

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hipp at 8:09 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present:

Councilman Genovesi
Councilman Sasso
Councilwoman Birdsall
Councilman DeSalvo

Councilwoman Keyes-absent
Councilwoman Inguanti-absent

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Mayor Hipp asked those present to join him in a salute to the flag.

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The Borough Clerk read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law.

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Mayor Hipp made the following presentations:

- Civil Rights Commission: Roberto Bustamante and Roger Grenier

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Mayor Hipp opened the hearing of citizens.

Bonnie Corcoran, 290 Montross Avenue spoke regarding the Building Department DCA report and the ordinance on the Police Table of Organization.

Andrew Godsil, 148 Belford Avenue asked if there was any progress made in regards to the parking around the schools. Mr. Godsil presented photographs to the Borough Clerk of the unsafe conditions on Belford Avenue at Union School.

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Mike Fensik, 60 Park Ave Varrelmann's Bakery spoke as President of the RDP in reference of the parking meter ordinance stating that the Board didn't see an issue with the meters being changed on Park Avenue but felt they would not like to see the meters changed in the parking lot areas.

As no further citizens wished to speak, Mayor Hipp closed the hearing of citizens.

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Mayor Hipp opened the hearing to the Council.

Councilman Genovesi responded to the question of who wrote the Ordinance he assumed it was the Borough Attorney as it was presented to them by Councilwoman Inguanti and yes he did support it. He said the purpose of the Ordinance was not to reduce police staff but to give the Borough flexibility with budgetary requirements. Councilman Genovesi stated that he was meeting with Dir. Thompson the following day to discuss the parking issues at the schools.

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Councilman Genovesi made a motion to move that all the items on the Consent Agenda be passed, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye.

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Special Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2009 were held.

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Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Genovesi moved the following Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Inguanti with all members present voting aye:

RESOLVED: That bills in the amount of \$1,207,992.07 from the Current Account, all detailed as follows on the attached sheets, be passed for payment, warrants drawn and charged to the proper accounts. A complete list of these bills is on file with the Borough Clerk.

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8/18

Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Genovesi moved the following Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Inguanti with all members present voting aye:

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WHEREAS a lien on the parcel of property referred to as Block 57, Lot 2.02, more Commonly known as 19 W. Newell Avenue was sold at the borough's Tax Lien sale on October 10, 2002 to American Tax Funding and;

WHEREAS the necessary arrangements have been made with the Tax Collector's Office for the redemption of this lien and a check in the amount of \$115,822.16 has been deposited in the Tax Sale Suspense Account. In addition, a check in the amount of \$7600.00 has been deposited in the Miscellaneous Exchange Account; this represents a reimbursement of the \$7600.00 Premium received on the day of the sale from the lien holder that has since reverted to the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a warrant made payable to American Tax Funding, LLC in the amount of \$123,422.16 in settlement of Tax Title Lien # 001661.

Principal.....	\$73,358.76
Interest & Penalty.....	\$41,275.90
Fees.....	\$ 1,187.50
Premium Reimbursement....	\$ 7,600.00
 TOTAL.....	 \$123,422.16

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Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Genovesi moved the following Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Inguanti with all members present voting aye:

WHEREAS a lien on the parcel of property referred to as Block 195, Lot 14.02, more Commonly known as 33 Wingra Avenue and assessed in the name of Arlauskas, Andrew J., et al was sold at the borough's Tax Lien sale on June 11, 2009 to Eden Associates and;

WHEREAS the necessary arrangements have been made with the Tax Collector's Office for the redemption of this lien and a check in the amount of \$14,695.10 has been deposited in the Tax Sale Suspense Account and a check in the amount of \$17,500.00 was deposited in the Premium Trust Account on the day of the sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Financial officer be and he is hereby authorized to issue a warrant made payable to Eden Associates in the amount of \$32,195.10 in settlement of Tax Title Lien # 0200904.

Principal.....	\$14,118.83
Interest & Penalty.....	\$ 524.27
Fees.....	\$ 52.00
Premium Reimbursement....	\$17,500.00

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TOTAL.....\$32,195.10

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Councilman Genovesi made a motion to move the following Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye:

RESOLVED: That bills in the amount of \$645,396.98 from the Current Account, all detailed as follows on the attached sheets, be passed for payment, warrants drawn and charged to the proper accounts. A complete list of these bills is on file with the Borough Clerk.

