

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD  
MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

**8:00 p.m.  
February 18, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor Arvin Amatorio and Council President Rafael Marte, Council members Thomas Lodato, Buddy Deauna, Ora Kornbluth, Hernando Rivera, and Marc Pascual

ABSENT: No one.

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

Mayor Amatorio called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 Council President Marte.

**AGENDA CHANGES**

On a motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, seconded by Council President Marte, resolution to approve raffle applications was added to the Consent Agenda and personnel was added to Closed Session. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council President Marte, **SECOND** by Councilperson Lodato, to approve minutes of the January 21, 2020 Regular Public Meeting, January 21, 2020 Closed Session Meeting (not to be released), February 4, 2020 Work Session Meeting, February 4, 2020 Closed Session Meeting I (not to be released), and February 4, 2020 Closed Session Meeting II (not to be released). All present voting in favor, none opposed.

**PRESENTATIONS**

A. Proclamation – Michelle Galvis

Mayor Amatorio read Ms. Michelle Galvis' biography into the record, as well as her accolades in the music industry and the Spanish version of "The Voice" on Telemundo Channel 47, "La Voz Kids." Mayor Amatorio honored Ms. Galvis for singing the National Anthem at the Reorganization Meeting, and presented her a proclamation.

B. Department Hires and Appointments

**20-090/To Hire Per Diem Crossing Guard – Claudia Flores-Jacome**

Motion by Council President Marte, second by Councilperson Kornbluth, that the Consent Resolution be approved.

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

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

## VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS I

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

John Smith, resident, provided the governing body a packet with pictures of a home that was built in 2017, and the entire backyard is covered in pavers. He stated that with regards to the land development ordinance, the Borough needs to look into who is responsible for checking the retention bases, because there are no records in the building department. He also commented that silica sand needs to be added to the ordinance, otherwise residents will continue to use it.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired if the resident of the home went for a variance. She also inquired if there was ever a permit for seepage pit.

Mike Ravenda, Construction Official, stated that this needs to be looked into, and explained that part of the problem is that the permit is provided by the engineers, and he never receives information pertaining to the seepage pit.

Borough Attorney Schettino inquired that if the Borough Engineer completes the inspection, who signs off on the permit. The applicant comes in for a permit, and as part of the requirements, it is determined that have to put in a seepage pit. Mr. Schettino inquired how the Building Department issues a permit, if there is no record of an inspection to verify the drainage was put in. He explained that if this is something that is not happening, then it needs to be looked into. He provided examples of the process for permits that require inspections, whether the inspection is done by the Building Department or Borough Engineer. He further questioned if the Borough Engineer issues the permit, and stated that perhaps it depends on the zone. He stated that if the applicant does not need a variance, and needs to redo their patio, they should go to the Building Department.

Mayor Amatorio commented that if the building permit is obtained from the building department, then the building department should sign and issue the permit. The process should be reviewed.

Mr. Ravenda stated that the engineer is responsible for the inspection, but no information is provided to the Building Department.

Councilperson Rivera inquired how the person is issued a CO. Mr. Ravenda clarified that its provided based off the building inspection.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that he needs to look into this because he needs to confirm that if this is a non-zoning application, and seepage pit is required, the inspection is completed by the engineers. He inquired how the engineers bill for this.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the Administrator will need to look into this. He expressed that the engineer can probably do the inspection, but he has never heard of them issuing the permit. He stated that is unsure, but it sounds like the Plumbing Inspector would need to inspect if the seepage pit is required.

Mayor Amatorio stated that the observations and recommendations are duly noted and the process will need to be evaluated.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired that is someone goes for a variance, and are therefore required to have a seepage pit, is the process handled differently than a brand new house that needs a seepage pit.

Mr. Smith stated that if the applicant comes before the Zoning Board, and the engineer requires they put in a seepage pit, the engineer will need to look at to make sure it's the right size. He further stated that the building department will need to handle everything else.

Borough Administrator Gallo inquired what is the case in a conforming house.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that usually a board engineer reviews the plan and the Borough Engineer handles the inspection.

Mr. Smith stated that the Borough Engineer needs to handle the inspection.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the board engineer signs off on the plans, it goes to the building department, and the Borough Engineer handles the inspection. If there is new construction, the building department should contact the Borough Engineer to notify them that there is new construction and a seepage pit has been put in. The Borough Engineer should sign off on the inspection.

Mary Sullivan, resident, stated that she reached out to the Tax Assessor and inquired whether she puts in a paver driveway, pervious or impervious, would be an added assessment. She stated that the Tax Assessor responded that he will need to look into it. Ms. Sullivan commented that the Tax Assessor should know whether it's an added assessment.

Borough Attorney Schettino explained if that's what the Tax Assessor told her, then he did the right thing in not giving her the wrong information. If the situation comes up, he would have to research it and make a determination. Mr. Schettino stated any improvement to a property would result in an added assessment with some exceptions. It doesn't matter whether if the pavers are pervious or impervious. He reviews the information himself to ensure the information is correct and the assessment is appropriate.

Fred Sahlberg, resident, questioned the resolution to authorize a bid for vegetative waste collection. He commented that the DPW handles the collection.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the Borough has to go out to bid for the pick-up.

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

#### Correspondence

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| a) O' Reilly/Council of Irish Associations of Greater Bergen County | <b>RE:</b> Request to Hold 39 <sup>th</sup> Annual Bergen County Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Washington Avenue/Sunday, March 15, 2020/2:00 p.m. |
| b) Rainey/Clean Communities and Shade Tree Committee                | <b>RE:</b> Request to Reserve Cooper's Pond for Clean-up and Distribute Tree Seedlings to Residents/Sunday, April 19, 2020/2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. |
| c) Alfano/Senior Citizens Committee                                 | <b>RE:</b> Request to Reserve Memorial Park for Annual Seniors Picnic/Wednesday, June 10, 2020/12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.                            |

**MOTION OFFERED** by Council President Marte, **SECOND** by Councilperson Rivera, to approve Correspondence Items A through C. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

#### ORDINANCES

##### A. Introduction of Ordinances

Motion by Council President Marte that the following ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and setting Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Executive Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE 20-2560 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED "BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS"**

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

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

A. CONSENT AGENDA

**CONSENT RESOLUTION 20-091.** 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. **20-092/**To Approve Bill List
- b. **20-093/**To Approve Temporary Emergency Appropriation
- c. **20-094/**To Recognize the Importance of the 2020 Census
- d. **20-095/**To Approve Tax Refund – 67 Van Valkenburgh
- e. **20-096/**To Approve Tax Refund – 20 S Paula Drive
- f. **20-097/**To Approve Agreement – Annual Managed Services Support for Borough WAN Services and Internal Network - Educational Technology Integrators
- g. **20-098/**To Authorize Office Supplies Vendor – WB Mason
- h. **20-099/**To Authorize Grant Application – Pedestrian Safety Improvements
- i. **20-100/**To Approve Grant Agreement – Community Development Block Grant for West Clinton Avenue Roadway Improvements
- j. **20-101/**To Authorize Bid – Collection of Grass Clippings & Yard Waste, Stumps & Logs, Leaves and Xmas Trees
- k. **20-102/**To Approve Raffle Applications RA1363 and RA1364

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Rivera, 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>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Council President Marte:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Social Media Policy

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that after the last meeting, he wants to follow-up to see if there were any further changes or suggestions for the policy. He stated that the policy is clear and is looking to have it adopted at the next meeting. Mr. Gallo expressed that he can be reached with any questions.

B. Street Parking Near Foster Village

Mayor Amatorio stated that the concerns have been discussed and inquired if information regarding parking restrictions was received from the Department of Public Works and Police Department.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that there are no further updates at this time.

C. Tabled Ordinances

**ORDINANCE 20-2559 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 186 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” (Tabled 2-4-20)**

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Rivera that Ordinance 20-2559 be removed from the table.

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

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

Mike Ravenda, Construction Official, was present for this portion of the meeting. Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the Construction Official is present to explain the ordinance, and has prepared a packet of information on the ordinance for the governing body.

Mr. Ravenda stated that on the first page, you have a portion of the Master Plan, which includes that R6 residential total impervious coverage standard is 35 percent for one- and two-family dwellings, and R5 total impervious coverage standard is 40 percent for one- and two-family dwellings. He further stated that in page 2 of Ordinance 18-2532, R6 and R5 includes the same percentage, and allows buildings to go up to 30 feet. Mr. Ravenda also reviewed the definitions of impervious surfaces.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the confusion is that improved lot coverage, is the same as impervious surfaces by definition. He stated that sometimes people hear the terms separately, but it is important to understand that improved lot coverage, and impervious surfaces are the same.

