

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 - 7:30 P.M.**

OPENING STATEMENT: Mayor Keith S. Balla called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and made the following statement: Under the provisions of N.J.S.A.10:4-6 et seq., notice of the time and place of this meeting was given by way of annual notice to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel, and Star Ledger, and posted at Borough Hall.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG and MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, SERVING HOME AND ABROAD.

ROLL CALL

Gibbs [P] Black [P] Nehls [P] Sopko [P] Goodloe [P] Eisenberg Knechten [P]

Also present were Administrator Jim Damato; Clerk Michelle DeRocco; CFO Bill Hance; Attorney Albert Cruz; Engineer Tom Herits, and Deputy Clerk MaryAnn Hance.

There were 30 members of the public present.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Prior to the presentation Council President Gibbs explained the purpose of this presentation and confirmed the ground rules that will be followed. He said each of the two presenters will have 30 minutes to speak and then the meeting will be open to the public for 30 minutes only.

Council President Gibbs requested Resolution R1 be pulled this evening but noted it will be on the next Council meeting agenda, October 3, 2019.

~~R1:09/19/19—Authorize 2019/2020 Deer Management Program / Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen~~

Mayor Balla requested Dick Wellbrock come forward to present a few facts on behalf of the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee.

Mr. Wellbrock stated the wildlife problem in Watchung is not only the deer but also other wildlife such as geese. All wildlife must be controlled in order to save the understory in the Borough. He then gave recommendations from the Committee.

Deer Density Surveys Overview:

Jessica Ray, Raritan Valley Community College, presented the findings from the drone survey which was conducted. Ms. Ray answered each question which had been previously presented regarding the survey. She stated they do not use third party validation; there is no automation or calibration. The drones monitor size, shape and movement to determine the deer and counting is done in real time. All surveys were conducted with an FAA certified pilot aided by a visual observer.

Gene Huntington, representing Steward Green, LLC, presented their survey results, explaining how the survey was conducted and how it is determined if an image is a deer or something else such as rocks, streetlights, streams, electric transformers, cars, and other mammals. The infrared heat signatures do produce a reliable method of counting the deer. The analysis is done by experienced skilled technicians. Mr., Huntington said they flew 28 missions starting at 8:30 PM April 10th and ending 4:30 AM April 11th.

Once both presentations were completed the floor was opened to residents for their questions.

Council President Gibbs thanked Jessica and Gene for coming this evening to explain their respective reports. He reminded residents there will be a 3-minute per person limit and the session will be limited to 30-minutes. He asked that everyone be respectful to all who speak. Council President Gibbs said the Mayor and Council do look forward to all questions and comments and the Council decision will be data and fact based.

Mayor Balla then called on residents in the order they were on the sign-in sheet.

Ray Barratt, Valley Road, asked Ms. Ray what the controls were since there were three surveys done, ten days apart. Ms. Ray responded they were only contracted to do small areas and it is unlikely that the deer would move from one location to another. Therefore if one night there was a low count and the next a higher count they took the average of the three counts.

Stephen Rubino, Deer Run, asked how consistent was the date between the two analysis in terms of the projections of the number of deer per square mile? Ms. Ray responded there were multiple surveys and they took the average of these. Mr. Rubino asked if the surveys included areas that would be mostly paved locations and Mr. Huntington said they did not include those areas in the surveys. The counts are conservative. Mr. Rubino said if these areas are not counted then the deer population could be much higher.

Ray Miller, Valley Road, said looking at the survey by Ms. Ray the pattern the drones were flown it just looks like a zig zag pattern and the deer could be moving about so there is the possibility that the deer could be counted twice and the Steward Green Survey was conducted in an eight hour period so the could also be counted twice so there is room for error in both surveys. Mr. Miller then stated if deer were controlled by sterilization they would remain in the same area for their lifetime. Sterilization was initially very costly, however, each year it would cost less and less and it is a much better solution.

Ms. Ray explained when they are flying they note the direction the deer are moving and some move very slow. She said they do as much as possible to eliminate double counting and their final density counts are pretty conservative. Mr. Huntington also stated there are always two people when the survey is being conducted. The visual observer is tracking the movement from one location to another. The observer is right next to the pilot. Mr. Huntington also mentioned he has had some experience with sterilization at Duke Farm and it just became a matter of cost. He said before doing deer management at Duke Farm they did trap and transfer removing them to other locations at a cost of \$2200 per deer to do that. It was not a viable option. If the hunt is managed properly with trained individuals the numbers could be controlled.

Thomas Franklin, Wildwood Terrace, said he has done extensive research on sterilization and how it is implemented. The deer would have to be trapped or anesthetized then tag and inoculate. This would only last one year and would have to be administered again. To surgically sterilize the doe would have to be trapped then a licensed vet would have to do the sterilization. Mr. Franklin said netting the animal would cause injury to the animal.

Marilyn Goldstein, Hill Hollow Road, said Councilman Gibbs said we are only to talk about the surveys not our opinions and yet we just heard a someone's opinion which was exactly the same as he gave the last time. She then questioned the second report and asked if all the pictures are from Watchung and Mr. Huntington said they were. She said the one picture with two horses there is no property with two horses and those buildings in the Borough. Mr. Huntington responded that he believes there were three not two. Ms. Goldstein also questioned the comparison on page 8 showing a vehicle and a deer and asked how it was determined this was a deer and Mr. Huntington referred to the scale and the map.

Cartherine Leigh, Guinard Drive thanked Ms. Ray and Mr. Huntington for explaining the surveys and it was perfectly clear. She said we definitely do have a deer problem.

Rachel Funcheon, Cedar Road, said residents just saw these reports this week. The reports received in May did not have a single photographic image. She said she was used to seeing the aerial reports with actual pictures of deer. Ms. Funcheon stated the Steward Green report stated that the deer were distributed consistently across the Borough and the RVCC said they were inconsistently distributed. Ms. Ray responded that the piece of information was based on the spotlight road surveys which are more complete throughout the Borough and these are two different methodologies which may attribute to the difference and based on the road based survey that is what it is showing. Ms. Ray stated they did not extrapolate the whole township, only the areas they surveyed not the entire township. Ms. Funcheon asked Mr. Huntington if they actually saw 461 deer and where are the pictures of them. Mr. Huntington said they wanted to get a preliminary report out to the Borough and later they were able to do a more involved video editing which is a very long process and if the minimum stated in the report is 461 – then yes we did count at least that many. The maximum includes the minimum of what we thought were deer.

Andrea Stout, Mountain Boulevard, questioned the impact the canopy has on the understory. Ms. Ray responded that their studies involve what impact the canopy may have on the saplings and even with a full canopy there is still light getting through there are still trees growing that are not shade resistant.

Ashley Cohen, Hill Hollow Road, said all historical data they have for accidents caused by deer in town is between .96% and the highest is 3.5%. and she is not sure how it can be determined it is a significant amount of accidents caused by deer. Ms. Ray stated as the density increases there are more accidents and Mr. Huntington said there is a greater risk with more deer in the area.

Denise Chaplin, Hillcrest Road, said scientific reports state hunting can actually increase the number of deer. She also said hunters actually go for the buck for their "trophy" antlers. Ms. Ray said hunters go for the doe during culling not bucks.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Administration & Finance – Councilman Sopko reported the Committee met this morning and continued to discuss the search for an IT Consultant and also the replacement communication tower. He also reported Resolution R7 on the Agenda this evening is to accept the annual Audit Report which had no recommendations, which is very good.
2. Police – Council President Gibbs reported the Police Department will be swearing in a new patrolman at the next council meeting. The goal of this project is to try and make safety improvements in regard to Hillcrest Road and said the County will be sending out a press release shortly. The Police Department conducted an 18-hour surveillance at the bottom of Hillcrest and stopped 59 trucks in that time frame. One possible solution will be to have signs at the top directing the truck traffic to go toward Warren. Council President Gibbs said the crime statistics for Watchung are mostly non-violent with most being shop lifting. He also said the new Police radios are working well.

Councilman Nehls said the crime should be broken down as to what they are and Councilman Sopko also said realtors could use this breakdown to show potential buyers that most of the crimes are non-violent, mostly shoplifting events.

