

**CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 18, 2020**

**A REGULAR SCHEDULED CAUCUS/COUNCIL MEETING** of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt was held in the Caucus Room of the Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.

Mayor Robert Zimmermann asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Mayor Robert Zimmermann, Council members David Stoltz, James Lenoy, Joseph Emerson, William Roseman, Suzanne Fonseca and Diane DeBiase responded present telephonically.

Mayor Zimmermann led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Zimmermann – The March 18, 2020 Caucus Meeting and Council Meeting have been re-scheduled. The Mayor and Council will hold an abbreviated Council Meeting only beginning at 4:30 P.M. on March 18, 2020 in the Borough Hall Caucus Room, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072. Borough Hall has been closed to the public for public safety purposes. Given the current state of emergency and in the interest of public safety, the public will not be permitted to attend the meeting. As an accommodation to the public, minutes from the meeting will be available on the Borough’s website by the close of business on March 19, 2020.

**READING OF MINUTES:**

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to accept the minutes of 1/1/2020 Reorganization Meeting, 1/15/2020 Council Meeting, 2/5/2020 Caucus/Finance Meeting (Open and Closed Sessions).  
On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Zimmermann said we have a request from the Wildcats Football Sideline Club. In the past we have done the bronze level sponsorship for \$250.00.  
Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve this amount. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll.

Mayor Zimmermann mentioned we received correspondence from The Wildcats Football Sideline Club to donate for the trip to Canton, Ohio at the NFL Football Hall of Fame on September 4, 2020. Mayor Zimmermann suggested the amount of \$150.00. The Council was in agreement to that amount. On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Roseman, unanimous on call of roll.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-85**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Court of New Jersey, County of Bergen issued a Civil Action Judgment in the tax appeal of JDFD LLC for property located at 263 Veterans Boulevard, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 Block 124 Lot 43 as per Docket No. 003390-2018 dated 2/26/2020, reducing the 2018 property tax assessment from \$2,218,600.00 to \$1,915,000.00; and

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**WHEREAS**, the reduction in the 2018 property tax assessment is \$303,600.00 or \$5,835.19 in 2018 property tax.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt authorize the refund of \$5,835.19 and the Tax Collector shall adjust his books accordingly.

It is noted that the Borough's Finance Officer has reviewed this Tax Appeal Settlement and certifies that the Appeal is genuine and that funds are available for payment. It is also noted that Tax Appeal Attorney John Bang, Esq. has negotiated this Tax Appeal and has approved the settlement on behalf of the Borough of Carlstadt and that the Carlstadt Borough Attorney Joseph Donahue, Esq. has reviewed this Resolution and finds it to be satisfactory and legal. In addition, the Auditor for the Borough of Carlstadt has reviewed the calculations and finds them to be true.

The refund shall be made payable to JDFD LLC and shall be mailed to Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, 280 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-86**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Court of New Jersey, County of Bergen issued a Civil Action Judgment in the tax appeal of Washington Avenue Realty Holdings, LLC for property located at 212 Washington Avenue, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 Block 126 Lot 42 as per Docket No. 002986-2018 dated 2/26/2020 reducing the 2018 property tax assessment from \$1,271,200.00 to \$1,080,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in the 2018 property tax assessment is \$191,200.00 or \$3,674.86 in 2017 property tax.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt authorize the refund of \$3,674.86 and the Tax Collector shall adjust his books accordingly.

It is noted that the Borough's Finance Officer has reviewed this Tax Appeal Settlement and certifies that the Appeal is genuine and that funds are available for payment. It is also noted that Tax Appeal Attorney John Bang, Esq. has negotiated this Tax Appeal and has approved the settlement on behalf of the Borough of Carlstadt and that the Carlstadt Borough Attorney Joseph Donahue, Esq. has reviewed this Resolution and finds it to be satisfactory and legal. In addition, the Auditor for the Borough of Carlstadt has reviewed the calculations and finds them to be true.

