

BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR & COUNCIL COMBINED MEETING
8:00 p.m.
June 18, 2019

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Schmelz and Council President Ora Kornbluth, Council members Thomas Lodato (9:05 p.m.), Buddy Deauna, Arvin Amatorio, Hernando Rivera (9:30 p.m.), and Rafael Marte

ABSENT: No one.

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator Corey Gallo
Borough Attorney John Schettino
Borough Clerk Marie Quinones

Mayor Schmelz called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. with the reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Statement, "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting. The Annual Notice is sent to the Record, Star Ledger, Twin Boro News, and Cablevision, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

The Salute to the Flag was led by Councilperson Deauna.

AGENDA CHANGES

Council President Kornbluth added the following items to the agenda:

- New Business – Item C – Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Lost Time Accident Frequency Report
- New Business – Item D – Request for a Fire Truck Donation
- Resolution 19-199/To Authorize In-Rem Tax Foreclosure – 60 West Main Street
- Resolution 19-200/To Appoint Tax Assessor – John Bang, Esq.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion offered by Councilperson Marte, Second by Council President Kornbluth, to approve minutes of the May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting and May 21, 2019 Closed Session Meeting (not to be released). All present voting in favor, none opposed.

PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation – Annual Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition Finalist – Jamison Bandivas

Mayor Schmelz explained that the Louis Bay Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition is held each year and the committee has selected Jamison Bandivas two years in a row. In both instances, Mr. Bandivas has been honored as a finalist. Jamison Bandivas read his essay into the record, and was presented certificates on behalf of the League of Municipalities.

B. Departmental Hires and Appointments

19-174/To Appoint to Provisional Keyboard Clerk 3 – Francine Donovan

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #19-174 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>absent</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

19-175/To Appoint to Provisional Keyboard Clerk 2 – Marisol Lopez

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #19-175 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>absent</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

19-176/To Appoint to Provisional Keyboard Clerk 1 TACO – Monica Chalarca-Alvarez

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #19-176 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>absent</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

19-177/To Appoint Part-time Temporary Laborer – Shickell Logan

Motion by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #19-177 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>absent</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

19-178/To Appoint Part-time Temporary Laborer – Aaron Cadelaria

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #19-178 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>absent</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BOROUGH ENGINEER

Paul Cray, Remington & Vernick Engineers, stated that the main project for this year is the 2019 road program. Mr. Cray stated that the contractor was awarded at the last meeting and a pre-construction meeting will be held next Thursday. He further stated that the second contract of the project will include the five streets that will be completed under CDBG. That project will go out to bid next week. He commented that the roads selected require minor infrastructure work. He further explained that West Central Avenue and CDBG both have deadlines and need to be met this year. He stated that the final part of the project will be sewer excavation and will be awarded this year. All of the sewer rehabilitation will be in that contract.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the roads need to settle prior to being paved.

Councilperson Amatorio inquired whether the projects for this year will overlap with the projects for next year.

Mr. Cray stated that the road projects shouldn't overlap. Paving should be done by March/April and close out will be done by May. The 2020 projects will be in spring/summer time.

Councilperson Marte inquired whether the infrastructure work that needs to be done is already completed.

Mr. Cray explained that both the NJDOT and CDBG roads are 2017-2018 projects, that will be all caught up by 2020. The only project pending in 2020 will be the sewer work. At that point in time, the Borough can decide whether to reapply for funding. In the meantime, he is in the process of selecting roads to submit to NJDOT. They are targeting W. Clinton Avenue for 2020. He noted that the Borough will be responsible for the matching funds. Mr. Cray also noted that the Borough can apply for the entire road, even though the state will not award the full amount.

Borough Administrator Gallo explained that a road is identified as in need of repair, and then the DPW reviews the sanitary work. He further explained that the road is evaluated based on how much sanitary work is needed and whether it will qualify under CDBG.

Mayor Schmelz recommended that all roads be placed on the schedule, and prioritize them from top to bottom.

Councilman Amatorio stated if DPW is able to do a review of the roads that need work underneath that is within a schedule, they will know which road in the future will need infrastructure work, in the next five years.

