

BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
MAYOR & COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
8:00 p.m.
July 20, 2021

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

ABSENT: Councilperson Marte

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

Mayor Amatorio called the meeting to order at 8:03 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 Lodato.

AGENDA CHANGES

Councilperson Kornbluth motioned to add three items onto the agenda. The Borough Engineer's report was added to Capital Improvements, and Ordinance 21-2582 entitled "Water Conservation" and Ordinance 21-2542 entitled "Tobacco" to ordinances. Council President Rivera seconded the motion. All present voting in favor, none opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Council President Rivera to approve minutes of the June 15, 2021 Regular Public Meeting and the June 15, 2021 Closed Session Meeting (not to be released). Councilperson Pascual seconded the motion. All present voting in favor, no one opposed.

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, stated that he sent an email to the governing body regarding stormwater regulations. He stated that land development regulations throughout New Jersey and the United States have changed with more integrative focus given to local impact and road development design that leads to run-off, to protect the public from environmental hazards. The ordinance for stormwater that is being considered focuses on major developments, but there are no major developments going on in town. He commented that with all the construction going on, the borough should focus on all the run-off water that its causing. He stated that 66 Maiden Lane was supposed to be an addition, but now the home is completely knocked down and there is a hole in the ground with no fence around it. Mr. Smith commented that the smaller construction projects are causing the run-off water. Mr. Smith further stated that properties on Cameron and Dudley ripped off the sidewalk and connected to the storm drains. Mr. Smith commented that the building department does not have enough people to handle the enforcement in town, especially since the work is done in the evenings and on weekends. The borough needs to address the smaller construction projects, and more support should be hired for the Building Department. He also commented that the pavers are supposed to be done in three layers, but that is not being done.

Mary Sullivan, resident, commented that she hopes that the commercial and recreational vehicle ordinance is passed tonight. She inquired who will enforce this ordinance and commented that the building department and code enforcement office do not have the resources to handle it on their own. Ms. Sullivan stated that she completed an OPRA request to see how many tickets and fines were issued for violations such as parking on grass and so on, and learned that there were nineteen tickets issued, but more residents were sent a letter or spoken to. Ms. Sullivan commented that she can point out at least ten different violations this evening, including vehicles parked on grass. She submitted the same OPRA request to the police department, and learned that there have been only two summonses issued since the beginning of the year. She questioned who will enforce the commercial vehicle ordinance on top of all the other ordinances. Ms. Sullivan suggested hiring a code enforcement officer for the evenings and weekends.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that enforcement of the ordinance will be a collaboration of all employees, including the Police Department. The enforcement will not just depend on code enforcement as everyone will be able to enforce the ordinance. He also stated that the police department can enforce all ordinances, especially overnight. He commented that if residents see a vehicle parked on grass, the residents should call and report it to the Police Department.

Mayor Amatorio understands and recognizes the fact that there is a lot on the Code Enforcer's plate, but without this ordinance, there would be no enforcement. He understands the public questions why the ordinance is being considered and who will enforce it, but we need the ordinance first in order to enforce it. The ordinance will be considered and then we will focus on the enforcement and whether more officials are needed.

Fred Sahlberg, resident, stated that with regards to the commercial and recreational vehicle parking ordinance, E, F, and G should not apply to recreational vehicles. He stated the residents may have a registered boat, but not a registered tow vehicle. He commented that the placement of the decal should be reconsidered especially since residents may need to rent tow vehicle. He further stated that he understands the need for the ordinance, but questions the Police Department's involvement in enforcing the ordinance. He stated that the Police Department should issue warnings prior to issuing tickets. Mr. Sahlberg stated that while he disagrees with the issuing of tickets, he sees many violations around town, including cars blocking the sidewalks and political signs being placed around town. He questions who will enforce these ordinances, as the matters have not been enforced. Mr. Sahlberg also commented that a resident recently questioned the location of the Veteran's donation sign at the gasoline station, and the response she received was unacceptable.

Mayor Amatorio stated that he appreciates the resident's input, as the borough is trying to improve the enforcement of the borough code. The Code Enforcement office has been giving warnings prior to violations for high grass and other code violations. He explained that after a second offense, then the resident receives a summons. The borough tries to strike a balance between warnings and summonses.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the response the resident received was according to her. He reiterated that the rules apply to everyone.

