

Combined Meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council held on Thursday, November 26, 2012, in the Borough Hall, 167 Main Street, Sayreville, was called to order by Mayor Kennedy O'Brien at 6:31 P.M. followed by a short prayer and salute to the flag.

- **STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Municipal Clerk Farbaniec announced that this combined meeting of the Mayor and Council, has been advertised and posted in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 by advertising in the Home News Tribune, notifying the Star Ledger and the Sentinel Publishing Co., posting on the bulletin board, and filing with her office.

- **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilpersons Bella, Buchanan, Henry, Novak, Perrette

Absent: Councilwoman Eicher

Others Present: Mayor Kennedy O'Brien  
Business Administrator Daniel Frankel  
CFO Wayne Kronowski  
Municipal Clerk Theresa Farbaniec  
Engineer Jay Cornell  
Attorney Michael DuPont

Absent: None

- **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Councilman Buchanan moved the following minutes of the Mayor and Council be approved subject to correction if necessary:

- ☒ Budget Meeting - May 10, 2012
- ☒ Budget Meeting - July 16, 2012
- ☒ Combined Meeting - September 10, 2012
- ☒ Executive Session - September 10, 2012
- ☒ Receipt of Bids - September 20, 2012
- ☒ Liquor Hearing - September 24, 2012
- ☒ Combined Meeting - September 24, 2012

Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Bella, Buchanan, Henry, Novak, Perrette, all Ayes. Carried.

- **PRESENTATIONS MADE BY:**

Nancy Drumm from the Aquatics & Fitness Center to conduct a benefit Swim-A-Thon fund raiser on Dec. 8, 2012 from 12-6, with all proceeds to be donated to the Sayreville Storm Relief Fund in order to benefit the families who have been affected by the storm.

Jay McManus from North American Insurance Management Corporation, the Borough's Risk Management Consultants  
- Reviewed the pricing comparison for a property & casualty insurance policies for Middlesex County JIF and Central Jersey JIF. After presentation he recommended the borough consider contracting with Central Jersey JIF stating a savings of \$70,000.

Mayor O'Brien asked the Business Admin. and CFO if they supported this recommendation and they did.

The Business Admin. requested that the council act on this recommendation tonight and having a resolution memorializing the council's action on for the next meeting.

Councilman Buchanan moved the Business Admin. recommendation to contract with Central Jersey Joint Insurance Fund beginning on Jan. 1, 2013. Motion seconded by Councilman Perrette.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Bella, Buchanan, Henry, Novak, Perrette, all Ayes.

• **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Public Hearing on the following Ordinance(s):

Mayor O'Brien opened the meeting to the Public for questions or comments on **Ordinance #202-12.**

There were no appearances:

Councilwoman Novak moved the Public Hearing be closed, the Ordinance adopted on second and final reading and advertised according to law. Seconded by Councilman Buchanan.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Bella, Buchanan, Henry, Novak, Perrette, all Ayes. Carried.

**ORDINANCE #202-12**  
**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$100,000.00 FOR  
THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MAJOR DRIVE WATER MAINS IN  
AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE,  
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY.**

(Co. Novak – Public Hearing Nov. 26, 2012)

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council, County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows:

**SECTION 1.** An appropriation of \$100,000.00 is hereby authorized from the Water Capital Improvement Fund for improvements to the Major Drive water mains.

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect ten days after the first publication thereof and final adoption in accordance with law.

/s/ Nicholas J. Perrette, Councilman  
(Admin. & Executive Committee)

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Theresa A. Farbaniec, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien  
Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

/s/ Michael DuPont, Borough Attorney

• **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Introduction of the following Ordinance(s):  
Borough Clerk Farbaniec read the following heading into record:

**ORDINANCE # 203-12**  
**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO NEW JERSEY NATURAL  
GAS COMPANY TO PERMIT THE CONSTRUCTION, EXPANSION AND MAINTENANCE  
OF NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY  
IN THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE IN ORDER TO FURNISH  
NATIONAL GAS SERVICE TO BLOCK 49.01, LOT 1**

(Co. Novak, Public Works Committee – Public Hearing Dec. 17, 2012)

Councilwoman Novak moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a public hearing to be held on December 17, 2012. Motion seconded by Councilman Henry.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Bella, Buchanan, Henry, Novak, Perrette, all Ayes.

Borough Clerk Farbaniec read the following heading into record:

**ORDINANCE # 204-12**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER X**  
**OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**  
**TO AMEND CHAPTER 10-1.1 – PERSONNEL POLICIES**

Residency Requirement  
(Co. Novak, Sponsor – Public Hearing Dec. 17, 2012)

Councilwoman Novak moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a public hearing to be held on December 17, 2012. Motion seconded by Councilman Buchanan.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Bella, Buchanan, Henry, Novak, Perrette, all Ayes.

The Borough Attorney stated that there was on specific change that needs to be made to this ordinance he said that that change is:

The borough shall give first preference to the hiring of any personnel of applicants residing in the borough of Sayreville and as the ordinance does say , that the all personnel hired on or after the date of this ordinance shall borough shall be required to maintain residency within the borough unless they are specifically exempt by the State. He said that the rest would remain the same.

Councilwoman Novak moved the Ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law and a public hearing to be held on December 17, 2012. Motion seconded by Councilman Perrette.

Comments:

Councilman Bella asked if the applied to all positions Civil Service and non Civil Service. The Business Admin. stated that it did.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Bella, Buchanan, Henry, Novak, Perrette, all Ayes.

• **CONSENT AGENDA/RESOLUTIONS**

At this time Mayor O'Brien opened the meeting to the Public on the Consent Agenda Resolutions.

Those appearing were:

- Barbara Kilcomons, 22 Schmitt Street  
Complemented Sayreville on their handling the disaster of hurricane Sandy and how it affected so many residents of our community. Questioned Resolution #2012-190 for the Main Street By-Pass and why would we want to move forward with this if it would be under water in such a storm.  
The Mayor responded stating that Sayreville has a terrible traffic problem and the only other alternative would be purchasing half of the homes along Main Street, knock them down and create a four lane roadway.  
Discussion on the traffic flow and the impact on the alternatives.

No further questions or comments.

Councilman Buchanan moved the Public Hearing on Consent Agenda Resolutions be closed and the resolutions be approved on Roll Call vote. Seconded by Councilman Henry.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Bella, Buchanan, Henry, Novak, Perrette, all Ayes.

Carried.

**RESOLUTION #2012-284**

**WHEREAS**, all bills submitted to the Borough of Sayreville covering services, work, labor and material furnished the Borough of Sayreville have been duly audited by the appropriate committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:**

That all bills properly verified according to law and properly audited by the appropriate committees be and the same are hereby ordered to be paid by the appropriate Borough officials.

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien  
Mayor

/s/ Frank J. Bella  
Councilman

/s/ William J. Henry  
Councilman

/s/ Daniel Buchanan  
Councilman

/s/ Mary J. Novak  
Councilwoman

(Absent)  
Lisa Eicher, Councilwoman

/s/ Nicholas J. Perrette  
Councilman

Bill list of November 26, 2012, in the amount of **\$3,009,758.27**  
(Bill List – See Appendix 2012-A for this date, in a separate Bill List File for 2012).

**RESOLUTION #2012-285**

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the following transfers between 2012 Budget Appropriations be and the same are hereby authorized to be made in the following manner to wit:

<b><u>CURRENT FUND</u></b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>TO</u></b>
Telephone (1440-940-2-18311)	\$	\$ 5,000
Office on Aging (1428-720-1-1002)		20,000
Electricity (1430-930-2-18150)	25,000	
	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>

/s/ Nicholas J. Perrette, Councilman  
(Admin. & Finance Committee)

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/ Theresa A. Farbaniec  
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien  
Mayor

**RESOLUTION #2012-286**

**WHEREAS**, the following applicant has applied for trailer licenses to be used as a temporary office trailer(s):

<b><u>APPLICANT</u></b>	<b><u>#OF TRAILERS</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
Stadium Holdings, LLC	One – Temp. Office	Stadium Holdings, LLC 82 Main Street South Amboy, NJ 08879

**WHEREAS**, said application has been referred to the proper department for investigation and review; and

**WHEREAS**, a favorable report has been received from the Zoning Officer covering the location of a said trailer;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council do of the Borough of Sayreville do hereby approve the above-captioned application for permission to temporarily locate one (1) office as per Zoning Board of Adjustment Resolution 12-22 and in accordance with Revised General Ordinance #8-16.1.

/s/ William Henry, Councilman  
(Planning & Zoning Committee)

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/ Theresa A. Farbaniec  
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien  
Mayor

**RESOLUTION #2012-287**

**WHEREAS**, on October 17, 2012 Road Opening Permit #5228 was issued to B & W Construction Co. of NJ Inc. to open the #234-240 Gereghty Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the Road Department has advised that the roads was not opened and the permit was not needed and has recommended that a refund be made; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the proper Borough Officials are hereby authorized and directed to refund the sum of \$290.00 for permit #5228 to B & W Construction Co. of NJ, Inc., PO Box 574, South River, NJ 08882 upon submission of a properly approved borough voucher.

/s/ Mary J. Novak, Councilman  
(Public Works Committee)

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/ Theresa A. Farbaniec  
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien  
Mayor

**RESOLUTION #2012-288**

**WHEREAS**, on October 2, 2012 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sayreville, have received bids for "One (1) Rear Load Sanitation Truck" and

**WHEREAS**, Certification as to Availability of Funds is annexed hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012, that contract for “One (1) Rear Load Sanitation Truck ” be awarded to, Bergey’s Trucks, Inc., 5 Crossroads Drive, Trenton, NJ 08691 as appears on copy of bid document attached hereto and made a part hereof.

/s/ Mary J. Novak, Councilman  
(Public Works Committee)

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/ Theresa A. Farbaniec  
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O’Brien  
Mayor

**RESOLUTION #2012-289**

**WHEREAS**, on October 16, 2012 the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Sayreville received bids for the “Major Drive Water System Improvement Project”; and

**WHEREAS**, Certification as to Availability of Funds is annexed hereto;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council on this 26th day of November, 2012:

1. Contract for the “Major Drive Water System Improvement Project” be awarded Mario Concrete and Paving Co., Inc. of Parlin for their low bid price if \$74,747.50, subject to the waiver of minor irregularities.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately, upon execution of the proper documents.

/s/ Mary J. Novak, Councilman  
(Public Works Committee)

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/ Theresa A. Farbaniec  
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O’Brien  
Mayor

**RESOLUTION #2012-290**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to re-submit permit applications to the NJDEP for the Main Street By-Pass and to continue with the project design for a fee not to exceed \$150,000.00.

/s/ Mary J. Novak, Councilman  
(Public Works Committee)

**ATTEST:**

**BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE**

/s/ Theresa A. Farbaniec  
Municipal Clerk

/s/ Kennedy O’Brien  
Mayor

**RESOLUTIONS TO BE READ IN FULL: (none)**

- **BUSINESS SESSION**

## **COMMUNICATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCE** – Councilman Perrette

#### **a) Minutes & Departmental Reports:**

Councilman Perrette made a motion to received and file the following minutes and departmental reports:

1. Investment Activities Reports for the months of October, 2012
2. Municipal Clerk's report for the month of October, 2012.

Motion seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

#### **b) Received the following application(s) for Bingo/Raffle Licenses:**

- a) Our Lady of Victories HSA to conduct a Bingo on Feb 1, 2013 and April 5, 2013.

-Approved.

**c) Request for a **Special Permit for Social Affair** received from Our Lady of Victories HSA to conduct a fundraiser on March 9, 2013 from 7-10PM at Monsignor Dalton Hall (proceeds to benefit the upkeep of the school).**

- Approved.

**d) Received **Special Ruling** from the State of New Jersey, **Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control** to permit the Renewal of the PRCL #1219-33-040-006, Patel Kamlesh (Pocket License) for the 2012/2013 License Term.**

-Clerk to Prepare Resolution Renewing License.

**e) Bid received from **Robert Olson** (adjacent property owner) for the purchase of boro owned property, **Block 356, Lots 51 & 52, 103 Harding Avenue.** in the total amount of \$10,001.00. Fair market value was listed at \$8,000. + 950.00 appraisal costs plus Attorney fees.**

-Clerk to Prepare Resolution.

#### **f) Committee Reports:**

1) Councilman Perrette requested that the Borough Attorney look into putting a referendum on the ballot for bonding in order to help the residents in the Weber Ave. area and Old Bridge Area. He felt that it should be up to all of the residents of the town and not just the governing body.

### **PLANNING & ZONING** – Councilman Henry

#### **a) Minutes & Departmental Reports:**

Councilman Henry made a motion to receive and file the following minutes and or departmental reports:

1. Construction Official's Report for the month of Oct. 2012.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Buchanan.

#### **b) Notice to Adjacent Property Owner –**

Application submitted by GenOn to the NJDEP, for a permit which would authorize the construction in wetlands and adjacent transition areas to authorize placement of a groundwater monitoring well within a wetland transition area. Comments if any need to be in writing within 30 days.

- Receive & File.

#### **c) Committee Reports:**

Councilman Henry asked for reports on the following issues:

1. Asked for an up-date on the workforce NJ program
2. Project Medicine Drop
3. Closed Session – Personnel.

Business Admin. Frankel stated that with the crisis in Sayreville the workforce program get put on the back burner for a while and that the medicine drop program will begin the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Councilman Bella

Councilman Bella made a motion to receive and file the following minutes or departmental reports:

1. Fire Prevention Officer's report for the month of Oct. 2012.
2. Municipal Court Administrator's report for the month of Sept., 2012

Motion was seconded by Councilman Buchanan.

- b)** Authorization to contract with Gold Type Business Machines, Inc. (GTBM) for 2012 Electronic Ticketing System subject to final approval by the Police Chief and Borough Attorney.

-Clerk to Prepare Resolution Renewing License.

- c)** Received an application for regular membership to Sayreville Engine Co. No. 1 from Tyler T. Carlock who was accepted at their Nov. 15, 2012 meeting

**- Approved**

**d) Committee Reports:**

1. Councilman Bella stated that he was very proud of the work of the First Responders, The Department of Public Works and how the borough came together to help the residents during and after hurricane Sandy.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Councilwoman Novak

**a) Minutes & Departmental Reports: None**

**b)** Notice received from the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste of a Resolution for a public hearing on an amendment to the County's Solid Waste Management Plan to be held on Wed., Dec. 5, 2012 at the Freeholder Meeting Room in New Brunswick. The amendment will include the Republic Services of New Jersey, LLC – Middlesex Borough Transfer Station /MRF (Midco Waste Systems) located at Block 352, Lot 1B, 92 Baekeland Ave., Middlesex to allow the facility to become a Class C Recycling Facility.

- Receive & File.

**c) Committee Reports:**

1. Request received from Recycling Coordinator making Appointments to the Recycling Commission a 3 year Term.

- Approved/Referred to the Borough Attorney.

2. Commented on the fantastic job everyone did before, during and after the disastrous storm. But she really complimented the Firemen stating that there is a reason they say the firemen are the bravest.

**WATER & SEWER** – Councilman Buchanan

**a) Minutes & Departmental Reports: None**

**b)** Authorization for Clerk to prepare a Resolution to have CME Associates prepare plans and specifications for the repainting and design of a booster pump station at the Ernston Road Water Tank at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.00. =

-Clerk to Prepare Resolution.

**c) Committee Reports:**

1. Congratulated and wished the best of Luck to the Leprechaun Midget Cheerleaders, on Dec. 7 they will be going to Disney World to compete in the national tournament.

2. Sayreville, Old Bridge and South Amboy Telethon (SOS) to be held on Dec. 9, 2012 with all proceeds to be split equally between the municipalities.

Asked for the attorney to help oversee the program.

3. Change in venue for the January 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.  
- Approved.

4. Requested that FEMA come before our next meeting to review what is going on and answer questions.

Mayor requested a separate meeting to be held on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

### **RECREATION** –

**a) Minutes & Departmental Reports: None**

**b) Committee Reports:**

- **MAYOR** – Kennedy O’Brien

Mayor thanked the O’Neill Group who was extremely generous during this crisis who was able to supply us with men and machines to aid in the clean-up. They also provided each employee with a turkey for Thanksgiving for thanks and acknowledgement of giving service above and beyond to the people of Sayreville. The Business Admin. said that the turkeys were a small token from the Mayor and Council as well to thank the employees for acknowledging that that they were part of the team.

- **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR – Daniel Frankel**

- a) Authorization to contract with Public Service Electric & Gas Co. for the installation of energy efficient measures at the Sayreville Senior Center and the Dept. of Public Works.

The borough attorney stated that the motion would be to authorize the execution of a contract with Public Service Electric & Gas Co. for the installation of energy efficient measures at the Sayreville Senior Center and Dept. of Public works.

The cost and savings was explained by the Business Admin.

Motion was moved by Councilman Perrette and Seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes, carried.

Clerk stated that there will be a resolution memorializing the council’s action on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

- b) - Authorization to contract with AshBritt Environmental for debris removal in connection with Hurricane Sandy Recovery, with continued pick-up through the end of November, 2012, estimated cost \$105,000 (Vegetative waste). Further approval requested for the pick-up of additional trash as needed per their State approved contract rate.  
- Further authorization to contract with:
  - 1) SAIC – Science Applications International Corp.  
for Task Monitoring Services to oversee AshBritt Environmental debris removal in accordance with FEMA.

Councilman Perrette made a motion to execute contracts with AshBritt Environmental and with SAIC to proceed with work associated with Hurricane Sandy. Motion seconded by Councilman Buchanan.

Roll Call: Councilpersons Bella, Buchanan, Henry, Novak, Perrette, all Ayes.  
Carried.

Clerk announced that she would prepare a resolution memorializing the council's action for the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

c) Middlesex County Board of Social Services will be utilizing the Sayreville Municipal Building Lower Level Conference Room to administer D-SNAP (food stamp) emergency applications. They will be available on Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 3 & 4, 2012 from 8AM-8PM.

- Approved.

d) Personnel – Appointing three (3) Laborers in the Dept. of Public Works, replacing retirees.

- Resolution.

• **C.F.O.- Wayne Kronowski**

a. Bill List Resolution

b. Transfer Resolution

c. Chapter 159 Resolutions to amend the 2012 Budget for grants received since adoption.

Occupant Protection Grant	\$ 3,750.00
Safe Corridors	40,278.56
Quality of Life Grant	5,000.00
Residential Maintenance	4,500.00
Recycling Tonnage Grant	52,502.87
Body Armor Grant	8,030.65

d. Plan for expenditure of monies collected pursuant to the Dedication by Rider for Storm Relief previously adopted.

- Plan will be prepared for next meeting.

e. Resolution setting forth the amount of Emergency Appropriations relative to Hurricane Sandy.

- Resolution to be paid back over 5 years.

• **ENGINEER -Jay Cornell**

a. Ernston Road Sidewalk Improvements – Receipt of bids (Verbal Report)

- Resolution for 12-17-12.

b. Improvements to William Street – Receipt of Bids (Verbal Report)

- Because of the flooding issues in that area, the Mayor asked that the Business Admin, Engineer and Frank Mazzaroni meet and get a consensus from their residents of their intentions before moving forward with this project.

c. Purchasing of a New Pumper Fire Truck – Receipt of Bids (Verbal Report)

d. Purchasing of a New Rescue Boat and Trailer – Receipt of Bids (Verbal Report)

- Bids will be received tomorrow Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> for the fire truck and Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> for the boats and trailers, so if everything is in order he recommended having resolutions awarding these contracts at the Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

- Approved.

e. Ernston Road/Bordentown Avenue Intersection Improvements

- Status of Project (Verbal Report).

**BOROUGH ATTORNEY - Michael DuPont**

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

Before beginning the public portion the Mayor asked that the Business Admin. give a storm related report.

Mr. Frankel stated that the Department of Public Works has reported that there has been picked up over 2.9 million pounds of debris that has been removed to the landfill and this was as of the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. He said that Mr.

Kronowski reported that the estimated cost so far is \$1,250,000. Dollars and that FEMA has told us that these costs are 75% recoverable and possibly the State may be giving any additional 15% but that is not etched in stone. He informed the council on how AshBritt and the monitoring company have been helping. We continue to meet with FEMA, but don't seem to be getting the answers we need. This is why Councilman Buchanan is calling for a special meeting with them.

Mr. Frankel also applauded our workers . They have been working day and night trying to keep the borough clean. He asked that all residents' sign up for Nixel which besides reverse 911 the police provides information through Nixel provides information. He also reported that we had people delivering information on foot going door to door communicating the best as we could to all the residents. The Borough continues to be open from 8am-4pm. You could always contact the Mayor, Council or myself.

Those appearing were:

- Fran O'Conner, 84 Weber Avenue or PO Box 133.  
Expressed the monumental loss by her and all those in her neighborhood. Thanked the first responders and the department of public works. She said for three years they have been throwing out their belongings and they have respectfully been picking them up. She thanked the Police Department for protecting their homes and keeping their neighborhood safe. She thanked the volunteers, Jerry Ust and Lisa Eicher for their direction in the donation center. She thanked the church groups, the North Carolina Baptist Church who have been so unbelievably awesome to them with their overwhelming assistance in helping them get all of the furniture and debris. To the restaurants, to J. O'Neil's who have been providing food to them along with a warm place to eat. She thanked Mayor the Business Administrator and the Governing Body for providing their assistance over the past few weeks. She expressed the emotional toll losing their homes have been and they have been fighting so hard and so long trying to save their neighborhood but after these many years this time many of them are looking to give up fighting for flood protection and fight for a buy-out. She explained what FEMA provides and that they do not buy-out the homes. She explained the multiple plans the Federal Government has in place as well as State and local funds to acquire the flood prone homes. She said that there are many steps involved in the buy-out process and said that first would need the support of our local officials. She indicated that she has a document which outlines the scope of work for acquiring flood prone properties. She said there are a lot of steps involved but it starts with the local government. She needs someone from the borough to be appointed as their Advocate to work with the State and Federal Government. They need confirmation that they are eligible for the buy-out and that they meet the criteria. There are very specific FEMA rules that are critical to decisions that people make. They need to know if they are getting this buy-out for them to make decisions. It is unsafe to live in their neighborhood and asked for a resolution that confirms the governing body is supportive of a buy-out and will proceed with a buy-out for Weber Avenue, for those homes affected on MacArthur Avenue for the Old Bridge section and any other homes that may be in need of it.

She questioned how much longer their streets will have police protection.

The Mayor asked if there were any objections to have police protection until the end of the year. There were no objections.

She questioned if FEMA Engineers would be coming around to re-assess the structural integrity of their foundations. The Mayor said that it was not true.

She questioned their property taxes. She spoke with Senate President Steve Sweeney and Assemblyman Wisniewski who said there was Legislation that would be introduced on a State-wide level to permit municipalities to freeze taxes in specific areas of the municipality that were affected by the disaster. She said she knew this would not happen overnight so she asked what would happen with the taxes in their area as far as a re-assessment.

The Mayor said he would have the Tax Assessor come up when she is done to address that issue.

She again asked that the governing body appoint an Advocate from the borough. She said that there needs to be a coordination at the borough level to the State OEM and DEP and Federal Government. This advocate needs to vigorously pursue the all the funds that would be available for Sayreville as well as the coordination of the Town Hall Meeting.

She again requested the Governing Body's full support in pursuing federal money for a buy- out and confirm that we have someone that they as residents can go to for the latest correct information.

Mayor asked if there was anyone not in favor of not pursuing federal money. All ayes. Councilman Henry said he would also like to act as the advocate.

Mayor said that he felt that Barry Eck, OEM Coordinator would be a key person as well as Danielle Maiorana and Co. Henry as the Liaison.

Councilman Bella asked Fran if she had a time line on the buy-out process.

Mrs. O'Conner covered the processes and the information that would need to be collected.

- Frank Mazzaroni, William Street  
He mirrored Fran's thank you to everyone.  
Questioned the last day for debris pick-up.  
Questioned property tax values.  
Inconsistencies with FEMA and who do you turn to?