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BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Borough Administrator Leslie Shenkler responded to Mr. Godsil’s request as he went to Union School with the Police Director to evaluate the situation and they were in the process of determining a solution. Mr. Shenkler stated he would have a resolution the following month to authorize the Borough Auction for various cars and it would be done on-line through an auction company which he hopes will bring over a million people that subscribe to the site. Mr. Shenkler said in regards to the DCS report he was still waiting for information that wasn’t included in the report and he hoped to have that for the next meeting. He stated that Building Dept. was running at \$17,000 in the red but hoped it would change by the end of the year. Mr. Shenkler will make copies for the Council the following day as he thought they were already distributed.

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For, **FINANCE**, Councilman Genovesi stated that in the absence of Councilwoman Inguanti the monthly report will be on hand at the Borough Clerk’s Office.

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Mayor Hipp opened to the public the 2009 introduced municipal budget for their comments. As no one wished to speak, Mayor Hipp closed the public hearing.

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Councilman Genovesi noted that the resolution for cancelling \$176,520.85 of old funded capital projects to reserve for debt service was held.

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Councilwoman Inguanti moved the motion to rescind furloughs after August 21st and grant two personal days to be taken in 2010, seconded by Councilman Genovesi with all members present voting aye except Councilwoman Birdsall who voted nay.

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Mayor Hipp stated that the CFO introduced a revised budget at the work-session on August 18 which included a 1.49% increase in the municipal tax levy; and overall increase of 2.85% includes the County and School budget. The Mayor noted that the budget amendments will be introduced at the September 15th meeting and will be subject to final approval at the September 22 meeting.

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For, **POLICE**, Councilman Genovesi presented the police report for the month of July, the full report is on file with the Borough Clerk. Councilman Genovesi gave an overview of the status to the upgrades needed at the Police Dept.

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Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Genovesi moved the following Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Inguanti with all members present voting aye:

WHEREAS, certain organizations have applied for a Raffle/Bingo License and have been approved by the Police Director and paid the required fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that License be issued to:

**RHS All Sports Boosters
Union School PTA
St. Mary's PTA**

**On-Premise 50/50
On-Premise 50/50
Off-Premise Draw**

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Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Genovesi moved to request to close Maple Street from Union Avenue to Fairview Avenue for a block party on Saturday, September 12 (rain date Sept. 13th), seconded by Councilwoman Inguanti with all members present voting aye.

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Councilman Genovesi made a motion to accept the letter of retirement from Police Lt. Thomas Reid effective September 1, 2009, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo with all members present voting aye.

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Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Genovesi moved to accept the request from NJ Environmental Federation request to solicit for charitable purposes, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye.

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Councilman Genovesi moved to approve the request to close Sylvan Street from Woodland Avenue to Marginal Road for a block party on Saturday, September 19 (rain date Sept. 20th), seconded by Councilman DeSalvo with all members present voting aye.

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Councilman Genovesi moved to approve the request to close Addison Avenue from Wheaton Avenue to Lincoln Avenue for a block party on Saturday, October 3rd (rain date Oct. 4th), seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye.

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Councilman Genovesi moved to approve the request for the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, September 26th, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye.

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Councilman Genovesi moved to approve the request for handicap parking spaces on 63 Chestnut Street and 5 Hasbrouck Place be placed in the September minutes for ordinance on first reading.

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Councilman Genovesi wanted to clarify that the Hybrid vehicle being used in the Police Dept. came through the NJMC Map Grant.

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For, **PUBLIC WORKS**, Councilman DeSalvo provided a report of the Department with a full report on file in the Borough Clerk's Office.

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Councilman DeSalvo move to accept the recommendation for award of contract for recycling materials to **Atlantic Coast**, seconded by Councilman Genovesi with all members present voting aye.

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Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Genovesi moved to accept the request from Golden Age Club for use of the mini bus on October 13 for trip to the Brownstone Restaurant, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye.

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Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Genovesi moved to accept the request from 55 Kip Center for use of the mini bus on September 17 for trip to Empire Club, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye.

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Councilman DeSalvo moved to approve the request to award the contract to pave section of Ridge Road at Addison Avenue to **AJM Contractors** \$18,271.00, seconded by Councilman Genovesi with all members present voting aye.

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As Liaison to the **Kip Center**, Councilman DeSalvo gave the monthly report.

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Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Genovesi moved to approve the request from **RDP** for block parking spaces for Farmer's Market on Saturdays in September and October, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye.

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Councilman DeSalvo made a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to submit the application to the DEP permit for the Tryon Field Concession Stand project, seconded by Councilman Sasso with all members present voting aye.

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As Liaison to the **Shade Tree Committee**, Councilman DeSalvo asked the Council for feedback before the next meeting in regards to the Shade Tree Ordinance.

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For, **FIRE**, Councilman Sasso made a motion to accept the request for membership of Hector Coll in Engine Co. #4, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye.

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For, **BUILDINGS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES**, Councilwoman Birdsall noted the audit report received from the DCA on the Building Department. She gave the monthly report for the Dept. with the entire report being on file in the Borough Clerk's office.

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As Liaison to the **Board of Adjustment**, Councilwoman Birdsall acknowledged the notice to property owners at 1 East Passaic Avenue and 63 Meadow Road hearings.

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As Liaison to the **Green Team**, Councilwoman Birdsall spoke regarding the status of the Sustainable New Jersey Land Use. Councilwoman Birdsall made a motion to approve the Land Use Pledge Resolution, seconded by Councilman Sasso with all members present voting aye:

WHEREAS, land-use is an essential component of overall sustainability for a municipality;

WHEREAS, poor land-use decisions can lead to an increase societal ills such as decreased mobility, high housing costs, increased greenhouse gas emissions, loss of open space and the degradation of natural resources.

WHEREAS, well planned land-use can create transportation choices, provide for a range of housing options, create walk able communities, preserve open space and allow for continued use of vital natural resources;

WHEREAS, Given New Jersey's strong tradition of home rule and local authority over planning and zoning, achieving a statewide sustainable land-use pattern will require municipalities to take the lead;

WHEREAS, Rutherford's diverse mix of housing types meets the needs of people from all ages and walks of life and is vital to allow residents to live and work in a municipality through various stages of their lives.

NOW THEREFORE, we the Borough of Rutherford resolve to take the following steps with regard to our municipal land-use decisions with the intent of making the Borough of Rutherford a truly sustainable community. It is our intent to include these principles in the next master plan revision and to update our zoning accordingly.

- I. Facilities Siting- We pledge, to the extent feasible, to take into consideration factors such as walkability, bikability, access to transit and proximity to other uses when siting new or relocated municipal facilities. The actions of a municipality when locating their own facilities can set a positive precedent and

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- v. encourage other public and private sector entities to consider sustainable land-use considerations into account when locating their own facilities.
- II. Natural Resource Preservation- We pledge to preserve open space and create recreational opportunities within our municipality. As the most densely populated state in the nation, open space in New Jersey is at a premium. Preserving what is left of our open space, for its ecological and recreational value, is critical for a sustainable future.
- III. Transportation Choices- We pledge to create transportation choices within our municipality by considering all modes of transportation, including walking, biking, transit and automobiles, when planning transportation projects. Given that emissions from transportation, mainly passenger cars, make up the largest share of the state's carbon footprint, creating transportation alternatives at the local level is critical to reducing the state's overall carbon footprint.
- IV. Mix of Uses- We pledge to use our zoning power to allow for a mix of uses in areas that make the most sense for our municipality. Allowing for a mix of compatible land uses can help reduce the necessity of driving by allowing people to walk to various destinations.
- V. Parking Regulations- We pledge to evaluate our requirements in order to provide opportunities for walking, biking, secure bike storage, local public transportation, and efficient land use for shared vehicle parking, with a goal of creating vibrant local centers for shopping, arts, and other services.
- VI. Green Design- We pledge to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation when updating our site plan and subdivision requirements. Green design strategies not only improve the environmental performance of buildings but lessen the impact of those buildings on the surrounding environment. Such strategies include energy efficiency, water conservation, indoor environmental quality, use of recycled renewable materials, construction waste reduction, reduced auto use, tree preservation, native planting, and avoidance of environmentally sensitive features.

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Councilwoman Birdsall noted that the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program Application was due September 4 and she asked that the Council review the website to review the guidelines and to let her know of any ideas they may have. Councilwoman Birdsall stated that members of the Green Team held an event on Monday and it was successful and she thanked those members; the NJMC will sponsor "A Green Living Program" on September 10 at the Kearny Library.

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As Liaison to the **West End Committee**, Councilwoman Birdsall introduced a clothing bin resolution and she explained the details of such. She wanted to amend the

Resolution in the fact that there be no more than four locations and there be an annual renewal of the applications.

Councilwoman Birdsall made a motion to accept the Resolution designating the Building Dept. as the appropriate municipal agency to enforce the State statutes in regard to clothing bin, seconded by Councilman Genovesi with all members present voting aye:

**A RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT
AS THE APPROPRIATE MUNICIPAL AGENCY TO ENFORCE CERTAIN STATE LAWS
REGULATING CLOTHING BINS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature adopted N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.60 et seq. which establishes regulations governing certain clothing bins; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is required to designate an agency within the Borough as the "Appropriate Municipal Agency" to enforce such laws within the Borough; and therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rutherford as follows:

1. The Building Department is hereby designated as the "Appropriate Municipal Agency" to enforce the clothing bin regulatory provisions found in N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.60 et seq.

2. The placement of all clothing bins must be approved by the Governing Body after the Governing Body has received notification from the Building Department that all of the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.60 have been met. The Governing Body may deny a request to place a clothing bin where the Governing Body concludes that the requested location of the bin will have a detrimental effect on the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Borough of Rutherford, including for aesthetic reasons.

3. The license fee for each clothing bin shall be \$25 per year, or part thereof.

4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately according to law, but its provision shall remain suspended until January 1, 2009.

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Councilwoman Birdsall encouraged all to visit the West End Festival on October 3 and wanted verification that the town did not need further insurance for such event. Mayor Hipp stated it wasn't necessary for the Borough to get special insurance certificate for the event.

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For, **HUMAN RESOURCES**, Councilman Sasso reported on the events that took place over the summer and those that would be taking place in the fall. He elaborated on the success of the summer camp and thanked the Board of Education for their assistance.

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Councilman Sasso made a motion to send the draft agreement to the Rutherford Junior Football League, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall.

Mayor Hipp was concerned that the agreement calls for the voluntary termination by other parties within six months, he was concerned that it may not pass Green Acres; he asked the Borough Attorney to check with Green Acres. The Borough Attorney suggested they begin reviewing it the way it was and he would check with Green Acres.

The Borough Clerk read the roll call: with all members present voting aye.

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Under the Consent Agenda, Councilman Genovesi made a motion to accept the following Resolution regarding Shared Services, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye:

This Agreement, made on this _____ day of _____, 2009 between the Borough of Rutherford (the "Borough") and the Rutherford Board of Education (the "Board")

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board conduct various activities and provide services which are used by the other party; and

WHEREAS, the cooperative effort and sharing of services benefits the Rutherford taxpayers by reducing the expenses which otherwise would be incurred by the Borough and the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board wish to memorialize the understandings on these shared services.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree to and with each other as follows:

1. Transportation Services

Recreation Programs – The Board agrees to make available the use of its school buses for transportation of participants on the Borough's summer camp program and such other programs as may be approved by the Board from time to time. The Borough will be responsible for hiring a properly qualified and licensed driver approved by the Board and reimbursing the Board the cost of fuel and pro-rated insurance costs. Also, the Borough shall be responsible for obtaining insurance coverage for the transportation with \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage the Board shall be named as an

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additional insured party. Proof of this insurance coverage shall be provided to the Board, which shall be responsible for filing the proof of insurance with the County Superintendent. Further, the Borough agrees to indemnify and hold harmless for all legal actions, including the reimbursement of reasonable attorney fees, which arise as a result of the Borough's use of Board-owned buses.

2. Vehicle Fueling

The Borough agrees to permit the use of its vehicle fueling facilities at the Department of Public Works for Board Vehicles. The Board will reimburse the Borough on a monthly basis at the cost the Borough is billed by the supplier.

