

**Borough of Matawan
Workshop Session
September 5, 2017**

A Workshop meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Matawan, New Jersey, was held at the Matawan Municipal Community Center, 201 Broad Street, Matawan, New Jersey on September 5, 2017 with Mayor Altomonte presiding. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notification in *The Independent* on January 11, 2017, by sending notice to the *Asbury Park Press*, and by posting. A copy of said Notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk. A copy of said Notice has also been sent to such members of the public as have requested such information in accordance with the Statute. Mayor Altomonte called the meeting to order at 7:21 PM requesting a roll call.

On roll call the following members responded present:

Present: Councilman Joseph Urbano
Councilman Michael Caldon
Councilman Michael Vergaretti
Councilman Brett Cannon
Councilman Nicolas Reeve
Councilwoman Josi Salvatore

Also, present were Louis C. Ferrara, Borough Administrator, Pasquale Menna, Esq., Borough Attorney.

Mayor Altomonte asked everyone to stand for a Salute to the Flag.

Mayor Altomonte asked everyone to stand for a Moment of Silence.

Workshop Item(s)

Mayor Altomonte read by title Resolution 17-09-02: Approval of Construction to be Performed on Saturdays for Borough of Matawan Project – Main Street Streetscape. Mayor Altomonte requested a motion. Councilman Reeve made the motion, seconded by Councilman Vergaretti. Councilman Urbano asked whether it was a good idea for the contractor to work on Saturday, due to the location of where the work was going to occur. Mr. Ferrara noted that it was only if necessary, as they were trying to have part of the work completed prior Matawan Day. Council agreed. Motion passed.

***RESOLUTION 17-09-02
APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION TO BE PERFORMED ON SATURDAYS FOR
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN PROJECT MAIN STREET STREETSCAPE***

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Matawan, the construction activity related to the Main Street Streetscape is herewith approved for Saturday construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Administration, Clerk, Finance, Police, Public Works as well as Robert Keady, T&M Associates.

Privilege of the Floor – Agenda Items Only

Mayor Altomonte opened the Privilege of the Floor for Agenda Items Only.

There were no comments.

Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to close the Privilege of the Floor for Agenda Items Only. Councilman Vergaretti made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Salvatore. Council agreed. Motion passed.

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Approval of Minutes

Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2017 Council Meeting. Councilman Reeve made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Salvatore. Council agreed. Motion passed.

Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 Council Meeting. Councilman Reeve made a motion, seconded by Councilman Vergaretti. Council agreed. Motion passed.

Old Business

Mayor Altomonte read by title Ordinance 17-14: Refunding Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements Related to the Energy Savings Improvement Program of the Borough of Matawan, Appropriating \$950,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$950,000 Refunding Bonds or Refunding Notes of the Borough to Finance the Cost Thereof. Mr. Ferrara announced that he and the CFO would be travelling to Trenton next Wednesday, along with the borough bond council, to meet with the Local Finance Board. They have to approve this because it's self-funding, noting that it wouldn't show on the borough's debt statement. Mr. Menna explained the ordinance further. Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to open the public hearing. Councilman Vergaretti made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Salvatore. Council agreed. Motion passed. Mayor Altomonte requested comments. There were no comments. Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Reeve made the motion, seconded by Councilman Vergaretti. Council agreed. Motion passed. Mayor Altomonte read by title Ordinance 17-14: Refunding Bond Ordinance Providing for Various Capital Improvements Related to the Energy Savings Improvement Program of the Borough of Matawan, Appropriating \$950,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$950,000 Refunding Bonds or Refunding Notes of the Borough to Finance the Cost Thereof, requesting a motion to adopt. Councilman Vergaretti made the motion, seconded by Councilman Reeve. Mayor Altomonte requested a roll call. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: Councilman Urbano
Councilman Caldon
Councilman Vergaretti
Councilman Cannon
Councilman Reeve
Councilwoman Salvatore

Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 17-14

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE ENERGY SAVINGS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM OF THE BOROUGH OF MATAWAN, APPROPRIATING \$950,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 REFUNDING BONDS OR REFUNDING NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MATAWAN (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Borough of Matawan, a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey (the "Borough") is hereby authorized to pay an aggregate amount not exceeding \$950,000 for various capital improvements or purposes related to its energy saving improvement program, as described generally in the Energy Savings Plan prepared by DCO Energy, LLC on April 25, 2017, and subsequently approved by T&M Associates and the Board of Public Utilities, a copy of which is on file in the Clerk's office.