Mr. Ravenda explained that the picture on the bottom shows the difference between pervious and impervious surfaces. He stated that a parking lot, similar to a driveway, is an impervious surface, and a building, is an impervious surface. The walkways all around the building are impervious. The grass area, is pervious, and is where the water goes. Mr. Ravenda further explained that the materials and what is disputed as lot coverage, which is anything that has a roof, such as the house, detached garage, a shed, roof on top of deck, are all considered lot coverage. He commented that this can be from 35 to 40 percent in R6 and R5 zones. Mr. Ravenda stated that the definition of lot coverage is used in the Borough as improved lot coverage. Improved lot coverage includes the building and impervious surfaces that include unpaved stone or other semi-pervious surfaces.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that until the ordinance was changed, pavers were never included as lot coverage.

Mr. Ravenda explained that he never understood that point, and is the reason why he took the courses.

Councilperson Rivera inquired whether pavers are pervious or impervious in the Borough.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that it depends.

Mr. Ravenda clarified that pavers are pervious in every town, and is unsure why they are considered zero coverage in Bergenfield.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired that until the ordinance change a year ago, were pavers considered any lot coverage.

Mr. Ravenda explained that until a year ago, based on the calculations of the Zoning Officer, they were not considered towards lot coverage. He further explained that he is unsure why this is the

case, since R6 and R5 zones have total impervious coverage, and provided the example of the difference between water on bricks and ground.

Councilperson Kornbluth commented that the building department never provided the boards with applications that used pavers.

Mr. Ravenda explained that he can only comment on the current situation. He further explained that he believes there were typographical errors in Schedule B. He stated that the section on R5 (Residential One-Family and Two-Family), states that improved lot coverage is 40% and lot coverage is 40%. Mr. Ravenda stated that if someone builds a house that covers 40% of their property, they will never be able to enter the house. The builder cannot have a driveway or walkway, which is all part of improved lot coverage, and is total impervious surface. He stated that this is not the case, and it could be due to the typographical error.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that R6 in the table is different.

Mr. Ravenda confirmed that R6 on the table is correct, because improved lot coverage is 35% and lot coverage is 30%. He commented that R5 should have been 35%, and 40% lot coverage.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired if both should be 35%.

Mr. Ravenda stated that on the bottom of the notes, number two reads should read "corner lots require full front yard setbacks on both sides in all zones except R5 and R6," and number three read should read "corner lots require 15-foot front yard coverage on each side street." He commented that these two notes were contradictory to each other. He stated that on the next page are all the changes made with Ordinance 18-2522. Mr. Ravenda stated that he included all the changes and updated the schedule.

Councilperson Kornbluth inquired why the lot coverage in R15 is 25%, as opposed to the improved lot coverage is 40%.

Mr. Ravenda explained that these are larger properties, and even at 40%, there is a lot of grass.

Borough Attorney Schettino inquired what Mr. Ravenda means by full front yard coverage. Mr. Schettino stated that the term should be full front yard setback.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that instead of full front yard coverage, it should read full front yard setback. Mr. Schettino stated that in all areas, the term coverage should be setback.

Mr. Ravenda stated that another problem is that improved lot coverage is commonly known as total impervious coverage. He stated that they were never considered the same, even though it all includes impervious coverage. He stated that they were not the same, even though they need to be considered the same. Mr. Ravenda stated that coverage needs to include the house, because if a resident builds a house at 40%, and has 40% coverage, that means they will make their coverage 80% of their property, which will result in the house in the picture. Therefore, the ordinance should be amended to include the definition of impervious surface, but also include "commonly known as improved lot coverage." Mr. Ravenda read the definition and stated that impervious surfaces include but are not limited to brick pavers, crushed stone, gravel, paver blocks, porous paving, decks, patios, concrete, asphalt, driveways, basketball courts, swimming pools, buildings and other similar surfaces. He explained that pervious pavers are not zero percent impervious, they are only a percentage pervious paver. He stated that most pavers are made 20% impervious, and explained that if a paver has holes, and the rest of the pavers has no holes, but has spaces in-between, the spaces will count as pervious. He commented that the percentage of pervious depends on the design. He explained that the designer will advise as to the percentage that is pervious.

