

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**Thursday, January 21, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Due to the current situation involving the COVID-19 pandemic, the regular session meeting of the Mayor and Council was held remotely. The meeting was accessible by telephone, by dialing one of the numbers listed below and entering the meeting ID number 987 6261 1607.

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**PRESENT:** Council Members Sohmer, Yoon (Via Teleconference), Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri

**ABSENT:** Mayor Sokolich

**ALSO PRESENT:** Al Restaino, Borough Administrator  
Evelyn Rosario, Borough Clerk  
J. Sheldon Cohen, Borough Attorney

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

In accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 adequate notice informing the public of the time and place of this meeting was duly published in the Record issue of December 22, 2020 and the Jersey Journal and Star Ledger issues of December 24, 2020. Said notice was also posted on the Borough Hall bulletin board, and on the outside door of Borough Hall and the Borough website.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“Good evening everybody and welcome to our January 21<sup>st</sup> regular meeting. The Mayor has a previous engagement that he could not postpone, so I am sitting in for him tonight. I am happy to be up here with the support of my colleagues. As far as the Mayors announcements it is going to be brief. We were asked to announce that the Fred T. Korematsu day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution in the Borough will be aired on YouTube on Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM, eastern time. And on Tak and Carol Furumoto YouTube Channel. Tak and Carol are residents of the Borough and will be providing the opening and closing remarks on that day. We honored them last year and we are looking forward to another day of remembrance and celebration.”

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**

**ORD. #2021-1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 42, ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, SECTION 2, COMPOSITION, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE (Public Hearing February 18, 2021)**

**On motion by Councilman Sohmer, seconded by Councilman Suh, and carried, Ord. #2021-1** entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 42, ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, SECTION 2, COMPOSITION, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE (Public Hearing February 18, 2021) was introduced and passed on first reading.

The Ordinance was **approved** on the following roll call, and the public hearing relative to

this ordinance was scheduled for **February 18, 2021**.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh , Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**ORD. #2021-2 AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR PBA LOCAL 245 NEGOTIATIONS UNIT FOR JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 (Public Hearing February 18, 2021)**

**On motion by Councilman Sohmer, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, and carried, Ord. #2021-2** entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR PBA LOCAL 245 NEGOTIATIONS UNIT FOR JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025 (Public Hearing February 18, 2021) was introduced and passed on first reading.

The Ordinance was **approved** on the following roll call, and the public hearing relative to this ordinance was scheduled for **February 18, 2021**.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh , Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**ORD. #2021-3 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES FOR 2021 - 2022 (Public Hearing February 18, 2021)**

\*Councilman Sargenti recused and left the dais.

**On motion by Councilman Sohmer, seconded by Councilman Suh, and carried, Ord. #2021-3** entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES FOR 2021 - 2022 (Public Hearing February 18, 2021) was introduced and passed on first reading.

The Ordinance was **approved** on the following roll call, and the public hearing relative to this ordinance was scheduled for **February 18, 2021**.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh , Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**ORD. #2021-4 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR BLUE COLLAR EMPLOYEES FOR 2021-2022 (Public Hearing February 18, 2021)**

\*Councilman Sargenti recused and left the dais.

**On motion by Councilman Sohmer, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and carried, Ord. #2021-4** entitled AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR BLUE COLLAR EMPLOYEES FOR 2021-2022 (Public Hearing February 18, 2021) was introduced and passed on first reading.

The Ordinance was **approved** on the following roll call, and the public hearing relative to this ordinance was scheduled for **February 18, 2021**.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh , Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**ORD. #2021-5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR, BOROUGH CLERK, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, TAX COLLECTOR, TAX ASSESSOR AND CERTAIN NON-UNION EMPLOYEES FOR 2017-2021 (Public Hearing February 18, 2021)**

**On motion by Councilman Suh, seconded by Councilman Sargenti, and carried, Ord. #2021-5** entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2020-13 ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR, BOROUGH CLERK, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, TAX COLLECTOR, TAX ASSESSOR AND CERTAIN NON-UNION EMPLOYEES FOR

2017-2021 (Public Hearing February 18, 2021) was introduced and passed on first reading.

The Ordinance was **approved** on the following roll call, and the public hearing relative to this ordinance was scheduled for **February 18, 2021**.