Section 2. For the improvements or purposes described in Section 1 of this refunding bond ordinance, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$950,000. In order to finance the cost of the improvements or purposes described in Section 1 of this refunding bond ordinance, negotiable refunding bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$950,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law and the Energy Savings

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Improvement Program Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.6). In anticipation of the issuance of the refunding bonds, negotiable refunding notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. All refunding notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer; provided that no refunding note shall mature later than one year from its date. The refunding notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the refunding notes issued pursuant to this refunding bond ordinance, and the Chief Financial Officer's signature upon the refunding notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All refunding notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell a part, or all, of the refunding notes from time to time at public or private sale, and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest, if any, from their dates to the dates of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale of refunding notes issued pursuant to this refunding bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the refunding notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 4. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 1 of this refunding bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefited thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose described in Section 1 of this refunding bond ordinance, computed on the basis of the amount of obligations authorized for the improvement or purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 20 years.

(c) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost of the improvement or purpose set forth in Section 3 of this bond ordinance.

(d) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and submitted to the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that \$950,000 (the amount of the authorization of the obligations provided for in this refunding bond ordinance) is deductible from the gross debt of the Borough. The obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 5. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this refunding bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 6. A certified copy of this refunding bond ordinance as adopted on first reading shall be filed with the Director prior to final adoption.

Section 7. This refunding bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law, provided that the consent of the Local Finance Board has been endorsed upon a certified copy of this refunding bond ordinance as finally adopted.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Altomonte read by title Resolutions 17-09-03 through and including 17-09-11 requesting a motion. Councilman Vergaretti made the motion, seconded by Councilman Caldon. Mayor Altomonte requested a roll call. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: Councilman Urbano
Councilman Caldon
Councilman Vergaretti
Councilman Cannon
Councilman Reeve
Councilwoman Salvatore

Motion passed.

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**RESOLUTION 17-09-03
REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
PUBLIC TAX INVESTMENTS, LLC
CERTIFICATE #15-00066**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Matawan Tax Collector has reported that Tax Sale Certificate #15-00066 was sold to Public Tax Investments, LLC, 575 Route 70, Second Floor, Brick, NJ 08723; and

WHEREAS, Certificate #15-00066 has been paid and fully redeemed for the property owner, Block 65.02, Lot 5, otherwise known as 24 Marc Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Matawan, that they hereby authorize payment in the amount of \$95.56 and a Premium of \$700.00 to the above for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #15-00066.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Borough's Tax Collector and Treasurer.

**RESOLUTION 17-09-04
REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
CHRISTIANA TRUST AS CUST GSRAN-Z, LLC DEPOSIT ACCT
CERTIFICATE #16-00020**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Matawan Tax Collector has reported that Tax Sale Certificate #16-00020 was sold to Christiana Trust as Cust GSRAN-Z, LLC Deposit Acct, PO Box 71276, Philadelphia, PA 19176; and

WHEREAS, Certificate #16-00020 has been paid and fully redeemed for the property owner, Block 19, Lot 14, otherwise known as 27 Park Ave.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Matawan, that they hereby authorize payment in the amount of \$10,716.52, and a Premium of \$8,200.00, to the above for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #16-00020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Borough's Tax Collector and Treasurer.

**RESOLUTION 17-09-05
REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATE
FIG CAPITAL INV. NJ 13, LLC
CERTIFICATE #16-00056**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Matawan Tax Collector has reported that Tax Sale Certificate #16-00056 was sold to FIG Capital Inv. NJ 13, LLC, MTAG Cust for FIG Capital Inv. NJ 13, 1000 Riverside Ave., Ste 400, Jacksonville, FL 32204; and

WHEREAS, Certificate #16-00056 has been paid and fully redeemed for the property owner, Block 69, Lot 3.0515, otherwise known as E-15 Cliffwood Ave.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Matawan, that they hereby authorize payment in the amount of \$2,249.68, and a Premium of \$300.00, to the above for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate #16-00056.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this resolution is forwarded to the Borough's Tax Collector and Treasurer.

**RESOLUTION 17-09-06
REFUND OF TAX OVERPAYMENT DUE TO TAX APPEAL
EMLERICH, LLC C/O HERNANDEZ
BLOCK 24, LOT 6**

WHEREAS, a State Tax Board Judgment has been favorably awarded to Emlerich, LLC c/o Hernandez, Block 24, Lot 6, for the fiscal years 2014, 2015, and 2016; and

WHEREAS, such judgment has resulted in an overpayment of property taxes in the amount of \$8,139.58, \$15,119.08 and \$12,479.17, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the following refund has been verified as accurate by the Tax Collector.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Borough of Matawan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, hereby authorizes the Borough Treasurer to issue a check in the amount of \$35,737.83 for said overpayment of property taxes, to the property owner's representative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Finance, Tax Collector as well as the Property Owner.

**RESOLUTION 17-09-07
CANCELLATION OF LIEN #16-00079
BLOCK 115, LOT 24**

WHEREAS, there exists on the tax records a small municipal lien for Block 115, Lot 24; and

WHEREAS, this lien was created in 2016 for water and sewer, and struck off to the Borough; and

WHEREAS, according to the records the owner made the payment for the account right after the sale; and

WHEREAS, this information was not immediately known at the time the lien was created; and

WHEREAS, this lien is not necessary due to the payment made, bringing the account current at that time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Matawan hereby authorizes the cancellation of lien #16-00079 due to the above stated facts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Finance and Tax Collector.

Interpretive Statement:

Borough of Matawan has Lien #16-00079 and the property had a zero balance for the tax sale. This Lien should be deleted to clear the books.

Peggy Warren, Borough of Matawan Tax Collector

**RESOLUTION 17-09-08
APPROVAL OF NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENSE
JOMAR CHARLES**

WHEREAS, Jomar Charles has passed the required Police Department background checks; and

WHEREAS, Jomar Charles has filed the proper documentation with the Borough Clerk's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Matawan that they hereby approve the following new taxi driver license:

Applicant: Jomar Charles
83 Ravine Drive
Matawan, NJ 07747

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following: Clerk, Police as well as Applicant.

**RESOLUTION 17-09-09
APPROVAL OF NEW TAXI DRIVER LICENSE
JOHN E. WALSH**

WHEREAS, the Clerk's Office received the required background checks from the Matawan Police Department; and

WHEREAS, John E. Walsh has filed the proper documentation with the Borough Clerk's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Matawan that they hereby approve the following new taxi driver license:

Applicant: John E. Walsh
212 Cliff Avenue
Morgan, NJ 08879

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following: Clerk, Police as well as Applicant.

**RESOLUTION 17-09-10
AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF CASH MAINTENANCE BOND
WASHINGTON PHILLIPS, LLC
13-1/2 NEW BRUNSWICK AVENUE
BLOCK 47.02, LOT 24**

WHEREAS, in association with his Application for Approval of Bulk Variance Relief and the Unified Planning/Zoning Board’s subsequent approval, on August 11, 2014 Washington Phillips, LLC posted the required Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Two Dollars and No Cents (\$1,892.00); and

WHEREAS, as said Maintenance Bond expired on September 2, 2017, and the Planning/Zoning Board Attorney, Planning/Zoning Board Engineer, T&M Associates as well as the Borough of Matawan Offices of Construction and Fire Prevention have certified any and all outstanding billing and/or issues have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, as certified by the Treasurer/CFO the remaining escrow balance as of June 29, 2017, including interest to date, is One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Ninety Six Cents (\$1,893.96).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Council of the Borough of Matawan hereby approves the release of the balance of the Cash Maintenance Bond in the amount of One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Three Dollars and Ninety Six Cents (\$1,893.96) with any and all earned interest to Washington Phillips, LLC, PO Box 106, Old Bridge, New Jersey 08857 for Block 47.02, Lot 24, also known as 13-1/2 New Brunswick Avenue, Matawan, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Clerk, Construction, Finance, Fire Prevention as well as the Planning/Zoning Board Attorney, Planning/Zoning Board Engineer, T&M Associates, Salvatore Alfieri, Esq., and Washington Phillips, LLC.

**RESOLUTION 17-09-11
RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND
PARK AVENUE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
MAZZARA TRUCKING & EXCAVATION CORPORATION, INC.**

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2014, Mazzara Trucking & Excavation Corporation posted Maintenance Bond No. FP0021949 in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars and No Cents (\$16,817.00); and

WHEREAS, as said Maintenance Bond expired on October 22, 2016, and T&M Associates has provided written confirmation on June 8, 2017 stating there are no outstanding items relating to inspections, improvements or billing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Matawan hereby approves the release of the Maintenance Bond, in the amount of Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Dollars and No Cents (\$16,817.00), to Mazzara Trucking & Excavation Corporation, 276 Jacobstown-New Egypt Road, Wrightstown, New Jersey 08652.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Administration, Clerk, Finance, Public Works as well as Robert Keady of T&M Associates and Mazzara Trucking & Excavation Corporation.

