



MINUTES
BOROUGH OF EMERSON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
November 22, 2016
7:30 P.M.
Borough Hall-Council Chambers
Emerson, NJ 07630



I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lamatina called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. and identified the emergency exits.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Lamatina asked Ms. Dietsche to call the roll of the Governing Body.

Present: Mayor Lamatina, Councilwoman DiPaola, Councilman Downing, Council President Knoller, Councilman Lazar, Councilman Tripodi, Councilman Worthington, Councilman-elect Falotico

Also present were Borough Administrator Robert S. Hoffmann, Attorney Douglas Doyle substituting for Borough Attorney Wendy Rubinstein and Borough Clerk Jane Dietsche.

III. EXCUSED ABSENCE OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER

- Councilman Downing for his absence from the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2016

☞ **Motion** to excuse Councilman Downing for his absence from the Regular Meeting of November 1, 2016 was **moved** by Councilman Lazar, **seconded** by Councilman Tripodi and carried unanimously.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS

Mayor Lamatina announced that there were no appointments or resignations.

V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

- Environmental Commission
 - Resignation of Jake Sales as Student Member for the term ending 12/31/16

☞ **Motion** to accept the resignation of Jake Sales as Student Member of the Environmental Commission for the term ending 12/31/16 was **moved** by Councilman Downing, **seconded** by Council President Knoller and carried unanimously.

- Shade Tree Commission
 - Resignation of Shade Tree Inspector Steven Frassa effective 11/24/16

☞ **Motion** to accept the resignation of Shade Tree Inspector Steven Frassa effective 11/24/16 was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Council President Knoller and carried unanimously.

- Resignation of Shade Tree Regular Members:
 - Kenneth Hoffman
 - Peter Kraycinovich
 - Steve Frassa
 - Diana Frassa
 - Craig Bosch

☞ **Motion** to accept the resignations of Shade Tree Regular Members Kenneth Hoffman, Peter Kraycinovich, Steven Frassa, Diana Frassa and Craig Bosch effective 11/21/16 was **moved** by Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried unanimously.

- Police Department
 - Retirement of Chief Donald Rossi effective December 1, 2016

☞ **Motion** to accept the retirement of Chief Donald Rossi effective December 1, 2016 was **moved** by Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Tripodi and carried unanimously.

VI. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016

☞ **Motion** to table the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016 and carry them over to the December 6th Regular Meeting was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Councilman Worthington and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: DiPaola, Lazar, Downing, Knoller, Tripodi, Worthington

- Regular Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2016
- Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2016

☞ **Motion** to approve the Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2016 was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Council President Worthington and carried unanimously.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Lamatina announced copies of the correspondence were available in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

- Letter dated October 25, 2016 from Chief Donald Rossi; Re: Retirement effective December 1, 2016
- Email dated October 26, 2016 from George Banks; Re: Streetscape Grant Letter
- Letter dated October 25, 2016 from Commissioner Charles Richman, NJ Dept. of Community Affairs; Re: Grant Award Reimbursement in the amount of \$18,769 for FEMA Public Assistance Program Projects.

VIII. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

- Resolution No. 273-16 Bill List

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 273-16 Bill List was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Councilman Tripodi and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: DiPaola, Lazar, Downing, Knoller, Tripodi, Worthington

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Central Business District
 - Presentation by Borough Planner Brigitte Bogart and Kevin Codey of Emerson Redevelopers/JMF Property

Mr. Doyle introduced the presentation by explaining that as a result of a redevelopment plan and a redevelopment agreement, together with renderings that were presented to the Governing Body over the last six months, and as a result of the developer committing to make this an all inclusive or COAH inclusive site, there were some revisions to the elevations that were made in order to accommodate the COAH units on site and comply with the Borough's obligations. He noted that at an upcoming meeting, an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan would be presented which would accommodate the plan to be presented that evening. The ordinance would be introduced at the December 6th meeting and a full hearing would take place during December 20th meeting.

Mayor Lamatina noted that the amendments were presented to the Land Use Board several months ago at which time the members had made recommendations. A draft ordinance was provided to the Governing Body for their review and discussion with some additional language added by the Land Use Board. These amendments would further make it an appropriate zone with appropriate bulk standards for the downtown area.

Councilwoman DiPaola asked whether this process needed to be completed in December as other events were taking place in the Borough that were important to residents and prevented them from attending that evening's meeting. She added that there were similar conflicts for residents with the regular meetings scheduled for December 6th and 20th due to the holiday season. She did not know that they were giving the public a fair time to attend and weigh in on this topic. Mr. Doyle stated that with that evening's meeting, the Land Use Board meeting and the introduction and the hearing, the public would have had four opportunities to attend and weigh in. He added that this wasn't the first time this was being considered – it was heard before the Land Use Board going over the exact revisions they were looking for and they were relatively diminimous. He said that when they heard the presentation that evening, they would see that this was not something extraordinary. He also noted that the Governing Body had received something earlier that day about a building which was almost the same height already in the downtown area. It would not be as shocking as some people might think it was. He said the public could participate in the presentation that evening and there would be an introduction where the public were welcome to come and then there would be a full blown hearing – that would be four opportunities for the public to be present.

Borough Planner Brigitte Bogart was sworn in by Mr. Doyle. Ms. Bogart explained that the Borough had solicited and picked a Redeveloper and they had come in with a plan. They were confronted with the reality of the Borough's ordinances, streetscape improvements needed, and affordable housing requirements. All these items needed to be taken into consideration to accomplish the different goals and address the Borough's requirements related to the affordable housing plan and ordinances, and goals set forth by the Courts in affordable housing litigation. The result was a need to modify the plan. She noted that this was not atypical of a redevelopment zone. In order to have something financially feasible work, modifications were needed. When a municipality was presented with a redevelopment plan, they typically were not aware of the realities of redevelopment. She explained that modifications to a redevelopment plan happened all the time.

Mayor Lamatina said that the initial plan was for 59 separate lots to be developed by one redeveloper. He said there had not been a modification between then and now. So basically they were taking the 2006 plan and adopting it to this open specific area. Ms. Bogart noted that even before the 2006 plan, the Borough had adopted a central business district plan just hoping that the properties would redevelop on their own. That never happened, so they took it to the next level for redevelopment trying to make sure that it would happen under the redevelopment context giving incentives to developers to come in or individual property owners to redevelop their properties. That was ten years ago and that never happened. Now, ten or fifteen years later, they had not moved forward with the redevelopment plan, the CBD plan or the Master Plan that was originally envisioned.

Mr. Doyle said that when you consider what he believed to be a diminutive revision to the bulk standards in the downtown area, you had to look through it with the lens of the fact that the Borough had deemed it appropriate to redevelop the downtown area but hadn't seemed to attract developers who were willing to build under the current constraints of the municipal redevelopment plan. There was now a redeveloper who came to the table, posted escrows, made an application, and had invested in architects and engineers. He noted that the Borough had a laundry list of items including a new Ambulance Corps building, COAH, contributions towards the improvements to the Kinderkamack Road improvement project both offsite and onsite, and drainage issues in addition to the buildings themselves. These items create building development realities and that was why they needed the amendment.

Mayor Lamatina noted that New Jersey State statutes allowed the Borough to get those things from a redeveloper. The Borough would be giving the Ambulance Corps property to the redeveloper and would be getting back a building. Ms. Bogart noted that this would not occur under a Central Business District plan. Mayor Lamatina also stated that the redeveloper had agreed to general contract whatever would be built across the street. Mr. Doyle stated that some towns picked up the cost for infrastructure improvement - sanitary sewers, the water, roads the bollards, making that investment themselves, so they set it up for the developers to come. In this scenario, the Borough did not want to put taxpayers at risk, but rather for the developer to pay their proportionate share. The Borough had imposed more on the developer than some other towns.

Ms. Bogart noted that the COAH units were court mandated. As part of a settlement agreement related to affordable housing litigation, the Borough agreed that any development over five units would have a 20% set aside for affordable units. She emphasized that this was something which was required.

The Governing Body discussed Section 8 housing and the qualifications for this program. Council President Knoller explained that affordable housing was not Section 8 housing. Councilwoman DiPaola asked whether it was possible for a renter to qualify for Section 8 housing based on their income and issues. Mr. Doyle said that individuals that qualified for Section 8 housing usually could not afford to go in there because the traditional rents in this area were adjusted for low and moderate - those rentals were remarkably high and Section 8 usually could not be accommodated in those units.

Councilman Lazar discussed research he had conducted and outlined the vouchers granted for rent in Section 8 housing and said the vouchers would not come close the rent that would be charged for affordable housing. He added that affordable housing was for young families starting out, empty nesters, and senior citizens who wanted to stay in town.

Councilwoman DiPaola asked for clarification and proposed a scenario: if someone was in affordable housing and could no longer pay that rent would they be able to apply for Section 8 and assistance and become a low income housing tenant. Mr. Doyle said they could get vouchers for part of the cost but that did not entitle them to stay there unless they could make up the difference between the voucher amount and the cost of the low and moderate unit. His sense was that, based on the demographics in Emerson in northeast/northwest Bergen County, the difference between what the Section 8 voucher would give and what the low and moderate payment would be – it would be highly unlikely, although maybe not impossible, for those tenants to remain there.

Councilwoman DiPaola stated that she was personally familiar with two people in such circumstances who lived in very lovely places and were getting government assistance and continued to stay there and their rent was paid while meeting the delta. She was not saying they were building Section 8 housing, but in any kind of rental, there was always the possibility of there being Section 8 tenants. Mr. Doyle said that demographically, taking into consideration of where Emerson was located and what the rents were, it was typically not seen – it was not impossible but could occur.

Ms. Bogart said the modifications to the ordinance were very minimal and walked through the changes to the specific zone and why they were made. She said that they took Section 290 of the Zoning Ordinance for the Central Business District 10 and 15 zones and modified sections of it that were required based on the new design of the building. She noted that the amendments included:

- Multifamily residential dwellings were permitted at grade on Lincoln Boulevard. The committee decided that it wasn't really necessary for retail to be on every street front. Lincoln Boulevard was a side street and multifamily dwellings could be on the first floor as existed presently.
- Area and bulk regulations to CBD 10 – The first change was increasing the minimum front yard setback to 17 feet but it would now be measured from the curb line – almost double what currently existed in the ordinance but measured slightly differently. Mayor Lamatina noted that the County said they needed a 17 foot right of way. Rather than having buildings 10 feet from the curb, there would be a wider sidewalk and room for outdoor dining. Mr. Doyle noted that there would also be a more walk able downtown.
- In bulk regulations, the height had been three stories, 40 feet in height. They were now increasing the height allowed to four stories with 42 feet in height. Only along the railroad tracks, there were now permitting a height of 50 feet. She noted that the CBD-15 already allowed 50 feet in height and four stories. The CBD-10 north of Lincoln Boulevard also allowed four stories in height. The modification was only for this development currently and comprised only one block. Everything west of the railroad tracks also permitted four stories and 50 feet in height. She noted that the 42 feet height was very similar to the Emerson Grand building which was at 39 feet in height. She said there would be a setback of 5 to 10 feet to allow for balconies. Mayor Lamatina said that there should be a minimum 5 foot setback in the ordinance.
- She outlined an amendment allowing for a reduction in shared parking requirements. She emphasized that the reduction had to be supported by planning testimony, traffic testimony and the submission of a report to the Land Use Board at the time of site plan approval. The Land Use Board would also receive their own data which the developer would have to pay for. Modifications to the roofline were also amended.

At the conclusion of Ms. Bogart's presentation, Mr. Kevin Codey of JMF Properties/Emerson Redevelopers was sworn in by Mr. Doyle. He presented drawings illustrating the original plan and the revised plan. He noted that the four story structure would have a five foot setback and include architectural elements. He explained that revisions to the plan and the requirement to include the 20% affordable housing units on site led to the need for an additional 13 units. He commented that the only way to get the project built was to have four story structures. In response to questions, Mr. Codey said that he was okay with a minimum five foot setback.

Members of the Governing Body asked whether he would be able to accommodate local business owners and existing tenants. He said that he planned to build in phases so that tenants could remain and move over as new space was completed.

- Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste bid results and review – Mr. Hoffmann presented an analysis of the results for the joint bid opening with the Borough of Oradell. Nine options had been presented to evaluate the best value. Options 4 and 5 were most comparable with the current contract. He noted that the bids were higher than anticipated compared with Emerson's current contractors Miele Sanitation and Gaeta Recycling. He recommended rejecting the bids and continuing the contract with Miele Sanitation which was permitted under the Public Contract Law. He added that Gaeta Recycling had agreed to continue under the same terms and conditions. The Borough currently paid \$1.10 per pickup for solid waste per household; the cost for recycling was .51 cents per household per collection. He emphasized that there was a clear savings when people recycling – it was not only good for the earth but also made sense financially. The Borough's long term goal was to increase the volume of recycling to save \$53 per ton for collection. The Council recommended initiating ways to encourage residents to recycle.
- No Knock Ordinance – An ordinance to allow residents to register their addresses and receive stickers to prevent unwanted solicitations was revisited. Council President Knoller said the current ordinance restricted the latest time solicitors could canvass the Borough residents to 6:00 p.m. He suggested making residents aware of this and the fact that they should contact the Police Department if they were visited by solicitors after 6:00 p.m. He added that he would look into tweaking the current ordinance to vary the time based on standard vs. daylight savings time.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- Chief Promotion – Succession planning including other promotions – Mr. Hoffmann said Police Chief Donald Rossi would be retiring on November 30th and had served with distinction for 38 years. This retirement would result in vacancies throughout the chain of command and give the Governing Body the opportunity to name a successor as Chief. A promotion to Chief would result in at least one more vacancy in the department. Council President Knoller requested that interviews for Police Chief take place at the December 6th meeting and that they continue the interviews after they determine who would fill that position to fill other openings based on who was promoted. He explained that they wanted a management team in place for January 1, 2017. Mr. Hoffmann noted that this discussion would continue during Closed Session.

XI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Lamatina announced that there were no ordinances being introduced.

XII. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Lamatina announced that there were no ordinances being adopted.

XIII. REPORTS

- Mayor and Council

Councilwoman DiPaola stated that all the members of the Shade Tree Commission and their secretary had resigned. She said she understood their reasons and stood by them as their liaison. She read a letter from the members explaining their decision. She noted that the Borough was at a huge loss and their service had been invaluable to the community. In addition, the Borough had lost Steve Frassa as not only a member but also as the Shade Tree Inspector. She asked that a \$7,900 transfer still be put back in their budget. She said the Shade Tree Commission should be re-formed or begged by all the members of the Governing Body to come back. All the hours they had volunteered surpassed the time devoted by many other volunteers. She attacked the recent brutal campaign and the mailing which denigrated these volunteers and said they deserved a public apology from the candidates.

Councilman Lazar reported that the Department of Public Works had cleaned parks of leaves and were preparing snow equipment for winter. They received 193 calls for service for the month. DPW Superintendent Perry Solimando had praised Pam Lesnak, the Borough's floater employee, who was working out very well and had been organizing files and updating computerized information.

Councilman Downing gave the October report of the Emerson Volunteer Ambulance Corps. The Environmental Commission had cleaned up Ackerman Park and the Broadway path – there had been a great showing of help. The Commission had requested more signs about dumping and restricted access as well as cameras and signs saying the area was under surveillance.

Council President Knoller wished Chief Rossi the best in his retirement, adding that he was a tremendous leader for the Borough and he had enjoyed working with him for the last five years. He noted that Chief Rossi had shown enormous respect and dedication and left big shoes to fill. He added that he would miss him and that he had done a fantastic job. Chief Rossi had taught him how the Police Department worked and was very efficient, maintaining a high level of professionalism. He said that the Police and employees in other borough departments worked in a poor environment with inefficient work spaces. He gave the October report of the Police Department. In addition, he addressed the Shade Tree Commission members' resignations and Councilwoman DiPaola's report. He said it was not a vicious campaign this year and that in 2014 his slate was attacked through campaign ads. He said that members of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps had been viciously attacked and had requested a change of liaisons. It was unfortunate that the Shade Tree members had resigned. Going forward election campaigns should focus on the successes made by each side. In closing, he congratulated Councilwoman DiPaola on her reelection and Councilman-elect Falotico on his election and said he looked forward to working with both of them.