Mr. Cray stated that the model and revised flood ordinance is listed for introduction, as required by the state.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Mayor Schmelz stated that he asked that this item be added to the agenda in hopes that an ad hoc committee is created with the Superintendent of the school district and representatives from the Police Department. Mayor Schmelz stated that he did not realize that Councilperson Amatorio requested that a similar item be added to the agenda, and inquired if this were for a similar goal.

Council President Kornbluth and Councilperson Marte expressed interest in joining the committee.

Councilperson Amatorio stated that he shares a similar interest, and spoke to Assemblyman Chris Tully in hopes that he can put in legislation for funding.

Mayor Schmelz stated that he spoke to Sgt. Witty and he suggested that a program be added in the schools to teach children about pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Councilperson Marte stated that in addition to involvement in the schools, the committee should allow participation from the residents.

Mayor Schmelz mentioned that he spoke with Chief Massey and Sgt. Witty, and they would both like to be involved.

Councilperson Amatorio stated that the committee should not only focus on bicycle and pedestrian, but perhaps a traffic study as a whole should be done, perhaps the speed limits on the roads are too fast on pedestrian road. He stated that the Police Department should start looking into the matter, and then include representation from the Schools, County, etc.

B. Formulation of Traffic Safety Committee

Councilperson Amatorio discussed the formulation of the traffic safety committee under bicycle and pedestrian safety.

C. Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Lost Time Accident Frequency Report

Mayor Schmelz stated that the administration constantly reviews safety in the Borough. The Borough has only had one accident and is moving up in the numbers, which is great. Mayor Schmelz commended the efforts of the Safety Officer, Bob Byrnes Jr. and Borough Administrator.

D. Request for Fire Truck Donation

Council President Kornbluth stated that the Fire Department received a request from an organization that a fire truck be donated to the La Romana in the Dominican Republic. She stated that perhaps Fire Chief Naylis can answer questions and provide more information.

Fire Chief Naylis stated that there are two trucks parked at Alert Fire House.

Council President Kornbluth inquired the value of the trucks, and how much the Borough would receive if they were to be sold.

Fire Chief Naylis stated that the Borough would receive a couple of hundred dollars. He explained that the company used to sale the trucks would take 5% and then the Borough would earn a couple of thousands. He further explained that if the Borough decided to donate the truck, the organization would be responsible for the shipping, at no cost to the Borough.

Councilperson Marte stated that he knows the community and they are deeply in need.

Councilperson Amatorio stated that he had previously discussed a separate request with the Borough Administrator for the donation of a fire truck to the Philippines. Councilperson Amatorio stated that he received a request from a group of residents requesting that a truck be donated to a community in the Philippines.

Mayor Schmelz stated that perhaps both trucks can be donated, one to each community, and then the Borough could have two sister communities abroad.

Council President Kornbluth inquired whether the Filipino residents would be willing to pay for the shipping costs as well.

Councilperson Amatorio confirmed that they would be willing to pay for the expenses. He also noted that this should only be done if there is no cost to the taxpayers.

Borough Attorney Schettino explained that formal requests will need to be submitted. He noted that the agencies receiving the donation need to confirm that they are interested in the donation. A certification also needs to be completed to confirm there is no value and no use for the trucks. The certification needs to be based on an independent study, based on a "blue book" value by someone who has the background and expertise.

Council President Kornbluth stated that donations can be made to other government agencies, and inquired if the same applies.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that it does not apply because it is not a public entity or non-profit agency in the United States.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the Borough will need to get a value on both and letters from each of the communities.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS I

Mayor Schmelz opened the meeting and invited the public for comments on agenda items only, limited to five minutes per speaker.

Fred Sahlberg, resident, inquired about the use of the property being purchased through Ordinance 2551.

Mayor Schmelz stated that the property will be used as the parking lot while the new municipal building is being built.

John Smith, resident, stated that at the Planning Board meeting last night, there were no comments made on pedestrian safety, and now it is a concern. He inquired the purpose of grant resolution 19-182. Mr. Smith commented there are not enough pedestrian signs on Washington Avenue on the sidewalk.

Council President Kornbluth stated that the Borough was already awarded the grant.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated it the grant was for traffic safety and stop signs.

Councilperson Amatorio stated he suggested the need for a street meter showing the speed of cars to slow down on Washington Avenue instead of crosswalk signs.