The refund shall be made payable to Washington Avenue Realty Holdings, LLC and shall be mailed to Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, 280 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-87**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Court of New Jersey, County of Bergen issued a Civil Action Judgment in the tax appeal of Avenue Real Estate, LLC for property located at 213 Washington

Avenue, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 Block 126 Lot 41 as per Docket No. 012302-2017 dated 2/26/2020 reducing the 2017 property tax assessment from \$743,100.00 to \$506,400.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in the 2017 property tax assessment is \$236,700.00 or \$4,511.50 in 2017 property tax.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt authorize the refund of \$4,511.40 and the Tax Collector shall adjust his books accordingly.

It is noted that the Borough's Finance Officer has reviewed this Tax Appeal Settlement and certifies that the Appeal is genuine and that funds are available for payment. It is also noted that Tax Appeal Attorney John Bang, Esq. has negotiated this Tax Appeal and has approved the settlement on behalf of the Borough of Carlstadt and that the Carlstadt Borough Attorney Joseph Donahue, Esq. has reviewed this Resolution and finds it to be satisfactory and legal. In addition, the Auditor for the Borough of Carlstadt has reviewed the calculations and finds them to be true.

The refund shall be made payable to Avenue Real Estate, LLC and shall be mailed to Zipp & Tannenbaum, LLC, 280 Raritan Center Parkway, Edison, NJ 08837.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-88**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Court of New Jersey, County of Bergen issued a Civil Action Judgment in the tax appeal of Stanbe Co., Inc. for property located at 70 Broad Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 Block 120 Lot 15 as per Docket No. 008045-2014 dated 2/14/2020 reducing the 2014 property tax assessment from \$4,596,700.00 to \$3,800,000.00 and as per Docket No. 000944-2015 dated 2/14/2020 reducing the 2015 property tax assessment from \$4,596,700.00 to \$3,800,000.00 and as per Docket No. 001229-2016 dated 2/14/2020 reducing the 2016 property tax assessment from \$4,596,700.00 to \$3,800,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Appeals for 2017, 2018 and 2019 were dismissed; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction in the 2014 property tax assessment is \$796,700.00 or \$15,862.29 in 2014 property tax and the reduction in the 2015 property tax assessment is \$796,700.00 or \$16,491.69 in 2015 property tax and the reduction in the 2016 property tax assessment is \$796,700.00 or \$16,937.84 in 2016 property tax.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt authorize the refund of \$49,291.82 and the Tax Collector shall adjust his books accordingly. (2014: \$15,862.29; 2015: \$16,491.69; 2016: \$16,937.84)

It is noted that the Borough's Finance Officer has reviewed this Tax Appeal Settlement and certifies that the Appeal is genuine and that funds are available for payment. It is also noted that Tax Appeal Attorney John Bang, Esq. has negotiated this Tax Appeal and has approved the settlement on behalf of the Borough of Carlstadt and that the Carlstadt Borough Attorney Joseph Donahue, Esq.

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has reviewed this Resolution and finds it to be satisfactory and legal. In addition, the Auditor for the Borough of Carlstadt has reviewed the calculations and finds them to be true.

The refund shall be made payable to McCarter & English, LLP and shall be mailed to McCarter & English, Four Gateway Center, 100 Mulberry Street, Newark, NJ 07102.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-89**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council that the proper Borough Officials are hereby authorized and directed to make the following disbursements:

Carlstadt Board of Education	\$	1,046,601.17
Regional Board of Education		602,552.67
Police and Firemen's Retirement System		1,135,357.00
Public Employees' Retirement System		526,615.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-90**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following payments made by the Chief Financial Officer from Valley Bank during the month of February, 2020 be ratified:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck#</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/20/20	502046	Current	Medical	\$ 20,000.00
2/20/20	502047	Current	Great Am. Finance	425.00
2/20/20	502048	Current	Comcast	48.80
2/20/20	502049	Current	Verizon	199.99
2/24/20	502050	Current	Suez Water	3,926.73
2/24/20	502051	Current	UNUM Life Ins.	64.72
2/24/20	502052	Current	Comcast	29.68
2/24/20	502053	Current	Joseph Crifasi	251.53
2/25/20	502054	Current	Comcast	538.02
2/26/20	502055	Current	Payroll	14,963.70
2/26/20	502056	Current	Payroll	319,360.43
2/27/20	502057	Current	Medical	100,000.00
2/27/20	502058	Current	MCI Comm.	558.62
2/27/20	502059	Current	PSE&G	54.18
2/27/20	502060	Current	PSE&G	16.20
2/27/20	502061	Current	Verizon	69.23
2/20/20	181	Community Trust	Gina Gilardini	450.00
2/20/20	180	Community Trust	Suez Water	76.67
2/20/20	179	Community Trust	PSE&G	481.47

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-91**

**WHEREAS**, Pegasus Transport Service, Inc. has made application to the Borough of Carlstadt for one additional limousine license; and

**WHEREAS**, the application has been filed together with the requisite fee, and proof of insurance and Power of Attorney as required under N.J.S.A. 48:16-14 and 16 and vehicle and driver information as required by the ordinance to the satisfaction of the Borough Clerk.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the application of Pegasus Transport Service, Inc. to operate one additional limousine license at 463 Barell Avenue, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 be and hereby is approved for VIN#02819 nunc pro tunc.

**AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue the license to operate one additional limousine at the above referenced location for the period of one year, commencing March 11, 2020 and ending on March 11, 2021 and a Certificate of Compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:16-14 and 16, through the period indicated on the proof of insurance as submitted with the application.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-92**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL  
ENTITLED JOSEPH NIECE V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT  
AT 369 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BLOCK 128, LOT 37 HM  
FOR TAX YEARS 2014 THROUGH 2019.**

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Niece has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 369 Washington Avenue and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 128, Lot 37 HM for tax years 2014 through 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Appraiser, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Assessor, after examination and consideration of all relevant facts and after performing all necessary due diligence, is of the opinion that the settlement proposed below is in the best interest of the Borough of Carlstadt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be

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settled according to the terms listed below;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey that the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney be hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary in order to settle this matter according to the following proposed terms:

- 1) The assessment for tax years 2014 through 2016 to be reduced from \$2,101,600 to \$1,875,000.
- 2) The assessment for tax years 2017 through 2019 to be remain unchanged.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-93**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Officers has approved the membership of the following person as a probationary member of the Carlstadt Fire Department:

1. James D. Crifasi – Engine Three

and

**WHEREAS**, said individual has satisfactorily passed the required physical examination.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt that James D. Crifasi is hereby appointed as a probationary member of the Carlstadt Fire Department.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-94**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt that a handicapped parking space is hereby approved at the following location:

1. 504 Washington Street

all in accordance with the requirements as stated in Chapter 10-3.10 and with the recommendation of the Police Chief of the Carlstadt Police Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said location shall be added to the certified list of designated handicapped parking spaces.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-95**

**Resolution Petitioning the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority**

**To Declare an Area in the Borough of Carlstadt a Redevelopment Area**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Carlstadt on January 25, 2019, adopted a resolution requesting the New Jersey Sports and Exposition (NJSEA) to investigate the redevelopment potential of the following properties located to the east of Washington Avenue in the Borough of Carlstadt: Block 128: Lots 1-3, 8, 22-27, 29-41 & 43-46; Block 28.01, Lot 1; Block 129, Lots 1-5, 7-10 & 20; Block 130, Lots 1-16 & 18-19; and Block 131, Lots 1-4; and

**WHEREAS**, the NJSEA Board of Commissioner adopted Resolution 2018-21 on June 21, 2018, authorizing staff to conduct an investigation of areas that may potentially be deemed in need of redevelopment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, through the approval and submission of this resolution to the NJSEA, petitions the agency again to undertake an area in-need study and plan for the blocks and lots mentioned herein; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 19:3-5.3(b) of the NJSEA Land Use Regulations requires all petitions requesting a site be designated a redevelopment area shall file with the NJSEA, in writing, and signed by the petitioner the following information:

