



# BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT

## MAYOR & COUNCIL

MINUTES • DECEMBER 15, 2022

Regular Meeting

Clement V. Sommers Municipal Building

7:00 PM

910 Oceanport Way, Oceanport, NJ 07757

- I. **Call to Order:** Mayor Coffey called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
- II. **Statement of Compliance with Open Public Meetings Act:** This meeting complies with the Open Public Meetings Act by adequate and electronic notification on January 5, 2022 of this meeting and its location, date and time to the Asbury Park Press and Two River Times and by the posting of same on the municipal bulletin board and Borough's Web Site.
- III. **Flag Salute:** Mayor Coffey led attendees and the members of Council in the flag salute.
- IV. **Roll Call:**

| Attendee Name        | Title                   | Status  | Arrived |
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| Jay Coffey           | Mayor                   | Present |         |
| William Deerin       | Councilman              | Present |         |
| Richard Gallo        | Councilman              | Present |         |
| Bryan Keeshen        | Councilman              | Present |         |
| Michael O'Brien      | Councilman              | Present |         |
| Thomas Tvrdik        | Councilman              | Present |         |
| Meghan Walker        | Councilwoman            | Present |         |
| Jeanne Smith         | Borough Clerk           | Present |         |
| Scott Arnette        | Board Attorney          | Present |         |
| Donna M. Phelps      | Administrator           | Present |         |
| Catherine D. LaPorta | Chief Financial Officer | Present |         |

- V. **Administrators Report:** Ms. Phelps reported on items including Sea Bright's request to extend the Shared Service Agreement for Court Services for another year; receipt of \$37,000 from the American Rescue Plan Firefighters' Grant – Chief is working on securing washer and dryer for turnout gear; notice of intent issued to the EPA that the Borough will be applying for the Solid Waste Infrastructure for recycling grant program which is due Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>; she is also working on submittal for a Local Recreation Improvement Grant through the State for 2023 which has a maximum award of \$100,000 and will need a resolution to authorize the grant application for January meeting, she discussed proposed improvements for Trinity Park including an outdoor gym, additional parking and sought input concerning whether to redo the basketball court. Councilman Deerin commented that the Recreation Committee was not in favor of the outdoor exercise because they don't feel people will use it and potential liability, but would like to upgrade the basketball court and playground equipment being that is a pocket park. Councilman Tvrdik commented that remove the tennis court, increase the parking, perhaps a walking trail like Charles Park. Mayor Coffey commented take the tennis court and make one basketball court. Ms. Phelps further reported the Borough received an award notice from DOT granting \$219,420 toward the Comanche Ave improvement project, the previous year award was \$150,000; application to the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund for reimbursement of the Borough's contract with Preferred Behavioral Group in the amount of \$3,700. Ms. Phelps also took the opportunity to say it was a pleasure to work with Council President Walker and she will miss her as a member of the governing body. She also thanked the Mayor and Council and all of the Borough's employees for the many accomplishments of 2022 including the impressive turf fields, completion of the improvements to Community Center Park, new pickleball courts, renovations of the Old Wharf House, upkeep of the parks and fields just to name a few and concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy, safe and prosperous year.
- VI. **Clerk's Report:** Ms. Smith extended her appreciation to Council President Walker for her service the last 3 years, its been a pleasure working with her and looks forward to her staying involved next year possibly volunteering for the Environmental Commission.
1. Borough By-Laws – Ms. Smith brought up discussion on a topic presented by a member of the public at the last meeting concerning the an additional Public Comment for agenda items at the beginning of meetings. This would require an amendment to the Borough's by-laws which are usually adopted at Reorganization on January 1<sup>st</sup>. She sought feedback from the Council on whether or not to prepare an amendment for the upcoming Reorganization meeting. Discussion ensued on what to amend including the addition of a public comment section at beginning of the meeting and add a workshop agenda section.