Borough Administrator Gallo commented that the percentage is determined by the manufacturer.

Mr. Ravenda confirmed that it's all based on the manufacturer, and included it in the ordinance how it should read.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that an additional 5% increase is permitted when the property owners replaces the pavers, asphalt or concrete. She inquired what will be the case for new properties that have no replacements.

Mr. Ravenda expressed that he believes that brick pavers will make the Borough look better because of the esthetics. Mr. Ravenda stated that he believes they should be given an extra 10% to make it 15% lot coverage, but ensure the retention pit will take on that coverage. He explained that if someone comes in to rip off their driveway, removing concrete or asphalt, they are given an extra 5% to replace with brick pavers, to make the area look nice. He said that if someone comes in and has 40% lot coverage to do their entire driveway and walkways in brick pavers, they should be allowed an additional 10% bonus.

Councilperson Kornbluth questioned why give them anymore bonus than a current resident that wants to beautify their home. She stated that the same should apply for current property owners and new construction.

Mr. Ravenda stated that the 10% bonus should be across the board.

Mayor Amatorio inquired that if should be based on the pavers.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the percentage of pervious paver is based on the manufacturer.

Mr. Ravenda explained the concern of expanding driveways and the issues that arise when the water runs off into the street.

Discussion was held on what the percentage will mean in different scenarios.

It was determined that improved lot coverage needs to be included in the definition, and under letter M, the 5% coverage needs to be changed to 10% improved lot coverage. The ordinance also needs to include that when using paver systems, the use of silica sand is prohibited.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the ordinance can be re-introduced in order to include the changes referenced.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth that the following ordinances be re-introduced and passed on first reading with the changes made including new construction, 10% improved lot coverage and prohibiting silica sand and setting Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard as the date and time and the Executive Council Chambers of the Bergenfield Borough Hall as the place for a hearing on said ordinance.

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

**ORDINANCE 20-2559 – 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>	Councilperson Kornbluth:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Deauna:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Council President Marte:	<i>aye</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

NEW BUSINESS

No matter discussed.

## Committee/Department Reports

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

## VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS II

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

Warren Williams, resident, followed-up on his concern with the American flag on Veterans Plaza. Mr. Williams stated that the ball ornament needs to be corrected, the POW flag needs to be smaller than the United States of America flag, and the lights need to be brighter. He also commented that the flag in front of Borough Hall cannot touch any other flag. Mr. Williams expressed that the flag represents first responders and everyone that served this country; therefore, the issues should be corrected.

Betsy DeSoto, resident, inquired whether the meetings can be televised. She expressed that she has three children at home, and cannot attend every public meeting. She commented that with all the changes that are taking place, she would like to be in the loop on what is going on. She further commented that she would appreciate if the meetings were televised. Ms. DeSoto stated that according to the American Civil Liberties Union, court rules public officials cannot block critics from Facebook. She stated that people are blocked from the Mayor's Facebook, which is a public account under the Mayor's status. She explained that she can review the page, but cannot post comments. Ms. DeSoto stated that she has a first amendment right to voice her opinion. She further stated that she is uncomfortable speaking to someone directly and having her words misconstrued, and cannot attend the meetings. She also stated that it was brought to her attention that she was being talked about, and would appreciate that her name is not brought up in a public setting.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that any residents can reach him via e-mail and phone call at any time, as he is available seven days a week.

Mayor Amatorio commented that televising the meetings has been previously discussed and can be considered again. Mayor Amatorio stated he is available via e-mail and phone call, and his contact information is available on the public website.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that he needs more facts. He stated that if an individual up here has an individual account, that is not paid for by the Borough, nor part of the Borough, they can block whoever they want, the same way a resident can. He further stated that if the page is part of the Borough, under their capacity, for example the Mayor, then the residents cannot be blocked. Mr. Schettino stated that residents can exercise their rights by attending the meetings and speaking at the meetings. If they are unable to attend the meeting, they can write a letter to the Mayor and Council, and they will all get it, and it will be in writing. Mr. Schettino explained that out of the 565 municipalities, there are a handful that video their meetings. He further explained that the majority do not, because there are pros and cons to it. He stated that the residents have shared their concerns with the Council, and they will consider it.