1. Site: Blocks and Lots: Block 128: Lots 1-3, 8, 22-27, 29-41 & 43-46; Block 28.01, Lot 1; Block 129, Lots 1-5, 7-10 & 20; Block 130, Lots 1-16 & 18-19; and Block 131, Lots 1-4.
2. Zone: Light Industrial.
3. Boundaries and Structures: A map is attached to the resolution showing boundaries of the area to be investigated. There are structures on the site.
4. Reasons why property may be in-need of redevelopment: Deterioration of properties that are in a state of disrepair and abandoned commercial and industrial buildings with obsolete layout and design. This includes, from a planning perspective, land use conflicts in an area, as well as lot and building underutilization and factors that limit the economic viability and marketability of the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Carlstadt will provide all assistance to the NJSEA to complete the In-Need and Planning Studies and request a meeting to discuss how best to expedite the process.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Borough of Carlstadt petitions the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority to designate the blocks and lots designated herein an area in need of Redevelopment.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-96**

**RESOLUTION-PREPARATION OF ESTIMATED TAX BILLS**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body has determined that there will be insufficient cash flow to support operations in late July 2020 unless third quarter revenue is received on time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer, Domenick Giancaspro and Borough Auditor Paul Garbarini have reviewed and computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54: 4-66.3.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Governing Body of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes that:

1. The Tax Collector is directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough of Carlstadt for third quarter 2020 in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54: 4-66.2 et seq.
2. The estimated tax levy for 2020 is hereby set at \$46,304,252.91 and an estimated tax rate of \$1.889 (103% of the 2019 Tax Levy).
3. The Tax Collector takes any additional steps necessary to immediately implement this Resolution.
4. On the advice of the Tax Collector, Chief Financial Officer Domenick Giancaspro and Borough Auditor should the need to process Estimated Tax Bills not be required then said Estimated Tax Bills will not be processed.

Approved for review: Domenick Giancaspro, CFO Carlstadt.

95%:	\$42,707,806.12	Rate: \$ 1.742
100%:	\$44,955,585.39	Rate: \$ 1.835
103%:	\$46,304,252.91	Rate: \$ 1.889

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-97**

**WHEREAS**, Title 40A:4-59 of the New Jersey Statutes provides that should it be necessary, during the first three months of any fiscal year, the amount of any appropriation reserve for the immediately preceding fiscal year is insufficient to pay the claims authorized or incurred during said preceding year which were chargeable to said appropriation, and there shall be an excess in any

appropriation reserve over and above the amount deemed to be necessary to fulfill its purpose, the Governing Body may, by resolution adopt (by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership thereof), transfer the amount of such excess of those appropriation reserves deemed to be insufficient.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body of the Borough Carlstadt that the Borough Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to make the following transfer of the 2019 appropriation reserves:

	IN	OUT
Administrative/Executive		
Other Expenses		\$ 5,000.00
Finance Department		
Salaries & Wages		5,000.00
Other Insurance		
Other Expenses	\$ 4,000.00	
Police Department		
Salaries & Wages		5,000.00
Building & Grounds		
Other Expenses	13,000.00	
Streets & Roads		
Other Expenses		2,000.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>	<b>\$17,000.00</b>

On motion by Emerson, seconded by Roseman, unanimous on call of roll.

**READING OF BILLS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-98**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt that the following bills having been approved by the Finance Committee are approved herewith for payment:

<u><b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b></u>	
Caravella Demolition	\$ 35,280.00
Neglia Engineering Associates	15,125.24
Staples	1,421.94
Beyer Ford	208,280.17

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NJ Fire Equipment	2,051.00
Value Added Voice Solutions	20,033.00

**TRUST ACCOUNT**

Walter Slomienski Jr., Esq.	709.00
Neglia Engineering Associates	1,684.00
Kimberly Koziel	100.00
Denise Murray	100.00
Current Account	34,485.75
Treasurer State of NJ	30,873.00

