

## OPEN SESSION

Mayor Robert Patten called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which stated that adequate notice and posting of the meeting had taken place in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was followed by the roll call.

### ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Mayor Patten</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Bond</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Harinxma</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Rosenberg</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Schneider</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Sikorski</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Candace Gallagher, Borough Clerk.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was moved by Council President Sikorski, seconded by Councilmember Rosenberg and unanimously approved as submitted.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the April 7, 2008 open and closed sessions were moved by Council President Sikorski, seconded by Councilmember Quattrone and unanimously approved as submitted.

## PRESENTATION

### COMMUNITY ACTION SERVICE CENTER – ACQUISITION OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD BUILDING

Councilmember Bond recused himself and stepped down from the dais during this presentation and the subsequent discussion.

Amanda Porter, member of the CASC Board of Directors, addressed the governing body regarding the Center's wish to acquire the building that once housed Planned Parenthood. She explained that the Center would like to expand the services it provides to the community, including the development of a teen recreation program, but is hindered in doing so by its current location in a second floor office on Main Street. That location, she said, is inaccessible to many, does not have a great deal of visibility and poses a danger to those crossing Main Street to get to it from the parking lot. In addition, there is no space at that location that allows for adequate privacy to meet confidentially with clientele.

The Center would like the Borough's support in acquiring the Planned Parenthood building, which has been vacant for several years. It now looks blighted, she said, and needs to be occupied and renovated. At that location, the Center would be able to do a lot more. The site has adequate parking, is accessible, visible, welcoming and professional, and much better suited for CASC's activities. Ms. Porter noted that, currently, the building is not on the Borough's tax rolls, so there would be no loss in ratables through their acquisition. The Center wishes to work together with the Borough to leverage funding from the DCA that will allow them to acquire the building. She added that there would be no cost to the Borough.

Rhonda Coe, a consultant working with CASC on this project, addressed the governing body to explain the details of the Small Cities Innovative Development Fund program, which is intended to fund community development activities that benefit those of low and moderate income, prevent blight in neighborhoods and/or serve emergent needs in the community. Funding would be used primarily to acquire and renovate the building. The Borough would be the applicant, and, if granted the funding, would pass it along to CASC through a loan that could be deferred so that, if CASC were ever to sell that property or cease to use it to serve the community, the funds would be repaid to the Borough. They would like to apply for the maximum funding granted under this program, \$400,000. Currently, the asking price for the building is \$510,000. They would hope to be able to purchase it for less.

Ms. Coe explained that this process involves two steps: a pre-application which would demonstrate the need for the project and that it would meet at least one of the program's stated objectives, and later, the application itself, which would be more involved, and would require that, among other requirements, a Grant Management Plan be in place, a Fair Housing Resolution be adopted and on file, and a Citizen Participation Plan be in place and adhered to. The application would need to be approved by Resolution of Council.

Councilmember Rosenberg asked how many families served by the Center are from Hightstown. Ms. Porter said that she would get that information to him, but estimated that about 40% to 45% of the families they serve are Borough families, and that they serve a total of about 400 families. She noted that they may be able to serve more at the new location.

Mayor Patten asked about the application deadline. Ms. Coe stated that, while there is no specific deadline to apply, there is only \$1 million available in the fund and six agencies have already submitted their pre-application. It would be best to submit that within the next few weeks. She would write the pre-application, and the application itself would be prepared by the Borough and submitted through the State's electronic grant system (SAGE).

Mayor Patten asked Ms. Gallagher if the Borough has the resources to do this. Ms. Gallagher replied that the Borough has never prepared or administered a Small Cities grant, as this is typically done by our consultant; however, she added, she would anticipate that CASC's consultant could provide most of the information for the application. "It seems to be a very worthwhile project," she said, "and I would certainly give it my best shot."

Council President Sikorski asked if this could represent any financial liability to the Borough. Ms. Porter stated that it would not, as the money loaned to CASC would be that which is received from the State.

Councilmember Schneider asked what new activities could be undertaken at the new location. Ms. Porter stated that it may be possible to share space and resources with Habitat for Humanity and/or other programs, such as a youth mentoring program. Mr. Schneider asked if revenue could be realized by the agency through a sublease and if that might then reduce the amount requested each year from the Borough. Ms. Porter replied, "I'm not in a position to say."

Council President Sikorski stated that he would prefer to speak with the Borough's Chief Financial Officer before making any decisions in this regard.

## PUBLIC COMMENT I

Mayor Patten opened the floor for public comment. Councilmember Bond returned to the dais at this time.

**Eugene Sarafin**, 600-628 South Main Street, objected to the recommendation (to be discussed later in the meeting under New Business) for a \$150 fee for a construction variation. Regarding water and sewer connection fees, he stated that those fees are not applied to the water and sewer budget. Ms. Gallagher noted that connection fees *are* included as revenues in the water and sewer budget. Mr. Sarafin said that he would like to see those revenues dedicated for utility capital improvements because, given the age of our plants and infrastructure, there is "a lot we should plan ahead for."

**Glen Johnston**, East Windsor resident, spoke to urge Council to support CASC's acquisition of the Planned Parenthood building. That location, he said, would be the "perfect location" for a teen center, and many kids would benefit. "We have a serious issue all over New Jersey with our kids," he said. "We need a resource for them ... somewhere they can go.... This place is meant to be."

**Torry Watkins**, 68 Meadow Drive, asked if anything has been done in response to his prior request to contact JCP&L regarding "the fact that we're still suffering from power outages and that JCP&L has not completed the storm proofing plan as they had promised."

**Mike Vanderbeck**, 344 Stockton Street, noted a Resolution on this agenda to waive certain parking permit fees, and said that he would be hesitant to do that. Mr. Vanderbeck also noted several approvals included on the consent agenda for taxi owner and driver licenses, and said that this represents "a great opportunity" to speak with our taxi companies regarding the need to stop at our crosswalks and adhere to all driving regulations. He said that he often must walk out and stop traffic himself at the crosswalk near his café so that pedestrians can cross, and it would be good to have the taxi drivers take the lead in this.

No one else came forward and the floor was closed.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL

Construction Official George Chin addressed the governing body to make certain recommendations for changes to our Borough ordinances:

- He recommended that accessory structures in R2 and R3 zones be limited to 16 feet in height. Currently, in those zones, there is no height limitation for such structures, but in R1 and R4 zones, they are limited to 16 feet high. Unless this is corrected, an accessory structure could be built in an R2 or R3 zone up to 35 feet tall, and up to three feet from the property line. He explained that an "accessory structure" is defined by the ordinance. It does not include a shed or any sleeping spaces, and is not a separate building. A garage or a sunroom could be an accessory structure.
- He recommended that our Code be amended to prohibit sleeping in an attic. This is a fire safety issue, he said. Attics in existing structures can be used as habitable space but may not be used for sleeping. Windows are often undersized, and in older homes, fire can travel up through the wall. It is a matter of safety. (New homes must meet current fire safety requirements.) He noted one instance where a real estate agent informed the buyer that the attic could be finished as a sleeping room. Although prohibited by building codes, this would be easier to enforce if it was included in our ordinances. Currently, our Code prohibits sleeping in a basement but not an attic space.

Mayor Patten asked Mr. Chin if he has informed the real estate agencies regarding what is permissible and what is not. He replied that he has not done so yet, but that would be easier to point out and more visible to the public if it is actually a part of our own Code.

- He recommended that the Borough charge a \$150 fee for a variation for new construction. This is needed when something is built that does not meet code requirements. If a hardship is claimed, a variation can be applied for. Establishing a \$150 fee, he said, will encourage homeowners/builders to try first to meet the code rather than simply applying for a variation.

Council President Sikorski thanked Mr. Chin for his "thorough analysis," and recommended that his recommendations be referred to the Planning Board.

Councilmember Schneider asked what type of accessory structure would be more than 16 feet high. Council President Sikorski noted that there is one now on North Main Street, three feet from the property line, and it looks "out of proportion."

After further discussion, it was generally agreed that the construction variation fee would be included with other fee increases previously discussed in an ordinance to be introduced at the next meeting, and that the recommended changes to the Borough's land use ordinance would be referred to the Planning Board.

The Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Chin for his work on these issues and his time in attending the meeting.

## ORDINANCES

### PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL READING: ORDINANCE 2008-08,

#### AMENDING SECTION 19-2.7(A) OF THE *REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF HIGHTSTOWN* REGARDING WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES

Following a brief review by Ms. Gallagher, Mayor Patten opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2008-08.

**Eugene Sarafin**, 600-628 South Main Street, stated that it is good to collect these fees in order to subsidize what the Borough has already paid for at the plants, but noted that we are running the water and sewer plants with no surplus. He asked if these fees would generate surplus. Ms. Gallagher stated that, presently, the budget is very tight, but we hope to create some surplus during the year by controlling spending. Mr. Sarafin expressed support for this ordinance.

