



MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING/  
PUBLIC HEARING ON  
2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET  
BOROUGH OF EMERSON  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL



April 21, 2020

7:30 P.M.

Borough Hall-Council Chambers  
Emerson, NJ 07630

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor DiPaola called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the April 21st, 2020 Regular Meeting/Budget Hearing of the Emerson Governing Body. She said the meeting was being held by teleconference due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. She noted that the meeting was being videotaped and could be viewed from a link on the Borough website as well as on Verizon FIOS Channel 36 and Cablevision Channel 77. She read the Sunshine Statement announcing that the meeting of April 21st, 2020 had been adequately noticed and was in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Further, notice of this was sent to the Record and Ridgewood News on December 19, 2019 and noticed to said newspapers; posted at the entrances to Borough Hall, on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and has remained continuously posted as required under the Statute.

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## II. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Mayor DiPaola, Council President Hoffman (in person)

**Present via teleconference:** Councilwoman Argenzia, Councilman Bayley, Councilwoman Dinallo, Councilman Gordon, Councilwoman McGuire

Also present were Borough Administrator Robert Hermansen, CFO Lauren Roehrer, Borough Auditor Gary Higgins and Borough Attorney John McCann (via teleconference) and Borough Clerk Jane Dietsche (in person).

## III. EXCUSED ABSENCE OF GOVERNING BODY MEMBER

Mayor DiPaola announced that no members of the Governing Body were absent from the previous meeting.

## IV. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS

- Arbor Day

## V. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

Mayor DiPaola announced that there were no appointments or resignations.

## VI. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

- Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2020

☞ **Motion** to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2020 was **moved** by Councilwoman Argenzia, **seconded** by Council President Hoffman and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES: Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia**

- Review and approval release of select Closed Session Meeting Minutes from 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 per attorney review

Council President Hoffman called a Point of Order to ask whether the Governing Body could approve Closed Session minutes for items when they were not on the council.

Mr. McCann explained that the approval was for the release of the appropriate minutes only, not for the content.

☞ **Motion** to approve the release to the public of select Closed Session Meeting Minutes from 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 was **moved** by Councilman Gordon, **seconded** by Council President Hoffman and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES: Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia**

## VII. CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Letter dated February 15, 2020 from Tyco Animal Control; Re: New Jersey Department of Health Animal Population Control Program.
- Various emails dated March 4, 2020 through today from Lt. Mark Savino; Re: Coronavirus/COVID-19
- Letter dated March 5, 2020 from James J. Tedesco, Bergen County Executive; Re: Bergen County sponsored Community Energy Aggregation Program.
- Letter from Stephanie Clark, Chair, Emerson Environmental Commission Re: Addressing single use plastics in Emerson
- Letter dated March 6, 2020 from Dana M. Burley, Clerk of the General Assembly Re: Adoption of Resolutions No(s) 78 & 79.
- Letter dated March 10, 2020 from Robert J. Shannon Jr., Chairperson of Bergen County Municipal Insurance Fund; Re: Emerson being awarded the Gold Award which comes with a \$1,750.00 monetary award.
- Email dated March 10, 2020 from Assemblyman Robert Auth; Re: Town Hall Meeting with DOT and NJ Transit on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 pm at the Westwood Community Center.
- Various emails dated March 12, 2020 through today from NJ Department of Community Affairs and Health Department; Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates
- Letter dated March 25, 2020 from Governor Murphy; Re: Ongoing construction projects and COVID-19
- Letter dated April 13, 2020 from NJDOT; Re: Accepting application for NJDOT fiscal year 2021 State Aid Programs.

## VIII. FINANCIAL BUSINESS

- Resolution No. 89-20 Bill List

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 89-20 Bill List was **moved** by Councilman Bayley, **seconded** by Councilwoman Dinallo and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES: Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia**

- **ADOPTION OF THE 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

- Resolution No. 90-20 Waiver of Reading in Full of the 2020 Municipal Budget

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 90 -20 Waiver of Reading in Full of the 2020 Municipal Budget was **moved** by Council President Hoffman, **seconded** by Councilman Gordon and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES: Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia**

- Public Hearing on the 2020 Municipal Budget

Borough Auditor Gary Higgins provided an overview of the 2020 Municipal Budget. This year the budget had been subject to review by the Department of Local Government Services. The Borough had received requests for some documentation to support certain revenue and appropriations. They were satisfied with the Borough's responses and gave approval for the Borough to adopt the budget after the budget amendment and public hearing. He said the current fund surplus was in a very positive position. Surplus had increased by almost \$550,000 and noted that with respect to the 2% tax levy cap, the Borough was \$832,000 under the amount that taxes could be raised in addition to what was in the budget. He noted that the Governing Body was able to deliver the essential services to their residents and not act on the \$832,000 that they could have added to the budget. He added that the budget was approximately \$500,000 under the appropriation cap; there was no necessity to use that either. He said they put themselves in a wonderful position with respect to problems in future budgets if anything happened with respect to the tax levy cap and the appropriation cap. The 2020 tax rate for municipal purposes only was projected to be 78.5 cents, a two-cent increase over last year. The increase on the average home equated to \$88.00 for municipal purposes only. He said there was no need to hold up the budget. If Trenton provided tools to deal with revenue shortfalls, they could be implemented whether the budget was adopted or not.

☞ **Motion** to open the meeting to comments from the public on the 2020 Municipal Budget only was **moved** by Councilwoman Argenzia, **seconded** by Councilman Gordon and carried unanimously.

Hearing no requests for comment from the public, Mayor DiPaola asked for a motion to close the meeting to comments from the public.

☞ **Motion** to close the meeting to comments from the public on the 2020 Municipal Budget only was **moved** by Council President Hoffman, **seconded** by Councilwoman Dinallo and carried unanimously.

- Resolution No. 91-20 to Amend the 2020 Municipal Budget

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 91 -20 Amend the 2020 Municipal Budget was **moved** by Councilman Bayley, **seconded** by Councilman Gordon and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES: Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia**

- Resolution No. 92-20 Adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget

☞ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 92 -20 Adoption of the 2020 Municipal Budget was **moved** by Councilman Bayley, **seconded** by Councilwoman Dinallo and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES: Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia**

Mayor DiPaola thanked the Finance Committee, Councilman Bayley and Council President Hoffman for all their hard work on the budget. She also thanked Borough Administrator Rob Hermansen and CFO Lauren Roehrer and noted that the budget had a small increase of \$7 per month or \$88 per year on the average home valued at \$442,000. She explained that the increase was due to the non-discretionary costs the Borough was faced with each year including statutory costs, contractual increases and utility increases.

In 2020, the amount to be raised by taxation was \$9,925,961, an increase of a little more than \$237,000 over the amount utilized in the 2019 budget. That number included increases in public utilities which totaled approximately \$46,000, statutory requirements of approximately \$66,000 and contractual union salary increases of approximately \$132,000. She noted that the Borough understood the financial constraints that everyone was presently facing and added that they were not able to offer any relief on tax payments at this time. She said that Borough Government needed to continue to function. Essential employees were still reporting to work, the police were still providing protection and garbage was still being collected. In order for these services to continue, the Borough's operations needed to be funded. They were not just focusing on today and tomorrow, but three months, six months and several years into the future. The Borough was waiting on guidance from the federal and state governments, and until they made a decision, essential services needed to operate. She said that even during this crisis, the Borough still had to pay the school, the county, and the library – there was no relief from those obligations; payments had to be remitted.

She closed by stating that she thought they had put together a very good budget and thanked everyone who participated and everyone who passed it. She knew that everyone was experiencing difficult times right now and noted that they were with everyone on this and were trying to the best they could. Everything was just for truly essential services and contractual obligations.

Council President Hoffman thanked Mr. Higgins for all his good work he had done for the Borough over the years and said he appreciated it. Mr. Higgins responded that he was there to help and guide everyone.

#### IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor DiPaola announced that there was no unfinished business.

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution No. 93-20 Enabling Resolution to Ensure Nursing Home Compliance

Mayor DiPaola said that since the COVID-19 crisis had begun, everyone was interested in numbers. She did not believe they had a completely accurate count of all the positive cases in the Borough because she thought that a lot of people were not being tested. However, she became concerned when the number went over 100. She and Mr. Hermansen wanted to know why the numbers were going up so quickly and why towns of similar size had lower numbers. They were able to ascertain that a lot of the positive cases were from the three nursing facilities in Emerson. Late the week before they demanded information and found out that there were 36 positive cases of COVID-19 in one of the nursing homes. That day they realized that there were over 50 positive cases in the three facilities, 50% of the numbers reported for Emerson. As of the current date, there were 70 positive cases and a total of 14 deaths in those three facilities.

Based on this situation, they sought to determine if there was anything they could do legally. She noted that OEM Coordinator Mark Savino had been in touch with the three facilities and was trying to assist them in obtaining personal protective equipment but they had said they were fine. She and Mr. Hermansen contacted Mr. McCann to see what they could do because it was not right and they wanted to do right by the people in the nursing facilities.

Mr. McCann said there was a lot they could do. The CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) and the CDC (Center for Disease Control) had issued specific guidelines to local governments to get involved with nursing homes during this pandemic. Scientific evidence showed that the older population was at risk. However, it seemed for some reason that they had slipped through the cracks of state and county government. There was an identified population and no one seemed to have done anything about it all. The guidelines issued were very on point and urged local governments to get involved and check in on these facilities to ensure they were compliant. This was the one way they could get involved.

He said Emerson was unique because it had three facilities and noted that approximately 60% of the deaths from COVID-19 were in nursing homes. He said this was an astronomical rate; this was the most vulnerable population and the number of deaths bore that out. He said that every town with a nursing home population had an obligation to look into this. He said there was a state statute that allowed the Council to appoint a committee from its members with the power of subpoena to investigate any matter. He said that did not mean that they would use it, but they wanted to begin to take a look at what they were doing regarding compliance. People had been isolated from their families and loved ones and minimally, they needed to ask questions of these facilities.

Council President Hoffman asked Mr. McCann how the committee could ensure that the facilities were in compliance. Mr. McCann said there were a substantial number of regulations that these facilities had to follow on a daily basis. To wait for action from Washington would put them at a disadvantage. It would allow them to find out where they were and let the facilities know that they were being watched in matters of compliance and watching out for the most vulnerable citizens in the community.

Mr. McCann recommended that the Governing Body form a committee which would use subpoena power only if necessary; if they received pushback from the facilities, then the committee would push back. Mr. Hermansen said each facility was supposed to have an outbreak plan and considering the number of cases, they wanted to be sure that the plan was being followed.

☛ **Motion** to approve Resolution No. 93 -20 Enabling Resolution to Ensure Nursing Home Compliance was **moved** by Councilwoman McGuire, **seconded** by Councilman Gordon and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES:** Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia

Mayor DiPaola appointed a committee comprised of herself, Council President Hoffman and Councilwoman McGuire.

XI. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

**First Reading:**

Mayor DiPaola announced that the next order of business was the Introduction of Ordinances. Upon approval, these ordinances would be further considered at a Public Hearing to be held on May 5th, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. either in the Council Chambers of the Borough Hall, Municipal Pl., Emerson, NJ or by teleconference and published in The Record. All ordinances were posted on the Borough website and on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk in the Emerson Borough Hall, Municipal Place, Emerson, NJ. Should you need a hard copy please call Borough Hall and one will be mailed to you free of charge.

**1611-20** CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC ACQUISITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$147,800 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE BOROUGH'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

☞ **Motion** to introduce Ordinance 1611-20 on first reading was **moved** by Councilman Gordon, **seconded** by Councilwoman McGuire and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES:** Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia

**1612-20** BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF EMERSON, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,410,900 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

☞ **Motion** to introduce Bond Ordinance 1612-20 on first reading was **moved** by Councilman Bayley, **seconded** by Councilwoman Dinallo and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES:** Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia

**ABSTAIN:** McGuire – Councilwoman McGuire submitted a memo on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> stating ‘Although I fully support all of the funding measures passed in the bond ordinance at the recent meeting, there was one that I needed to abstain from, as I am recused in voting on anything related to the Borough Hall project. Therefore, please mark my vote as an abstention.’

XII. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

**Second Reading and Public Hearing:**

Mayor DiPaola announced that no ordinances were being adopted that evening.

XIII. REPORTS

- Mayor and Council

Councilman Bayley said he was following up on the upcoming firehouse floor repair and said they were almost ready to go out to bid. He thanked Mr. Hermansen for his hard work. He also thanked the Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary for the visit from the Easter Bunny; there was a lot of smiling faces throughout town.

Councilwoman McGuire said the Land Use Board had held its first virtual meeting. Chairman Jeff Bischoff and Secretary Marie Shust had done an excellent job coordinating the meeting format. Recreation baseball was waiting for Little League to officially cancel the spring season. Spring soccer had been cancelled by the NCSA. Softball had canceled their spring season as well. The Recreation Commission was coordinating their own virtual meeting to address the Summer Kickoff. Reporting on the Chamber of Commerce, she said that many businesses were stepping up to assist in small and big ways. She was proud to be an Emerson resident and proud of the human spirit.

Councilwoman Dinallo reported on the Chamber of Commerce and said that Cradles to Crayons was open for the children of essential workers. Chamber of Commerce President Giovanni Mazzei of M&T Bank was helping small businesses obtain funding. She said residents needed to continue to support local businesses until they were able to reopen. She noted that Mayor DiPaola had posted information on the Borough website about local businesses which were open and thanked her for sharing it. Franco's Pizza had reopened. The Chamber of Commerce said they appreciated what the Borough had done for them. Memorial School construction was ahead of schedule and the district was adjusting to at-home learning.

Council President Hoffman said that Arbor Day would not occur on the usual schedule and perhaps would be rescheduled to the fall. The criteria to obtain Tree City USA status had been revised so as to waive the need to hold an Arbor Day ceremony. Spring plantings were going ahead. The Shade Tree Commission had expressed a desire to hold virtual meetings.

Councilman Gordon gave the monthly report of the Department of Public Works, sharing information on monthly metal recycling and noting that the department was working on split shifts due to the coronavirus outbreak. Borough Hall and other municipal facilities were being sanitized on a regular basis. The annual tonnage grant application would be submitted to the NJDEP during the week.

Councilwoman Argenzia had no report.

- Borough Administrator Rob Hermansen reported on the following:
  - He thanked department heads and employees for dealing with the crisis in such a professional manner. Borough Hall was closed to the public but all departments were still open and functioning.
  - He gave a special thank you to Mayor DiPaola for being at Borough Hall every day to help answer calls and resolve residents' problems. She was even able to find time to deliver Meals on Wheels to residents.
  - On a call with representatives from the State, Mayor DiPaola asked him to inquire about the Borough being reimbursed from the schools and library on any overages from cost savings on electricity, fuel, etc. The State was working on that and thought it was a great idea. They also discussed working with the State and the Federal Government and credit agencies to avoid residents' credit ratings from being impacted during this crisis.
  - Second quarter property tax payments were due Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. He detailed the methods to pay while Borough Hall was closed to the public.
  - The Building Department was currently open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They were hoping to return to a five day a week schedule soon. Updates would be posted to the Borough website.
  - He thanked CFO Lauren Roehrer for working so hard on the budget. It was truly a very difficult year and he thanked her for getting the process done.
  - He gave an update on repairs to the firehouse floor. He and Fire Chief AJ Sottile had contacted Borough Engineer Dave Atkinson to make sure they were on target. It was anticipated that the Borough would go out to bid in early May.
  - The Open Space Grant application process had begun. If anyone had an idea for a project, he asked that they contact him. They had another month to figure out if there was something they would like to do.
  - PSE&G would start their road paving program around April 27<sup>th</sup> in the area of Memorial School. Updates would be posted to the Borough website.
  - The most recent number of confirmed COVID-10 cases from the County indicated that the numbers were slowing down. He hoped that would allow them the opportunity to reopen things soon.
  - He sent Councilwoman McGuire get well wishes for later in the week.
  
- Borough Clerk Jane Dietsche reminded residents to complete their 2020 Census and said the new website was scheduled to be available by the end of the week.
  
- Borough Attorney John McCann said all towns in the County faced a lot of significant legal challenges based on current conditions. He was working with Labor Attorney Cathy Elston on a memo related to the federal law on employee leave and other employee practices for the Borough. He also commended all the municipal workers in Emerson, from inspectors on down, stating that they had been tremendous and that Emerson had not skipped a beat in conducting its council meetings. He said a lot of other municipalities had scaled back on their Council meetings or changed the meeting times. He said Mayor DiPaola should be commended for driving that agenda and ensuring that Borough government continued. He knew that all the Council members had not skipped a beat either. In a time like this when everyone wanted to point fingers and blame others for this or that, he thought it was good to have an 'attaboy' attitude. He didn't think that some other towns could have responded the way the Council was doing collectively and congratulated everyone.