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh , Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2021 BOROUGH OF FORT LEE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET**

**Councilman Sohmer introduced, and Councilman Suh seconded**, the introduction of the 2021 Special Improvement District Budget:

**2021 BUDGET INTRODUCTION  
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SID)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following statements of revenues and appropriations (available in the office of the Borough Clerk) shall constitute the Fort Lee Special Improvement District Budget for the year 2021; and

The Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee does hereby approve the following as the Fort Lee Special Improvement District Budget for year 2021 (Available in the office of the Municipal Clerk):

<b>Fort Lee Special Improvement District Budget</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
SID Assessment	\$723,715.02	Footnote # 1
Donations	\$0.00	
Sponsorship	\$0.00	
Capital Fund / Investment	\$849,000.00	Footnote # 2 – Due to COVID did not provide capital projects
Special Event Revenue	\$0.00	
Loan	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,572,715.02</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Operations</b>		
Management	\$8,000.00	
Maintenance/Supplies	\$120,000.00	CDS and Borough
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$128,000.00</b>	
<b>MARKETING</b>		
Management	\$41,820.00	
Web + Application	\$20,000.00	
Year Long Holiday - Special Events	\$185,000.00	

Business Attraction	\$50,000.00	Increased for tenant retail/ residential program
Marketing/Branding	\$60,000.00	
Retail Program	\$40,000.00	
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$396,820.00</b>	
<b>CAPITAL PROGRAMS</b>		
Management	\$33,820.00	
Lights/Banners/Displays	\$70,000.00	
Improvements/Welcome/Visual/ Engineering, Plantings, etc.	\$843,000.00	Footnote #2- Due to COVID, did not provide capital projects, will utilize, adding sign grant programs
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>\$946,820.00</b>	
<b>Administration</b>		
Management	\$14,760.00	
Accounting	\$6,000.00	
Dues & Subs	\$2,000.00	
Insurance	\$1,500.00	Liability and D&O;
Rent	\$24,000.00	
Cable/phone/internet	\$3,600.00	
Postage	\$600.00	
Office /Equipment/Etc.	\$4,000.00	
Meeting Supplies	\$3,000.00	
Miscellaneous/Utilities	\$5,429.27	
Uncollected Reserve (5%)	\$36,185.75	-
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$101,075.02</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,572,715.02</b>	
<b>Footnote # 1</b> Current Assessment at Municipal tax rate; then of taxes paid X. 0048% SID Rate remains the same = BDA assessment, creating a \$19,968.12 increase		
<b>Footnote # 2</b> – Due to COVID we did not provide 2020 capital projects (\$700k)		
The Capital Investment = CD + balance of 2020 funds TBC		
<b>Footnote #3</b> – TBC February may be reduced		

Notice is hereby given that the Fort Lee Special Improvement District Budget was approved by the Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee, County of Bergen, at a regular session meeting held on January 21, 2021. A hearing on the Fort Lee Special Improvement District Budget will be held **remotely** on February 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at which time and place objections to said Budget for the year 2021 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons. Meeting access Instructions will be on the February 18, 2021 agenda and posted to the Borough website.

The introduced budget was **approved** on the following roll call:

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA**

<p>January 21, 2021 Regular Session Meeting</p> <p>Resolution # CA-1 to CA-5 and CA-7 to CA-17</p> <p>Carried: ___ Defeated: ___ Tabled: ___</p>
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Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer	X					
Yoon						
Suh						
Sargenti		X				
Kasofsky						
Cervieri						

**CA-1 Payment of Claims**

BE IT RESOLVED that the following claims, the details for which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, are hereby authorized to be paid, having been audited and found correct by the Borough Administrator and Chief Financial Officer.

<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Current	\$12,281,689.06
Current - Grant	
Capital	943,478.08
Road Improvement Plan	
Multiple Dwelling	
Construction Fees	
COAH Fees	
Senior Citizen Advisory Council	
Trip Admissions	
Special Dog Account	409.00
Trust Account Fund	
Disability Insurance Trust	
Public Assistance Trust Fund	
Police Activity Trust	
Fort Lee Film Commission	
Community Development	
Redemption Account	388,717.63
School Resource Account	
Dedicated Penalties (Fire Prevention)	
POAA	
Cop Card Donation	
Police Treasury	1,235.00
Police Justice	127.10
Flexible Spending	
Trust Account	
Developers BOFNJ	<u>36,978.50</u>
Developers B of America	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 13,652,634.37</b>

**CA-2 Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Borough of Fort Lee and PBA Local 245 for a Collective Negotiations Agreement from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AND PBA LOCAL 245 FOR A SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") and PBA Local 245 ("PBA") have long been parties to Successive Collective Negotiation Agreements, including the most recent prior agreement which expired December 31, 2020 ("CNA"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fort Lee and PBA Local 245 have negotiated specific terms and conditions for a mutually agreeable successor collective negotiations agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expressly understood that the term of the successor collective negotiations agreement shall be from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fort Lee finds that entering into this new CNA is in the public's interests, the Governing Body hereby designates the Mayor of the Borough of Fort Lee to execute the mutually agreeable Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Borough of Fort Lee, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Agreement, between the Borough of Fort Lee and PBA Local 245, or with such minor amendments as may be satisfactory to the Borough Attorney.

**CA-3 Accepting Resignation Notice of Keith Dalton, Fire Prevention Specialist/Housing Inspector of the Fire Prevention Bureau, Effective January 26, 2021**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION NOTICE OF KEITH DALTON**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that **Keith P. Dalton, Fire Prevention Specialist/Housing Inspector**, of the **Fire Prevention Bureau**, has submitted his resignation notice dated January 13, 2021 and the Mayor and Council have accepted same; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Mr. Dalton's resignation will be **effective January 26, 2021** with the Borough of Fort Lee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council extend their best wishes to Mr. Dalton.

**CA-4 Authorizing the Hiring of Liscary Pacheco and Matthew Abril Part- Time Emergency Medical Technicians, \$22.15 Hourly**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF PART-TIME EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS**

**WHEREAS**, there are Emergency Medical Technician vacancies in the Fort Lee Ambulance Corps, and the Mayor and Council have determined that these vacancies must be filled,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, that the following individuals be hired as part-time **Emergency Medical Technicians** with the Fort Lee Ambulance Corps **effective immediately**; and

- **Liscary Pacheco**
- **Matthew Abril**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these appointments are provisional pending certification from the New Jersey Civil Service Commission. These positions shall be at **\$22.15 per hour, not to exceed 19 ½ hours per week**, with an effective date to be provided by our EMS Coordinator to the Payroll Office.

**CA-5 Authorizing the Hiring of David White, Computer Service Technician, Effective January 25, 2021, \$53,624.60 Annually**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee have authorized the hiring of an employee for our Information and Technology Department, under the supervision of Sam Ghali; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** , that **David White** be appointed to a full-time position as a **Computer Service Technician** , which will fall under the Blue Collar Salary Ordinance, Grade 14 Step A, at a salary of **\$53,624.60** , with an effective date of **January 25, 2021** ; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this title is provisional, pending certification by the State of New Jersey Civil Service Commission.

**CA-6 Honoring New Jersey School Board Recognition Month**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**CA-7 Authorizing the Renewal of Various Municipal Licenses for the January 1, 2021 Through December 31, 2021 Licensing Period**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL LICENSES FOR THE JANUARY 1, 2021 - DECEMBER 31, 2021 LICENSING PERIOD**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by Governing Body of the Borough of Fort Lee that the following municipal licenses are hereby renewed for the January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021 licensing year.

**CLOTHING BINS** - Chapter 189

**LIMOUSINES** - Chapter 372, Article II

**TAXI** - Chapter 372, Article I

**MOTELS/HOTELS** - Chapter 377  
Aiello's Hilltop Motel  
Slumber Inc. Holiday Inn

**SERVICE/GAS STATION** - Chapter 333  
Twin Towers Service Station  
Tiger Zone Inc.

**USED CAR LOTS** - Chapter 289, Article III  
Fort Lee Motors LLC

**VENDING** - Chapter 190 (Washers, Dryers, Candy, Soda Machines)  
Crate Laundry  
Hercules Corp  
CSC Serviceworks , Inc  
Sebco Laundry Systems, Inc  
Orsino Vending

**Theater** - Chapter 134  
Ipic Gold Class Entertainment

**CA-8 Approving the Borough's Respiratory Protection Plan**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPROVING THE BOROUGH'S**

**RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that there is a need for the Borough to have a written Respiratory Protection Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary from time to time to revise said Respiratory Protection Plan for the purpose of improving operations or conforming to new regulations and/or procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, a review of the Respiratory Protection Plan has recently been completed to ensure compliance with applicable practices and procedures; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Fort Lee hereby adopts the Respiratory Protection Plan as written; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect

**CA-9 Authorizing the Execution of the Service Agreement Between the Borough of Fort Lee and the County of Bergen for a Certified Recycling Professional to Prepare the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AND THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR A CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL (CRP) TO PREPARE THE ANNUAL RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) is required, pursuant to the State Recycling Enhancement Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-96.2 et seq., to submit an Annual Recycling Tonnage Report (the “Report”) signed by a Certified Recycling Professional (“CRP”) to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection on or before April 30 of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bergen County Utilities Authority (“BCUA”) has offered to provide a CRP to sign and submit the Borough’s Report at no cost, under the terms of a Service Agreement for a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) to Prepare the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report, (the “Agreement”), which Agreement is attached hereto, and the terms of which are made a part hereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee have been advised, both through technical and legal advice, that under all operative facts, the Agreement is beneficial and satisfactory to the Borough of Fort Lee; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Service Agreement between the Borough of Fort Lee and the Bergen County Utilities Authority for a Certified Recycling Professional (CRP) to Prepare the Annual Recycling Tonnage Report.

