services & Costs - Other Expenses |
| | 2. Prosecutor – Salary & Wages |
| | 3. Public Defender – Other Expenses |
| | 4. Capital Ordinances |

WHEREAS, a certification of availability of funds has been received from the Chief Financial Officer or that such funds will be encumbered by Purchase Order on an as needed basis pursuant to the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-5.4 et seq. and

WHEREAS, the below named professionals, as applicable have completed, submitted and filed a Business Entity Certification Disclosure which certifies that the below named persons and/ or entities have not made any reportable contributions to any political or candidate committee including (committee to elect Thomas Randall, Steven Shell and Edmund Iannelli) Ho-Ho-Kus Republican organization; Ho-Ho-Kus Democratic organization;) in the previous one (1) year, and that the contract will prohibit the below named professionals/business entities from making reportable contributions through the term of the contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus as follows:

That the appointment of:

1.

William R. Fenwick, Esq.	Alternate Municipal Prosecutor
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be and the same are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

2. That the Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized and directed to execute contracts with each of said professionals and to take all other steps necessary to carry this resolution into effect.
3. Said appointments are made without competitive bidding under the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law which exempts from competitive bidding "Professional Services" rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and whose practice is regulated by law.
4. A copy of this resolution be published in the Ridgewood News within ten days after its passage as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contracts for bond counsel; Borough prosecutor; public defenders; environmental engineers; animal control officer and cruelty investigator; water laboratory services, grants and labor attorney and borough planner are being awarded as a non -fair and open contract, pursuant to the provisions of NJSA 19:44A-20.5 whereas the contracts of Borough auditor, Borough attorney and Borough engineer, Borough Planner are being awarded pursuant to a fair and open process pursuant to law;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the business disclosure entity certification, as applicable, and the determination of value be placed on file with this resolution.

RESOLUTION #24-56

A Resolution – Shared Service with Village of Ridgewood for recycling of Styrofoam

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Ho-Ho-Kus desires to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with the Village of Ridgewood to provide recycling of Styrofoam, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Borough Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement.

A motion was offered by Council President Troast and seconded by Councilman Policastro to approve Resolution 24-50 through 24-56. Motion carried on a roll call vote – All present voting “Aye”.

LIAISON REPORTS

Recreation – no report

Library – Councilman Policastro reported; Circulation in February reflected a 2% decrease from January and

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a 15% increase from last year at the same time. Last month the Library hosted 13 programs with a total of 174 participants. On March 7, 2024 four businesses in town hosted book baskets. Donations amounted to \$175.00.

Board of Education – Councilman Policastro reported; Spring Recess begins Good Friday, 3/29, thru Friday, April 5th, reopening Monday, April 8th which was added back to the school calendar as a day of school due to a snow day used. April 8th will now become a minimum day with dismissal at 12:45 due to the solar eclipse at 2 pm and concern about student safety either looking directly into the sun or walking home in darkness. In the morning, the school will host a special Solar Eclipse workshop Program for grades 1-8. The students will meet with astronomer Rob Teeter in the school auditorium, and also have the opportunity to skype with astronomer Jon Miller in Dallas, Texas. All students will receive specialized eclipse viewing glasses they will be able to take home to ensure their safety during the solar event. We would also like to welcome the 8th grade students attending tonight’s Mayor & Council Meeting as part of their Civics class studies.

10 Orville Court – Councilman Policastro report; The 10 Orvil Court Improvements Committee has made excellent progress developing a plan to relocate the Worth Pinkham Library to 10 Orvil Court, the former Bank of America building. At this time, I am pleased to provide a brief background and update on the project. The Borough purchased the building in August 2022. The Mayor & Council held a public meeting in November 2022 to evaluate public interest for relocating the rapidly deteriorating library from 91 Warren Avenue to the center of town. It received overwhelming support. Subsequently, on January 4th, 2023, the Mayor & Council passed resolution #23-32 forming the 10 Orvil Court Improvements Committee which mission was to assist in making recommendations to the Governing Body for the purpose of use and improvements of the building. Mayor Randall appointed 3 Council Members, 3 Library Board of Trustee members, the Library Director, and the Chamber of Commerce Co-President to the Committee. I was appointed Committee Chairperson. In May 2023, the Committee engaged an architectural firm to conduct a feasibility study intended to identify the likely size, configuration, parking, potential cost, physical limitations and opportunities of the property, and, as well, to create an initial concept plan to convert the building for library use. Having performed principal work on over 90 libraries, the firm, Arcari + Iovino was ideally suited for the work. The Committee also retained Heuer & Company for professional pre-construction consulting services. We are excited that after many months of dedicated effort, a concept plan for the library conversion has been agreed upon by all parties. An important aspect of the design was the Mayor & Council’s requirement to provide our residents with a multipurpose community room accessible both during and after library hours. Our goal was for the library to not only become an essential destination in the center of town, but a premier transformative model incorporating future community needs. We are very pleased that the new plans meet our objectives. Over the next few months, the Committee and the Borough will work together in developing a comprehensive budget with creative considerations for offsetting costs and debt that is both financially conscientious and sustainable. Once this phase is completed, the Mayor & Council will hold a public presentation where our professionals will speak about the renovation and expansion, and our residents will have the opportunity for comment, questions, and debate. After which, the Mayor and Council will consider approval. We intend to hold this public meeting in the late spring, early summer, before our residents leave for their vacations.

Ambulance Corps – Councilman Crossley reported the Ambulance Corp met last night and he is proud to announce they are up to 54 members, many of the college student members attending via ZOOM.

Beautification – Councilman Crossley reported the committee met last night; they are in the process of preparing their vegetable garden which is outside of the ambulance Corp bays. Within the next 2/3 weeks you will start to see the fencing. Looking to start cleaning up the 16 acres, which would have to be done in phases and also they are looking at the brooks & streams to clear any branches/dead trees. On the corner of Sheridan & Hollywood near the pump station they removed all the trees that were dead and are going to plant flowers and add a bench like they did in the downtown areas. Lastly, the borough hired a grant writer to see if the borough can obtain some grants to help fund these projects.

Fire Department – Councilman Shell reported the Fire Department continues to make calls. They are always looking for new members and junior members. The Mayor & Council did a budget review with the Fire Chief last month to lay out the budget plan for new equipment within the next couple of years.

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Chamber of Commerce – Councilman Shell reported the new officers are in the process of forming their responsibilities. Next event is a networking event on April 10th at 4pm at the HHK Inn. They have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday with the new business GRAZE.

Police - Police Chief reported; the burglary at the Pharmacy is still under investigation, however they did find out it's a couple a groups that are hitting all over the state. The department started the drunk driver enforcement over St. Patty's Day weekend, during a stop by Officer Kim, it was found a driver had a gun,, the gentleman was put in jail over the weekend then released. On Sunday there was an alleged robbery at the train station which is still under investigation. Lastly, Police Captain McBain completed his last hurdle, he completed a mile under 10 minutes. In July he will officially leave for the FBI Academy

DPW – Superintendent Jeff Pattman reported the water system is up and running.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor stated before he presents the 8th graders with their certification, he wanted them to know every commission and every board are all volunteers, this is the town you live in, where people do things to help the town run better. Maybe one day it might be one of you.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Randall presented the following 8th grade students a certificate for their interested in seeing how local government works:

Hudson Wall, Benjamin Martos, Will Hollender, Noah Stecker, Julian Martinex, Sophia Beluzzi and Kelly Thyne

Captain McBain thanked the Mayor & Council for giving him the opportunity to attend the FBI Academy, he is honored and privileged.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilman Crossley, seconded by Councilman Shell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. Motion Carried by voice vote – all present voting “Aye”.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Herve RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk