

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
JANUARY 11, 2016**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MANVILLE, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2016 IN THE MANVILLE MUNICIPAL COURTROOM, 325 NORTH MAIN STREET, MANVILLE, NEW JERSEY AT 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR RICHARD ONDERKO PRESIDED

The Clerk announced that proper notice had been given by the posting of the Regular Meeting Notice and by providing adequate notice of the Regular Meeting to the Courier News and the Star Ledger.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR RICHARD ONDERKO
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COUNCILWOMAN SUSAN ASHER
COUNCILWOMAN DAYNA CAMACHO
COUNCILMAN MICHAEL KASSICK
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE MAGNANI
COUNCILMAN THEODORE PETROCK, III
COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEPHEN SZABO

ALSO PRESENT:

THADDEUS R. MACIAG, BOROUGH ATTORNEY
THOMAS SHANNON, INTERIM BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR
PATRICIA ZAMORSKI, BOROUGH CLERK
CHIEF MARK PELTACK, MANVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Onderko requested a motion to go into Closed Session.

Councilman Petrock, seconded by Councilwoman Camacho, made a motion to go into Closed Session.

Resolution #2016-21

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of The Borough of Manville, that an Executive Session of the Mayor and Council, from which the public will be excluded will be held upon adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussing:

Contract Negotiations - Solid Waste Transfer

Exclusion of the public for this purpose (s) stated is expressly permitted by the provisions of the "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT", N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. seq. It is not anticipated that the contents of the discussion will be made known until it has been determined that disclosure of the subject matter will not adversely affect the public interest and until the Mayor and Council have adopted a Resolution so concluding.

Borough of Manville,
/s/ Richard Onderko, Mayor

ROLL CALL: AYES: ASHER, CAMACHO, KASSICK, MAGNANI, PETROCK, SZABO

Closed Session began at approximately 7:03 p.m.

Mayor Onderko called the meeting back to order at 7:15 p.m.

Attorney Maciag stated that the Mayor asked him to report to the public that there was a decision today in the Superior Court on the recount contest between Mr. Petrock and Mr. Skirkanish. After a trial today, Judge Ciccone upheld Mr. Petrock's certificate of election, and he is the winner of the election by two votes. He congratulated Mr. Petrock and Mr. Skirkanish for the close race.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS:

Borough Attorney:	Thaddeus R. Maciag, Esq.
Borough Auditor:	Suplee, Clooney & Company
Bond Counsel:	Steven Rogut, Esq.
Redevelopment Attorney:	Thaddeus R. Maciag, Esq.

Somerset Regional Animal Shelter Member	
1-year term (ex. 12/31/2016):	Leanna Schumacher
Alternate Member 1-year term (ex. 12/31/2016):	Linda Kellner

Municipal Alliance/Youth Services Commissioner	
1-year term (ex. 12/31/2016):	Stephanie Cornelson

Solid Waste Advisory Committee	
1-year term (ex. 12/31/2016):	Vince LoMedico

Office on Aging Advisory Committee

1-year term (ex. 12/31/2016):

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Mayor Onderko requested a motion to accept the above appointments:

Council President Szabo, seconded by Councilwoman Camacho, made a motion to accept the above appointments.

ROLL CALL: AYES: ASHER*, CAMACHO, KASSICK, MAGNANI, PETROCK, SZABO
*ABSTAIN: ASHER (Borough Auditor only)

Clerk Patricia Zamorski swore in Attorney Maciag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Onderko requested a motion to approve the following minutes:

A/ Regular Meeting of December 14, 2015

Council President Szabo, seconded by Councilwoman Camacho, made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2015.

ROLL CALL: AYES: CAMACHO, SZABO
ABSTAIN: ASHER, KASSICK, MAGNANI, PETROCK

B/ Reorganization Meeting January 2, 2016

Council President Szabo, seconded by Councilman Petrock, made a motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 2016.

ROLL CALL: AYES: ASHER, CAMACHO, MAGNANI, PETROCK, SZABO
ABSTAIN: KASSICK

ORDINANCE - FIRST READING AND INTRODUCTION

Mayor Onderko requested that the Clerk read the Ordinance by title.

Ordinance #2016-1167

DISCUSSION

Mayor Onderko stated that several members of the Mayor and Council felt that it was time to combine both boards as a single Land Use Board. He explained that other towns have done the same, and they are looking at it as an efficiency and a cost savings at not having to pay two attorneys.

Attorney Maciag stated that according to the League of Municipalities, more than 100 towns have done this as a cost savings.

Mayor Onderko requested a motion to introduce Ordinance #2016-1167.

Councilman Petrock, seconded by Councilwoman Asher, made a motion to introduce Ordinance #2016-1167.

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR
THE MANVILLE BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD
TO ASSUME ALL OF THE
POWERS, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE MANVILLE BOROUGH ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the Manville Borough Planning Board to act as a joint land use board, by (a) providing that the Borough Planning Board shall now assume all of the powers previously exercised by the Manville Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment, and (b) by abolishing the previously existing separate Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manville pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law has heretofore established a nine (9) member Planning Board and a Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Planning Board and the Borough Board of Adjustment by ordinance have each been endowed with all of the statutory functions pertinent to each Board; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of N.J.S.A.40:55D-25c(1) provide that in a municipality, having a population of 15,000 or less, a nine member Planning Board, if so provided by Ordinance, shall exercise to the same extent and subject to the same restrictions, all of the powers of a Board of Adjustment; but the Class I and Class III numbers shall not participate in the consideration of applications for development which involve relief pursuant to subsection d of N.J.S.A.40A:55D-70; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manville has a population of less than 15,000 as established by the 2010 United States national census; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Manville has determined that it is in the best interests of the Borough of Manville to have the Planning Board hereafter act as a joint land use board, exercising all of the powers of the Board of Adjustment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1

1. As of the Effective Date of this Ordinance, the Powers of the Manville Borough Planning Board shall, in accord with N.J.S.A.40:55D-25c(1), include those of a Zoning Board of Adjustment, and the Manville Borough Planning Board shall exercise to the same extent and subject to the same restrictions, all the powers of a Board of Adjustment under applicable N.J. law;

2. Provided, however, that the Class I and the Class III members of the Manville Borough Planning Board shall not participate in the consideration of applications for development which involve relief pursuant to subsection d of N.J.S.A.40A:55D-70.

3. All prior Ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance, including but not limited to any prior ordinance creating a Manville Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment, are

hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency, and the Manville Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment is hereby abolished;

4. Severability: In the event that any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any other provision or application of this ordinance which may be given effect, and, to realize this intent, the provisions and applications of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

5. Effective Date: This Ordinance shall take effect as of February 15, 2016, after its passage and publication as required by law.

Borough of Manville,
/s/ Richard Onderko, Mayor

ROLL CALL: AYES: ASHER, CAMACHO, KASSICK, MAGNANI, PETROCK, SZABO

PUBLIC PORTION ON RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Onderko opened the public portion on Resolutions #2016-12 through #2016-20.

Dean Shepard, P.O. Box 222 - had questions regarding Resolution #2016-20, and asked what the physical location of Republic Services was.

Administrator Shannon stated that it is in Middlesex, next door to Importico's, where we have been transferring our solid waste. He further stated that it is being awarded for the lowest cost of disposal and lowest calculated hauling costs, coming to a total cost, and the total cost was the basis of the bid.

Rudy Nowak, 100 Driscoll Street - commended the Council for introducing Ordinance #2016-1167. He stated it was a good start in saving money.

Joe Patero, 37 North Orchard Street - Congratulated Mayor Onderko. He asked that the three living former Mayors be sent invitations to Reorganization. He thanked Chief Peltack for their assistance in a recent incident he had. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the job they do, and stated that no one should disrespect the Governing Body.

Basil Kulick, 1019 Huff Avenue - commented regarding the pistol range. He also mentioned that the bricks at the corner of Camplain and Main are raised and could cause a fall.

Mayor Onderko stated that it will be in a report by Councilwoman Asher.

When no one else wished to comment

RESOLUTION (TO BE TAKEN SEPARATELY)

Mayor Onderko requested a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-12.

Councilwoman Asher, seconded by Councilwoman Camacho, made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-12.

Resolution #2016-12

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of The Borough of Manville that the following accounts:

1. Current	\$ 1,188,635.00
2. Water/Sewer Utility	\$
3. General Capital	\$
4. Recreation Trust	\$
5. Other Trust	\$
6. Dedicated Dog	\$
7. Housing Trust	\$
Total	\$ 1,188,635.00

After being examined by each respective committee, are hereby ordered to be paid.
 Borough of Manville,
 /s/ Richard Onderko, Mayor

ROLL CALL: AYES: ASHER, CAMACHO, KASSICK, MAGNANI, PETROCK, SZABO

RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT

When no one on Council wished to take any Resolutions separately, Mayor Onderko requested a motion to adopt Resolutions #2016-13 through #2016-20.

Councilwoman Asher, seconded by Council President Szabo, made a motion to adopt Resolutions #2016-13 through #2016-20.

ROLL CALL: AYES: ASHER, CAMACHO, KASSICK, MAGNANI, PETROCK, SZABO

Resolution #2016-13

1.) WHEREAS, several real property tax payers have redeemed liens held against their property taxes and the Tax Collector has received proof of such payments after correspondence with said property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Tax Collector to release the amount specified to the lienholders listed below.

Block	Lot	Name of Owner	Amount	Lienholder
286	26	Drake, J	\$ 1,571.26	PFS Financial
94	38	Solano, Marjorie	\$ 883.80	US Bank
201	39	Arkad Holdings	\$ 9,099.19	PFS Financial

2.) WHEREAS, several real property tax payers have overpaid their real property taxes and the Tax Collector has received proof of such payments after correspondence with said property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to refund said amount to the property owner.

Block	Lot	Name of Owner	Amount	Year	Quarter
15	11.02	Santilli, C & J	\$1,291.23	2015	4 th

Borough of Manville,
/s/ Richard Onderko, Mayor

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR PER ROLL CALL

Resolution #2016-14

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department is in need of personnel for their seasonal programs; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance #2015-1160, these employees are now referred to as Temporary Seasonal Employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey, that the following Temporary Seasonal Employees shall be hired by the Recreation Department:

Name	Title	Length of Service	Pay Rate
Thomas Henry	Basketball Referee	1-16-16 to 5-31-16	\$40.00 per game

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Recreation Director will have the authority to replace any staff member that leaves during the season in order to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of the public, with the approval of the Acting Borough Administrator.

Borough of Manville,
/s/ Richard Onderko, Mayor

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR PER ROLL CALL

Resolution #2016-15

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has deemed that a certain vehicle is no longer needed for Department use; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36 provides that any contracting unit, by resolution of its governing body, may authorize the disposition of its personal property; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle is specified below:

1998 GMC Pickup Truck - RAS
#1GTGK24RXWE529416

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, New Jersey, that the above mentioned vehicle is no

longer needed for public use and will be forwarded to Somerset County Vehicle Maintenance Department for auction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Director of Public Works may arrange for the disposition of this vehicle as indicated above.

Borough of Manville,
/s/ Richard Onderko, Mayor

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR PER ROLL CALL

Resolution #2016-16

WHEREAS, the County of Somerset is a leader in the concept of shared services as evidenced by a history of Inter-local Services Agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manville is desirous of entering into a shared service agreement with the County for the purposes of providing copy and print services; and

WHEREAS, the County will provide said copy and print services at its Print Shop facility to municipalities based on an agreed-upon fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is authorized pursuant to the terms of N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manville wishes to enter into this Shared Service Agreement for Printing Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey that we do hereby authorize execution of the Agreement by the Mayor and Clerk to accept printing services with Somerset County from January 11, 2016 to December 31, 2021, as per the terms of the Agreement.

Borough of Manville,
/s/ Richard Onderko, Mayor

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR PER ROLL CALL

Resolution #2016-17

WHEREAS, there exists a Cooperation Agreement between the County of Somerset and the Borough of Manville for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

WHEREAS, the Program provides that each year every participating municipality will appoint two (2) representatives to the CD Committee; and

WHEREAS, the CD Committee Bylaws state that one representative shall be appointed by the Mayor and one representative be appointed by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed Patricia Zamorski as representative for 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that the governing body hereby appoints Vincenzo LoMedico as representative and Walt Wilczek as Alternate representative to the Community Development Committee for the year 2016.

FURTHERMORE, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Somerset County Development Office upon its adoption.

Borough of Manville,
/s/ Richard Onderko, Mayor

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR PER ROLL CALL

Resolution #2016-18

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-19 provides for the adoption of a temporary budget for the period between January 1 and the adoption of the annual budget; and

WHEREAS, 26.25% of the total appropriations for the year 2015, exclusive of Public Assistance, Municipal Debt, and Capital Improvement Fund is \$3,105,300.61.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Manville that the following appropriations shall be added to the Temporary Budget for the year 2016:

Account Name	Account Type	Amount
Municipal Court	S&W	\$8,200.00

Borough of Manville,
/s/ Richard Onderko, Mayor

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR PER ROLL CALL

Resolution #2016-19

WHEREAS, on July 13, 2015, the Mayor and Council adopted Bond Ordinance #2015-1162, which appropriated funds for the purchase of 4 flood prone properties in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manville is in need of Environmental Engineering services related to the purchase of these properties; and

WHEREAS, CME Associates, was appointed at the 2015 Reorganization as the Borough's Environmental Engineers, which appointment has been held over. They have provided a satisfactory proposal for these services; and

WHEREAS, the cost of these services will be paid through Ordinance #2015-1162, and will be covered by the Flood Mitigation Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that CME Associates will perform the necessary legal services for the purchase of the 4 flood prone properties; and

- 1) This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with N.J.S.A 40A11-5(1)(a) of the Local Public Contracts Law, not to exceed \$11,000.00, which is \$2,750 for each property.
- 2) The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Contract in this matter.
- 3) This Resolution shall be advertised once in the Courier News.

- 4) The Chief Financial Officer shall provide a Certification of Funds.

Borough of Manville,
/s/ Richard Onderko, Mayor

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR PER ROLL CALL

Resolution #2016-20

Award of Bid for Transfer Station Disposal of Solid Waste

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manville requires the services of a contractor for the Transfer Station Disposal of Solid Waste; and

WHEREAS, bids have been solicited for said project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1, et seq., the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2015, four bids were received, and after a thorough review of all bids by the Interim Borough Administrator and the Borough Director of Public Works, they have determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to review the bids based on both Disposal Cost and Hauling Cost, and

WHEREAS, the Interim Borough Administrator and the Borough Director of Public Works have accordingly recommended the lowest responsible bidder as Republic Services of NJ, LLC (dba Raritan Valley Disposal), in the total amounts, including both Disposal Costs and Hauling Costs of 2016: \$78.00 Disposal + \$14.89 Hauling = Total \$92.89 per ton; 2017: \$80.34 Hauling + \$15.18 Hauling = Total \$95.52 per ton; and 2018: \$82.75 Hauling + \$15.49 Hauling = Total \$98.24 per ton, per the chart attached to and made a part of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, this matter involves a joint municipal services agreement with the Borough of Raritan in the County of Somerset, and the Borough of Raritan has determined that the Republic Services of NJ, LLC (dba Raritan Valley Disposal) is also, as to the Borough of Raritan, the lowest bid as to both Disposal & Hauling Costs, per the chart attached to and made a part of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Manville in the Bid Specifications stated at paragraph 10 that the Borough “reserves its right to reject any or all bids . . . if deemed in the best interests of the Municipality”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Manville, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. RESOLVED THAT the bids for Transfer Station Disposal of Solid Waste as submitted by Covanta Sustainable Solutions LLC and Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. be and hereby are Rejected as Not in the Best Interest of the Municipality, given the higher hauling costs per ton to the transfer stations used by those bidders, and thus the higher Total Cost of Disposal & Hauling, per the chart annexed to and made a part of this Resolution; and it is

2. FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the disposal bid for Transfer Station Disposal of Solid Waste be and is hereby awarded to Republic Services of NJ, LLC (dba Raritan Valley Disposal), in the amounts of \$78.00/ton Disposal for 2016; \$80.34/ton Disposal for 2017; and \$92.75/ton Disposal for 2018; and it is

3. FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Administrator and/or Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents pertaining to this award of bid.

ALL PRESENT IN FAVOR PER ROLL CALL

OFFICIAL REPORTS

Mayor Onderko announced that the following reports are on file in the Clerk's Office:

- A/ Municipal Court Report, November, 2015
- B/ Fire Department Report, June, 2015
- C/ Fire Department Report, September, 2015
- D/ Fire Department Report, November, 2015
- E/ Police Department Report, December, 2015
- F/ Board of Health Report - General Account, December, 2015
- G/ Board of Health Report - Animal Control, December, 2015
- H/ Board of Health Report - Registrar, December, 2015
- I/ Code Enforcement Report - December, 2015
- J/ Clerk's Report - December, 2015

COMMUNICATIONS

A/ Communication from Joseph Minarovich - letter regarding donation of three parcels of land.

B/ Communication from Dorothy Nicotra - letter requesting reimbursement of her taxes and sewer bills due to incorrect designation as a two-family dwelling.

Mayor Onderko requested a motion to accept the Communications.

All present were in favor.

Council President Szabo discussed the Communication from Mr. Minarovich. He stated that he was advised not to accept the parcels, since it will cost the Borough money in maintenance and loss of tax revenue.

Mayor Onderko suggested that the matter be discussed in a Policy, Planning and Personnel Committee meeting.

Attorney Maciag stated that Council President Szabo is correct, that the Borough should look at this carefully and do a title search, an environmental assessment, and a review of the property taxes over the years, and at that stage the Committee can make a recommendation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Onderko stated that now that Councilman Kassick is on Council, there are now three Veterans on the Council. He stated that Councilman Kassick served in the U.S. Army, and he thanked him for his service.

Councilwoman Asher, as Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee reported that they met on January 7 and discussed the letter submitted by Basil Kulick regarding the pistol range. The Chief gave an overview of the pistol range, and he will compile information regarding the swapping of Green Acres properties. She stated that they will meet again and generate a letter to all the residents that signed the petition detailing information regarding the pistol range, and the Chief along with the Safety Committee will hold a Special Meeting, possibly in March, for public questions. She further reported that the flags were set at half-mast and the purple bunting was hung at Borough Hall and the Police Station in memory of John Lapotosky. She further reported that the Chief stated that there are no significant issues with the cell box when the Department closes at 4:00 p.m. She further reported that they are in need of purchasing a DNA/fingerprinting machine, since their current equipment is not in compliance. She further reported that she attended the Rescue Squad meeting last night and they will be offering a CPR class on January 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the Squad Building. She further reported that they will attend Pediatric Emergency Training on January 28th. She further reported that two additional members will be starting EMT school, and members will be having in-house training for fire extinguishers. Anyone interested in that training as well can contact President Sheila Lessing. She further reported that they had a record year in 2015 with 1,009 calls for service; 16 mutual aid calls to Somerville; 19 mutual aid calls to Hillsborough; 3 mutual aid calls to Franklin; 5 mutual aid calls to Bridgewater/Raritan; and 5 mutual aid calls to Bound Brook/South Bound Brook. She further reported that 8 members volunteered for ice rescue training, and the equipment will cost approximately \$1,000 per person, and she asked that the Mayor and Finance Committee look at funding or partially funding this program. She further reported that the Ladies Auxiliary will be sponsoring a vendor fair on March 12th at the VFW from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone interested should contact Sheila Lessing. She further reported that she and Council President Szabo met with OEM Director Dave Kohler and discussed the pros and cons of the Robert Wood Johnson posting an ambulance at the OEM Building. She requested that Attorney Maciag review the SASSA Contract since names and information has changed since 2014. She further asked if the Agreement is still valid, since the Agreement was with Somerset Medical Center. She noted that Robert Wood Johnson purchased Somerset Medical Center, and ambulances are now dispatched through Med-Central, which is located in Middlesex County. She further stated she would like to set up a meeting on January 26th with the Mayor, Borough Attorney, Administrator, the Safety Committee, and OEM Coordinator to discuss the proposal. She further reported that the Board of Education held their Reorganization meeting on Friday, January 8 and their first Agenda meeting of the new year will be tomorrow at 7:00 p.m. She further reported that the Recreation Traveling Basketball Teams had their first games this weekend and all teams did well. There will be a Recreation Committee meeting tomorrow at the Library. She further reported that the Manville High School Wrestling Team will be sponsoring a fundraiser dinner at the Manville Diner on Monday, January 18th from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and 25% of the proceeds will go to the Wrestling Team.

Council President Szabo, as Chairperson of the Progress and Development Committee reported that they will be meeting this Thursday at 6 p.m. with the Advisory Committee. He noted they will be discussing the new Contract, parking and moving of the fence. He stated that the owners would like to have a meeting within the first two weeks of February. He further reported that he attended the meetings with the Fire and Police Departments on January 7, and on January 10 he attended the Rescue Squad meeting.

Councilman Kassick, as Chairperson of the Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that he has information regarding the Buyouts in Lost Valley and stated the following: Homes to be purchased 104; Appraisals Completed 103; Offers Made 99; Offers Accepted 85; Offers Rejected 4; Offers Cancelled 0; Appraisal Appeals 1; Contracts to Sellers 82; Fully Executed Contracts 80; Closings 64; and Demolitions 20. He asked Mr. Shannon to explain the generator situation at the VFW.

Administrator Shannon stated that the generators at OEM Building and the VFW are high priority. He stated that emergency power has to be added to those buildings as soon as possible. He stated that last year we received a \$75,000 grant for the generator at the OEM Building, and therefore, funding is there for pretty much the whole cost at that location. He stated that FEMA would not provide funding for the VFW because it is a private facility, therefore, the Borough Council last year decided to proceed with the project with Borough funds and bonded \$125,000 for the project. He stated that funding for both of the projects is available, and an Architectural firm will provide a proposal for a Resolution at the next meeting for plans and specifications for the two projects. He would like to see the bids awarded and the work done as soon as possible.

Councilman Petrock, as Chairperson of the Finance Committee, stated that they have not yet have a meeting, but will provide more information at the next meeting. He asked that if anyone has a comment involving the town, they should make it known to the Mayor and Council. He stated that the town needs to tighten their belts, and he will do his best for the residents.

Councilwoman Camacho, reported that on Tuesday, January 5th she attended her first Planning Board meeting, and it was very informative. She thanked everyone for the nomination, and she looks forward to working with the Board in the future. As Chairperson of the Policy, Planning and Personnel Committee reported that they have not yet met, but they have a meeting scheduled for January 19, therefore, she will have a detailed Committee report at the next meeting on January 25.

Councilwoman Magnani, as Chairperson of the Public Works Committee reported that they have not yet met, however, she is scheduling a meeting. She received an update from Violet at the Department of Public Works that they are trimming trees and branches, temporarily repairing pot holes, sewer cleanings in trouble areas, and storm catch basins are being cleaned. She further reported that the sewers are being capped in connection with the Blue Acres Demos. She stated that she will have another report at the next meeting with more information.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Onderko requested a motion to open the Public Portion.

Council President Szabo, seconded by Councilwoman Camacho, made a motion to open the Public Portion.

All present were in favor.

Attorney Maciag set forth the rules for Public Portion.

Bob Kaminski, 10 Liberty Street - commented on the buyouts and the tax burden that will follow. He stated that if money could be obtained to buyout the entire valley, the Borough would lose 450 garbage pickups; 250 children in the school; and property maintenance. He stated that we would not only lose tax income, but would not be incurring expenses. He further stated that State or County would subsidize the properties as parkland. He also commented on the "element" in town and safety.

Rudy Nowak, 100 Driscoll Street - he stated he is glad the 2015 election is over, and he congratulated Councilman Petrock. He commented that it was a very close election which shows that the people of Manville are very concerned of the direction the town is going. He asked Councilwoman Asher what she will be doing to keep taxes down.

Councilwoman Asher stated that she is not on the Finance Committee. She further stated that the Borough is losing ratables and the Borough is worth only so much money now that we have lost 150 homes. She stated that there will be some tax increases, and they will try to limit them. She stated that the Mayor is trying to get State aid, and they will be applying for grants to keep services and programs.

Mayor Onderko stated that the town is at a cross-road. He stated that he will control unnecessary spending. He stated that as Finance Chairman last year, we had one of the lowest tax increases in five years. He stated that he believes as Ronald Regan stated, it is not that people are taxed too little, it is that their government spends too much. He stated that for every dollar cut in Trenton, they propose \$2,800 in additional spending. He stated he hopes that we can prosper and tighten our belts due to the loss of these homes.

Councilman Petrock stated that it is all about spending. He stated that they are going to look at savings, and the taxes may go up, but they will keep it as low as possible. He stated that we should have Programs in Manville, but they want to keep them affordable.

Mr. Nowak stated that all the Contracts for employees expired in 2015, and it may mean that there may not be increases.

Joe Patero, 37 North Orchard Street - discussed that when he was Mayor, they had no increase except the school board.

John Mehalick, 1461 Dominic Street - he gave opinion regarding the Minarovich property and mentioned that the Borough purchased the properties adjacent to this property for several thousand dollars and never used them for anything.

When no one else wished to comment, Mayor Onderko requested a motion to close the public portion.

Councilman Petrock, seconded by Council President Szabo, made a motion to close the public portion.

Mayor Onderko adjourned the meeting.

All present were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Zamorski".

Patricia A. Zamorski
Borough Clerk