- Mayor DiPaola reported on the following:
  - She noted that people were standing through their sunroof during birthday parades and emphasized that they should use seatbelts and remain in their vehicles at all times.
  - She commented on residents participating in driveway parties and said they should wear masks and gloves if they left their homes to keep themselves and others safe.
  - She thanked the Fire and Police Departments for coordinating the drive-by Easter Bunny event. She said it was a fun time and that over 150 cars passed by.
  - It had been an unusual Easter and Passover and thanked everyone for following the Governor's orders. She said if they were able to stop the virus, things could open up sooner.
  - She spoke with the Office of Emergency Management about potentially reopening the parks for walking, running and jogging, but not games and said that they were looking at a possible date of May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - She thanked Pastor Rivera of the Emerson Bible Church for helping a resident who was having difficulties obtain food. She said they were at the ready to help those in need. If someone needed help, they should contact the Emerson Bible Church and the call would remain confidential. Residents who needed assistance could also call Borough Hall or order food from Meals on Wheels.
  - A previous message she had sent out had mentioned AskUmbrella.com as a grocery delivery option. After researching their service, she was not sure she could recommend them as she was not comfortable with their background check process. They would be dealing with the Borough's most vulnerable residents and wanted to keep them safe. If she was able to contact them and determine that everyone was properly screened, their service would be endorsed. She said that Instacart was another option. Residents could also call Borough Hall or reach out to neighbors in town who had offered to run errands such as food shopping.
  - A resolution was on the Consent Agenda to encourage residents to support and thank the heroes and health care workers by displaying a Cavos red ribbon on their front lawn or tree. It would show pride in the United States and Borough as well as health care workers and all essential employees.

#### XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

☞ **Motion** to open the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Council President Hoffman, **seconded** by Councilman Bayley and carried unanimously.

Tom Browne, 114 Pine Drive asked questions about the current budget and funding. He also asked if the Borough had contingency plans for doomsday scenarios and for salary givebacks, consolidating services or layoffs.

Mayor DiPaola referenced her report and comments on the budget as well as Mr. Higgins report. She said the Governing Body was going to take a vote to write a letter to legislators in order for them to try to make a decision to grant some relief to municipalities. All the money being spent in the budget was primarily for contractual obligations – they had already cut the budget by as much as they possibly could. They still needed people to run the government.

Mr. Hermansen said they were starting to see a flattening of the curve of the virus and hoped that would continue. He said May tax collection was one thing, but they were contemplating what would happen for August. He said Senator Booker and a couple other senators had put together a \$250 billion plan which was just passed and was planned for municipalities with populations over 500,000. They are now asking that this be changed because most municipalities in Bergen County have populations between 8,000 and 25,000 residents. Emerson wanted to put out a letter to make them aware they were looking for help as well. The Borough was also reaching out to the State of New Jersey to see if there was potential to not have to fund the schools and libraries completely because the Borough was still making full payments to them and there were some things they were not doing or not needing. The Council wanted to put a letter out letting them know that Emerson needed extra help as well. Depending on how things went moving forward the Borough may have to consider furloughs or other contingency plans but would try to make it through depending on how the State reacted.

Council President Hoffman said that former Councilman Browne made some very good points and there was a lot of concern now with people losing their jobs. It was a very tough situation. But because of all the uncertainty, he thought it would be virtually impossible to set up a doomsday plan because he did not know where they would even start. He said Mayor DiPaola and Mr. Hermansen were doing an excellent job looking at things and were concerned about the public but things were changing on a day by day and week by week basis.

Hearing no more requests for comment from the public, Mayor DiPaola 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 Bayley, **seconded** by Councilwoman Argenzia and carried unanimously.

#### XV. RESOLUTIONS ON CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor DiPaola read two letters and said that with the Governing Body's permission, she would have them drawn up for the Borough's Congressman and Senators. The letter for Congressman Gottheimer requested that H.R. 6467 be modified to assist New Jersey Municipalities. The letter to Senator Booker and Senator Menendez requested that the proposed \$500 billion fund for state and local governments be modified to allow the majority of municipalities to be eligible for funding including the Borough of Emerson

☞ **Motion** to modify the letters read by Mayor DiPaola and send them out was **moved** by Council President Hoffman, **seconded** by Councilwoman McGuire and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES:** Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia

☞ **Motion** to approve Consent Agenda Resolutions No. 94-20 through 98-20 was **moved** by Councilman Gordon, **seconded** by Councilman Bayley and carried by a roll call vote of 6-0:

**Roll call:**

**YES:** Bayley, McGuire, Dinallo, Hoffman, Gordon, Argenzia

CA 94-20	Award Electric Contractor to do Minimal Work Under Bid Threshold, Aggregation Of \$40,000 Per Year Electric Work for Borough
CA 95-20	State Tax Appeal Refund 99 Kinderkamack Road, B610, Lot 4
CA 96-20	Resolution Authorizing Intent to Match A Grant Award from The New Jersey Library Construction Bond Act
CA 97-20	Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property – Mower & Car
CA 98-20	Support of Red “Cavo” Ribbon Display as Recognition of Essential Workers

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to address, at the request of Mayor DiPaola, a motion to adjourn was **moved, seconded** and carried at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dietsche, RMC  
Borough Clerk