**DOG WARDEN TRUST**

NJ Dept. of Health and Senior Services	106.20
Tyco Animal Control	876.66

**CURRENT ACCOUNT**

ADI	175.99
ADP LLC	165.00
ADVANCED AUTOMOTIVE	100.35
AGGRESSIVE ENERGY LLC	5,919.47
AMERICAN PAPER & SUPPLY	987.28
A.N.D. SERVICE	100.00
ARAMARK UNIFORM SERVICES	376.08
ARROW ELEVATOR INC.	207.00
A.T. EMBLEM CO.	229.00
ATLANTIC COAST FIBERS	4,693.17
AVENUE REAL EST., LLC	4,511.40
BALCO INDUSTRIES	1,248.00
BELLAQUA INC.	112.00
BERGEN CO. UTILITIES AUTHORITY	196,527.46
BEYER BROTHERS CORP.	649.05
BILL O'SHEA'S	165.95
BLUE STAR OF NEW JERSEY INC.	440.00
BOROUGH OF RUTHERFORD	7,176.68
BRIAN MOMROE	95.00
CARLSTADT FIRE DEPARTMENT	465.74
CARTRIDGE WORLD MDLS	239.98
CARLSTADT BOARD OF EDUCATION	1,046,601.17
CHEEMA OIL CORPORATION	372.38
CHRISTOPHER GARVIN ESQ.	400.00
CIRCLE D LIGHTS	2,912.00
CLINICAL SERVICES MGMT P C	1,669.50

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CLIFFSIDE BODY CORP.	831.68
COLANERI BROTHERS	117.45
COMPLETE SAW & GARDEN EQUIP.	131.00
C & S FENCING	3,500.00
DAV DEPT. OF NJ	100.00
DELGADO INTERPRETING SERVICES	220.00
DENISE OEHLMANN	99.00
DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS	2,045.31
DOMAIN LISTING	228.00
DRAGER INC.	45.00
THE CHOI LAW GROUP LLC	8,259.44
FIRE & SAFETY SERVICES	1,015.51
FOLEY INC.	665.50
FRANK'S GMC	37.12
GANN PUBLISHING CO.	1,508.00
GARBARINI & CO.	13,972.50
GEORGE SZYMCZAK	200.00
GOLDSTAR CAR WASH	553.53
GREATAMERICA FINANCIAL SVCS.	425.00
GRIFFIN AUTOMOTIVE	1,599.00
DOOR WORKS INC.	888.00
GRYPHON TRAINING GROUP INC.	140.00
H D SUPPLY	1,399.00
HOMETOWN AUTO PARTS	369.60
HUDSON TIRE EXCHANGE	630.00
I.D.A.	63,611.72
IDEMIA	3,930.57
IMPRESSIVE PRINTING	892.00
INTERGLOBE COMMUNICATIONS INC.	2.14
INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL	964.83
INTERSTATE WASTE SERVICES INC.	18,407.72
JDFD,LLC	5,835.19
JOSEPH R. DONAHUE LLC	5,969.16
K&K TROPHY	297.00
LANGUAGE LINE SERVICE	36.75
LEXISNEXIS RISK SOLUTIONS	45.50
LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE	58,650.00
LOWE'S BUSINESS ACCT/GEMB	797.21
MARIO'S LOCKSMITH	60.25
MCAA OF NJ	50.00
MCCARTER & ENGLISH LLP	49,291.82
MCI COMM SERVICE	57.09
MCI A VERIZON COMPANY	8.39

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MCMANUS RENTALS	750.00
MCNERNEY & ASSOCIATE	1,950.00
MEADOWLANDS HARDWARE	171.08
METRO FIRE & SAFETY EQUIP	3,299.85
MGL PRINTING SOLUTIONS	534.00
MOTOROLA	176.00
MSI TECHNOLOGIES LLC	694.94
MTS SAFETY PRODUCTS INC	246.57
MUNICIPAL RECORD SERVICE	520.00
NATURE'S CHOICE CORP.	264.00
NATIONAL WATER MAIN	6,394.82
NEGLIA ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES	6,722.70
NICK'S TOWING SERVICE	390.00
NJ FIRE EQUIPMENT CO.	180.00
NORTHEASTERN ARBORIST SUPPLIES	19.40
NORTH JERSEY MEDIA GROUP INC.	327.46
NORTHEAST SWEEPERS & RENTALS	19,975.00
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	4,040.40
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYS	526,615.00
NEW JERSEY PHCC	97.00
ESS, INC	3,628.00
POLICE & FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT	1,135,357.00
PRESTI, ROSARIO JR., ESQ.	1,254.99
PROGRESSIVE BRICK CO.	116.75
PSE&G	1,072.42
RAINBOW CLEANERS	80.00
REGAL STAMP CO	9.00
REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION	602,552.67
RICHARD MILLER ELECTRICAL CONT	150.00
RIDGEHURST AUTO PARTS	362.80
ROBERT T. REGAN ESQ.	2,064.60
R.R. DONNELLEY	147.00
RYAN REID	200.00
SARAH OEHLMAN	200.00
SCHUMACHER CHEVROLET	269.43
SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB	1,065.09
SHARON DUNN	45.00
SHERWIN WILLIAMS, INC.	79.45
SPRINKLER SURGEON LLC	300.00
STATE LINE FIRE & SAFETY	672.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	2,586.69
TCTA OF BERGEN COUNTY	37.00
THE HEIGHTS FLOWER SHOPPE	65.00

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THE TERRE CO.	70.00
THE RECORD	140.45
THE RODGERS GROUP LLC	7,803.00
TMC INC	296.89
TMF CORP/T.M. FITZGERALD ASSOC.	3,190.00
T&R ALARM SYSTEMS INC.	270.00
TRAFFIC SAFETY & EQUIPMENT	412.50
SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY	655.51
ADPP ENTERPRISES INC	124.09
VAN DINES INC.	1,276.38
VERIZON BUSINESS	48.22
VISUAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS	1,787.40
WALLINGTON PLUMBING SUPPLY INC	29.32
WASHINGTON AVE REALTY HOLDINGS	3,674.86
921-PRAXAIR DIST MID-ATLANTIC	179.68
WILDCAT FOOTBALL SIDELINE CLUB	250.00
WILLIAM DERMODY PUBLIC LIBRARY	40,000.00
VERIZON	3,248.20
PROACT INC	150,537.18
MEDICAL BENEFITS ACCT	32,000.00
MAYWOOD YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOC.	250.00
MEDICAL BENEFITS ACCT	50,000.00
US POSTAL SERVICE (CMRS-FP)	2,650.00
VERIZON	81.22
PSE&G	5,354.63
SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY	26.07
VERIZON WIRELESS	921.11
BRADFORD A. BAHR	153.00
TONY'S AUTO BODY	500.00
VALLEY BANK	789.75
VERIZON	821.94
SUEZ WATER NEW JERSEY	10,709.64
MEDICAL BENEFITS ACCT	60,000.00
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	19,299.89
PAYROLL ACCOUNT	363,902.00
MEDICAL BENEFITS ACCT	100,000.00
MEDICAL BENEFITS ACCT	42,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,753,562.67</b>
<b>TOTAL BILLS FOR THE MONTH</b>	<b>\$5,104,688.63</b>

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The Chief Financial Officer certified there are sufficient funds available for payment of the aforementioned bills.

On motion by Emerson, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to ratify two weeks pay for the crossing guards. On motion by DeBiase, seconded by Fonseca, unanimous on call of roll.