Mayor Schmelz stated he agrees with having a street meter showing the speed of cars.

Jose Gonzalez, representative of the Maracallo family, made the following statement: The father and mother of the child killed in the Memorial Day accident are devastated along with the entire family. Alvin was a child who liked biking, swimming, going to Coopers Pond, making people smile, and helping others. He was an outspoken leader. The safety committee, any regulation or any other town ordinances isn't going to bring Alvin back. There are still safety concerns and accidents occurring in Bergenfield. There have been many warning signs that were shared with the council. The students have been lucky in not getting injured in accidents. Alvin didn't make it because there wasn't anything done about the safety concerns. Improvements need to be made and the council needs to address the safety issues. He is concerned about new buildings being built and if there were any studies done to see how more families moving to this community will affect the quality of the schools and traffic. In 2016, 262 people died and has increased since then. 27% of those people died by cars hitting bicycles. Mr. Gonzalez inquired what the plan is and would like the streets be redesigned so no one else gets hit whether walking or riding a bicycle. They will be requesting in a formal writing for a bicycle memorial where Alvin was killed by the bus.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the Police Department would have to certify that the bicycle memorial would not on impede any pedestrian or safety issues.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that he will have to look at the location where they want the memorial to be. He explained that the sign is easy to resurrect, but is concerned with the location of the bike memorial. He further explained that when the DPW is plowing snow in the winter, it can impact the position of the bike, and it can be destroyed. Mr. Gallo noted that the particular intersection is a high-volume area with a lot of traffic. If it is going to be a distraction when looking at the memorial, then it will be a safety concern.

Council President Kornbluth stated that she has no issue with it as long as the Police Department and Department of Public Works have no issues with it.

Councilperson Marte stated that he has no issues with it either.

Councilperson Amatorio stated they want to alert people about safety and don't want to create an unsafe environment.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the Police Department has to review the site and submit a report to the governing body indicating whether the memorial is creating a safety hazard to pedestrians and cars. He commented that it appears if the Police Department says it doesn't create any safety issues, the Council is prepared to give their approval.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated he will have a conversation with the Police Department and traffic safety tomorrow, and meet at the location where they want to put the memorial and move forward from there.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Schmelz closed Verbal Communications I.

Correspondence

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| A. Kradenski/BHS Football & Cheerleading | RE: Coin Toss Request/Intersections of Washington Avenue, Church Street, Main Street, & Clinton Avenue/June 29, 2019/9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. |
| B. Rev. Perez/St. John the Evangelist Church | RE: Request to Reserve Memorial Park Pavilion/Saturday, June 29, 2019/10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| C. Naylis/Bergenfield Fire Department | RE: Street Closure Request/West Clinton Avenue from South Prospect to South Vivyen Street/July 6, 2019/12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| D. Naylis/Board of Fire Officers | RE: Personal Action Letter - May 28, 2019 |

Motion offered by Council President Kornbluth, Second by Councilperson Marte, to approve Correspondence Items A through D. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

ORDINANCES

A. Introduction of Ordinances

Motion by Councilperson Marte that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and setting Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Second by Council President Kornbluth.

Mayor Schmelz read the title of the ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE 19-2549 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 299 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

ORDINANCE 19-2550 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 161 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION"

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

Motion by Councilperson Lodato that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and setting Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Second by Councilperson Deauna.

Mayor Schmelz read the title of the ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE 19-2551 - CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT THEREON IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$1,100,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>nay</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

Motion by Council President Kornbluth that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and setting Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinance. Second by Councilperson Deauna.

Mayor Schmelz read the title of the ordinance into the record:

ORDINANCE 19-2552 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT"

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

A. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT RESOLUTION 19-179. All matters listed below are considered by the Governing Body to be routine in nature. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by the Governing Body, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- a. **19-180/Pay Bills**
- b. **19-181/To Approve Request for Insertion of Special Item of Revenue in the 2019 Budget – Chapter 159 – Clean Communities Grant**
- c. **19-182/To Approve Request for Insertion of Special Item of Revenue in the 2019 Budget – Chapter 159 – Pedestrian Safety Grant FY 2019**