Mayor Lamatina said that there had been issues between the Shade Tree Commission and the Governing Body through the years. He noted that the Commission had received \$200,000 in the past three years compared to \$60,000 in the three years before that, demonstrating that the Council was supportive of their goals. He noted that Mr. Frassa had received a 100% increase in his salary recently. They needed to work towards a solution going forward.

Councilman Tripodi congratulated Councilwoman DiPaola and Councilman-elect Falotico on winning the election and wished Chief Rossi the best in his next chapter of life.

Councilman Worthington congratulated Councilwoman DiPaola and Councilman-elect Falotico and said he and Chief Rossi had worked together for a number of years. The Chief had always put the town first. They would argue over money but always walked out as friends and moved on, leaving the Police Department in a better place. Commenting on the Shade Tree Commission resignations, he said that the Borough had done a poor job of recognizing volunteers in town. The Ambulance Corps, Shade Tree Commission and others put in a lot of time and effort away from their jobs and family and friends and their commitment should be recognized. He was disappointed in the Shade Tree Commission members' decision and thought it was unprecedented that an entire commission would resign. He thanked them for their service and said they would be missed. He said he was sorry and apologized if any volunteer did not feel appreciated.

Mayor Lamatina echoed Council members' comments about Chief Rossi's well deserved retirement and said he was leaving the Police Department in great shape. He congratulated Councilwoman DiPaola and Councilman-elect Falotico on their election and said he looked forward to working with both of them. He had attended the New Jersey League of Municipalities Convention in Atlantic City and had been present at informative seminars on affordable housing and other topics. Information relating to affordable housing would be placed on the Borough website. He had attended the Unity Bank ribbon cutting and was glad to see a new business in town.

- Borough Administrator Robert Hoffmann reported on the following:
 - Fire Inspector Joseph Marra had passed away after 60 years of volunteering with the Emerson Fire Department. He had also been a long serving employee in Emerson and Westwood. He noted that Mr. Marra had come into the Construction Department just three weeks before his passing and said he was a nice, likeable man who everyone had good memories of. He would be missed by all.
 - The Christmas Tree Lighting was scheduled for Monday, December 5th at 6 p.m. The Emerson Jr./Sr. High School Chorus would sing holiday songs and Santa was scheduled to make an appearance.
 - Suez Water was tentatively scheduled to shut off the water at 55 Emerson Plaza East and the Emerson Hotel on December 2nd after midnight and finish by 5 a.m. Repairs were necessary and they were trying to minimize inconvenience to everyone affected.
 - He had attended a preemption signalization meeting with Councilman Tripodi and Borough Engineer Gary Ascolese. Progress was being made in coordinating the crossing signals with the location of the stopped train so as not to block Kinderkamack Road.
 - The Kinderkamack Road improvement project was progressing with light work scheduled around the Thanksgiving holiday. He said that before the winter shut down the curbs and driveways must be in place. A meeting was scheduled to finalize the close down date at which time the information would be communicated to the public and Governing Body. He anticipated it would be no later than December 6th but preferably earlier.

Councilwoman DiPaola asked about doing a giveback to land and business owners to recoup lost revenue – using as an example a discount on taxes. This topic would be discussed during 2017 budget meetings. Councilman Tripodi noted that safety issues needed to be resolved including the fact that residents had to walk in the streets or through mud. He said the option of reducing taxes should be explored if it was legally an option. Mr. Hoffmann explained that State statutes contained a provision for the State to provide a discount for up to five years on property taxes. He would contact Assemblywoman Schepisi's office to follow up. He said it was also in statutes related to the PILOT agreement. Councilwoman DiPaola also mentioned loans to small businesses to keep businesses afloat. Councilman Worthington agreed with these comments and said it was critical to get the Kinderkamack Road project done. He suggested working with business owners to allow tax breaks to ensure that Emerson was a business friendly town. Councilman Tripodi said they needed to think outside the box to help local businesses and suggested reaching out to other towns that had experienced similar situations. Mr. Hoffmann noted that they would need assistance from different levels of State government. Mr. Doyle said that Lieutenant Governor Guadagno would be the right person to triage these issues.