**Torry Watkins**, 68 Meadow Drive, stated that East Windsor "is either applying for or already has permission to expand their sewer plant" by between 30 and 50 percent, and said that he "has urged Council on several occasions to investigate shutting down our plant and converting it to a pumping station." He noted that the Borough Engineer "doesn't like that idea" and suggested that her opposition is motivated by self-interest. He said that he plans to write to the governor about this and again urged Council to investigate the possibility.

No one else came forward and the hearing was closed.

Ordinance 2008-06 was moved for adoption by Councilmember Quattrone and seconded by Council President Sikorski.

**Roll Call:** Councilmembers Bond, Quattrone, Rosenberg, Schneider and Sikorski voted yes. Councilmember Harinxma was absent.

**Ordinance adopted, 5-0.**

**WHEREAS**, municipalities in the State of New Jersey are authorized to collect certain charges in the nature of "connection fees" from all users of water and sewer services within the municipality, with such fees being payable at the time of connection to such services, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40A:26A-11* and *N.J.S.A. 40A:31-11*; and

**WHEREAS**, such authorization permits municipalities to collect amounts which represent a fair payment per unit toward the cost(s) associated with the water and sewer systems as paid by the municipality through the end of the preceding fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the formula(s) for calculating such connection fees are established and set forth by statute and administrative regulation; and

**WHEREAS**, such fees shall be re-computed by the municipality at the end of each fiscal year after a public hearing; and

**WHEREAS**, connection fees in the Borough of Hightstown are currently set forth in and governed by Section 19-2.7 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has re-computed the existing water and sewer connection fees in accordance with and as required by *N.J.S.A. 40A:26A-11* and *N.J.S.A. 40A:31-11*, as set forth in her letter dated April 2, 2008, which letter is attached hereto and made a part hereof;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown, in the County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the water and sewer connection fees set forth in Section 19-2.7(a) of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown are hereby amended as follows:

1. Water Connection Fee:                      \$ ~~3,379.00~~ 3,291.00

2. Sewer Connection Fee:                      \$ ~~2,185.00~~ 2,127.00

2. That all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistencies.
3. That, in the event that any portion of this Ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be limited in its effect only to that portion of the Ordinance actually adjudged to be invalid, and the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall be deemed severable there from and shall not be affected.
4. That this Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

## CONSENT AGENDA

At the request of Councilmember Bond, Resolution 2008-112 was pulled for separate consideration.

Resolutions 2008-110, 2008-111 and 2008-113 through 2008-118 were moved by Council President Sikorski and seconded by Councilmember Bond.

**Roll Call:** Councilmembers Bond, Quattrone, Rosenberg, Schneider and Sikorski voted yes. Councilmember Harinxma was absent.

Resolutions adopted, 5-0.

**RESOLUTION 2008-110      AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 2 – JONICO, INC. (GREENWAYS, PHASE I)**

**WHEREAS**, on December 17, 2007, the Borough Council awarded a contract for the Greenways, Phase I project to Jonico, Inc. of Lambertville, NJ in the amount of two hundred and seventy-six thousand one hundred and thirty (\$276,130.00) Dollars; and

**WHEREAS** the contractor has submitted Payment Request No. 2 for work done in the total amount of \$88,029.42; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of this payment request, subject to receipt of the required certified payrolls;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that Payment Request No. 2 from Jonico, Inc. of Lambertville, NJ in the amount of \$88,029.42, as detailed herein, is hereby approved, and the Treasurer is authorized to issue same, subject to receipt of the required certified payrolls.

**RESOLUTION 2008-111      AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 4 AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 AND FINAL –  
S. BROTHERS, INC. (DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PHASE 3)**

**WHEREAS**, on May 21, 2007, the Borough Council awarded a contract for the Downtown Revitalization Phase 3 project to S. Brothers, Inc. of South River, New Jersey in the amount of Four Hundred and Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty (\$402,780.00) Dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Change Orders No. 1 and 2 to this contract were subsequently approved in the amounts of \$12,878.00 and \$25,945.00, respectively, bringing the total contract price to Four Hundred and Forty-One Thousand Six Hundred and Three Dollars (\$441,603.00); and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor has submitted Change Order No. 3 and Final to this contract in the total amount of \$2,696.00 as detailed on the attached listing; and

**WHEREAS**, the contractor has also submitted Payment Request No. 4 for work done in the total amount of \$36,345.26, together with the required certified payrolls; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has recommended approval of this change order and payment request;

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

1. Change Order No. 3 and Final to the contract with S. Brothers, Inc. of South River, New Jersey in the amount of \$2,696.00 is hereby approved, subject to the approval of NJDOT, and the Mayor is authorized to execute same.
2. By virtue of the approval of Change Order No. 3 and Final, the final contract price is \$444,299.00.
3. Payment Request No. 4 by S. Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$36,345.26, as detailed herein, is hereby approved, and the Treasurer is authorized to issue same.

**RESOLUTION 2008-113      AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**WHEREAS**, certain bills are due and payable as per itemized claims listed on the following schedules, which are made a part of the minutes of this meeting as a supplemental record;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the bills be paid on audit and approval of the Borough Administrator and the Treasurer in the amount of **\$310,756.29** from the following accounts:

Current	\$ 188,462.57
W/S Operating	116,003.54
General Capital	2,611.81
Grant Account	2,106.37

Trust Account	1,422.00
Public Defender	<u>150.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ <u>310,756.29</u></b>

**RESOLUTION 2008-114      AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS  
PRIOR TO ADOPTION OF THE 2008 BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to inadequate appropriation balances remaining in some line items of the 2008 temporary budget; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of emergency appropriations for the purposes above mentioned; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to create emergency temporary appropriations as set forth on Schedule "A," attached<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the total emergency temporary appropriations in resolutions adopted in the year 2008 pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 (Chapter 96, P.L. 1951, as amended), including this resolution, total:

	<i>THIS RESOLUTION</i>	<i>PREVIOUS TOTAL</i>	<i>CUMULATIVE TOTAL</i>
Current	74,700.00	1,368,809.48	1,443,509.48
Capital Outlay – Current	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - Current	0.00	59,689.60	59,689.60
Water/Sewer	33,570.00	743,138.00	776,708.00
Capital Outlay – W/S	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debt Service - W/S	0.00	138,266.52	138,266.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$108,270.00</b>	<b>\$2,309,903.60</b>	<b>\$2,418,173.60</b>

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown (not less than two-thirds of all the members of thereof affirmatively concurring) that, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation is hereby made for each item listed on the schedules that are attached hereto and made a part hereof.
2. Each emergency appropriation listed will be provided for in the 2008 budget under the same title as written herein;
3. One certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services, and a copy provided to the Treasurer.

**RESOLUTION 2008-115      AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF TAXI OWNER'S LICENSE – TU AMIGO TAXI**

**WHEREAS**, Section 4-21 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown* provides that a taxicab may not be operated within the Borough of Hightstown unless the owner and driver are licensed by the Borough; and

**WHEREAS**, said Ordinance further provides that accepting a passenger to be transported for hire from a point of departure within the Borough to a destination within or without the Borough shall be considered "operation of a taxicab" within the Borough; and

**WHEREAS** in accordance with Section 4-21.4 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*, an application for renewal of a taxicab owner's license for 2008 has been submitted by Miguel Saquicela of Tu Amigo Taxi, operating out of 79 Twin Rivers Drive North, East Windsor, New Jersey, for the following vehicles:

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<sup>1</sup> Schedule is on file in the Borough Clerk's office with original copy of Resolution 2008-114.

Vehicle Description	VIN #
1999 Dodge Grand Caravan NJ Plate No. OXY2785	VIN 1B4GP44L6XB839717
2002 Dodge Grand Caravan NJ Plate No. OXY 2808	VIN 1B4GP24362B672174
2001 Chrysler Town & Country LX NJ Plate No. OXY 2839	VIN 2C4GP44381R219768
2001 Chevy Venture NJ Plate No. OXZ 1330	VIN 1GNDX03E51D308674
2003 Chevy Venture NJ Plate No. OXZ2270	VIN 1GNDX03E43D253282

together with payment of the required fees; and

**WHEREAS**, these taxicabs will not be housed in or operate out of the Borough of Hightstown; and

**WHEREAS**, renewal of this license will allow Tu Amigo to accept passengers to be transported for hire from a point of departure within the Borough to a destination within or without the Borough; and

**WHEREAS** the application has been reviewed by the Hightstown Police Department and the company found to be in good standing to be approved by the Borough Council to operate within this jurisdiction;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a 2008 taxicab owner's license to Miguel Saquicela of Tu Amigo Taxi, operating out of 79 Twin Rivers Drive North, East Windsor, New Jersey, for five vehicles as set forth herein.

**RESOLUTION 2008-116      AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF TAXI DRIVER'S LICENSE – MARIA C. NIEVES**

**WHEREAS**, an application for issuance of a taxicab driver's license, which application complies with Section 4-21 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*, has been submitted by Maria C. Neives, 145 Outcalt Street, Hightstown, New Jersey, together with the required fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hightstown Police Department has reviewed the application and has approved issuance of the license;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a 2008 taxicab driver's license to Maria C. Neives, 145 Outcalt Street, Hightstown, New Jersey.

**RESOLUTION 2008-117      AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF TAXI DRIVER'S LICENSE – WILMER J. TENASACA-PULLA**

**WHEREAS**, an application for issuance of a taxicab driver's license, which application complies with Section 4-21 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*, has been submitted by Wilmer J. Tenasaca-Pulla, 113 Prospect Drive, Hightstown, New Jersey, together with the required fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hightstown Police Department has reviewed the application and has approved issuance of the license;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a 2008 taxicab driver's license to Wilmer J. Tenasaca-Pulla, 113 Prospect Drive, Hightstown, New Jersey.



**RESOLUTION 2008-118****AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF TAXI DRIVER'S LICENSE – CARLA T. CHUISACA**

**WHEREAS**, an application for issuance of a taxicab driver's license, which application complies with Section 4-21 of the *Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Hightstown*, has been submitted by Carla T. Chuisaca, 139 Center Street, Hightstown, New Jersey, together with the required fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hightstown Police Department has reviewed the application and has approved issuance of the license;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a 2008 taxicab driver's license to Carla T. Chuisaca, 139 Center Street, Hightstown, New Jersey.

With respect to Resolution 2008-112, Councilmember Bond explained that CASC is requesting four regular permits and four "special" parking permits to be issued at no fee. That fee waiver, he said, makes sense in light of the Borough's annual contribution to the Center. He noted this is part of the Borough's effort to clean up our two-hour lots and make them enforceable for two-hour parking.

Resolution 2008-112 was moved by Council President Sikorski and seconded by Councilmember Rosenberg.

**Roll Call:** Councilmembers Quattrone, Rosenberg, Schneider and Sikorski voted yes. Councilmember Bond abstained.

**Resolution adopted, 4-0-1.**

**RESOLUTION 2008-112****WAIVING FEE FOR CERTAIN PARKING PERMITS**

**WHEREAS** the Community Action Service Center, a nonprofit agency serving Borough residents, has requested eight 2008-09 parking permits for use by their staff, including four special permits for use in the Main Street parking lot and four permits for use in the Borough's permit parking area near Wachovia Bank; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center has requested that the fee for these permits be waived; and

**WHEREAS**, because the Community Action Service Center is an agency that receives financial support from the Borough, the Mayor and Council wish to authorize issuance of said permits at no fee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hightstown that the Community Action Service Center shall be issued eight 2008-09 parking permits as detailed herein and that the fee for these permits shall be waived.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT II**

Mayor Patten opened the floor once again for public comment.

**Phyllis Deal**, 305 Stockton Street, asked that the Borough mention also to the taxi drivers that the speed limit on our streets is 25 mph. Regarding the prohibition against sleeping in attic spaces, Ms. Deal said that she has a 15' ceiling in her attic, and had at one time added plumbing and electricity with the intention of moving the master bedroom there. When her house was placed on the market, it was advertised in that way, and it does have windows that one could get out of in the event of a fire. She objected to the recommended prohibition and said that, in her home, it would take a lot of space away that could be used for another bedroom and bath.

**Eugene Sarafin**, 600-628 South Main Street, noted that "things take time." He noted the progress that has been made in the Borough's appearance and the "evolution of the town," referencing recent work on Mercer Street, parking in front of the post office, the new fountain, and the new building constructed by Councilmember Bond. "We should be proud of our

town," he said. "We do make an effort. Even though we spend a lot for taxes, it's not your fault." He thanked the governing body for "making the town look so nice."

No one else came forward and Mayor Patten closed the floor.

Councilmember Quattrone commented, regarding Mr. Vanderbeck's suggestion that the Borough speak with our taxi companies about traffic regulations, that he, too, sees the taxis speeding, failing to stop at stop signs, and talking on cell phones while driving, and "it's getting out of hand." Mayor Patten said that he has noticed this as well, however, he said, it is not just the taxi drivers violating traffic regulations. "Our own residents are violating motor vehicle laws," he said. Councilmember Quattrone stated, "we've spent a lot of money to bring the town to where it is today. I've seen a lot of improvements, and I don't like to see anybody abusing it." He said that he plans to discuss this with Chief Eufemia.

There being no further business, adjournment was moved by Council President Sikorski, seconded by Councilmember Schneider and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace B. Gallagher, RMC  
Borough Clerk