**CA-10 Authorizing a Disabled Veterans Tax Exemption on 1315 Anderson Avenue, Apt. #23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING A DISABLED VETERANS TAX EXEMPTION ON 1315 ANDERSON AVENUE, APT #23**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Assessor, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.31, has granted a Disabled Veteran's exemption on the property located at 1315 Anderson Avenue, Apt. #23, Block 1751 Lot 1 Qualifier C1523; and

**WHEREAS**, the property owner Hyun G. Kang is entitled to full real estate tax exemption commencing January 29, 2020 and thereafter,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the



Borough of Fort Lee that the Tax Collector-CFO is hereby authorized to issue a tax refund check in the amount of \$4,725.77 payable to:

Hyun G. Kang  
1315 Anderson Ave. #23  
Fort Lee, New Jersey 07024

**CA-11 Authorizing a One Year Extension of a Contract with TaxServ Capital Services NJ, LLC for the Provision of Municipal Court Debt Collection Services**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF A CONTRACT WITH TAXSERV CAPITAL SERVICES NJ, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL COURT DEBT COLLECTION SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) have determined there was a need to retain the services of a private collector of certain outstanding debt owed to the Borough’s Municipal Court, in order to maximize the revenue available to the Borough from the delinquent fees, fines, costs, surcharges, and other penalties or assessments imposed by the Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution CA-11 duly adopted on December 13, 2018, the Borough awarded a contract after a public procurement to TaxServ Capital Services NJ, LLC (“TaxServ”) for the provision of collection services for certain outstanding debt owed to the Borough’s Municipal Court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and TaxServ executed a contract, effective January 29, 2019 for a term of two years, with an option for two one-year renewals at the Borough’s sole discretion, and the Mayor and Council of the Borough are desirous of extending the contract for the provision of municipal court debt collection services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the municipal court debt collection services have been performed by TaxServ in an effective and efficient manner in accordance with the terms of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and TaxServ have agreed that the terms of a one-year extension of the contract shall be the same as the terms and conditions, including rates for the services, that were in effect during the initial term of the contract; and

**WHEREAS**, the extension of the contract with TaxServ for the provision of municipal court debt collection under the same terms and conditions that governed the relationship between the parties during the initial term of the contract is in the best interests of the Borough and necessary for its continued efficient operation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee as follows:

(1) That the contract for the performance by TaxServ Capital Services NJ, LLC, 1313 Dolley Madison Boulevard, Suite LL-130, McLean, Virginia, 22101-3926 of municipal court debt collection services shall be and is hereby extended for a period of one year upon the same terms and conditions, including pricing, as set forth in the existing contract with the Borough.

(2) That the extension of the contract upon the same terms and conditions is advantageous to the Borough and in its best interests as the services provided by TaxServ have been effective and efficient.

(3) That the Mayor is authorized to execute a one-year contract extension on behalf of the Borough based upon the same terms and conditions as the existing contract between the parties, subject to review by the Borough Attorney as acceptable in form and content.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be maintained in the Office of the Borough Clerk and made available for public inspection.

**CA-12 Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Boswell Engineering for Professional Engineering Services Regarding Project Known as Improvements to Bluff Road, Not to Exceed \$21,500.00**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) to retain the services of a licensed engineer to prepare construction plans, specifications and bid documents for the milling, resurfacing and performance of other improvements to Bluff Road in the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has been approved for a grant in the amount of \$199,850 from the 2020 New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant Fund for the milling, resurfacing and performance of other improvements to Bluff Road; and

**WHEREAS**, said services are recognized as “professional services” as same shall be rendered by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession, whose practice is regulated by law, and the performance of which services requires knowledge of an advance type in a field of learning acquired by a prolonged formal course of specialized instruction and study, pursuant to and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-2(6); and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is empowered by law to appoint and employ professionals, technical advisors and experts as the Borough may determine to be necessary for its efficient operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough wishes to retain the services of Boswell Engineering to perform such professional engineer services in accordance with its proposal, dated December 10, 2020, attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, Boswell Engineering possesses the requisite expertise and skilled personnel required to provide professional engineering services related to the preparation of construction plans, specifications, and bid documents for the milling, resurfacing and performance of other improvements to Bluff Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough are desirous of awarding a contract for professional engineering services to Boswell Engineering in accordance with the procedures mandated under the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq. requires that the resolution awarding contracts for “professional services” without competitive bidding and the agreement between the parties must be available for public inspection; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution R-10, duly adopted by the Borough on January 7, 2020, Boswell Engineering was awarded a contract pursuant to a “fair and open” process in accordance with the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. to serve as Borough Engineer; and

**WHEREAS**, the professional engineering services for this phase of the project will be performed by Boswell Engineering at a cost not-to-exceed \$21,500.00, and the contract for such professional engineering services is awarded pursuant to a “fair and open” process in accordance with the New Jersey Local Unit Pay-To-Play Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer has determined that sufficient funds are available for this purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, the award of a contract for the provision of professional engineering

services to prepare construction plans, specifications and bid documents for the milling, resurfacing and performance of other improvements to Bluff Road is in the best interests of the Borough and the implementation of this contract is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That Boswell Engineering shall be and is hereby appointed to provide professional engineering services related to the preparation of construction plans, specifications and bid documents for the milling, resurfacing and performance of other improvements to Bluff Road, in accordance with its proposal, dated December 10, 2020, attached hereto and made a part hereof, for a cost not-to-exceed \$21,500.00, and the terms and provisions of the agreement by and between Boswell and the Borough for services as the Borough Engineer.

2. That upon 80% completion of the engineering work pursuant to this resolution, Boswell Engineering shall provide written notice to the Borough Clerk as to whether the services will be completed within the budget established for the services. If the services are expected to exceed the budget, Boswell Engineering shall submit a detailed cost overrun schedule for review and consideration by the Borough.

3. That Boswell Engineering is specifically placed on notice that it will be required to comply with the Affirmative Action regulations of N.J.S.A. 10:5-31 et seq.

4. That a notice of the contract award shall be published as may be required by law, and this resolution must be available for public inspection, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.

5. That the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

6. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**CA-13 Authorizing the Award of a Contract to Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC for the Purchase of Three Custom Pumper Fire Trucks Through the Houston-Galveston Area Council National Purchasing Cooperative**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO SEAGRAVE FIRE APPARATUS, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE CUSTOM PUMPER FIRE TRUCKS THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL NATIONAL PURCHASING COOPERATIVE**

**WHEREAS**, there exists a need for the Borough of Fort Lee ("Borough") to purchase three custom pumper fire trucks for use by the Borough's Fire Department in providing essential services for the safety and welfare of the citizens of the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., and its implementing regulations authorize local contracting units to enter into cooperative purchasing agreements with cooperative purchasing systems for the purchase goods and services; and

**WHEREAS**, local contracting units are authorized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 to purchase, without public advertising for bids and bidding, to purchase goods or contract for services through the use of a nationally-recognized and accepted cooperative purchasing agreement that has been developed utilizing a competitive bidding process by another contracting unit within the State of New Jersey, or within any other state, when available; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has been advised that Seagrave custom pumper fire

trucks may be purchased through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative (“H-GAC”); and

**WHEREAS**, on prior occasion, pursuant to duly adopted resolution, the Borough authorized the filing of an application for membership in H-GAC, which was subsequently approved to allow the Borough to purchase goods and services through the cooperative purchasing system; and

**WHEREAS**, Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC submitted a cost proposal to the Borough for the manufacture of three custom pumper fire trucks for the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing and evaluating the proposal, the Borough’s Fire Chief has recommended that the award of a contract to Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC for the purchase of three (3) Seagrave custom pumper fire trucks;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough, after the performance of due diligence and consideration of cost savings that can be achieved through the H-GAC cooperative purchasing contract award for the purchase of Seagrave custom pumper fire trucks and receipt of all documentation from the H-GAC purchasing cooperative required by law, desires to authorize the award of a contract with Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has determined that the award of a contract to Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC for the purchase of three Seagrave custom pumper fire trucks is necessary for the Borough’s continued efficient operation in providing vital municipal services for the safety and welfare of its citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the purchase of three (3) Seagrave custom pumper fire trucks through the H-GAC purchasing cooperative contract award is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC governing the terms for the purchase of three Seagrave custom pumper fire trucks in accordance with its proposal through the H-GAC purchasing cooperative contract award, similar in form and substance to the agreement attached to this Resolution, subject to review by the Borough’s municipal attorney, and any revisions shall be subject to authorization by the Mayor.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough’s purchasing consultant and municipal attorney are authorized to complete all due diligence as may be necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2 and all other laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution and a copy of the agreement with Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC shall be available in the Borough Clerk’s Office.

**CA-14 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the Westgate Condominium Association, Inc. for the Provision of Municipal Services**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTGATE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) is a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey in the County of Bergen, established in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:60-1 et seq.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Services Act, N.J.S.A. 40:67-23.2 et seq., requires that a municipality either provide certain services to a qualified private community or reimburse the qualified private community for the costs of providing certain basic services on public roads and streets, including the removal of snow, lighting of roads and streets, and the collection of leaves, recyclable materials and solid waste (“Qualified

Services”); and

**WHEREAS**, Westgate Condominium Association, Inc. (“Westgate”), comprised of two hundred seventy-nine (279) residential units, is located within the geographical boundaries of the Borough and constitutes a qualified private community pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Services Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on prior occasions, pursuant to resolutions of the Mayor and Council of the Borough, Westgate and the Borough have entered into agreements for terms of up to five years providing for the payment of an amount in reimbursement for Qualified Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the most recent contract between the Borough and Westgate will expire on December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and Westgate desire to enter into an agreement for a term of three (3) years, effective as of January 1, 2021, in order to resolve any and all outstanding amounts due under the previous agreement for Qualified Services and establish the terms for reimbursement for Qualified Services over the term of the agreement;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough’s Chief Financial Officer has determined that funds are available for this purpose certification attached to this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the entry into a contract with Westgate in accordance with the Municipal Services Act is in the best interests of the Borough and the implementation of this contract is necessary for the efficient operation of the Borough;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That entry into an agreement with Westgate, effective as of January 1, 2021, in accordance with the Municipal Services Act is hereby authorized.
2. That the Mayor shall be and is hereby authorized to execute an agreement, in substantially the same form as that attached hereto, between the Borough and Westgate, memorializing the terms and conditions for the reimbursement for Qualified Services pursuant to the Municipal Services Act.
3. That the Chief Financial Officer has certified that current funds are available for this purpose.
4. That upon execution of such agreement a notice of the contract award shall be published, and this resolution and the agreement between the parties shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Borough Clerk.
5. That no further action of the Borough shall be required.

**CA-15 Endorsing a Community Development Application on Behalf of the Fort Lee Housing Authority for Improvements to the Harry J. Holtje House**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ENDORSING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE FORT LEE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HARRY J. HOLTJE HOUSE**

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Community Development Grant in the amount of \$ 98,000.00 has been proposed by the Fort Lee Housing Authority for funds for Improvements to the Harry J. Holtje House Public Housing Building, located in the Municipality of the Borough of Fort Lee; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Mayor and Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Fort Lee and the County of Bergen; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development Funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of Fort Lee hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

**CA-16 Endorsing a Community Development Application on Behalf of the Fort Lee Assistance and Support Housing (F.L.A.S.H.) Corporation for Improvements to the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Gardens Complex**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE ENDORSING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE FORT LEE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT HOUSING ((F.L.A.S.H.) CORPORATION FOR IMPROVMENTS TO THE 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET GARDENS COMPLEX**

**WHEREAS**, a Bergen County Community Development Grant in the amount of \$ 80,000.00 has been proposed by the Fort Lee Assistance and Support Housing ((F.L.A.S.H.) Corporation, for Improvements to 8<sup>th</sup> Street Gardens, located at 2486 8<sup>th</sup> Street, in the municipality of the Borough of Fort Lee; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the State Interlocal Services Act, Community Development Funds may not be spent in a municipality without authorization by the Mayor and Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforesaid project is in the best interest of the people of Fort Lee and the County of Bergen; and

**WHEREAS**, this Resolution does not obligate the financial resources of the municipality and is intended solely to expedite expenditure of the aforesaid Community Development Funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of Fort Lee hereby confirms endorsement of the aforesaid project;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Director of the Bergen County Community Development Program so that implementation of the aforesaid project may be expedited.

**CA-17 Authorizing and Amendment to a Developer 's Agreement Between the Borough of Fort Lee and Phil Art Studios SCI TOEF, Inc. 1605 Palisades Avenue**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE DEVELOPER 'S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AND PHIL ART STUDIOS SCI TOEF, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the Fort Lee Zoning Board of Adjustment ("Zoning Board") granted approvals to Phil Art Studios SCI TOEF, Inc. (the "Developer") for the construction of a three story structure with two floors of office space over ground floor parking on property known as Block 4252, Lot 13, also known as 1605 Palisades

Avenue (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 12, 2020, the Zoning Board adopted a resolution memorializing the approval and the Borough of Fort Lee and Developer have agreed to the terms and conditions of a Developer’s Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, an agreement was reached indicating that the payment contribution to the Parking Trust Fund can be made in two installments.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the Mayor and Borough Council hereby approve the amendment and authorize the execution of the Developer’s Agreement with the Developer.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be filed in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

There being no discussion, the public hearing was closed on motion by Councilman Sohmer, seconded by Councilman Sargenti. The Consent Agenda regarding CA-1 through CA-5 and CA-7 through CA-17 was approved on the following roll call:

**AYES: Council Members Sohmer, Yoon, Suh, Sargenti, Kasofsky, Cervieri**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**R-1 Authorizing a Settlement Agreement by and Among the Borough of Fort Lee and Fair Share Housing Center to Resolve the Affordable Housing Issues Raised in the Borough’s Declaratory Judgment Action**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer			X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Sargenti			X			
Kasofsky		X	X			
Cervieri	X		X			

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AND FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER TO RESOLVE THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ISSUES RAISED IN THE BOROUGH’S DECLARATORY JUDGMENT ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Supreme Court declared that the discriminatory use of zoning powers was illegal and provided, as a matter of constitutional law, that each developing municipality “must, by its land use regulations, make realistically possible the opportunity for an appropriate variety and choice of housing for all categories of people who may desire to live there, of course including those of low and moderate income,” In Re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1, 6 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), citing S. Burlington Cnty. NAACP v. Twp. of Mount Laurel (Mount Laurel I), 67 N.J. 151, 179, 187, appeal dismissed and cert. denied, 423 U.S. 808, 96 S. Ct. 18, 46 L. Ed. 2d 28 (1975), and that this constitutional obligation requires that towns must provide “a realistic opportunity for the construction of [their] fair share of the present and prospective regional need for low and moderate income housing,” Ibid., citing S. Burlington Cnty. NAACP v. Twp. of Mount Laurel (Mount Laurel II), 92 N.J. 158, 205 (1983), (together with Mount Laurel I, the Mount Laurel Doctrine).

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fort Lee (“Borough”) has long engaged in the judicial process and the administrative process before the Council on Affordable Housing

(COAH) established under the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-1 et seq., to obtain approval of its affordable housing plan in compliance with its obligations under the Mount Laurel Doctrine; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Supreme Court, in Mount Laurel IV determined that “the administrative forum (“COAH”) is not capable of functioning as intended by the Fair Housing Act due to the lack of lawful Third Round Rules assigning constitutional obligations to municipalities,” and, consequently “the Courts may resume their role as the forum of first instance for evaluating municipal compliance with Mount Laurel obligations;” and

**WHEREAS**, Mount Laurel IV accordingly provided for a judicial mechanism for municipalities to seek a declaratory judgment that they have complied with the Mount Laurel Doctrine and are entitled to immunity from exclusionary zoning lawsuits; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 14, 2015, the Borough filed a declaratory judgment action under the procedures established by the Supreme Court in Mount Laurel IV encaptioned In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Fort Lee, Bergen County, New Jersey for a Declaratory Judgment, Docket No. BER-L-6289-15 (“the Declaratory Judgment Action”) to address its Mount Laurel Obligation; and

**WHEREAS**, Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”) is a Supreme Court-designated interested party in the Declaratory Judgment action and is a party to the settlement agreement and will be able to enforce the settlement agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the settlement of Mount Laurel litigation is favored because it avoids delays and the expense of trial and results more quickly in the construction of homes for low and moderate-income households; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Fort Lee Planning Board (“the Planning Board”) will adopt a, amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (HE/FSP) to provide for the Borough’s compliance with its Mount Laurel Obligation which will be provided to the Governing Body for review; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinances will be presented to the Governing Body for introduction and adoption to implement the amended HE/FSP and provide mechanisms for the provision of affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, presented to the Governing Body for review and approval is a proposed Settlement Agreement with FSHC to resolve all disputes arising under the Borough’s Declaratory Judgment Action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that:

1. The Governing Body will review the amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and all of its constituent components to address and provide for the Borough’s Mount Laurel Obligation, upon the Court’s review and approval of same.
2. The Governing Body will review and take necessary actions to adopt the Ordinances to implement the amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan which will be considered for adoption upon the Court’s review and approval of same.
3. The Governing Body hereby approves and endorses the proposed Settlement Agreement with FSHC to resolve all disputes arising under the Borough’s Declaratory Judgment Action, subject to the Court’s review and determination. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Borough substantially in the form as presented to the Governing Body and upon the advice of Borough Counsel.

**R-2 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding**



**Between the Borough of Fort Lee and 69 Main St.  
Urban Renewal Associates, LLC**

Council	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Sohmer	X		X			
Yoon			X			
Suh			X			
Sargenti			X			
Kasofsky		X	X			
Cervieri			X			

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF FORT LEE AND 69 MAIN ST. URBAN RENEWAL ASSOCIATES, LLC**

**WHEREAS**, 69 Main St. Urban Renewal Associates LLC (the “Company”) is the owner and developer of the partially municipally sponsored affordable housing and market rate development project (the “Project”) on certain real property located in the Borough of Fort Lee (the “Borough”), designated as Block 4355, Lots 13.02, 17, 18 and 19 (the “Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is being developed pursuant to Amended and Restated Development Agreement dated November 2, 2011, which changed the terms of an initial Development Agreement dated November 19, 2009, a First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Development Agreement dated April 12, 2013; a Second Amendment, Assignment and Assumption of Amended and Restated Development Agreement dated September 3, 2015; Third Amendment, Assignment and Assumption of Amended and Restated Development Agreement dated March 2, 2016; Fourth Amendment to Amended and Restated Development Agreement dated January 19, 2018; Fifth Amendment of Assignment and Assumption of Amended and Restated Development Agreement dated October 18, 2018; and Sixth Amendment of Assignment and Assumption of Amended and Restated Development Agreement dated July 19, 2019 (collectively, the “Development Agreement”);

**WHEREAS**, the Borough on July 14, 2015 filed a Declaratory Judgment Action (“DJ Action”) in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County to set its affordable housing obligations in coordination with Fair Share Housing Center Inc. (“FSHC”);

**WHEREAS**, the Borough has engaged in five years of mediation with FSHC and the responded to additional litigation in response to redevelopment projects in the Borough which have delayed the resolution of the DJ Action;

**WHEREAS**, a dispute arose between the Company and the Borough over affordable housing issues related to the Property, and under threat of litigation the parties met in July 2020 to revise the Development Agreement and resolve the affordable housing issues for the Property;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough and the Company have negotiated through their legal counsel and desirous of resolving the aforementioned affordable housing issues amicably and avoiding litigation on the basis set forth in the proposed Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference (the “Proposed MOU”);

**WHEREAS**, the Borough shall obtain approval from the DJ Action mediator and FSHC for the terms of the Proposed MOU;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Fort Lee that the Proposed MOU by and is hereby approved; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Attorney be and is hereby authorized to execute the Proposed MOU in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A or with such minor amendments as may be satisfactory to the Borough Attorney, and is

further authorized to execute any other documents that may be necessary to effectuate the terms of the Proposed MOU.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Sohmer-** He thanked Keith Dalton for his service to Fort Lee and wished him good luck.

He reminded the public to remain safe, wear your mask and practice social distancing.

**Councilman Yoon-** He mentioned the Director of Film, Tom Meyers, is making progress on his recovery while working from home. He appreciates everyone's love and support.

He mentioned in 2018 Mayor Sokolich, Tom Meyers and the Fort Lee Commission worked together with State Legislature to help provide a film tax credit program to receive tax incentives back for people that want to film in Fort Lee. He mentioned a popular TV series may be filmed here in Fort Lee this year.

He stated the Barrymore Inaugural 2021 Film Festival will be on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Visit [Barrymorefilmcenter.com](http://Barrymorefilmcenter.com) to select your favorite award. The grand opening is approaching.

He mentioned to do your part and follow the CDC Guidelines as the COVID numbers are spiking.

**Councilman Suh-** He stated January is School Board Recognition month. It is very important, and we will recognize them for all their great efforts in person at the following meeting.

He mentioned we will all get through this together, stay safe and healthy.

**Councilman Sargenti-** He gave a monthly report regarding the Fort Lee Fire Department response activity as follows: Active Alarms 70, Structural Smoke & Fire 14, Car Fires 1, Mutual Aid response 2, Total Calls 116. Complete year from December until present 1,451. December 2<sup>nd</sup> members responded Mutual Aid to the City of Englewood for an operating building explosion. December 3<sup>rd</sup> the Fire Department participated in the Virtual Tree Lighting Parade. December 10<sup>th</sup> members responded Mutual Aid to Borough of Leonia to assist in a house fire. December 15<sup>th</sup> members partnered with the Knights of Inferno Motorcycle Club to provide donations. December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> all 4 Firehouses were staffed with members to respond incase of the impending snowstorm.

**Councilwoman Kasofsky-** She mentioned to continue to be safe as we are at the peak of the second wave of Covid.

She mentioned the Health Department has set up an automated call system and the Library is continuing to do curb side pickup.

**Councilman Cervieri-** He mentioned we have a new President and "Together, as many we are one." We will continue to strive for better days ahead.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

On motion by Councilman Sohmer, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and carried unanimously, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

There being no public discussion, the public hearing was closed **on motion by Councilman Sargenti, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky** .

On motion by Councilman Sargenti, seconded by Councilwoman Kasofsky, and there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned with no objections at 7:25 p.m.

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Evelyn Rosario, RMC  
Municipal Clerk