**VII. Consent Agenda:**

- #2022-231** 1. Resolution authorizing payment of BILL LIST 12-15-2022
- #2022-232** 2. Resolution authorizing Tax Sale Redemption #22-00002
- #2022-233** 3. Resolution authorizing Tax Sale Redemption #22-00005
- #2022-234** 4. Resolution authorizing Tax Sale Redemption #22-00001
- #2022-235** 5. Resolution cancelling capital grant balances
- #2022-236** 6. Resolution setting the fees for Oceanport Historical Book
- #2022-237** 7. Resolution confirming Mayor's appointment of Acting Construction Official
- #2022-238** 8. Resolution authorizing purchase of vehicle for OEM Dept through State Contract
- #2022-239** 9. Resolution authorizing purchase & installation of emergency equipment through State Contract
- #2022-240** 10. Resolution authorizing purchase & installation of lightbar equipment through State Contract
- #2022-241** 11. Resolution authorizing agreement with Fort Partners Group for added assessment payments
- #2022-242** 12. Resolution renewing SCAT agreement with Monmouth County for 2023
- #2022-243** 13. Resolution approving Spill Plan for Municipal Complex
- #2022-244** 14. Resolution amending 2022 Salary Resolution
- #2022-245** 15. Resolution to amend 2022 budget for Firefighters Grant
- #2022-246** 16. Resolution authorizing an Agreement with MCSPCA for Animal Control Services 2023
- 17. Approval of Fire Membership Application, Schmid, Daniel

**RESULT:** **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Meghan Walker, Councilwoman  
**SECONDER:** William Deerin, Councilman  
**AYES:** Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

**VIII. Minutes:**

1. Mayor & Council - Workshop - Jul 26, 2022 7:00 PM

**RESULT:** **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** William Deerin, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Michael O'Brien, Councilman  
**AYES:** Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

2. Mayor & Council - Workshop - Oct 6, 2022 7:00 PM

**RESULT:** **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** William Deerin, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Michael O'Brien, Councilman  
**AYES:** Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

3. Mayor & Council - Regular Meeting - Oct 20, 2022 7:00 PM

**RESULT:** **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Richard Gallo, Councilman  
**AYES:** Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

4. Mayor & Council - Workshop - Nov 3, 2022 7:00 PM

**RESULT:** **ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**  
**MOVER:** Meghan Walker, Councilwoman  
**SECONDER:** Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman  
**AYES:** Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

## 5. Mayor &amp; Council - Regular Meeting - Nov 3, 2022 7:30 PM

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | William Deerin, Councilman                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Richard Gallo, Councilman                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker |

## IX. Resolutions:

## #2022-247 Resolution authorizing 2022 budget appropriation transfers

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Bryan Keeshen, Councilman                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael O'Brien, Councilman                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker |

## #2022-248 Resolution authorizing purchase of fire dept equipment through State Contract

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | William Deerin, Councilman                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bryan Keeshen, Councilman                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker |

## #2022-249 Resolution authorizing the purchase of golf car for DPW

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Richard Gallo, Councilman                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bryan Keeshen, Councilman                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker |

## #2022-250 Resolution cancelling purchase authorization for leaf vacuum

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | William Deerin, Councilman                      |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bryan Keeshen, Councilman                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker |

## #2022-251 Resolution authorizing purchase of a brush chipper

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Richard Gallo, Councilman                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Thomas Tvrdek, Councilman                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdek, Walker |

## #2022-252 Resolution for Reduction in Guarantees for Martelli Development (222 Monmouth Blvd)

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [5 TO 0]</b>                 |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Bryan Keeshen, Councilman               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael O'Brien, Councilman             |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Walker |
| <b>ABSTAIN:</b>  | Tvrdek                                  |

**#2022-253** Resolution for Reduction in Guarantees for Martelli Development (282 E. Main St)

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [5 TO 0]  
**MOVER:** Bryan Keeshen, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** William Deerin, Councilman  
**AYES:** Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Walker  
**ABSTAIN:** Tvrdik

**#2022-254** Resolution awarding contract for Engineering Services related to FMERA MOU for building demolition

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Bryan Keeshen, Councilman  
**AYES:** Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

**#2022-255** Resolution Approving Issuance of Liquor License for Fort Monmouth Business Center LLC - *Added on Late*

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Michael O'Brien, Councilman  
**AYES:** Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

**#2022-256** Resolution accepting resignation of Glenn Mannino - *Added on Late*

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Bryan Keeshen, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Meghan Walker, Councilwoman  
**AYES:** Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