Mayor said that he is working with one of the churches who has experience in these insurance and banking areas to work with the families who are experiencing problems with the insurance and banking industries as well as FEMA. He asked if the two neighborhood leaders could help gather contact information of their neighbors so that information can be disseminated.

- Joe Kupsch, Sayreville Tax Assessor  
He explained that under current law there is no way to change 2012 that would have to be paid. For 2013 there will be a minor change for many areas such as Quaid, Marsh, the end of Boehmhurst, the Old Bridge section, MacArthur, Eisenhower, Patton, part of Major Drive. He said that any house that had damage that is not significantly repaired by Dec. 31, 2012, he will be making a reduction in the assessment of 2013. He asked that residents contact his office. He explained the two types of reductions and that taxes will still have to be paid. Questions were shouted from the audience and responded to by Mr. Kupsch.
- Kirk Miick, Construction Official

He reported that his office has been working six days per week and will continue to do so. He said that there are two hundred seventy some affected homes permits were issued to one hundred sixty; one hundred eighty inspections in the last week and half. He explained that people can start the work then come in shortly thereafter and apply for the permits and they have been trying to do same day inspections or next day inspections.

Questions were shouted from the audience and responded to by Mr. Miick.

Permits are not being issued for the demolition. They are being issued for the construction to be sure that proper material and usage is adhered to.

- Jim Kelly, 1 Kuberski Drive  
Felt that the Fire Dept. was left out of accolades and thank you from the governing body.
- Dawn Obal, former resident of Charles St., Old Bridge section.  
Stated that East Brunswick has a contract to cover their section of town and resident were told that they need to evacuate because they would not be able to get to them. She questioned why the borough has a contract with East Brunswick if that is the service they would be getting.

Mayor stated that there are 50 homes in the Old Bridge section and two thousand apartments in Winding Woods and the contract with East Brunswick is for fire service.

- Charles Wojtaszek, Fire Chief  
Acknowledged that we do contract with East Brunswick because of response time. But did not forget them he stated that they had a plan in place in case they needed to get to them. He had many conversations from the Chief from East Brunswick he said that the proper procedures were in place in order to be able to get to them the next morning.
- Dr. John Misiewicz, Sayreville Planning Board/Winkler Rd.  
Dr. Misiewicz commented on the Land Use end when you are dealing with the federal government and suggested hiring someone to administer the facilitation with that application and process for the residence and borough. You need people that specialize in that area and have experience in knowing the pitfalls and roadblocks.
- Barbara Kilcomons, 22 Schmitt St.  
Agreed with Mr. Misiewicz.  
Questioned the status of the pumping station at the end of Canal Street and their responsibility with the sewerage back-up in people's homes.

The borough engineer reported on the pumping station issue.

Mayor asked the Business Admin. to look into the issue.

No further questions or comments. Councilman Perrette made a motion to close the public portion. Seconded by Councilwoman Novak.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS**  
Mayor O'Brien announced that the Council will be going into Closed Session and does not expect any action to be taken when we reconvene.

Attorney DuPont read the following Resolution into record:

**RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances, and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Sayreville, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public portion of this meeting is hereby adjourned in order that the Governing Body may meet in a closed, private session for approximately 10 minutes to discuss the following matters:

Personnel

2. Following the conclusion of said closed session, the Governing body shall reconvene the open portion of this meeting to consider any other matters which may be properly brought before it at this time.

3. The nature and content of discussion which occurs during closed session shall be made public at the time the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the public be excluded and this resolution shall take effect immediately.

/s/ Daniel Buchanan  
Council President Pro Tempore.

APPROVED:

/s/ Kennedy O'Brien  
Mayor

Councilman Buchanan moved the Executive Session Resolution be adopted on Roll Call Vote. Seconded by Councilman Perrette.

Roll Call: Voice vote, all Ayes. Carried.

Time: 8:35 PM

• **RECONVENE**

Councilman Perrette moved to reconvene the meeting. Seconded by Councilman Buchanan.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time: 8:45 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT**

No further business.

Councilman Buchanan made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Councilman Perrette.

Roll Call: Voice Vote, all Ayes.

Time: 8:45 P.M.

SIGNED:

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Theresa A. Farbaniec, Municipal Clerk

2/25/13  
Date Approved