John Baumeister, resident, stated that residents never learned of this meeting and believe that ordinance 21-2576 is tabled. He commented that he recently learned of this ordinance, and inquired the purpose of the permits and why it is needed. He inquired whether residents can rent their spaces to help pay their property taxes.

Borough Administrator Gallo explained the purpose for the permit is to ensure the vehicles are registered to the primary residence. He explained that people are park their boats in their driveways, and then have no room for their personal vehicle causing a parking issue. He stated that some residents have two family homes in Bergenfield, reside out of town in a different home, but park their boats in Bergenfield because they cannot park them in their home town. Residents also park their vehicles on the street overnight. Therefore, the borough needs to make sure the decal coincides to the primary residence. He explained that there are two parts to the ordinance, as residents have been parking dump trucks and bucket loaders in their driveway, and it has been

excessive. Residents will be able to park their pick-up trucks and trucks that are 22 feet in length and 8 feet high in their driveways. However, residents are parking commercial and recreational vehicles in the back of their homes and driveways, creating an issue for their neighbors. He stated that this dialogue has been going on for over a year, the ordinance was tabled, and meetings were held with business owners to address this issue.

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

PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation – Libby Wikfors

Mayor Amatorio honored Libby Wikfors with a proclamation for her service and dedication to the Borough. Libby handmade felt monsters and donated them to the Health Department to cheer the children and help them feel better after receiving a vaccine. Mayor Amatorio thanked Libby for her service and read the proclamation into the record.

B. Hirings and Appointments

21-236/To Hire Keyboard Clerk 1 - Javier Nuñez

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #21-236 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>	Council President Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Marte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

21-237/To Hire Keyboard Clerk 1 – Jaime Luppino

Motion by Council President Rivera, second by Councilperson Deauna, that Resolution #21-237 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>	Council President Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Marte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

21-238/To Hire Keyboard Clerk 1 – Pamela Lesnak

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Council President Rivera, that Resolution #21-238 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>	Council President Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Marte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT

Robert Klein, Borough Engineer from Remington & Vernick Engineers provided an update on the road programs. He stated that two contracts are being awarded this evening, one for the NJDOT funded Anderson Avenue, and the other for the first half of the 2021 road improvement program that consists of Merritt Avenue, Berwyn Place, Barry Place and Beverly Place. The Borough will be going out to bid for phase 2 of the road program, which consists of Highland Avenue, Elder Avenue,

Spring Avenue, Gordon Road, Railroad Avenue and Davis Drive. He stated that the stormwater ordinance is an existing ordinance that has been in place since DEP passed on their enforcement of rules to municipalities. This ordinance is simply to update minor rules and changes that came from DEP.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that due to the recent storms, she received complaints from residents because storm water went into the homes and basements. She inquired if there are requirements for storm drains and how far apart they should be on every street.

Borough Engineer Klein stated that there are no specific requirements, it is more of a design issue. He stated that when road work will take place, the storm drains are reviewed and repaired if needed. If there is a recurring issue in a specific area, it can be looked into to see what can be done to alleviate the issue.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that complaints were received from Wilbur Road, Maiden Lane, and inquired if this has been looked into.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that with all the rain, flash floods were created in those areas because they cannot handle all the water. He commented that part of the problem is all the development in the area and the pervious surfaces. Mr. Gallo stated that he has communicated with DEP and is working with them to try and come up with a game plan going forward to dredge from Cooper's Pond to the brook to alleviate the flooding.

Borough Engineer Klein stated there is a requirement with the sizing of drains. He stated that the Borough cleans all the drains and cameras them when roads will be repaired to ensure the infrastructure is good.

Councilperson Kornbluth stated that some residents have the storm water going into the street because they were never required to put in pits. She inquired if residents are grandfathered in.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that seepage pits have been required.

Mayor Amatorio inquired what is the target date to complete the projects that have been awarded, and inquired when they will start paving. He commented that we are coming close to August and so he wants to make sure we are on schedule as the window is closing.

Borough Engineer Klein stated that he will schedule the pre-construction meetings and have them start as soon as possible.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ORDINANCES

A. Adoption of Ordinances

The following ordinance published herewith was re-introduced by title only on May 18, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

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

ORDINANCE 21-2576 – AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING” THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD

Motion by Council President Rivera, second by Councilperson Deauna, to pass Ordinance 21-2576 on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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

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

The following ordinance published herewith was introduced by title only on July 20, 2021 and posted on the bulletin board of the municipal center.

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

ORDINANCE 21-2582 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STORM WATER CONTROL IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD

Public comments on Ordinance 21-2582.

No one came forward.

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Councilperson Lodato, to pass Ordinance 21-2582 on second and final reading and is hereby adopted and notice of same shall be published according to law.

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>	Council President Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Marte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

B. Introduction of Ordinances

Motion by Councilperson Pascual that the following ordinance be introduced and passed on first reading and setting August 17, 2021 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 Rivera.

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

ORDINANCE 21-2583 – AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED “WATER CONSERVATION” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD

ORDINANCE 21-2584 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 282 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD, ENTITLED “TOBACCO”

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>	Council President Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Marte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

A. CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT RESOLUTION 21-239. 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. **21-240**/To Approve Bill List
- b. **21-241**/To Certify the 2020 Audit
- c. **21-242**/To Approve Tax Settlement – 19 Rector Court
- d. **21-243**/To Approve Tax Settlement – TOM 2 Bergenfield
- e. **21-244**/To Approve Grant Application – NJDOT Municipal Aid Program
- f. **21-245**/To Approve Cyber Security Policies and Procedures Plan
- ~~g. **21-246**/To Appoint CDBG Municipal Representatives~~
- h. **21-247**/To Approve Membership Renewal – Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund
- i. **21-248**/To Approve Agreement – GovPilot Software System
- j. **21-249**/To Approve Purchase – 2021 Harley Davidson Motorcycle – Hannum’s Mount Holly Sales Inc.
- k. **21-250**/To Approve Tax Settlement – 50 S. First Street Unit 4
- l. **21-251**/To Approve Lease Agreement – Paum Tennis, LLC
- m. **21-252**/To Authorize RFP - Cleaning & Maintenance Services for the Borough
- o. **21-253**/To Approve Tax Settlement – D.M.B.S Inc. c/o Washington Dental
- p. **21-254**/To Authorize Fire Engine Donation
- q. **21-255**/To Award Bid and Approve Contract – 2021 Road Program, Phase 1 – Marini Brothers
- r. **21-256**/To Award Bid and Approve Contract – 2021 NJDOT Anderson Avenue – 4 Clean-Up Inc.

Councilperson Kornbluth requested that Resolution #21-246 be voted on separately.

Motion by Councilperson Kornbluth, second by Councilperson Pascual, that the Consent Resolution be approved as amended.

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>	Council President Rivera:	<i>aye</i>
Councilperson Marte:	<i>absent</i>	Councilperson Pascual:	<i>aye</i>

21-246/To Appoint CDBG Municipal Representatives

Motion by Councilperson Deauna, second by Council President Rivera that Resolution #21-246 be approved.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance on the Proper Use of Motion Sensor Lights

Mayor Amatorio stated that residents are requesting an ordinance that sets a standard on the proper use of motion sensor lights. He explained that some residents feel their neighbors have intentionally or unintentionally been pointing their lights into their neighbor homes.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated this is already prohibited by ordinance because property owners have to direct their light onto their own property. He stated this is probably part of the Zoning Ordinance. He has never seen a separate ordinance on this matter.

Mayor Amatorio stated that the ordinance should be reviewed to determine whether we need to improve the ordinance or remind code enforcement to enforce it.

B. Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund Lost Time Accident Frequency

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that every year, the Borough improves its numbers and continually scales down on the number of claims. He stated that this year, there was only one claim and the person is already back to work. The Borough has met all the MEL safety requirements under the Bergen County JIF. As such, the Borough's premium will not be rising.

Committee/Department Reports

Motion offered by Council President Rivera that the Committee/Department Reports be spread upon the minutes in full and filed. Councilperson Kornbluth seconded the motion. 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.

Stephen Fried, resident, stated that he would like to address an issue regarding stormwater drainage, particularly in his area. He stated there is a tremendous amount of water that comes from Maiden Ln and Wilbur Rd, and comes into our backyards, basements, and Laurel Court's drainage system. He stated that Laurel Court becomes a 2 feet lake. He further stated that this happens sporadically and knows that back in 2009, a 600-foot pipe was put into the Wilbur and Maiden area, which cost the borough about \$40,000 at the time. He commented that it is an overwhelming amount of water and is looking for action on this. He understands that additional coverage is an issue, but its due to inadequate drainage as well.