**X. Second Reading & Public Hearing Ordinances:****#1062** An Ordinance Establishing Salary Ranges for Various Positions

Councilman Tvrdik called for the 2nd reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance establishing salary ranges for field use coordinator and UCC inspectors and asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication of the proposed ordinance by title only **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY SETTING THE SALARY RANGES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICERS AND BOROUGH EMPLOYEES PASSED AND APPROVED MARCH 16, 1939 AND LAST REVISED AND APPROVED ON JUNE 16, 2022"** was published one time in the Two River Times on November 17, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting for public comment for this ordinance. As no one from the public presented to be heard, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman O'Brien and seconded by Council President Walker.

Councilman Tvrdik made a motion to adopt the ordinance and advertise in accordance with law, which was seconded by Councilman O'Brien

**RESULT:** ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman  
**SECONDER:** Michael O'Brien, Councilman  
**AYES:** Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker

**#1063** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 78 "Police Department" Appropriate Authority

Councilman Tvrdik called for the 2nd reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance and amending Police Department Appropriate Authority and asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication of the proposed ordinance by title only **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AMENDING CHAPTER 78 "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AMENDING SECTION TWO "APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY"** was published one time in the Two River Times on November 17, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting for public comment for this ordinance. As no one from the public presented to be heard, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman O'Brien and seconded by Councilman Keeshen.

Councilman Tvrdik made a motion to adopt the ordinance and advertise in accordance with law, which was seconded by Council President Walker.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Meghan Walker, Councilwoman                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker |

**#1064** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 158 'Business Licensing' to Require Liability Insurance

Councilman Tvrdik called for the 2nd reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance and amending Police Department Appropriate Authority and asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication of the proposed ordinance by title only **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 158 "BUSINESS LICENSING" OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT TO IMPLEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW JERSEY ACT REQUIRING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR BUSINESS OWNERS AND RENTAL UNIT OWNERS PURSUANT WITH TITLE 40A OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES"** was published one time in the Two River Times on December 8, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting for public comment for this ordinance. As no one from the public presented to be heard, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Deerin and seconded by Councilman O'Brien.

Councilman Tvrdik made a motion to adopt the ordinance and advertise in accordance with law, which was seconded by Councilman Keeshen.

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| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Bryan Keeshen, Councilman                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker |

**#1065** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 295 Article V Requirements for Landlord Registrations

Councilman Tvrdik called for the 2nd reading and Public Hearing of an ordinance and amending Police Department Appropriate Authority and asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication of the proposed ordinance by title only **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 295 SECTIONS 21, 22, 25 CONCERNING LANDLORD REGISTRATION OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT TO IMPLEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE NEW JERSEY ACT REQUIRING LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR RENTAL UNIT OWNERS PURSUANT WITH P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 92 and N.J.S.A. 40A:10A-1 and 40A:10A-2"** was published one time in the Two River Times on December 8, 2022.

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Coffey opened the meeting for public comment for this ordinance. As no one from the public presented to be heard, the public hearing was closed on a motion by Councilman Deerin and seconded by Councilman Keeshen.

Councilman Tvrdik made a motion to adopt the ordinance and advertise in accordance with law, which was seconded by Council President Walker.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Thomas Tvrdik, Councilman                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Meghan Walker, Councilwoman                     |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Deerin, Gallo, Keeshen, O'Brien, Tvrdik, Walker |

**XI. Committee Reports:**

1. Councilman Deerin, Parks & Recreation – thanked everyone for the successes this year – new pickleball courts, fencing for tennis courts, turf fields, regarding of baseball fields, new dug outs and safety netting. He thanked the Recreation Committee for all the activities held during the year – all of which take a lot of work and thanked all the committee members – Jay Silverman, Jackie Patterson, Lexis Hetzel, Joanne Hunt, Greg Lockwood, Beth Watkins, Dave Walker and Debbie Peterson. He gave special thanks to Donna, Jeanne and Katie for all their behind the scenes work to put this stuff together, as well as Public Works efforts to maintain. He thanked Council President Walker on her time served and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