3. Solid Waste and Recycling

The Borough agrees to make off-street dumpster collections of solid waste and recycling at all district schools on a regular basis. The Board agrees to maintain and replace, if necessary, any dumpster containers at its expense. The Borough shall pay all operating expenses and tipping fees under this service.

4. Office Space

The Borough shall rent to the Board at no charge approximately 2,250 square feet in the second floor of the Borough Hall for use as Board administrative offices. The Board shall have use of the meeting room space in the building subject to its availability.

5. Special Equipment

The parties acknowledge that each own certain specialized vehicles and equipment which can benefit the other party and that shared use of this equipment can eliminate the need for expensive rentals or purchases. In view of same, the Borough and the Board agree to provide specialized vehicles and equipment to the other as the need arises. When appropriate, the provider shall also make a qualified driver or operator available at no cost. Any long-term loan of such equipment shall require a separate agreement and insurance certificate setting forth the responsibilities of the parties.

6. Computer Services

The Board shall provide internet access for the Borough Offices through facilities it has established for school district purposes. The Board shall also provide limited technical review of computer services proposals for the Borough.

7. The Term of the Agreement shall be five (5) years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borough has caused the Agreement to be executed by its Mayor and Borough Clerk and the Board by its President and Board Secretary on or as of the day first written above.

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Councilman Sasso made a motion to accept the following Resolution for shared services with the Board of Education facilities, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall with all members present voting aye:

This Agreement, made on this _____ day of _____, 2009 between the Borough of Rutherford (the "Borough") and the Rutherford Board of Education (the "Board")

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board own certain facilities which can be used effectively by other public entity to conduct recreation-based programs and offer services to residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the reciprocal shared use of these indoor and outdoor facilities obviates the need to acquire, construct or rent additional facilities which would create a financial burden on the taxpayers of Rutherford; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Board wish to memorialize the understandings on the shared use of facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree to and with each other as follows:

8. The Borough agrees to permit the use of its active recreation areas in Memorial Park by the Rutherford High School athletic department. Specifically, the designated areas and fields will be used by the High School athletic teams including, but not limited to, softball, baseball, soccer, football and tennis programs.
9. The Board use of these facilities will be subject to annual scheduling of these areas and fields with the Borough recreation department and the availability of the requested area. The Board shall be given priority in the selection of dates subject to the needs of the Borough's recreation programs.
10. The Borough will undertake responsibility for maintaining the fields and areas used by the High School athletic teams including the cost of any capital improvements or repairs, daily labor expenses and the purchase of maintenance materials necessary for the particular event or activity.
11. The Borough Agrees to restrict the use of Memorial Field House to Rutherford High School athletic teams. The Board and the Borough will share in the upkeep and maintenance of the field house facility.
12. The Board agrees to permit the use of its indoor gymnasium facilities in all schools by the Rutherford Recreation Department for its basketball and indoor soccer programs as well as any other activities, which may be approved by the Board from time to time. The Borough shall provide on-site supervision for all locations during the times that activities are in session.
13. The Borough and the Board agree to share in the upkeep and maintenance of the indoor gymnasium facilities.
14. The Borough's use of these facilities will be subject to annual scheduling with the Board and the availability of the requested space. The Borough shall be given priority in the selection of dates subject to the needs of the Board's athletic programs.

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- 15. Each party to this Agreement shall provide the other with a certificate of insurance, naming the owner of the facility as an additional insured party, with \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage.
- 16. The Term of the Agreement shall be five years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borough has caused the Agreement to be executed by its Mayor and Borough Clerk and the Board by its President and Board Secretary on or as of the day first written above.

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MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Green Team

Joshua Bett Saloni Shah Sony Mody Ruchi Shah

Youth Advisory Council

Sony Mody Ruchi Shah

Wall Field

Patrick Tully

NJMC Task Force Encap Site

Councilwoman Birdsall moved confirmation of Councilman DeSalvo to serve as the Council Liaison, seconded by Councilman Sasso with all members present voting aye.

As Liaison to the **Library**, Mayor Hipp provided a report.

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ORDINANCES ON 1ST READING

Administrative Code – Bylaws of the Mayor and Council Ordinance will be held to the September meeting.