Mr. Hoffmann congratulated Councilwoman DiPaola on her reelection and Councilman-elect Falotico on his election and said he looked forward to working with both. He closed by wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

- Borough Clerk Jane Dietsche had no report.
- Attorney Douglas Doyle had no report.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

☞ **Motion** to open the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Councilman Downing, **seconded** by Councilman Tripodi and carried at 10:00 p.m.

Gary Schwinder, 99 Linden Avenue suggested assisting small business owners by creating a small ad campaign with construction specials, allowing businesses to buy advertising within a full page ad in a local paper. He asked about construction specifications related to the number of floors and the height of buildings in the redevelopment area. He also inquired about parking spaces and visitor parking and congratulated Councilwoman DiPaola and Councilman-elect Falotico on their election.

Michael Escue, 276 Kinderkamack Road said he was not happy with allowing four stories in the redevelopment area. He also inquired about key fobs, parking, the status of property acquisitions and affordable housing.

Jill McGuire, 154 Linwood Avenue inquired about the 25% parking reduction stipulations in the redevelopment area and expressed her concerns about redevelopment, the current empty retail environment and her preference for factual, rather than conceptual, plans for the project. She said she was happy to see everyone working together and all had the same goals.

Amy Marra, 186 Jefferson Avenue thanked the Governing Body for the moment of silence for her grandfather Joseph Marra. She also asked questions about redevelopment including safety issues related to access for the Fire Department and Ambulance Corps. She inquired about the visibility of the fourth floor with a setback of three to five feet and the curb width in the area of the wall at Assumption Church.

Michael Escue, 276 Kinderkamack Road asked about the streetscape project grant.

Seeing no more hands, Mayor Lamatina asked for a motion to close the meeting to comments from the public.

☞ **Motion** to close the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Councilman Lazar, **seconded** by Councilman Tripodi and carried at 10:39 p.m.

XV. RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA NO. 274-16

☞ **Motion** to approve Consent Agenda No. 274-16 was **moved** by Councilman Tripodi, **seconded** by Councilman Lazar and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0 at 10:39 p.m.

RC: Council members:

YES: DiPaola, Lazar, Downing, Knoller, Tripodi, Worthington

Ca 275-16	Budget Transfer
Ca 276-16	Refund of Tax Overpayments (4th Quarter 2016)
Ca 277-16	A Resolution In Support of Senate Bill S-2254 and Assembly Bill A-3821 Which Affirms the Language and Legislative Intent of the Fair Housing Act
Ca 278-16	Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Emerson Appointing a Coordinator for the Borough's Emergency Telephone System
Ca 279-16	Accept Grant Award from Non-Federal Cost Share Program in the amount of \$18,769.00
Ca 280-16	Authorize Quotes for IT Consulting Services

XVI. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 281-16

☞ **Motion** to go into an executive session to discuss matters exempt from the public as duly noticed by Resolution No. 281-16 was **moved** by Councilman Tripodi, **seconded** by Councilman Lazar and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: DiPaola, Lazar, Downing, Knoller, Tripodi, Worthington

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XVII. RECONVENE

☞ **Motion** to reconvene was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Council President Knoller and carried at 11:29 p.m.

The Borough of Emerson reserves the right to take action on items that were discussed in Closed Session.

- Resolution No. 282-16 Authorize Severance Agreement with Emerson Police Chief Donald Rossi

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 282-16 Authorize Severance Agreement with Emerson Police Chief Donald Rossi was **moved** by Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilman Tripodi and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: DiPaola, Lazar, Downing, Knoller, Tripodi, Worthington

- Resolution No. 283-16 Authorize Police Promotion Process

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 283-16 Authorize Police Promotion Process was **moved** by Council President Knoller, **seconded** by Councilwoman DiPaola and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0.

RC: Council members:

YES: DiPaola, Lazar, Downing, Knoller, Tripodi, Worthington

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to address, at the request of Mayor Lamatina, a motion to adjourn was **moved** by Councilwoman DiPaola, **seconded** by Councilman Lazar and carried at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dietsche, RMC
Borough Clerk