2. Councilman Gallo, Public Works & Engineering – advised that leaf collection was winding down and thanked Public Works for great job; preparations for snow season are in place, thanked Brian Trivett and John Carroll for their work replacing certain street lights on Main St.; thanked Councilwoman Walker for her years on Council and wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.
3. Councilman Keeshen, Public Safety – thanked all volunteers and their families for continued service – Fire, First Aid, Police; reminded public that fund drives are underway and gifts are appreciated; thanked Councilwoman Walker for time working with her on Public Safety and that she would be greatly missed.
4. Councilman O'Brien, Finance & Administration – much was accomplished this year; thanked Councilwoman Walker for her service; thanked Katie, Donna and Jeanne for their assistance – they keep the Borough working and running well; thanks to the Public Works Department and countless others that make this town what it is; noted the loss of volunteer Frank Barricelli – a tremendous loss to the town and thanked the Oceanport Historical Committee for their accomplishments and documentation of all the successes and small failure since the start and the next hundred years will be even better and holiday wishes to all.
5. Councilman Tvrdik, Planning & Development – Planning Board held 17 meetings, 34 applications, 37 hours of meeting time and thanked all the members of the Board as well as Ms. Smith and her staff and the Board's professionals; summarized some of the larger development applications including the warehouse district, Barker's Circle, Caesar's Entertainment addition at Monmouth Park, capital presentation of Maria Gatta Park Improvements and thanked Councilwoman Walker for her years of service and looks forward to working with her in the future. Closed with holiday wishes to everyone.
6. Councilwoman Walker, Health & Human Services – Mayor Coffey reserved this item for after his report.

**XII. Mayor Coffey's Report:** Mayor Coffey advised the public that there would be an important FMERA meeting on 12/21 that will cover the remainder of development at the Fort and encouraged attendance. He also announced the availability of the Historical Committee's completed book "Oceanport – A Great Place to Live" a compilation of the town's history in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> centennial of the borough. Mayor Coffey further commented on the incredible last 3 years that had been had, the thought that he wasn't going to run again until two younger people, Tom Tvrdik and Meghan Walker decided to run that year, how they coalesced with the current members and contributed greatly to the many accomplishments made over the 3 years. Everyone at the dais has the best interest of Oceanport in mind and has brought Oceanport out of 1978 and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He further praised the service of Councilwoman Walker whose term would be ending on December 31, 2023 including her work on the Environmental Commission and liaison to the schools, and helped Oceanport change for the better then it was 3 years ago.

Council President Walker gave her final report for 2023, reflecting on the improvements in police, fire, first aid – better training than before, one of the best and most proactive public works department, OEM gold standard and noted the physical improvements around town with the new borough hall, new old wharf house and new school improvements, Maria Gatta Park. When she joined Council though it was not for the physical improvements but to change the tenor of the relationships on Council, between the governing body and the public and Council as well a long list of entities with staff, first responders, volunteers and various committees to repair those relationships and rebuild respect. The truth is that each one of us individually by ourselves is powerless to affect any kind of real change without working together as a team with a base of trust, dignity, grace, space to learn and develop. Anyone who comes in a fresh term as a newly elected council person with guns blazing, hurling insults at the ones they have to sit at the table with, making grandiose claims about what that person will get done on their own will have a rude awakening. It's simply not how government or team or this team works to accomplish so much together. While disappointed that she will not serve another term with all of them, she has faith that they will band together and continue to do the hard work they have before with no doubt that each of one of them is in it for the right reasons and not for self-serving interest but to serve with their time and talents. She shared her gratitude with the Mayor and Council and thanked them for their hard work on behalf of the town and for being great teammates. She closed wishing them all in the new year the spirit of teamwork, humility, mutual respect and compromise – don't let anything disrupt it.

**XIII. Petitions from the public:** Mayor Coffey opened the meeting to petitions from the public.

Jill Curran, 25 Russel Ave, it was a pleasure working with Councilwoman Walker, and they are appearing on behalf of the residents at East Gate on the board. She commented that they have had issues, which has been greatly assisted by Councilman Tvrdik and Mayor Coffey. The issues continue as the construction of the new development impacts their homes and has brought other residents tonight to speak to same.