- d. **19-183**/To Approve Grant Cancellation – Pedestrian Safety Grant FY 2018
- e. **19-184**/To Authorize Amendment Terminal Leave Retirement – Philip Sheldon
- f. **19-185**/To Approve Veterans Tax Exemption and Refund – 214 Elder Avenue
- g. **19-186**/To Approve Veterans Tax Exemption and Refund – 57 Magnolia Street
- h. **19-187**/To Approve Veterans Tax Exemption and Refund – 41 Turnure Street
- i. **19-188**/To Approve Veterans Tax Exemption and Refund – 203 N. Vivyen
- j. **19-189**/To Approve Electronic Tax Sale
- k. **19-190**/To Authorize Fee for Electronic Tax Sale
- l. **19-191**/To Approve Liquor License Renewals for License Term 2019-2020
- m. **19-192**/To Approve Relinquishing of Title – Zoning Officer
- n. **19-193**/To Approve Proposal – Memorial Park Perimeter Improvement Project Engineering Services – T&M Associates
- o. **19-194**/To Approve Purchase – Palfinger Hooklift and Spreader – Cliffside Body Corporation
- p. **19-195**/To Approve Request for Insertion of Special Item of Revenue in the 2019 Budget – Chapter 159 – Alcohol Education Rehabilitation Grant
- q. **19-196**/To Amend Capital Budget

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, second by Councilperson Deauna, that the Consent Resolution be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Resolution was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

B. Resolutions

19-197/To Authorize Appointment of Municipal Representatives to Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee for FY 2019-2020

Motion by Councilperson Lodato, second by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #19-197 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

19-198/To Appoint Zoning Officer – Michael Ravenda

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Councilperson Lodato, that Resolution #19-198 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

19-199/To Authorize In-Rem Tax Foreclosure and Foreclose Tax Sale Certificate – 60 West Main Street

Motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #19-199 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

19-200/To Appoint Tax Assessor – John Bang, Esq.

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Councilperson Marte, that Resolution #19-200 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>absent</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

Committee/Department Reports

Motion offered by Council President Kornbluth that the Committee/Department Reports be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. Second by Councilperson Lodato. All in favor, none opposed.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS II

Mayor Schmelz opened the meeting to Verbal Communications II and invited the public to comment on any subject, limited to five minutes per speaker.

Mary Sullivan, resident, recommended that the certificates be awarded to the students at their school, in order to speed up the public meetings. She explained that students are only interested in their awards, and parents want to see them receive their awards and take pictures. She commented that there is no interest to come to the Council Chamber to receive the award, and noted that it creates a safety hazard because there is no parking. Ms. Sullivan expressed that awards should be given in the Council Chamber if the employee works here, otherwise, keep them at the school.

John Smith, resident, stated that pedestrian safety is a major concern in town, as there have been deaths on Washington Avenue and near death on Prospect Avenue. He expressed that signs and speed bumps should be put up in town. Mr. Smith commented that residents need to take action. He stated that the Borough spends funds, but never on safety. Mr. Smith explained that it is too long to wait a year to take action, and advised to put up signs and speed bumps. The police should be getting the speeders. He further explained that there are signs that blink, which he believes were placed in Fair Lawn.

Fred Sahlberg, resident, stated that each and every time a meeting is held in the Council Chambers, the meeting starts with the pledge of allegiance. His concern is that the last two times an executive order has been given to lower the flag, the flag was never raised in time. Mr. Sahlberg explained that the flag should be lowered for the required time frame, and then should be raised the very next day. Mr. Sahlberg expressed that he was disappointed when the flag was half-staff on Friday, because it was flag day.

Christopher Naylis, Fire Chief, thanked the governing body for approving the street closure request on July 6th. He stated that the hose down will be held that day, and advised that all are welcome to attend.

There being no one else who wishes to be heard, Mayor Schmelz closed Verbal Communications II.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for coming and wished all a good night. Mayor Schmelz submitted the following statement for the record:

May Events (May 8th - June 17th)

I started the Month off with Walk with the Mayor at Coopers Pond, and then went to BBZ Limousine, which was having a Prom Show off on Limos. I attended the May and June Meetings of the Library. Library is getting ideas for a Capital Project and has had RSC draw up some concept plans for the teen area. The Cheerleaders and Football had a Pasta Dinner at Firehouse #2. The Lions and Troop 139 had a pasta dinner as well and had a very large crowd. Great to see the Boy Scouts helping with this Fundraiser for both the groups. I helped with the Garden Club Plant Sale for Mother's Day. The United States Postal Service held their annual Food Drive. Very light turnout, but I helped unload trucks that were coming into St Johns. I attended the May and June meetings of the Garden club. We had two Bergen County Mayor Meetings May and June that I attended. On May 15th in conjunction with Mental health Awareness Month and the Stigma Free Committee we had Stigma Free Walk with the Mayor where everyone was invited to wear Lime Green. Stigma Free had a table of give away and were also selling shirts that say Bergenfield is Proud to be Stigma Free. On May 19th I played in the Mayor Driscoll Memorial Bocce Tournament. Council President and I threw out the first Pollini. At 1:00pm we had the Mayors Key to Wellness Finale at old south church house. On May 20th I attended the SID meeting, but we had no quorum so only had discussion. The Planning Board meeting of May 20th had an application on Washington avenue of the Cleaners expansion where Fritz's bakery used to be. On Wednesday May 22nd I met with CSX along with Mayors and other elected officials. As we experienced in the past CSX makes a lot of claims but doesn't always come through. I took pictures of three RR crossings that are in desperate need of repair and have heard nothing back. Troop 180 had a Pancake breakfast on Memorial Day weekend, we had services of remembrance from the Fire Department and our Veterans Committee. I recognized Robert Francis Moos; who died in service in WWII. The town remembered the Veterans as the Mayor and Council marched to show their support in the parade as well as many civic groups including Veterans. On May 29 we said good bye to our Police Chief Kathy Madalone, she will be missed as she served the town for 25 years. On May 31st I played in a charity Basketball game against the Harlem Wizards. The schools all donated the money to Alvin Maracallo's family. On June 2nd I walked out on Drugs with the North East District Elks, marching from New Milford to Bergenfield I attended the 125-committee meeting on three different occasions as we are trying to finalize everything for June 23. I attended the Art Show at the High School, where the commons were filled with some fantastic displays by the students. Hoover School had their annual Multi Cultural day and that night was Awards night at the High School where I helped give out the Darren Drake Memorial scholarship. Given to a student that is pursuing a technical school as opposed to College. I attended the Deer Discussion in Englewood, where representatives from many different towns showed up to discuss problems with over population of Deer. On June 6th we had Prom Showcase at Coopers Pond. The pond was in incredible shape, so I want to thank the DPW for all their hard work keeping it looking beautiful. The Police traffic department did a great job of getting the busses, limos and cars in and out while diverting traffic. Last week when Transfiguration Academy Graduated, I was asked to give the commencement speech at their 8th grade graduation. I attended the Riverkeepers Kayak Challenge to raise awareness for Clean Water ways. Many people in town attended the remembrance vigil of Alvin Marcallo. It was a nice ceremony. Clean Communities had a Clean-up at Memorial Park. I attended and helped pick up liter. Troop 180 had a Flag Retirement Ceremony. Mayors Senior Advisory Committee had their summer Barbeque. I ran into Mr. Leopold who is now 103 Years young. My wife and I attended a dinner as a guest of Pastor Victor at Mercy Church of God where they were having a four-day Missions Conference. Closing out the month we had a planning board meeting where the application for the Temple Ohr Ha Torah was approved by a vote of 5-2

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION **19-201**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

A. Personnel

1. Police Department Personnel Matters

B. Attorney-Client Privilege

1. Labor Contracts Negotiations
2. Contract Negotiations pertaining to Cell Tower

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene in the Executive Chambers to adjourn this public meeting.

On a motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Marte, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 9:30 p.m.

On a motion by Councilperson Lodato, second by Councilperson Deauna, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was reopened at 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilperson Rivera, second by Councilperson Lodato, to authorize the Police Department to provide conditional offers of employment to the five candidates interviewed, on the basis that the candidates meet all the qualifications and requirements for the position.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Councilperson Lodato:	<i>aye</i>	Council President Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Amatorio:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Marte:	<i>aye</i>

On a motion by Council President Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Rivera, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 10:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilperson Amatorio, second by Councilperson Deauna, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones
Borough Clerk