3. Public Works / Buildings and Grounds – Councilman Nehls reported the Committee met on September 13th and discussed two items, the first being the exterior painting of the Library and the second was the repair of the Ford Tractor. Bob Burns is waiting for quotes for the repairs which are estimated to be approximately \$9000. Councilman Nehls asked if this money is available in the Budget and Mr. Hance responded that it is. Also at the meeting Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten requested the possibility of more extensive discussion regarding sidewalks. Councilman Nehls said there will be another meeting Friday to further discuss this with some questions including who will plow, shovel, maintain, replace and pay for these. Councilwoman Goodloe questioned the \$50,000 amount in the Ordinance for Property Improvements and asked if this money has been spent. Councilman Nehls said there are some priorities such as work at Camp Endeavor, (would need cost estimate), work around the lakes, and Traffic and Beautification has a list of work to be done around the Borough. He suggests that the Environmental and Recreation Commissions also give some suggestions. Councilman Nehls then gave the following report he received from Mr. Burns:

All Roads for 2019 have been milled and paved and the parking lots at both schools (BOE paid)
 Catch Basins were repaired at Vail Lane & Police Department Lot, and pothole repairs are ongoing.
 Dead trees were removed on Johnston Drive, and large hanging limbs removed on High Oaks Drive (Predator). In regard to Buildings & Grounds:
 Quarterly Air Filter exchange completed in all buildings
 Mulching of flower beds on Village Green and around “tree of lights” and the weeds on the spillway have been trimmed.
 Trees along Brook and new wood rail fence was installed at Stirling Road parking lot
 Dog Bag dispensers were installed on Mountain Blvd. & Mobus Field parking lot
 New A/C unit was installed in the radio system room at the police department by King George Plumbing, and the Texier House sign on circle has been repainted, entrance sign is in process of being painted.

4. Public Affairs:

Environmental – Councilwoman Goodloe reported the Committee met on August 26 and discussed the upcoming Trex recycling program. The next meeting is scheduled for September 23rd at 7:30 PM.

Recreation - Councilman Black reported the Ice Cream/Movie night was very successful. He then reported the dates for upcoming events. The next event, “Music in the Park”, is scheduled for this Saturday, September 21st 4-7 PM, (rain date September 22nd); the Jerry Mobus Fishing Derby will be held Saturday, September 28th, 9 – 12 noon (rain date September 29th), at the Watchung Lake, and the Harvest Festival, Saturday, October 19th, 1 – 4 PM (rain date October 20th) at Mobus Field.

Historical – Councilman Black requested Amber Murad come forward and give a report on Historical. Ms. Murad reported the Historical Committee will again be participating in the Journey through the Past on October 12th and 13th. The Museum will be open on those dates and also on October 27th. The Commission is working on a World War 1 display with items that have been donated.

Board of Health – Councilman Sopko reported the Board of Health met September 18, 2019 and discussed the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) since there has been a case of the illness in Berkeley Heights. The Board made suggestions that residents should be using mosquito sprays when outside and eliminate any standing water in their yards, etc. It was also mentioned that the County will be spraying today for mosquitos. Councilman Sopko also read a statement from Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission concerning the outbreak of lung illness associated with using E-cigarette products. The Commission suggests that while the investigation is ongoing people should consider not using e-cigarette products or vaping.

Councilman Black questioned Mr. Herits about the standing water along the PSE&G tower lines. Mr. Herits said he will get together with Mr. Damato to discuss this. Councilman Nehls also suggested Len Young should look at any abandoned properties for any possible standing water or other breeding areas for mosquitos.

5. Fire – Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten reported the Chief has requested permission to have a small contained fire behind the Exempt Hall at the pig roast. Council President Gibbs said this has been done in the past and as long as they follow safety practices, he has no objection. Councilman Sopko agreed with Council President Gibbs. Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten stated this is used mainly for “smores” and as long as all guide lines are followed she has no objections and Councilwoman Goodloe agreed. Councilman Nehls said past reason for not allowing was the fire got out of control but as long as the fire is controlled, he is also in agreement to allow it. Councilman Black stated utilizing a fire pit will rectify the problem.
6. Laws and Ordinances –No report.

REPORTS – OTHER:

7. Engineer- Tom Herits reported the milling and paving projects have been completed with just some striping on the Borough Roads. He said he has received the permit from DEP for Ross Pond and our Attorney will be working on obtaining easement agreements with the affected property owners. He also met with Bob Weldon regarding moving the tower and that project is moving forward. Mr. Herits said he is finishing the specs for the last DOT grant the Borough received and hopefully have a resolution for the next meeting so it may go out to bid. He also reported the Salt Storage Shed is completed. However, a small storage shed will be purchased for cameras and electricity and we will be ordering security lighting from Public Service to be placed on the poles just outside the fence. Mr. Herits said there will be additional water sampling at the Watchung Lake and a biometric survey that will require a boat and they will use the one from the Fire Department. He then said during the milling of Fox Chase the subgrade was in very bad condition and in order to move forward with the paving, the Borough requested Mike Finne remove all the bad material and backfill it with stone to prep it for the milling and paving. Councilman Nehls said the money for this if from a Bond Ordinance already in place. Councilman Nehls also stated there was an estimate for the Ross Pond years ago, \$300,000, this is not a cheap project.
8. Police Chief – No report
9. Fire Department – No report
10. Rescue Squad – Melissa Nasario, Vice President of the Rescue Squad reported there are 2 new members and 4 more have been accepted. The Rescue Squad Fund Drive is coming to an end with a final mailing in progress and thanked all residents who have donated. The Squad is working on the Tree of Lights event to determine the dedication and they are also hosting a first responder kickball game on Saturday, September 28th at noon at Phillips Field and all Councilmembers and administrators are welcome to join them.
11. Emergency Management – No report
12. Attorney – Mr. Cruz had no report except there are two items on the Agenda for Executive Session. He then stated that there are horses in Watchung at least in two locations.
13. Clerk – Ms. DeRocco responded to a question Ms. Funcheon asked at the last Council meeting regarding new voting machines. She said she contacted the County Election Board and specifically asked if the new voting machines with paper backup be in place for the next Presidential Election and the response was “no”. Ms. DeRocco also reported Mayor Balla will be at Shop Rite mid-day volunteering to help prevent hunger, also some of our Police Officers will be there and if any other Councilmember wishes to volunteer please do. Councilwoman Goodloe said she will be there also
14. Administrator – Mr. Damato explained Resolution R5 is for the renewal of JIF, which is a pool insurance agency the Borough has been a member of for many years. JIF has saved this municipality and many other municipalities since they by insurance in bulk. He said generally the increase is about 2% and it is expected it will be the same this year. He also said he read through the Audit Report and it is a very healthy financial picture for Watchung and is something to be proud of and that there are no recommendations and credit for this goes to Bill Hance, the CFO. Mr. Damato thanked him for his hard work on this.

Wildlife Management Advisory Committee – Council President Gibbs had no report.

Youth Services – Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten had no report.

Planning Board – Councilman Sopko had no report. The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019.

Board of Education – Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten had no report. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2019 at 7 P.M.

Municipal Alliance – Councilwoman Goodloe reported the Municipal Alliance will be sponsoring the Great Pumpkin Run which will be to raise awareness to drug and alcohol abuse and prevent it. This will be held before the Harvest Festival on October 19th at 9 A.M. and you must register by October 3rd. There will also be a walk at 9 A.M. and an additional walk at 1 P.M. and we encourage everyone to participate.

Library Advisory Board – Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten reported the Board met yesterday, September 18th. She said the children’s programming has been thriving, and there are new chairs in the reading room, and a great summer reading program. She also reported since the Department of Public Works cleaned the gutters it seems to have remediated the flooding that had been occurring in the basement. She said the gutter assembly was temporarily directed far from the building but near the sidewalk. Board members are asking if the gutter drainage could be redirected to move off the sidewalk to prevent a tripping hazard and possibly icy conditions in the winter months. Councilwoman Eisenberg Knegten also said they would like to know if the Board purchases a new light for above the entrance if the Department of Public Works would install it. The cost would be under \$100.00. Councilman Nehls said he will discuss this with Mr. Burns.

Mayor Balla thanked Linda Monetti, Vic Kissoon, and Jonathan Eber for setting up a very nice 911 Ceremony. It was well attended.

PUBLIC PORTION / AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Request from Mom’s Club of Warren, Watchung & Green Brook / Little Library Neighborhoods

Amber Murad and Lindsay Bateman came forward to give an explanation of what the Little Free Library program is.

Ms. Bateman explained this is a non-profit organization and initially they stock the box but encourage people to leave books (take a book-leave a book). Books will be appropriate for all ages. The Moms Club of Warren will maintain the box and if the Council approves this it will be placed at Mobus Field. The Club would also request assistance with the installation of the box in order to meet all the Borough’s requirements. The Box will be purchased by the Club.

Mayor Balla asked if there could be additional boxes placed in other locations and both Ms. Murad and Ms. Bateman said yes but at this time they only have the budget for one. Mayor Balla also questioned how to prevent inappropriate items being placed in this box. Ms. Bateman said they would monitor, maintain and remove any such items.

Mr. Cruz asked who will own the box and Ms. Bateman said it is donated to the Borough. He also questioned insurance coverage and Ms. Bateman said the Warren Mom’s Club would cover this under their policy.

It was the consensus of the Mayor and Council to approve the placement of this box.

Mr. Cruz explained that as long as the box is owned by Warren/Watchung/Green Brook Mom’s Club and they maintain the insurance coverage for same there would be no issue with authorizing this and have it ratified by Resolution at the next Council meeting.

With no further public wishing to speak the public portion was closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda Items listed below were unanimously accepted as amended, following a motion by Council President Gibbs and a second by Councilman Nehls and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Gibbs, Black, Nehls, Sopko, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, “aye”.

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Borough Reports:

Traffic and Beautification Minutes –September 3, 2019
Police Activity Report – August, 2019
Building Department Report – August, 2019
Board of Adjustment Minutes – July, 2019

Acknowledging Receipt of the following Correspondence:

None

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Council President Gibbs moved the following resolutions, with a second by Councilman Nehls and upon Roll Call the vote was as follows: Gibbs, Black, Nehls, Sopko, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, “aye”.

R2:09/15/19 Purchases Over \$2,000 – Firefighter One– (FD - Equipment)
Communications Specialists (PD – Radio Contract)
Finne Building & Investment (B&G – Road Repair)
Fun Services (Rec – Harvest Fest Attractions)
John’s Painting Contractor (B&G – Library Painting)

R3: Waive Chapter 6-2.11 of Code/Rescue Squad Tree of Lights Fireworks Display

R4: Authorize Professional Services Contract / Ventura, Miesowitz, Keough & Warner-
Council for Board of Adjustment

R5: Authorize Renewal in the Suburban Municipal Joint Insurance Fund (JIF)

R6: Authorize Per Diem Expenses – NJ State League of Municipalities

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Items listed below will be individually addressed and acted upon accordingly. Council reserves the right to refer an item to Committee for further review and discussion.

Council President Gibbs moved to approve the following minutes with a second by Councilman Nehls and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Gibbs, Nehls, Sopko, Eisenberg Knegten, “aye”. Black, Goodloe, “abstain”.

Approval of the following Council minutes:

September 5, 2019- Regular Session

Councilman Sopko moved the following resolution with a second by Councilman Nehls and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Gibbs, Black, Nehls, Sopko, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, “aye”.

R7:09/19/19 Acceptance of 2018 Audit Report

Councilman Sopko moved the following resolution with a second by Councilman Nehls and upon roll call the vote was as follows: Gibbs, Black, Nehls, Sopko, Goodloe, Eisenberg Knegten, “aye”.

R8: Payment of Bills

PUBLIC PORTION-GENERAL DISCUSSION

Bill Funcheon, Cedar Road, read a letter from Mr. Rajiyah who could not stay for this portion of the meeting. The letter mentioned the Mayor’s number one priority was public safety and Mr. Rajiyah stated there should be no hunting with firearms allowed in town. The deer culling is a disaster waiting to happen. There are non-lethal alternatives and these should be pursued.

Denise Cohen, Hill Hollow Road, said there are fewer deer in the Borough not more. She also said builders remove trees, many times without a permit, which contributes to loss of understory. She said the biggest threat in the Borough is rising taxes and a school system that has lost its sterling reputation. Ms. Cohen stated the Borough should focus more on the schools than the deer.

Ashley Cohen, Hill Hollow Road, read a letter from a resident who resides on Canterbury Lane stating she has seen less deer in the last few years and these beings should be protected. She does not see the need to continue the hunt when it is not needed but she would support cull hunting only when studies show it is justified.

Sofia Saketos, Ellisen Road, questioned why Councilmembers are not required to have background checks. She said she would like this to be done.

Ray Miller, Valley Road, said although it has been stated that the Wildlife Management Advisory Committee well balanced, he is the only person on the committee who has brought up non-lethal means for deer control and he is not for the hunt. Mr. Miller said the cost for sterilization is approximately \$500.00 per deer. Mr. Miller then questioned why there were ramps placed at the beginning of sidewalks when it is not easy for anyone to walk on them let alone someone who is physically or sight impaired. Councilman Nehls said Valley Road is a County road and they were installed by the County and if/when the Borough does install sidewalks they would be tied into these ramps. Mr. Miller then asked if there is anything that can be done about the speeding on Valley Road. He said since it has been paved it has become worse. Council President Gibbs said he will speak with Chief Cina about this. Councilman Nehls said Council President Gibbs had stated at the beginning of the year that he would like to see a more balanced committee and he still would like to see this happen. Councilman Nehls said there is a position available on the committee and he had recommended someone but to date this has not been done. He would like the Mayor to consider appointing this person to the committee to make it a more balanced one for the Borough and the residents.

Marilyn Goldstein, Hill Hollow Road, said she does not want a hunt and does not want to kill deer. She said she was at the last Wildlife Committee meeting and there was no mention of cross-bows yet Mr. Wellbrock stood up tonight on behalf of the Committee and said that is their recommendation.

Mr. Cruz wished to respond to the question regarding background checks for Mayor and Council positions. He said the State of New Jersey by law sets the qualifications for elected officials and municipalities cannot set their own qualifications. He also said the best background check is an election.

Denise Chaplin, Hillcrest Road, said bow hunting is much more inhumane since the deer do not die immediately. She also stated by eliminating the doe it increases the population, which is backed by science. She asked to let nature take over for one year.

Rachel Funcheon, Cedar Road, read a statement from Lakshmi Chari who is also a resident from Cedar Road. Ms. Funcheon then stated she has a problem with results since everyone knows what the town looked like years ago with large herds of deer everywhere and what the town looks like now with far less deer. She also mentioned the concern everyone has about the trees and deer causing problems. She said she has collected information from the Environmental reports from mid 2017 to see how many mature healthy trees have been cut down and found that just under 1000 have been cut down in two years. She would like to see the Borough take steps for protecting both our trees and our wildlife.

Andrea Stout, Mountain Boulevard, said the deer population has dropped and she would suggest having a year without a hunt.

Ray Barratt, Valley Road, asked how we can have conversations about alternatives to the hunt and would like some help and advise on how to do this. He also agrees with others to not have a hunt this year.

Wendy Robinson, Hill Hollow Road, said two nights in a row as she was approaching the circle a gigantic tractor trailer was coming the wrong way off the circle and suggested maybe having someone posted there to see how often this occurs. Ms. Robinson then mentioned the condition of Hill Hollow Road which has gotten worse each day. She then said she agrees that more study and discussions about the deer and alternatives could be conducted. She asked Mr. Cruz to clarify the issue of Cross bow hunting and State rules. Mr. Cruz said in order to approve cross bow hunting in the Borough it would have to be by an ordinance.

Council President Gibbs said the Police will be doing more surveillance on the circle. It has been a concern.

Ben Toscano, Bonnie Burn Road, said the Weldon Quarry have been extending their location and right now it looks like a war zone and there is a lot more noise, smoke, etc. He wished to know what Weldon's intentions are to rectify the situation and who he can speak to. Mr. Cruz suggested Mr. Toscano speak to the Administrator first. Councilman Black said Weldon is scheduled to plant 100's of trees. He asked Mr. Toscano if the noise level is worse than before and he responded that it is. Councilman Sopko suggested he speak with our engineer who would be able to show the schedule for when the trees will be planted.

R9:09/19/19 Executive Session: Property Acquisition
 Personnel

The Borough Council may take official action on those items discussed in executive session upon completion of the executive session.

Upon return to regular session at 12:18 P.M. all Councilmembers previously present were still in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M. to the Call of the Chair and to the next scheduled Council meeting Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

MaryAnn Hance
Deputy Clerk