Mayor Amatorio stated the borough is aware of the issue and already spoke with DEP representative for corrective measures to alleviate the problem, as this is happening all over town. He commented that the brook is blocked and hasn't been cleaned out in over a decade. He explained that this isn't solely a borough issue, as we need approval from the State and collaboration from residents. He commented that we are also working with the Borough Engineers and the Building Department to find a solution.

Joan McCluggage, resident, stated that this town will soon be a city with all the apartment buildings being built. She commented that the sewers are not enough for the people now, and inquired what will happen when there are more people in town. She also inquired why the borough is taking down all the trees. Ms. McCluggage stated that she lives nearby Hickory field, and the lights are on all the time. She stated that the borough needs to start cutting back instead of raising taxes all the time as it is harming this town.

Amos White, resident, stated that he lives behind Willow, where all the trees were cut down for the recreation center. He explained that water goes into the resident's backyards, racoons and deer running wild, and there is rodent issue since the trees were cut down. Mr. Amos commented that he needs to hire an exterminator every couple of months. He stated that he is unsure when the decision was made to put the recreation center in that area, but money was invested into the steel, and now the residents are paying for this. He inquired what will be done for the homeowners that are suffering from the trees being taken down and the rodent issue in the area. He stated that the borough attorney should have looked into this.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that he is unsure when the trees came down, but he will look into the matter. He knows that the tributaries have to be clean and the matter has to be addressed.

Borough Attorney Schettino stated that the borough is not responsible to reimburse homeowners for extermination fees.

Councilperson Lodato stated that it was a PAL project and they cut down the trees.

John Smith, resident, stated that with regards to 66 Maiden Lane, the memorialization was approved in March for an addition, but it's a total knock down. He stated that no retention basin was required because it was an addition. He commented this is the cause for all the water and flooding in town. Mr. Smith also stated that the borough continues to hire employees for the DPW, but never hires support staff for the code enforcement office. The storm drain is being overrun from all the water run-off from the properties, and people are doing the work on the weekends. Mr. Smith commented that no one is enforcing the ordinances. He further commented that the trees are covering the street lights on Prospect Avenue. He inquired who removed the signs from Washington Avenue to Prospect Avenue. Mr. Smith commented that the borough needs to follow-up with PSEG on the street lights.

Sergeant Major Warren Williams, resident, stated that the hole on 66 Maiden Lane is a safety hazard. He commented that the opening should be covered and there should be a fence around it, especially since children play in the area. Mr. Williams inquired the status of the light being replaced on the flag pole on New Bridge Road. He commented that a tree was cut down on New Bridge Road, but the stump was never removed. He asked that this be taken care of as it is a safety hazard. SGM Williams commended the borough for the paving of New Bridge Road and the police officer managing the flow of traffic. He inquired who manages the lights at Memorial Park and the status of the Veteran's tax exemption.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the lights at Memorial Park stay on until all the events are over.

Mary Sullivan, resident, stated that when she traveled on Liberty Road, there were two huge tractor trailers parked on Liberty Road. She reviewed the ordinance and learned they cannot be parked within 500 feet of a residential road. She commented that on July 4th, the same trucks were parked on the street and police officers traveling on the road never issued a summons. She traveled on the road several times, and noticed the trucks were never moved. The police officers never ticketed the vehicles and it took from July 1st to July 15th for the violation to be addressed. She commented that there are vehicles parked on grass surfaces all the time and the police never enforce it. Ms. Sullivan also commented that the Zoning Board of Adjustment should stop approving tree removals and 50% lot coverages.

Norman Schmelz, resident, commented with regards to the water problem in the borough. He stated that this has been happening for years. Mr. Schmelz explained that the brooks can be cleaned, especially when there is wood in front of the culvert that has to be moved. He stated that the DPW has cleaned the brook in the past and removed the tree limbs to alleviate some of the problem. Mr. Schmelz also stated that the trees were taken down by the DPW, as the Administrator at the time gave them permission to do so. He stated that it is the borough's responsibility to fix some of the areas at the park. Mr. Schmelz stated that permits for embankments do not help the residents on the other side of the street.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that the borough has communicated with the DEP and are now in the next stage for federal funding. He stated that the seven-digit resource will help, in collaboration with DEP and borough funding.

Fred Sahlberg, resident, stated that if the ordinance on the motion lights will be discussed, then the lights at the parks should also be addressed. The lights from the baseball fields are very bright and disturb the residents. He stated that other quality of life issues should also be addressed such as

people soliciting on corners, flooding issues, and tranquility in residential homes. He stated that the residents should have a right to peace and tranquility.

Alex Caseras, resident, inquired what is the timeframe for the commercial vehicle ordinance. She stated that paragraph B reads “need timeframe permissible because it cannot be the life of the vehicle” in parenthesis. She inquired the reason it cannot be the life of the vehicle. Ms. Caseras also commented with regards to people cutting from Teaneck to Bergenfield on Sussex Road and New Bridge Road. She explained that her parents’ vehicle was hit in their driveway because someone took the turn too quickly. She inquired if action can be taken on this, as there used to be a barricade with arrows.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated that it cannot be the life of the vehicle because the registration has to be renewed every couple of years. As such, the permit will need to align with the registration of the vehicle. He further explained that a commercial vehicle will be permitted on the property, provided that it meets the criteria and belongs to the person that resides in the home. Mr. Gallo will look into the issue on Sussex Road.

Jacqueline Romney, resident, stated that she is concerned with the number of accidents in the monthly Police Department reports. Ms. Romney stated that she has been following the statistics because she works with people that have suffered from injuries due to accidents. She commented that based on the reports, there were forty-six crashes in May and sixty-two in June. Ms. Romney inquired how many people have been permanently injured as a result of the accidents, as there have been one hundred eighty-seven crashes and twenty-two hit and runs. She inquired what efforts have been taken by the Traffic Safety Committee to address issues regarding public safety. She further inquired what has been done with the \$55,000 in funds that has been released to address this issue. Ms. Romney asked Council President Rivera what programs he looked into from the list that was provided and asked Councilperson Lodato with regards to the complete street policy to address pedestrian walkways. She asked the governing body when these issues will be addressed and noted that many municipalities are updating their complete streets policy.

Mayor Amatorio stated that traffic safety issues are taken very seriously and the borough seeks the assistance of the police department to review all the statistics. Based on their recommendation, ordinances were adopted and direction of traffic was changed. Signage was also updated to reflect the changes. He stated that many complaints were received with regards to the changes in traffic, but the changes were made because of accidents from West Central Avenue onto Prospect Avenue. He commented that the information is reviewed on a rolling basis. The funding has been received recently and signs have been ordered, but there has been a delay in supplies because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

John Baumeister, resident, commented that since the borough is concerned with esthetics, he inquired on status of the borough vehicles and garbage trucks parked in front of borough hall without a fence around them. He commented that contractors help their neighbors when they have emergencies.

Borough Administrator Gallo stated the borough vehicles are parked on borough property in a commercial zone, but residents are parking their commercial vehicles in a residential zone. He stated that the vehicles will be moved at some point, but our vehicles are being parked in a commercial use property.

Mayor Amatorio stated that it’s not only about esthetics, but the proper observance of the zoning ordinance. He explained that without this ordinance, the code enforcement officers can write summonses to all that are in violation. The governing body passed the ordinance because of complaints received. The purpose of the ordinance is to eliminate the violations and allow the residents to park a commercial vehicle, while providing a good quality of life for their neighbors.

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Councilmembers thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished all a good night.

Councilperson Kornbluth congratulated Libby on her award and thanked her for her dedication and service.

Council President Rivera congratulated the Colombian community on celebrating their Independence Day.

Mayor Amatorio encouraged everyone to receive their vaccinations. He commented that the Borough has been successful in their efforts with 84% adults being vaccinated and 99% of seniors being vaccinated. The Borough is waiting for an update on the vaccination rate for young children. He advised everyone to stay safe and wished all a good night.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION **21-257**/Authorizing the Governing Body to Enter into Closed Executive Session to discuss:

- A. Attorney-Client Privilege
 - 1. Redevelopment
 - 2. Jo-Med Construction
- B. Personnel
 - 1. Police Department

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 Council President Rivera, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Session in the Executive Chambers at 9:57 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilperson Pascual, second by Council President Rivera, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Quinones
Borough Clerk