New Business

Mayor Altomonte read by title Resolution 17-09-12: Borough of Matawan, Monmouth County, State of New Jersey – A Resolution Requesting Permission for the Dedication by Rider for Donations – Acceptance of Bequests and Gifts Required By NJSA 40A:5-29 – Police K-9 Unit. Mayor Altomonte requested a motion. Councilman Reeve made the motion, seconded by Councilman Vergaretti. Councilman Urbano announced that this was for the police department, as they want to have a canine unit and this was just a fundraiser for that. Mr. Ferrara noted that the police department already received offers from two individuals, over \$60K. Ms. Wynne announced that this resolution is to establish a trust account expressly for the canine unit. She mentioned that the borough has to do this by resolution and then send that to the state for approval. Mayor Altomonte requested a roll call. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: Councilman Urbano
Councilman Caldon
Councilman Vergaretti

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Councilman Cannon
Councilman Reeve
Councilwoman Salvatore

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 17-09-12
BOROUGH OF MATAWAN, MONMOUTH COUNTY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR THE DEDICATION BY RIDER FOR
DONATIONS – ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUESTS AND GIFTS REQUIRED BY NJSA 40A:5-29
POLICE K-9 UNIT**

WHEREAS, permission is required of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services for approval as a dedication by rider of revenues received by a municipality when the revenue is not subject to reasonably accurate estimates in advance; and

WHEREAS, PL 1981 Chapter 278 amended by PL 1987, Chapter 102 provides for receipt of amounts for costs incurred by the municipality to provide for the operating costs to administer this act; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-39 provides the dedicated revenues anticipated from the Donations-Acceptance of Bequests and Gifts Police K-9 Unit are hereby anticipated as revenue and are hereby appropriated for the purpose to which said revenue is dedicated by statute or other legal requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Matawan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. *The Governing Body does hereby request permission of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to pay expenditures of the Donations-Acceptance of Bequests and Gifts Police K-9 Unit as per NJSA 40A:4-39.*
2. *The Clerk of the Borough of Matawan, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this Resolution to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.*

Mayor Altomonte read by title Resolution 17-09-13: Payment of Bills. Mayor Altomonte requested a motion. Councilman Vergaretti made the motion, seconded by Councilman Caldon. Mayor Altomonte requested a roll call. A roll call vote was taken.

Yes: Councilman Urbano
Councilman Caldon
Councilman Vergaretti
Councilman Cannon
Councilman Reeve
Councilwoman Salvatore

Motion passed.

**RESOLUTION 17-09-13
PAYMENT OF BILLS**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Matawan, New Jersey. That the following numbered vouchers be paid to the persons therein respectively and hereinafter named, for the amounts set opposite their respective names, and endorsed and approved on said vouchers and that warrants be issued therefore, directed to the Borough Collector signed by the Mayor and attested by the Borough Clerk as required by law.

Current	\$1,656,263.56
Water & Sewer	\$56,129.38
Borough Capital	\$209,012.47
Borough Trust	\$8,463.33
Developers Escrow Account	\$4,059.76
Railroad Parking Trust	\$11,500.00
Recreation Trust	\$572.72
Total	\$1,946,001.22

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***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a true certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the following Borough of Matawan Departments: Finance as well as the Borough Auditor.*

Privilege of the Floor

Mayor Altomonte opened the Privilege of the Floor.

Miles Sedler, 105 Vermont Court, Matawan. Mr. Sedler requested the Borough include his sidewalk in the current Road Program. Mayor Altomonte noted that the only sidewalks that are trip hazards are included in the Program Mr. Sedler argued that he pays taxes like everyone else and shouldn't have to spend \$6K to replace his sidewalk when the rest of the block is having their sidewalk replaced. Mayor Altomonte stated that the sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner. He noted that this is according to the state and not just a Matawan thing. Mr. Sedler asked if he needed a permit to replace his sidewalk and Mr. Ferrara replied that he did not need a permit to replace. Councilman Cannon stated that they calls from residents who feel a Borough tree has lifted their sidewalk and they don't feel that they should have to pay to replace it. He noted that if it was done for one it would have to be done for all and the cost would be enormous. Mr. Sedler disagreed and said it wasn't fair that he was excluded from having his sidewalk replaced on his block.

Mirza Sahovic, 212 Villanova Place, Matawan. Mr. Sahovic stated a portion of his sidewalk is being replaced by the Borough. He asked why there are only partial programs each time a Road Program is approved. He noted that each contractor has new directions and now trees cannot be removed; the problem with the sidewalks will occur again. He thought it didn't make sense from a construction standpoint or an economic standpoint.

Mr. Sahovic related his meeting on Friday with Mr. Ferrara. Mr. Ferrara explained that Shade Tree is a volunteer commission and that it's only been three days since their conversation. Mr. Ferrara stated that it will take a few days for Shade Tree to get to evaluate the tree. Mr. Ferrara explained the current road program cost a little over \$2M. Each time the Borough adds another ½ block, it would an additional cost of \$500K. He pointed out that there was only so much money the Borough could afford in its budget every year and he said that the oldest streets get first priority. He further explained the Road Program finding and determination and ADA compliance with trip hazards, noting that it's not about replacing sidewalks but about replacing the roadway. Mr. Ferrara went on to explain that the mayor and borough engineer will be meeting to establish the 2018 Road Program.

Frank Crocitto, 204 Villanova Place, Matawan. Mr. Crocitto indicated that he lives near the park and noted the Road Program for Villanova Place missed his property. Mr. Ferrara informed it wasn't done because they are working on the Park, but it will be included on the next round. Mr. Crocitto said that every car he owns has bottoms-out because his driveway and sidewalks are sinking. Mayor Altomonte informed that he did contact the engineer for an estimate and was told that it would cost an additional \$256K for that end of Villanova. As a result, that area has been included on next year's Road Program. Mr. Crocitto mentioned the condition of his sidewalk and requested a Borough inspection. Mr. Ferrara reiterated that the sidewalks are the responsibility of the resident. He added for each additional \$100K project increase, it adds \$.01 to the resident tax rate. Mr. Crocitto asked about Section 8 housing in Cliffwood and Main Street and he was informed that was occurring in Aberdeen Township.

Joe Miceli, 247 Harding Boulevard, Matawan. Mr. Miceli relayed his safety concerns and his experiences with regard to the intersection of Ravine Drive and Middlesex Road. He suggested a redesign of the intersection and the addition of a traffic light. Mayor Altomonte informed that the intersection has been spoken about at previous Council Meetings. Mr. Miceli acknowledged Ravine Drive is a County Road and suggested a portion of Middlesex Road, coming off of Ravine Drive (heading towards Main Street), be made a one-way. Councilman Cannon noted this residence is nearby Chestnut Court Apartments, right across from the intersection in question. He agreed with Mr. Miceli. Mayor Altomonte stated he spoke with the Borough Engineer and a letter is going to be drafted to County, requesting they recommend a solution. Mr. Menna suggested the matter be referred to the Chief of Police, and possibly have him meet with the County Engineer. Mr. Ferrara

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stated in the past, the County said that they did not want to make a change. Mr. Ferrara said he would send another letter. Councilman Cannon asked that Mr. Miceli come back to the Council Meeting in one month, to make sure the letter was followed up.

Christopher Lambros, 10 Essie Drive, Matawan. Mr. Lambros invited the Mayor and Council and residents to the September 11th Memorial Services occurring this year. The Memorial Service would begin at 6:30PM at Memorial Park.

Ray Bassford, 8 Spring Street, Matawan. Mr. Bassford said he was speaking as a resident and as part of the Washington Engine Fire Truck Committee. He discussed the schedule of age for the fire vehicles will run out all at the same time and possibility of needing to purchase multiple replacement vehicles at the same time. The fire chiefs recommend moving Midway to Washington engine, eliminating a truck, but that does not alleviate the issue. Discussion over the need for new versus used trucks occurred. Mr. Bassford offered various recommendations on used versus new fire trucks and equipment. Mayor Altomonte requested Mr. Bassford to present his recommendations in writing. Councilman Cannon stated that he understands the concerns and agrees but said that they needed to review all possibilities.

Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to close the Privilege of the Floor. Councilman Vergaretti made the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Salvatore. Council agreed. Motion passed.

Adjournment

Mayor Altomonte requested a motion to adjourn. Councilman Vergaretti made the motion, seconded by Councilman Caldon. Council agreed. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

(Signature on File)

Karen Wynne, RMC
Municipal Clerk