Liz Rizzolo, 5 Russel Ave, commented at length on issues with trucks idling, Carty Ave closed by water company with no notice, a major tractor trailer coming down through the private alley, Verizon closure of part of Carty without notice, one resident whose vehicle was sideswiped by a construction vehicle, nail on a resident's porch from a nail gun, tractor trailers going wrong way and disregard for traffic signs, dirty construction, she cannot continue to live like this and challenged the Council as to what they will do to address it. She also doesn't see any police officers enforcing the construction start times. She added that she wished they would open Allen Ave to alleviate some of the construction traffic. She is also working on an assessment of the street signs with Ms. Curran.

Ann Solecki, 1 Russel Ave, stated she was in agreement with the prior comments but also wanted to bring attention to the lack of communication between 3 different parties with 3 sites under construction; their taxes say they are not in construction zone; how can

the town help them – do they go to the County, the State, the news media. She respectfully asked for the Council's plan to address their concerns as their quality of life has been impacted.

Mary Jo Balve, 2 Carty Ave, also lives in that area at the corner of Barton and Carty and just that day Verizon was tearing up their front lawn to install pipes and when she asked them to wait,, ignored her and continued; trucks entered via the NJCU direction, they come on Sunday night and idle all night. She also expressed concern that emergency response wouldn't know how or where to go to respond.

Paula Rizzo, 6 Carty Ave, spoke to the issues related to traffic, the road closures, construction vehicles and the paths which they use to enter the construction sites, that tractor trailers come down their road and the road is too narrow and they can't turnaround so they are backing up on the roadway, street sign was knocked down and she had it on footage and shouldn't have to report to the police and urged Council to do something about it.

David Martocci, 16 Carty Ave, commented on the numerous starts before 7 AM and expressed concern for the noise issues, the open houses being held, the trucks and workers are parking on Carty so no spaces for the residents, it's a free-for-all and no oversight or management of the construction sites.

Elke Merze, 23 Russel Ave, thanked the Mayor and Council, for working with them on the ongoing issues but wanted to follow up on a prior comment she had made concerning the Somerset construction and commented at length on the traffic, using the alley the wrong way and there's a concern for how traffic will look like when all is said and done, the concern with all the roads being one-way, the road widths being narrow lends to the design for a one-way. At the Planning Board hearing for Somerset an agreement was made to widen Carty, by about 6", and expressed concerns that minimum requirements weren't being met for spaces being so tight and feels very uneasy about their street and the parking that has been provided. Councilman Tvrdik responded with the events with the Planning Board and their request that the developer add additional parking and widen the street. The developer's plan had already met the requirements but the Board requested additional parking and the developer agreed. There was a lengthy discussion about parking on Carty, one-way direction designation, jurisdiction and traffic control, that the public understood that the widening of the roadway was to provide for parking on both sides of Carty per the Planning Board approval. In the end, the decision was made by FMERA and the developer not to provide parking on the 2<sup>nd</sup> side of Carty and should remain a one-way.

Paula Rizzo, 6 Carty Ave, re-appeared, stated she was at every Planning Board meeting and it was agreed that they would widen the road with parking on both sides with no discussion on the traffic pattern of one-way or not.

Discussion continued on the topic of parking and traffic patterns with Ms. Merze, Ms. Rizzo and Ms. Rizzolo, the Planning Board hearings, the Borough's lack of jurisdiction on some of the roadways such as Signal, Carty and Barton and FMERA's determination that they did not approve the additional spaces at this time and outside factors limit the Borough's involvement. It was decided that there would be fact gathering and set up a meeting to discuss further.

Mary Jo Balve reappeared and asked how do they resolve the immediate concern of the idling of the trucks on Barton Ave. Mayor Coffey responded that he was in the midst of notifying the Chief of Police to bring to their attention and address the issues on Barton and the Allen Ave gate.

Chris Curran, 25 Russel Ave, asked that the Borough have a representative from the Quads at the meeting when its held.

As no one else from the public appeared, Mayor Coffey closed that portion of the meeting.

**XIV. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM on a motion by Councilwoman Walker, seconded by Councilman O'Brien and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Smith  
BOROUGH CLERK