Mayor Amatorio stated that the residents make reference to an unofficial individual page, therefore he needs to understand the policy.

Borough Attorney Schettino explained that if it's a private account, and the person is not speaking as the Mayor on all topics, then you may be able to block. If it's a public page, you cannot block, but if it's an individual account, in which you happen to be the Mayor also, you may be able to.

Mayor Amatorio stated that like most people, he has two pages, personal and business. There is one page you can follow, where you can see postings, but cannot accept friends.



Borough Attorney Schettino stated that he does not understand the point of the name not being stated in public forum. He explained that the resident is speaking in public forum, with a room full of people. He stated that some people may think the things the residents say are wonderful, others may disagree. Mr. Schettino stated that this is a public meeting, and residents cannot expect that no one will speak about them, and the governing body cannot control what is talked about.

John Gallagher, resident, stated that he has been in town for forty-five years, went through the school system, and has coached and volunteered for many years. Mr. Gallagher expressed his concerns over the comments made on the Recreation Committee. He stated that at a meeting in November, Councilwoman Kornbluth stated that any member that wanted to return to the committee will be able to return. Mr. Gallagher stated that when Carolyn inquired about the membership, the Mayor responded that it was his prerogative, which was rude. He stated that his point is that the manner in which this came about, everyone was asked whether they wanted to return, but no one was informed if they were on or off the committee. He commented that there are people on the committee that cannot even coach their own children. He stated that members should be a resident in Bergenfield. Mr. Gallagher expressed that the only people removed from the committee were people that supported Mayor Schmelz.

Mayor Amatorio stated that there were discussions and the council decided collectively to appoint the people who were recommended.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated there is no legal requirement that volunteers need to be residents in town, he stated that he cannot speak for Bergenfield, but there are many communities in which the volunteers are from a neighboring town.

Brian Shanahan, resident, stated that he is the owner of the 21-unit complex on 51 East Main, and requested that the Council review the Environmental Opportunity Zone Act, and consider adopting the policy, since it will be a benefit to him and the Borough. He stated that this initiative will provide incentives to developers that clean and redevelop communities.

Fred Sahlberg, resident, stated that the Borough should consider placing two additional flag poles in front of Borough Hall, to have one pole for the American flag, and the other two can be for the State and Borough flags. He also stated that the flag pole with the American flag should be moved closer to the street. Mr. Sahlberg stated that the ordinance should be amended to include that the 10% bonus will be given in perpetuity until the home is owned.

John Smith, resident, stated the handouts given to the governing body is what he sees happening across town. They get the certificate of occupancy and get the landscaping done without needing approval. He thanked the Mayor and Council for composing themselves. He stated that the public meeting is to talk about issues concerning the Borough. He stated that he was blocked off on Facebook by Mayor Schmelz and he never commented on it, and the page was used as both Mayor and personal page.

Matt Doyle, resident, stated that he sent the article from the ACLU to the Borough Administrator pertaining to blocking people from social media pages. Mr. Doyle stated that it is against the law to block people from a public page. He commented that the Borough Administrator makes himself available, but he was not the person elected to serve. He further commented that it is a low cost to have the meetings televised, and is unsure of the downside. He stated there is nothing more transparent than televising the meetings.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated there are positives and negatives to televising meetings, and the negatives are easily noticed. He stated that people attend the meeting and make a circus out of it because it is their opportunity to be on video in their community.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Rivera stated with regards to the comments made by residents about being blocked on Facebook, he stated that if someone feels they have been wronged and their rights have been violated, they can take their matter to the judge. He stated that people have the right to take action, and the judge will rule on the matter. Thank you, have a great night, and God bless you all.

The Mayor and Council thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

#### CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION **20-103**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Attorney-Client Privilege
  - 1. PBA Local 309 Contract
  - 2. Update on Property Acquisition
  - 3. Ahdeek Tennis Club Agreement
  
- B. Personnel
  - 1. Police Department Personnel Matters
  - 2. Administration Personnel Matters

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 Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Rivera, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 10:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Council President Marte, second by Councilperson Kornbluth, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones  
Borough Clerk