Mayor Zimmermann said the other thing we have to address is decide on a County project for 2020. He doesn't know if we discussed this or not. Mayor Zimmermann asked what is the time for this and Claire Foy, Borough Clerk replied before April 3, 2020. Joseph Crifasi, DPW Operations Manager, asked which County project is this for CDBG or Open Space. Claire Foy replied it is Open Space. Mr. Crifasi replied we did discuss this at our last meeting that we want to continue asking for funds for the Sports Complex down on Garden Street so if you want to vote on that just give authorization to Neglia Engineering to apply for Open Space additional funds to offset funds on the Garden Street/Orchard Street Sports Complex.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve this Garden Street/Orchard Street 2020 Project. On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES**

Mayor Zimmermann said tonight is the final reading of Ordinance No. 20-3, the salary ordinance. Mayor Zimmermann made a recommendation in light of the current circumstances and what has transpired over the last seven days to table the ordinance to a later date. He asked how long do we have. Claire Foy said the payroll clerk has to do the checks next week with the new increases. The Council members had their opinion on this matter. The Borough Attorney said considering what is going on now, just table it and we can figure out the details later. Mayor Zimmermann replied these are extraordinary times and it is our responsibility up here for the tax payers of the Borough of Carlstadt. It does need more thought on why we should table this and look at it again. All of the Council members agreed with the Mayor.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to table Ordinance 20-3, the salary ordinance until a further time. On motion by Emerson, seconded by Roseman, unanimous on call of roll.

Councilman Roseman said in many ways he would also like to suggest that we refrain from signing the Police Contract as well to get a better feeling as to where we are at.

So basically, it will be on hold. Mayor Zimmerman said he agreed with both Councilmen Roseman and Emerson on this matter.

**MISELLANEOUS AND NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Zimmermann said we do have a sealed bid for the bicycles and scooter. He asked if he has to open the bid now and Claire Foy, Borough Clerk said we have to wait until tomorrow.

Mayor Zimmermann said another new business item that the Borough Clerk mentioned is we have to look at how to handle the OPRA requests. We will have to see how we can look into what other towns are doing or a directive on how to handle OPRA requests.

The Borough Attorney mentioned as he understands it the President today extended the payment of taxes for ninety days. All the courts are basically putting on hold or filing deadlines on everything. He will look into this regarding the OPRA requests.

Mayor Zimmermann said he would like to ask around to see if the Council had anything to bring up and discuss.

**COUNCILWOMAN SUZANNE FONSECA**

She had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COUNCILMAN JAMES LENOY**

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COUNCILMAN WILLIAM ROSEMAN**

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COUNCILWOMAN DIANE DEBIASE**

She had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COUNCILMAN JOSEPH EMERSON**

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

**COUNCILMAN DAVID STOLTZ**

He was trying to be a little pro-active and wanted to know does the Mayor have to declare an emergency in case something happens in the future. We are in a different town here between the Meadowlands and the residents. We have a lot of issues that can happen. Do we declare an emergency now like the governor did today? Mayor Zimmermann asked the Borough Attorney if he could look into that. Mayor Zimmermann said being a new mayor he is not sure on how the emergency procedure works. Councilman Roseman replied from his experience for what it is worth the fact that the County and the governor have already declared an emergency, we are in an emergency mode.

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Mayor Zimmermann asked the Borough Attorney if he had anything to discuss. He mentioned that he had gotten a number of calls on The Balcony property. There is really a push to get a developer's agreement. Perhaps if things were normal, we could start moving on it. On the tax appeals, we have a lot of them. The court is on hold anyway. There is also a towers ordinance to get done too.

Claire Foy, Borough Clerk had a question regarding the bids for the bicycles and scooter. If we don't get anymore bids, how do we award this one? Joseph Crifasi said it will get done at the first April meeting.

Mayor Zimmermann said before he adjourns this meeting, he would like to thank everyone for everything that they have done. This is kind of the way things are moving. Everyone here has been working very hard to do it right and he appreciates everything that everyone is doing. You have really stepped up. Everyone here at Borough Hall and his days here everyone has come together to get through this. We will get through this. It is going to be a long road. By working together that is how we are going to do it.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 P.M. On motion by Roseman, seconded by Emerson, unanimous on call of roll.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
ROBERT J. ZIMMERMANN, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK