

EXECUTIVE MEETING called to order, Mayor Vaccaro in the chair, at the Municipal Building on Thursday March 14, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Mayor called for Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Bauer, Campbell, Cirillo, Haberlin, Surak, Wende-present  
Administrator- T. Ciannamea-present, Attorney- F. Migliorino-present  
Engineer-

Borough Clerk stated that notice of the meeting was announced in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Surak to approve Minutes of Executive Meeting of February 8, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Bauer, Campbell, Cirillo, Haberlin, Surak, Wende.  
All ayes. So ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

Bergen County Board of Commissioners- recognition of March as Women's History Month.

Bergen County Board of Commissioner- notice of introduction of an Ordinance prohibiting left turn movements on East Ramapo Ave., & Franklin Turnpike in the Township of Mahwah.

Bergen County Board of Commissioner- notice of introduction of a Guaranty Ordinance securing the Bergen County Improvement Authority's Guaranteed Pooled Note Purchase Program Series 2024, in an aggregate principle amount not to exceed \$240,000,000.

Bergen County Board of Commissioner- notice of introduction of an ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of certain agreements in relation to Phase ii of the County's Courthouse Renovation Project and the financing thereof via the Bergen County Improvement Authority.

Bergen County Board of Commissioner- notice of introduction of an ordinance securing the Bergen County Improvement Authority's County Guaranteed Lease Revenue Bonds or Notes, Series 2024 (Bergen County Courthouse Project-Phase II) in an aggregate principle amount not to exceed \$100,000,000.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company- notice of filing and notice of public hearing for approval of Electric Rate Adjustment pursuant to the Infrastructure Advancement Program.

Public Service Electric and Gas Company- notice of filing and notice of public hearing for approval of Electric Rate Adjustment pursuant to the Energy Strong II Program.

#### REPORTS:

C/Cirillo left the meeting.

#### FORMAL ACTION:

Motion by C/Wende and second by C/Bauer to approve following Resolutions:

#### RESOLUTION#24-95

**WHEREAS**, the property owner Charles Hlavaty of Block 55 Lot 5 (10 Edstan Drive), is a 100% Disabled Veteran Exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024 property taxes were paid despite instructions given to mortgage company to cease escrowing monies for property taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, a refund is due to Corelogic in the amount of \$1,498.96 representing the amount of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024 property taxes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Tax Collector and/or any other appropriate Borough Official are hereby authorized to refund to Corelogic a tax refund in the amount of \$1,498.96 representing the taxes paid for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024.

#### RESOLUTION#24-96

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector, has advised that an overpayment of \$221.76 exists on the property tax account for block 7 lot 15 due to the property owner erroneously

processing an on-line payment to property taxes where the on-line payment should have been processed to the sewer account, and

WHEREAS, the property owner has requested that a refund check of \$221.76 be processed and made payable to the same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to issue a refund check to the property owner in the said amount.

#### RESOLUTION#24-97

WHEREAS, the property owner of 34 West Park Street (Block 9 Lot 7) and 38 West Park Street (Block 9 Lot 8) submitted payment for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024 residential sewer charges with (1) check #112 in the amount of \$157.24 representing payment for both parcels; however, due to a posting error this check was applied to only 38 West Park Street (Block 9 Lot 8); and

WHEREAS, check #112 in the amount of \$157.24 should have been posted to each property in the amount of \$78.62; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that the Tax Collector be and is hereby authorized to transfer \$78.62 to 34 West Park Street (Block 9 Lot 7) representing payment of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2024 residential sewer.

#### RESOLUTION#24-98

WHEREAS, the Borough has not solicited multiple quotes for 2024 Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Police Department's computer network, due to the service being provided requires security clearance/training and has been determined to be proprietary in nature; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Police Department IT provider Dart Computer Service has provided a quote for the 2024 Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Police Department's computer network in the amount of \$3,625.00; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie approve the contract with Dart Computer Service for the 2024 Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Police Department's computer network in the amount of \$3,625.00.

#### RESOLUTION#24-99

WHEREAS, it is necessary to replace the Power Take-Off on 2019 Hook-Lift Truck; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has solicited two quotes to replace the Power Take-Off Hook Lift Truck and based upon their review the lowest responsible quoter is Cliffside Body Corp in the amount of \$2,920.10; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie approve the contract with Cliffside Body Corp to replace the Power Take-Off for the 2019 Hook-Lift Truck in the amount of \$2,920.10.

ROLL CALL: Bauer, Campbell, Haberlin, Surak, Wende.  
All ayes. So ordered.

C/Cirillo returned to the meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The following will be acted upon at the Regular Meeting on March 28, 2024.

1. Confirming appointment of Police Chief Richard Behrens as Emergency Management Coordinator.
2. Appointment of Philip Boggia as Municipal Court Judge.
3. Authorizing submission of a strategic plan for Municipal Alliance grant.

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE:

**ORDINANCE # 2024-1****AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER VII “TRAFFIC” OF THE REVISED  
GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE “BOROUGH OF MOONACHIE” COUNTY  
OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## DISCUSSION:

## 1. Temporary Part-time Help for Building Department.

C/Bauer and C/Wende spoke about interviews for the position and they have a recommendation, and the individual is a resident.

C/Bauer -mentioned that they discussed computer and interpersonal skills.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned about training during the day and evenings and compensation for the individual that is currently working in the position.

C/Bauer mentioned that the pay will be \$500.00 per week for working 20 hours per week.

Motion by C/Bauer second by C/Wende to approve the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION#24-100**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie that Jessica Doneman be and is hereby appointed as temporary part-time help for the building Department (Part-time Clerk) at the annual salary of \$26,000.00, to work 20 hours a week, effective March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Bauer, Campbell, Cirillo, Haberlin, Surak, Wende.  
All ayes. So ordered.

## 2. Moving Court to Municipal building.

Administrator Ciannamea spoke about the County's requirement for a 'No Weapons' sign.

## 3. Professionals Agreements of Auditor, Borough Attorney, Borough Engineer, Bond Attorney, PIA (Risk Consultant and Health Coordinator) and Special Tax Attorney for the year 2024.

Mayor Vaccaro asked the Finance Committee to review the professional contracts.

## 4. Moonachie Road/Burger King Pump Station.

Mayor Vaccaro spoke about electrical work that needs to be done at the Burger King Pump Station. Mentioned about the electrical work that was supposed to be completed after Hurricane Sandy regarding the panel.

Administrator Ciannamea spoke about conversation with DPW Assistant Superintendent regarding funds and work that was done.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that he will find out if there are available funds.

C/Bauer spoke about bonds to fund all of the department's needs. Mentioned about truck for the Department of Public Works.

Mayor Vaccaro spoke about Police Department items, and there may be funds available for some. Mentioned that near the end of last year the grant consultant Millennium Strategies contacted him about a grant available for the Fire Department. Thanked Assistant Fire Chief Fred Dressel for working with Millenium to submit the grant, and the grant was awarded for \$75,000.00. mentioned that it is a reimbursement grant, so the purchases need to be made first.

C/Cirillo mentioned that the Seniors are having their St. Patrick's Day party on the 20<sup>th</sup> with corn beef and cabbage.

C/Campbell spoke about purchase of radio equipment for the Fire Department. will be set

up next week. He mentioned that also, there are 6 new members applying for the Department if they pass the background check and physicals.  
C/Surak spoke about St. Patrick's Day event at the Fire Department on Saturday at 7PM.  
Asked about status of the Police Department's Contract.  
Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that they had a meeting and they are waiting to hear back from the PBA.  
C/Haberlin asked about the Scholarship Committee and that he has people that are interested.  
Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that the Scholarship Fund is separate from the Mayor & Council, and he can meet with C/Haberlin to discuss about setting up the Scholarship Committee.  
C/Haberlin spoke about communication with other members of the governing body.  
Attorney Migliorino spoke about lawsuit with Get-A-Can and he has been in contact with their attorney.  
C/Wende asked about the status of the Utility Audit.  
Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that bills need to be submitted to the company. Asked the Utility Committee to speak with the financial consultant.

PUBLIC HEARING: No one wished to be heard.  
Motion by C/Cirillo and second by C/Bauer to close Public Hearing.  
ROLL CALL: Bauer, Campbell, Cirillo, Haberlin, Surak, Wende.  
All ayes. So ordered.

Closed Session:

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Haberlin to approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION#24-101

WHEREAS, N.J. S.A. 10:4-12 allow for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempt from the public, and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this governing body will reconvene,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Moonachie will go into closed session for the following reason as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

- Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual requests a public meeting.

ROLL CALL: Bauer, Campbell, Cirillo, Haberlin, Surak, Wende.  
All ayes. So ordered.

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Campbell to close closed Session.  
ROLL CALL: Bauer, Campbell, Cirillo, Haberlin, Surak, Wende.  
All ayes. So ordered.

Mayor Vaccaro mentioned that in closed session there was discussion about sending a Rice notice to an employee.

Motion by C/Bauer and second by C/Cirillo to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M.  
ROLL CALL: Bauer, Campbell, Cirillo, Haberlin, Surak, Wende.  
All ayes. So ordered.

ATTEST;

Supriya Sanyal  
Borough Clerk