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Personnel Policies & Practices-vacation days for the Police Director was removed.

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Councilman DeSalvo stated that Ordinance for the Special Improvements District be amended with the items such as benches and planters could stay out after hours but sandwich boards and pedestal signs would have to go in.

Councilman DeSalvo introduced the Ordinance for the Special Improvements District as amended on first reading.

The Borough Clerk read the title: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 105A OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RUTHERFORD TO PERMIT CERTAIN ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON THE SIDEWALK WITHIN THE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF THE BOROUGH OF RUTHERFORD.**

Councilman DeSalvo made a motion to approve the Ordinance being passed on 1st Reading and advertised according to law, seconded by Councilwoman Birdsall.

Mayor Hipp opened the Ordinance for discussion; discussion took place.

The Borough Clerk read the roll call: with all members present voting aye.

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ORDINANCES ON 2nd READING

Councilman Genovesi introduced the Ordinance for a handicap space on East Gouverneur Avenue.

The Borough Clerk read the title: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 126-69 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RUTHERFORD ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC DESIGNATION OF SPACES ADDING HANDICAP PARKING SPACE.**

Councilman Genovesi made a motion to approve the Ordinance being passed on 2nd Reading and advertised according to law, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo.

Mayor Hipp opened the Ordinance for public hearing; as no one wished to speak the hearing was closed.

Mayor Hipp opened the Ordinance for discussion; discussion took place.

The Borough Clerk read the roll call: with all members present voting aye.

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Councilman Genovesi introduced and gave an explanation of the Ordinance regarding the Police Department Table of Organization.

The Borough Clerk read the title: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 76-1 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RUTHERFORD ENTITLED POLICE DEPARTMENT GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

Councilman Genovesi made a motion to approve the Ordinance being passed on 2nd Reading and advertised according to law, seconded by Councilman DeSalvo.

Mayor Hipp opened the Ordinance for discussion; no discussion took place.

Mayor Hipp opened the Ordinance for public hearing.

Bonnie Corcoran, 390 Montross Avenue spoke in regards to the Ordinance; who originated the Ordinance; where were the results of the study from the Police Dept.

Joseph Merli, 350 West Passaic Avenue spoke in regards to the urgency of the Ordinance and asked to keep the structure of the Police Dept. intact.

Arie Muller, 80 Montross Avenue spoke in regards to the Ordinance; there should be a review by an outside source.

As no further citizens wished to speak the hearing was closed.

Mayor Hipp opened the Ordinance for discussion; discussion took place.

The Borough Clerk read the roll call: Councilman Genovesi and Councilman DeSalvo voted aye; Councilman Sasso and Councilwoman Birdsall voted nay; Mayor Hipp voted aye. Ordinance approved.

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Councilwoman Birdsall introduced the Ordinance amendment to increase the rates in the meters throughout the Borough from 25 cents/hour to 50 cents/hour and include 10 cents/10 minutes.

The Borough Clerk read the title: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 126 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF RUTHERFORD TO INCREASE PARKING METER CHARGES.**

Councilwoman Birdsall made a motion to approve the Ordinance being passed on 2nd Reading and advertised according to law, seconded by Councilman Sasso.

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Mayor Hipp opened the Ordinance for public hearing; as no one wished to speak the hearing was closed.

Mayor Hipp opened the Ordinance for discussion; discussion took place.

The Borough Clerk read the roll call: Councilman Sasso and Councilwoman Birdsall voted aye; Councilman Genovesi and Councilman DeSalvo voted nay; Mayor Hipp voted nay. Ordinance defeated.

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Mayor Hipp opened the hearing of citizens.

Bonnie Corcoran, 390 Montross Avenue spoke in regards to the Table of Organization for the Police Department Ordinance.

John Uhl, Construction Official spoke in regards to the DCA report; questioned the Administrator's statements and asked the harassment be stopped.

Arie Muller, 80 Montross Avenue commended the Building Dept.; suggested a third party audit of the Department.

As no further citizens wished to speak, Mayor Hipp closed the hearing.

Mayor Hipp opened the hearing to the Council; discussions took place.

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Councilwoman Birdsall moved to adjourn at 10:20 p.m., seconded by Councilman Genovesi with all members present voting aye.

Borough Clerk