

**FINANCE MEETING
February 12, 2015**

A REGULAR SCHEDULED FINANCE MEETING of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt was held in the Caucus Room of the Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 8:15 P.M.

Mayor William Roseman asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Mayor Roseman, Councilmen David Stoltz, Richard Bartlett and Joseph Emerson were present. Councilmen Craig Lahullier, Robert Zimmermann and James Lenoy were absent.

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

Mayor Roseman – This meeting has been called pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law and in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting having been provided in the annual notice schedule which contained the time, date and location of the meeting, copies of which were sent and advertised in the following official newspapers of Carlstadt: The Record on January 7, 2015 and the Herald News on January 11, 2015 a copy of which is on the Bulletin Board in the Borough Hall and a copy on file in the office of the Borough Clerk.

**CONSENT AGENDA
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-39**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL ENTITLED
RANDOLPH PRODUCTS V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT AT 701 TWELFTH
STREET, BLOCK 84, LOT 1 FOR TAX YEARS 2012 THROUGH 2014.**

WHEREAS, Randolph Products has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 701 Twelfth Street and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 84, Lot 1 for tax years 2012 through 2014; and

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

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

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

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WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below.

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

- 1) The assessment for tax year 2012 to be reduced from \$900,000 to \$600,000.
- 2) The assessment for tax year 2013 to be reduced from \$1,847,500 to \$1,200,000.
- 3) The assessment for tax year 2014 to be reduced from \$1,847,500 to \$1,100,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-40

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL ENTITLED WILBUSH HOLDINGS, LLC V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT AT 40 UNIVERSAL PLACE, BLOCK 123, LOT 35 FOR TAX YEARS 2013, 2014 AND 2015.

WHEREAS, Wilbush Holdings, LLC has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 40 Universal Place and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 123, Lot 35 for tax year 2013, 2014 and 2015; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below.

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

- 1) The assessment for tax year 2013 to be reduced from \$1,985,300 to \$1,850,000.
- 2) The assessment for tax year 2014 to be reduced from \$2,239,700 to \$1,850,000.
- 3) The assessment for tax year 2015 to be set at \$1,850,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-41

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL
ENTITLED A. & M. REALTY V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT
AT 675 DELL ROAD, BLOCK 123.01, LOT 26
FOR TAX YEARS 2013 & 2014.**

WHEREAS, A. & M. Realty has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 675 Dell Road and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 123.01, Lot 26 for tax years 2013 & 2014; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below.

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

- 1) The assessment for tax year 2013 to be reduced from \$2,256,700 to \$2,050,000.
- 2) The assessment for tax year 2014 to be reduced from \$2,256,700 to \$2,050,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-42

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL ENTITLED H.S. PARK CORP. V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT AT 40 VETERANS BOULEVARD, BLOCK 125, LOT 4 FOR TAX YEARS 2009, 2010 AND 2012 THROUGH 2014.

WHEREAS, H.S. Park Corp. has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 40 Veterans Boulevard and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 125, Lot 4 for tax years 2009, 2010 and 2012 through 2014; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below.

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

- 1) The assessment for tax years 2010 and 2012 to be reduced from \$822,800 to \$650,000.
- 2) The tax appeal for tax years 2009, 2013 and 2014 to be withdrawn by Plaintiff.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-43

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL
ENTITLED SEAGIS KERO RD, LLC V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT
AT 109 KERO ROAD, BLOCK 126, LOT 35
FOR TAX YEAR 2014.**

WHEREAS, Seagis Kero Rd, LLC has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 109 Kero Road and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 126, Lot 35 for tax year 2014; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below.

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

The assessment for tax year 2014 to be reduced from \$ 5,900,000 to \$5,400,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-44

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL ENTITLED
KNICKERBOCKER BED SPRING V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT AT 770
COMMERCIAL AVENUE, BLOCK 126, LOT 77 FOR TAX YEARS 2011 THROUGH
2014.**

WHEREAS, Knickerbocker Bed Spring has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 770 Commercial Avenue and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 126, Lot 77 for tax years 2011 through 2014; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below.

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

- 1) The assessment for tax year 2011 to be reduced from \$1,510,200 to \$1,100,000.
- 2) The assessment for tax year 2012 to be reduced from \$1,510,200 to \$1,100,000.
- 3) The assessment for tax year 2013 to be reduced from \$2,800,900 to \$2,275,000.
- 4) The assessment for tax year 2014 to be reduced from \$2,800,900 to \$2,275,000.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-45

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL ENTITLED BLOOMBERG COMMUNICATIONS, INC. V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT AT BLOCK 138, LOTS 1 THROUGH 7, 9 & 10 FOR TAX YEAR 2008.

WHEREAS, Bloomberg Communications, Inc. has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 138, Lots 1 through 7, 9 & 10 for tax year 2008; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Borough Assessor, the Borough Tax Appeal Attorney and Borough Appraiser, after independent review and upon consulting with each other, jointly recommends that this matter be settled according to the terms listed below.

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

- 1) The assessment for Block 138 Lot 1 to be reduced from \$6,900 to \$5,200.
- 2) The assessment for Block 138 Lot 2 to be reduced from \$291,300 to \$221,400.
- 3) The assessment for Block 138 Lot 3 to be reduced from \$280,000 to \$204,500.
- 4) The assessment for Block 138 Lot 4 to be reduced from \$282,900 to \$207,500.
- 5) The assessment for Block 138 Lot 5 to be reduced from \$33,700 to \$25,500.
- 6) The assessment for Block 138 Lot 6 to be reduced from \$56,500 to \$42,800.
- 7) The assessment for Block 138 Lot 7 to be reduced from \$25,300 to \$19,200.
- 8) The assessment for Block 138 Lot 9 to be reduced from \$2,200 to \$1,750.
- 9) The assessment for Block 138 Lot 10 to be reduced from \$29,300 to \$22,150.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-46

WHEREAS, Pegasus Transport Service, Inc. has made application to the Borough of Carlstadt for the renewal of six (6) limousine licenses; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the applications of Pegasus Transport Service, Inc. to renew six (6) limousine licenses at 463 Barell Avenue, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 be and hereby are approved nunc pro tunc.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue the renewal of the six (6) limousine licenses at the above referenced location for the period of one year, commencing January 26, 2015 and ending on January 26, 2016 for five (5) limousine licenses and February 6, 2015 to February 6, 2016 for one (1) limousine license and a Certificate of Compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:16-14 and 16, through the period indicated on the proof of insurance as submitted with the applications.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-47

WHEREAS, Danaro Limousines, Inc. 321 Tenth Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 has made application to the Borough of Carlstadt for the renewal of ten (10) limousine licenses; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the application of Danaro Limousines, Inc., 321 Tenth Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072 for the renewal of ten (10) limousine licenses be and hereby is approved.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to renew said licenses at the above referenced location for the period of one year, commencing February 13, 2015 and ending February 13, 2016 and a Certificate of Compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 48:16-14 and 16, through the period indicated on the proof of insurance as submitted with the application.

On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Bartlett, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Roseman made a motion to approve the extension of licensed premises for Redd's Restaurant for March 8, 2014. On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD BARTLETT

He is seeking permission that the Nam Knights can use a garbage truck for their annual car show on May 3, 2015, seconded by Stoltz, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

A resident at 606 Garden Street is having their property plowed into the street and he would like to find out if we have something in our ordinance regarding this. Mayor Roseman replied we do. Mayor Roseman said to have Zoning Official Tom Cox go there and give them a warning not to push snow into the street.

COUNCILMAN DAVID STOLTZ

He mentioned that the DPW is doing a good job with getting rid of snow on the streets.

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH EMERSON

He gave a report on the lights that are out in front of the Borough Hall and on Hackensack Street. There are no bulbs left and they are on back order. The lights in the park across from Kimak's are also out and bulbs are on back order as well.

Claire Foy, Borough Clerk mentioned that Stan's Sport Center in Hoboken was the only one who submitted a bid for the 2015 Recreation Program. The other company did not reply back with a bid.

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to go into closed session at 8:30 P.M. to discuss property. On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Stoltz, the meeting unanimously went into closed session.

The meeting went back into open session at 8:35 P.M. with the following members in attendance: Mayor Roseman, Councilmen Stoltz, Bartlett and Emerson

Mayor Roseman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M. On motion by Bartlett, seconded by Stoltz, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

APPROVED: _____
WILLIAM ROSEMAN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK