

CAUCUS/FINANCE MEETING
September 2, 2020

A REGULAR CAUCUS/FINANCE MEETING of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt was held in the Council Chambers and Caucus Room of the Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, New Jersey on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Robert Zimmermann asked Claire Foy, Borough Clerk to call the roll: Mayor Robert Zimmermann, Council members David Stoltz, James Lenoy, Joseph Emerson, Suzanne Fonseca and Diane DeBiase were present. Councilman William Roseman arrived at 7:15 P.M.

Joseph Crifasi, DPW Operations Manager, Gregory Polyniak of Neglia Engineering, Robert Ceberio of RCM Ceberio LLC and Joseph Donahue, Borough Attorney were also present.

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

Mayor Zimmermann – 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 6, 2020 and the Herald News on January 6, 2020 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.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

Gregory Polyniak of Neglia Engineering read his report for the month regarding projects that are being done in the Borough of Carlstadt. A copy of his report is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

Robert Ceberio of RCM Ceberio, LLC read his report for the month regarding projects that are being done in the Borough of Carlstadt. A copy of his report is on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

Mayor Zimmermann authorized a meeting with interested parties and surrounding municipalities to discuss Storm Water Utility for the Meadowlands and the ReBuild By Design project.

Councilman Emerson inquired about the status of the American Dream Mall payments to the Borough. Mr. Ceberio informed him that the Mall was scheduled to re-open in September/October and at which time payment requirements would be triggered due to Certificate of Occupancies approved and issued.

Fire Chief Tony D'Amico asked for approval of a social distancing outside event on September 19, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. The Mayor and Council had no objection once all social distancing requirements were observed. The Fire Chief thanked the Mayor and Council and invited them to the event.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2020-178

WHEREAS, the Borough of Carlstadt received payment to redeem Tax Sale Certificate Number 2019001, 516 Fifth Street, Block 44 Lot 14 from Doreen Natale; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Bank cust for Pro Cap 8 paid a Premium in the amount of \$7,000.00 for Tax Sale Certificate Number 2019001.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Carlstadt, that Tax Sale Certificate Number 2019001 will be redeemed in the total amount of \$19,770.49 (\$12,770.49 for the Tax Sale Certificate and \$7,000.00 for the Premium).

The redemption check shall be made payable to: U.S. Bank Cust for Pro Cap 8 and shall be mailed to: US Bank cust for Pro Cap 8, 50 South 16th Street, Suite 2050, Philadelphia, PA 19102 and shall be mailed via USPS Certified Return Receipt Mail.

RESOLUTION 2020-179

WHEREAS, the Tax Court of New Jersey, County of Bergen issued a Civil Action Judgment in the tax appeal of 683-685 Broad Realty, LLC for property located at 75 Triangle Boulevard Block 125 Lot 2 as per Docket No. 001433-2019 dated 07/20/2020 reducing the 2019 property tax assessment from \$2,690,200.00 to \$2,500,000.00 and as per Docket No. 009166-2020 dated 7/20/2020 reducing the 2020 property tax assessment from \$ 2,793,400.00 to \$2,250,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the reduction in the 2019 property tax assessment is \$ 190,200.00 or \$3,490.17 in 2019 property tax and the reduction in the 2020 property tax assessment is \$543,400.00 and the property tax reduction cannot be calculated at this time as the 2020 tax rate has not been adopted yet.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt authorize the refund of \$3,490.17 and the Tax Collector shall adjust his books accordingly.

When the 2020 tax rate is adopted another Resolution shall be prepared to refund the overpayment for 2020. Should the 2020 reduction be adjusted on the Borough of Carlstadt Tax Levy for this property then no refund Resolution shall be required.

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

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

The refund shall be made payable to: "Irwin & Heinze, P.A. Attorney Trust Account" and shall be mailed to Amber N. Heinze, Esq., 383 Main Street, Suite 101, Chatham, New Jersey 07928.

**RESOLUTION 2020-180
AWARD OF CONTRACT**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey upon the recommendation of Neglia Engineering Associates that the Contract for:

**STREET TREE INSTALLATIONS
BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT, BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

be awarded to Downes Tree Service Co., Inc., 65 Royal Avenue, Hawthorne, New Jersey 07506 for the quote amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Zero Cents (\$35,625.00) which represents the Base Bid (50 trees) and Alternate Bid A (25 trees) being the lowest of two quotes submitted (of the three quotes requested) per the August 13, 2020 solicitation for this project. This Resolution to take effect upon certification of this Resolution by the Borough Treasurer that sufficient funds are available.

RESOLUTION 2020-181

WHEREAS, it is upon the advice and recommendation of the Borough Counsel, Tax Assessor, Special Tax Appeal Counsel, Appraisal and Financial Consultants to seek formal approval of the here within settlement as follows:

The Property is located as follows:

Block 124, Lot 46 194 Veterans Blvd.

As noted on the Borough Tax Map and owned by Plaintiff, I & G Direct Real Estate, 32D, LP, c/o Jones Lang LaSalle.

The within Resolution relates to the settlement of the pending tax appeal matter entitled I & G Direct Real Estate, 32D, LP, c/o Jones Lang LaSalle v. Borough of Carlstadt, filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Nos.002291-2017; 000758-2018; 000735-2019.

The proposed settlement terms and conditions related to this matter are noted on the attached Stipulation of Settlement.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Counsel of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Tax Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to further prepare, execute any and all documents necessary in order to facilitate the further processing for the above stated tax appeal settlement, with copies of same to the Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Borough Tax Collector and Borough Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-182

WHEREAS, it is upon the advice and recommendation of the Borough Counsel, Tax Assessor, Special Tax Appeal Counsel, Appraisal and Financial Consultants to seek formal approval of the here within settlement as follows:

The Property is located as follows:

Block 124, Lot 48 425 Gotham Parkway

- As noted on the Borough Tax Map and owned by Plaintiff, I & G Direct Real Estate 32A, LP.
- The within Resolution relates to the settlement of the pending tax appeal matter entitled I & G Direct Real Estate 32A, LP v. Borough of Carlstadt, filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Nos.002562-2017; 000756-2018; 000728-2019.
- The proposed settlement terms and conditions related to this matter are noted on the attached Stipulation of Settlement.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Counsel of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Tax Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to further prepare, execute any and all documents necessary in order to facilitate the further processing for the above stated tax appeal settlement, with copies of same to the Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Borough Tax Collector and Borough Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-183

WHEREAS, it is upon the advice and recommendation of the Borough Counsel, Tax Assessor, Special Tax Appeal Counsel, Appraisal and Financial Consultants to seek formal approval of the here within settlement as follows:

The Property is located as follows:

Block 124, Lot 49 325 Gotham Parkway

- As noted on the Borough Tax Map and owned by Plaintiff, I & G Direct Real Estate 32, LP.
- The within Resolution relates to the settlement of the pending tax appeal matter entitled I & G Direct Real Estate 32, LP v. Borough of Carlstadt, filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Nos.002576-2017; 000746-2018; 000726-2019.
- The proposed settlement terms and conditions related to this matter are noted on the attached Stipulation of Settlement.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Counsel of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Tax Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to further prepare, execute any and all documents necessary in order to facilitate the further processing for the above stated tax appeal settlement, with copies of same to the Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Borough Tax Collector and Borough Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-184

WHEREAS, it is upon the advice and recommendation of the Borough Counsel, Tax Assessor, Special Tax Appeal Counsel, Appraisal and Financial Consultants to seek formal approval of the here within settlement as follows:

The Property is located as follows:

Block 126, Lot 1 521 Gotham Parkway

- As noted on the Borough Tax Map and owned by Plaintiff, I & G Direct Real Estate 32B.

- The within Resolution relates to the settlement of the pending tax appeal matter entitled I & G Direct Real Estate 32B v. Borough of Carlstadt, filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Nos. 002280-2017; 000712-2018; 000730-2019.
- The proposed settlement terms and conditions related to this matter are noted on the attached Stipulation of Settlement.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Counsel of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Tax Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to further prepare, execute any and all documents necessary in order to facilitate the further processing for the above stated tax appeal settlement, with copies of same to the Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Borough Tax Collector and Borough Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-185

WHEREAS, it is upon the advice and recommendation of the Borough Counsel, Tax Assessor, Special Tax Appeal Counsel, Appraisal and Financial Consultants to seek formal approval of the here within settlement as follows:

The Property is located as follows:

Block 126, Lot 3 320 Veterans Boulevard

- As noted on the Borough Tax Map and owned by Plaintiff, I & G Direct Real Estate 32F, LP.
- The within Resolution relates to the settlement of the pending tax appeal matter entitled I & G Direct Real Estate 32F, LP v. Borough of Carlstadt, filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Nos. 002296-2017; 000753-2018; 000749-2019.
- The proposed settlement terms and conditions related to this matter are noted on the attached Stipulation of Settlement.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Counsel of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Tax Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to further prepare, execute any and all

documents necessary in order to facilitate the further processing for the above stated tax appeal settlement, with copies of same to the Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Borough Tax Collector and Borough Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-186

WHEREAS, it is upon the advice and recommendation of the Borough Counsel, Tax Assessor, Special Tax Appeal Counsel, Appraisal and Financial Consultants to seek formal approval of the here within settlement as follows:

The Property is located as follows:

Block 126, Lot 12 70 Triangle Boulevard

- As noted on the Borough Tax Map and owned by Plaintiff, 70 Triangle Associates, LLC.
- The within Resolution relates to the settlement of the pending tax appeal matter entitled 70 Triangle Associates LLC v. Borough of Carlstadt, filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Nos.003714-2017; 000518-2018; 000624-2019.
- The proposed settlement terms and conditions related to this matter are noted on the attached Stipulation of Settlement.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Counsel of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Tax Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to further prepare, execute any and all documents necessary in order to facilitate the further processing for the above stated tax appeal settlement, with copies of same to the Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Borough Tax Collector and Borough Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-187

WHEREAS, it is upon the advice and recommendation of the Borough Counsel, Tax Assessor, Special Tax Appeal Counsel, Appraisal and Financial Consultants to seek formal approval of the here within settlement as follows:

The Property is located as follows:

Block 126, Lot 64 599 Gotham Parkway

- As noted on the Borough Tax Map and owned by Plaintiff, I & G Direct Real Estate 32C.
- The within Resolution relates to the settlement of the pending tax appeal matter entitled I & G Direct Real Estate 32C v. Borough of Carlstadt, filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Nos.002288-2017 and 000727-2018.
- The proposed settlement terms and conditions related to this matter are noted on the attached Stipulation of Settlement.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Counsel of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Tax Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to further prepare, execute any and all documents necessary in order to facilitate the further processing for the above stated tax appeal settlement, with copies of same to the Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Borough Tax Collector and Borough Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-188

WHEREAS, it is upon the advice and recommendation of the Borough Counsel, Tax Assessor, Special Tax Appeal Counsel, Appraisal and Financial Consultants to seek formal approval of the here within settlement as follows:

The Property is located as follows:

Block 126, Lot 4	Veterans Blvd.
Block 126, Lot 5	193 Veterans Blvd.

- As noted on the Borough Tax Map and owned by Plaintiff, I & G Direct Real Estate 32D, LP.
- The within Resolution relates to the settlement of the pending tax appeal matter entitled I & G Direct Real Estate 32D, LP v. Borough of Carlstadt, filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Nos.002585-2017; 000711-2018; 000744-2019.
- The proposed settlement terms and conditions related to this matter are noted on the attached Stipulation of Settlement.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Counsel of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Tax Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to further prepare, execute any and all documents necessary in order to facilitate the further processing for the above stated tax appeal settlement, with copies of same to the Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Borough Tax Collector and Borough Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-189

WHEREAS, it is upon the advice and recommendation of the Borough Counsel, Tax Assessor, Special Tax Appeal Counsel, Appraisal and Financial Consultants to seek formal approval of the here within settlement as follows:

The Property is located as follows:

Block 129 Lot 7 A Street HM
Block 130 Lot 19 A Street St. HM

- As noted on the Borough Tax Map and owned by Plaintiff, Avenue A Associates/Hanna Frank.
- The within Resolution relates to the settlement of the pending tax appeal matter entitled Avenue A Associates/Hanna Frank v. Borough of Carlstadt, filed in the Tax Court of New Jersey under Docket Nos.003703-2017; 000723-2018; 000693-2019.
- The proposed settlement terms and conditions related to this matter is noted on the attached Stipulation of Settlement.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough to approve the proposed settlement to avoid the cost and uncertainty of litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor & Counsel of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that the Borough Tax Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to further prepare, execute any and all documents necessary in order to facilitate the further processing for the above stated tax appeal settlement, with copies of same to the Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney, Borough Tax Collector and Borough Tax Assessor.

RESOLUTION 2020-190
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF TAX APPEAL
ENTITLED R&R REALTY CO. V. BOROUGH OF CARLSTADT
AT 219 BROAD STREET, BLOCK 99, LOT 2 HM
FOR TAX YEARS 2015 THROUGH 2018.

WHEREAS, R&R Realty Co. has filed action with the Tax Court of New Jersey against the Borough of Carlstadt challenging the tax assessed against property located at 219 Broad Street and identified on the Borough's tax maps as Block 99, Lot 2 HM for tax years 2015 through 2018; 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 2015 & 2016 to be reduced from \$1,663,300 to \$1,100,000.
- 2) The assessment for tax years 2017 & 2018 to remain unchanged.

RESOLUTION 2020-191
RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL BUDGET FOR THE
FIRM OF REMINGTON VERNICK IN CONNECTION WITH
PREPARATION OF COAH DOCUMENTS

WHEREAS, the Governing Body previously retained the firm of Remington & Vernick, 232 Kings Highway East, Haddonfield, NJ 08083, to prepare the Borough's COAH Housing Element and Fair Share Plan with an original budget not to exceed \$22,800.00; and

WHEREAS, the original budget was expanded in May 2016 to include an additional \$4,960.00, in August 2017 to include an additional \$5,000.00, in November 2017 to include an additional \$5,200.00 and in July 2018 to include an additional \$5,400.00 for completion of documents related to the borough's on-going court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, the original and extended budgets as approved have been exhausted, but additional work is required by way finalizing and presenting the final documents and there also remains the potential for the need to participate in on-going court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated February 4, 2019, Remington & Vernick outlined the work completed and reported work that remains to be completed together with a request for an additional amount of \$5,500.00 to be budgeted for the finalization and presentation of the documents; and

WHEREAS, by letter received February 18, 2020, Remington & Vernick outlined the work that needs to be done for an additional amount of \$8,000.00; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated August 11, 2020 Remington & Vernick outlined the work that needs to be done for an additional amount of \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is desirous of Remington & Vernick fulfilling the original purpose of its retention with regard to preparation of the Borough's COAH Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available to pay the anticipated amount of the compensation, fees and disbursement for these services.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, Bergen County, New Jersey, hereby authorizes and approves the increased budget amount of \$10,000.00 to Remington & Vernick for such purposes;

Certification as to the availability of funds:

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The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer hereby certifies that sufficient funds are available to pay the anticipated amount of the fees and disbursement for these services.

RESOLUTION 2020-192

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Carlstadt, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Borough Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Carlstadt Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year 2021 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$	3,126.15
Cash Match	\$	781.54
In Kind	\$	2,344.61

2. The Borough Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance audit requirements.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

On motion by Emerson, seconded by DeBiase. Councilmembers Stoltz, Lenoy, Emerson and DeBiase voted yes. Councilmember Fonseca voted yes but abstained on Resolution 2020-178 and Councilman Roseman was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS, NEW BUSINESS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve the Open and Closed Session minutes of 8/19/2020 Caucus/Council Meeting.

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

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to table the salary Ordinance No. 20-3 due to ongoing circumstances (COVID-19 Pandemic.)

On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Zimmermann and the Council accepted with regrets the resignation letter of Mirna Lopez as a Crossing Guard of twenty-eight years.

On motion by Lenoy, seconded by Fonseca, unanimous on call of roll of those present.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to purchase a plaque in recognition of Mirna Lopez's twenty-eight years of service.

On motion by Lenoy, seconded by Fonseca, unanimous on call of roll.

Mayor Zimmermann asked if anyone had other matters to discuss.

COUNCILMAN JOSEPH EMERSON

He informed the Mayor and Council that the Carlstadt Soccer League would start its season on September 11, 2020 and the Pee Wee League would start on September 12, 2020. He thanked the coaches and all involved in organizing the season in compliance with the COVID-19 guidelines and requirements.

The Football League season is scheduled to start on October 3, 2020. He also thanked all involved in organizing the start of the season.

COUNCILMAN DAVID STOLTZ

He informed the Mayor and Council that the Recycling Poster winners were chosen. He asked how the awards should be presented. Mayor Zimmermann decided they should be mailed to the winners.

COUNCILWOMAN DIANE DeBIASE

She had nothing to discuss at this time.

COUNCILWOMAN SUZANNE FONSECA

She had nothing to discuss at this time.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAM ROSEMAN

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

COUNCILMAN JAMES LENOY

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

BOROUGH ATTORNEY, JOSEPH DONAHUE

He had nothing to discuss at this time.

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BOROUGH CLERK, CLAIRE FOY

She had nothing to discuss at this time.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to open the floor to a hearing of citizens.

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

Mayor Zimmermann asked if any citizens were present to speak at this time.

Joseph Crifasi, DPW Operations Manager introduced Paulette, a Zumba instructor who is interested in offering classes in Carlstadt. She currently offers classes in East Rutherford. There would initially be a \$5.00 donation per person and then sometime to be determined in the future, a \$10.00 charge.

Councilman Roseman suggested the Borough of Carlstadt cover the cost for Carlstadt residents.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to allow Zumba classes in the 9/11 Memorial Park.

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

Joseph Crifasi further discussed the following with the Mayor and Council:

1. The details for the 9/11 Annual Memorial Ceremony at the Village Green on September 11, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. Reverend Pitches will be attending. He will also contact the CVAC and Fire and Police Departments to confirm their involvement.

2. Two outdoor social distancing concerts have been finalized with CliffHanger Productions, Inc. for September 23, 2020 and October 14, 2020 with rain dates if needed.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to accept the contract with CliffHanger Productions, Inc. On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll.

3. Borough Hall will resume regular hours on Tuesday September 8, 2020 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. with regular lunch hours. It will also re-open to the public. The front doors will remain open, there will be mandatory temperature checks for all entering the building, a hand sanitizing stand and free masks will be provided.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve re-opening of Borough Hall on September 8, 2020 and the resuming of normal hours of operation.

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

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to close the floor to a hearing of citizens.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING ACT
RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Governing Body of the Borough of Carlstadt to conduct an executive session closed to the public in order to discuss one or more of the following subjects: personnel and property.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Carlstadt hereby moves to go into executive session in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et. Seq. for the purpose of discussing one or more of the following subjects: personnel and property.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public will be informed either later this evening after reconvening the public meeting or at a future public meeting said date is not predictable at the present time.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in and minutes of the closed session shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to go into closed session at 7:30 P.M. On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll.

On motion by Stoltz, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll, the meeting went back into open session at 8:37 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Zimmermann thanked the Police Negotiating Committee for its work in finalizing the new Police contract especially for adding the addendum to protect the tax payers and residents during any time of economic downturn.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve the new Police contract.
On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll.

Councilman Emerson also wanted to thank the Police Negotiating Committee for their work especially with the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to approve the new pay periods for 2021 for all Borough employees. Pay periods in 2021 will be bi-monthly; everyone will be paid on the 15th and the 30th of each month. The first check will be issued on January 15, 2021. This new schedule will also save payroll fees paid by the Borough.
On motion by Emerson, seconded by Lenoy, unanimous on call of roll.

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Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to appoint Karl Ross as Recreation Advisor on the Recreation Committee for the unexpired term through December 31, 2020.

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

Mayor Zimmermann entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

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

APPROVED: _____
ROBERT J. ZIMMERMANN, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
CLAIRE FOY, BOROUGH CLERK