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The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the above date in the meeting room of the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Betteridge, Council members:, Scaramuzzo, Moore, Kappatos, Beatrice; Absent: McCarthy, Kisielewski. Present: Borough Solicitor, Borough Engineer, Steve Bach.

STATEMENT: Mayor Betteridge read the notice of this meeting pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Kisielewski that the minutes of the 1/27/09 & the 2/3/09 meeting be approved as submitted by the clerk. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #09-47**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION  
TO DISCUSS LITIGATION & PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede desires to discuss matters relating to litigation & personnel and wish to do so in Closed Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that the governing body shall discuss matters pertaining to litigation & personnel in the Borough of Runnemede at a Closed Session to be held on March 3, 2009 in the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ; and

The minutes of the Closed Session Meeting shall be kept, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. The matters discussed at such meeting shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for discussing this matter privately no longer exists.

It is further determined that said Closed Session and matters to be discussed therein are matters as permitted under the Open Public Meetings Act.

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A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Beatrice that the resolution be adopted. The motion carried.

Councilman McCarthy arrived at 6:37 PM.

Councilman Kisielewski arrived at 6:41 PM.

**REPORTS:**

**REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL:** A report was read stating that the sum of \$8,528.00 was collected in various building permits and licenses during the month of February, 2009. All fees were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH TREASURER:** No report was submitted.

**REPORT OF BOROUGH CLERK:** A report was read reporting that the sum of \$170.00 was collected in various permits and licenses together with \$2,313.80 in dog license fees during the month of February, 2009. All fees were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

**REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE:** A report was read reporting that the sum of \$401.00 was collected in Police, Accident, & Firearms Permits during the month of February, 2009. All funds were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

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**REPORT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE:** A report was read stating that the sum of \$12,585.73 to cover fines and costs was collected during the month of January, 2009. A check in the amount of \$150.000 was also received for Public Defender Fees. All funds were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

**REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF:** No report was submitted.

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VITAL STATISTICS:** A report was read reporting that the sum of \$5,213.00 was collected for death copies, burial permits and marriage copies during the month of February, 2009. All fees were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

**REPORT OF FIRE OFFICIAL:** A report was read reporting inspections and activities during the month of February, 2009. Fees in the amount of \$6,126.57 were collected. All fees collected were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

**REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR:** A report was read for the month of February, 2009, reporting that a total of \$2,864,709.28 was collected in taxes for the current year and a total of \$152,585.87 was collected in Sewer Utility Payments.

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Kisielewski that the reports be received and filed. The motion carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS;**

Mayor Betteridge:

I wanted to provide formal notification to you and the borough Council that we are now in the final negotiation stages of an Assignment and Assumption agreement and Limited Partnership Interest Purchase Agreement. As a follow up to my letter of March 4, 2008, our meeting in April and then the Council Meeting in December, the next stages of our Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program requirements are going into motion. As I had noted, our Limited Partner, Transamerica Corp. (a.k.a. AEGON USA and Monumental Insurance) will be concluding their Tax Credit interest in Runsen House. My main objective of our April meeting was to discuss if there were any requirements by the Borough of Runnemede that Runsen Associate, LP had to comply during this transition. No notification requirements were known at the time our meeting and nothing has been provided to me to date.

As such, please be advised that to maintain the integrity of the Limited Partnership we have formed Runsen Investors LLC. (Massanova and Chopra) to purchase Transamerica/Monumental Insurance interest (99%) in the Limited Partnership. As such, Runsen Associates, Inc. (1% interest) and Runsen Investors LLC (99%) will be the partners in Runsen Associates, LP. Nothing else will change as all fiduciary commitments are still in-place with the LP. New Jersey Housing and Finance Agency (NJHMFA) will also be doing their due diligence to approve this transition as well.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at my office 856-939-6564, my cell 609-868-3100 or by e-mail [runsenhouse@comcast.net](mailto:runsenhouse@comcast.net). Thank you for your time.

Maureen Massanova-Burke, Property Manager

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kisielewski the communication be received and filed. The motion carried.

Honorable Virginia Betteridge

Thank You! We wish to thank you, Rich Batot and the council for taking care of the matter of the tree on borough property that was hanging over our neighbors year before any damage was done.

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The tree service people did a very professional job and a good job with clean up. I would like to use them for myself, but unfortunately I didn't have a chance to write down their name. If someone could call me with their name, I would appreciate it.

Thank you for your attention to the matter.

Charles and Lynne Conner

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kisielewski the communication be received and filed. The motion carried.

Mayor Betteridge

I write to you today not as Director of the Camden County Freeholder Board, but as a former municipal commissioner and school board member who understands the difficulty of preparing a budget that balances quality services while keeping taxes level.

These difficult economic times are affecting all levels of government, but especially the local level. As you may have read recently, the Freeholder Board is taking new steps with our employee unions to try to counteract some of our budget shortfalls. Attached you will find a press statement that outlines the strategy that we are implementing over the next year.

The Freeholder Board has experience in dealing with tough bargaining unions and has a good track record in our negotiations. We have satisfied employee needs while keeping a sharp eye on holding taxes. I would like to offer you our help in dealing with these tough times by mirroring our efforts at the local level. The County has reduced the amount of money we collect from taxpayers over the past two years by \$6 million. We want to help you achieve the same goals.

The positions that need to be taken are not popular with public employees. None of us expected to be in this position. Nevertheless, all levels of government must work together in order to provide taxpayers the satisfaction of their tax bills not increasing this year. The residents of Camden County deserve nothing less than all of our best efforts.

I hope that you join with us in this effort. Please contact my office directly with any questions, (856) 225-5451.

Louis Cappelli Jr, Freeholder Director

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Scaramuzzo the communication be received and filed. The motion carried.

Honorable Virginia Betteridge

This is a follow-up to my letters to you of April 11, 2008 and July 11, 2008.

I manage the property located at 24, 26, & 28 South Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, New Jersey. The tenants, Rita's Water Ice and Dr. Braunfeld, and the owner want to find out what the borough will do to help protect the property this coming year. I am again writing to you to request an increased police presence in the area. Also, any suggestions from you, other Runnemede Borough officials, or the police department to help protect the property of a borough taxpayer and the health and safety of the owners, employees, patients, customers and guests of the businesses in the building would be appreciated.

If this letter is to be addressed at a council meeting, please advise me as to the date, time and location. I would like to have the opportunity to address the appropriate persons and discuss the town's and owner's options. If it is not to be addressed at a council meeting, please have the appropriate person from Runnemede's government call me to discuss this matter.

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C. John Poliero, Charles J. Poliero, Inc., Manager

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kisielewski the communication be received and filed. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

ORDINANCE #09-04: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #382 Chapter 106 of the Code of the Borough of Runnemede, Vehicles & Traffic, Article XII, Schedule 1, County of Camden, State of New Jersey.

Mayor Betteridge stated that it was now time for the public hearing to be held as it was advertised to be held at this time and declared the meeting open to the public. There appearing to be no one to speak at this time a motion was made by Beatrice seconded by Kisielewski the public hearing be closed. The motion carried and a motion was made by Moore seconded by Kappatos the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading and advertised according to law. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Scaramuzzo, Moore, Beatrice, Kisielewski, McCarthy. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the ordinance adopted on second and final reading.

(SEE ATTACHED ORDINANCE)

ORDINANCE #09-05: An Ordinance Amending Ordinance #08-05 Authorizing Fees for Charges Through the Runnemede EMS.

Mayor Betteridge stated that it was now time for the public hearing to be held as it was advertised to be held at this time and declared the meeting open to the public. Joanne Yates, E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, asked the Mayor for explanation of this ordinance. There appearing to be no one else wishing to speak at this time a motion was made by Beatrice seconded by Kisielewski the public hearing be closed. The motion carried and a motion was made by Moore seconded by Kappatos the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading and advertised according to law. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Scaramuzzo, Moore, Beatrice, Kisielewski, McCarthy. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the ordinance adopted on second and final reading.

**ORDINANCE #09-05**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #08-05  
AUTHORIZING FEES FOR CHARGES  
THROUGH THE RUNNEMEDE EMS**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Runnemede has established a third party billing practice for its Emergency Medical Services (EMS); and

WHEREAS, the Borough intends to amend the rates for 2009 established for such services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede in the County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that charges for EMS are as follows retroactive to January 1, 2009:

BLS Emergency Transport	\$ 600.00
BLS Emergency Mileage	14.00 per loaded mile
Oxygen Administration	75.00 per 30 minutes
BLS Disposable Cervical Collar	25.00
Light Rescue: Batteries, Fluid, Stabilization	200.00
Medium Rescue	450.00
Heavy Rescue	800.00

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that such rates may change based on changes to medical insurance and Medicare/Medicaid charges and such ordinance shall be amended to reflect same;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to such inconsistencies; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, all ordinances or parts of ordinances not inconsistent with this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect; and

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ORDINANCE #09-06: An Ordinance Establishing a Code of Conduct.

Mayor Betteridge stated that it was now time for the public hearing to be held as it was advertised to be held at this time and declared the meeting open to the public. There appearing to be no one to speak at this time a motion was made by Beatrice seconded by Kappatos the public hearing be closed. The motion carried and a motion was made by Scaramuzzo seconded by Kappatos the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading and advertised according to law. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Scaramuzzo, Moore, Beatrice, Kisielewski, McCarthy. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the ordinance adopted on second and final reading.

ORDINANCE #09-07: Ordinance For Establishing Tax Map and GIS Escrow Fees in Runnemedede Borough.

Mayor Betteridge stated that it was now time for the public hearing to be held as it was advertised to be held at this time and declared the meeting open to the public. There appearing to be no one to speak at this time a motion was made by Beatrice seconded by Kappatos the public hearing be closed. The motion carried and a motion was made by Kisielewski seconded by Kappatos the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading and advertised according to law. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Scaramuzzo, Moore, Beatrice, Kisielewski, McCarthy. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the ordinance adopted on second and final reading.

**ORDINANCE FOR ESTABLISHING TAX MAP AND GIS  
ESCROW FEES IN RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH**

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**ORDINANCE 09-07**

AN ORDINANCE OF RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH, CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY:  
RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, PARTICULARLY PROVIDING FOR A  
TAX MAP/GIS DATABASE UPDATE FEE.

**ARTICLE I: PURPOSE**

It is the purpose of this ordinance to impose upon developers the costs incurred by RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH in updating the municipal tax map/GIS database as a result of the approval of various subdivisions or the creation of any new lots within RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH. Said costs are directly related to the development procedure, and thereby RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH determines that they should be borne by the developer/applicant for all said subdivisions.

**Tax Map/GIS Database Update Fees:** Each applicant and/or developer for any approval which results in the creation of any new lots, revision of any existing lots, and/or other alterations to the tax map/GIS database, shall be responsible for paying all reasonable charges incurred by the RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH Engineer in updating said tax map/GIS database. These costs shall include, but not be limited to, update to the GIS database, revisions to existing tax map plates, creation/addition of new tax map plates, appropriate revisions to the Key Map(s), reprographic services for applicable Borough, County and State submission copies, as well as any reasonable shipping and handling fees involved.

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## **ARTICLE II: COSTS**

Once final subdivision and/or new lot approval has been received, an escrow account shall be established by the applicant and maintained by RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH for the express purpose of maintaining the tax map/GIS database. No construction permit shall be issued until said costs are posted with RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH, as outlined below:

1\$65.00 per lot for minor subdivisions (three {3} lots or less)

2Major subdivisions are broken down as follows:

- a. \$45.00 per lot for one (1) to twenty-five (25) lots
- b. \$40.00 per lot for twenty-six (26) or more lots
- c. \$800.00 per commercial site plan
- d. \$1,000.00 per condominium site plan plus \$20.00 per unit for residential condominium projects

2\$45.00 per lot or per change for each lot/tax map revision due to deed discrepancies, lot line adjustments, easement detailing, ownership labeling, acreage calculation and labeling, street name changes and other minor revisions

If any portion of the escrow account remains unused following the appropriate revisions to the tax map/GIS database, it shall be refunded to the applicant.

In the event that any application for development is denied and the application is no longer pending before the respective Board, then any portion of the aforementioned fee which has not been expended by the engineer responsible for maintaining the tax map/GIS database shall be refunded to the applicant.

In addition to the maintenance fees noted, each approved applicant must supply a map of the new subdivision or new lot in a scale suitable for inclusion on the RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH tax map/GIS database. Said map must be submitted in hardcopy format, and must be compliant with current New Jersey Map Filing Law guidelines (N.J.S.A. 46-23.1).

## **ARTICLE III: AMENDMENT**

Any/all previous ordinances now in effect regarding tax map/GIS database escrow fees in RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH are superseded by this ordinance.

## **ARTICLE IV: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect upon proper passage, in accordance with the laws of RUNNEMEDE BOROUGH.

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## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Administrative & Finance: Councilman McCarthy referred to Freeholder Director Cappelli's letter. Councilman McCarthy also announced that our current police department makes an average of \$82,000 per year and even though they make that much they were forcing council to spend tax payers' money to arbitrate a grievance because the officers want to be able to make more money by having the DMV declared a side job and not having it filled as part of the regular rotation. Mark explained that the police department's budget was costing the taxpayers \$2,000,000.00 per year.

Health, Education & Welfare: Lisa reminded everyone about the Rabies Clinic on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Harry Williams Building. Councilwoman Scaramuzzo also presented quotes for a new

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website provider. Lisa also informed everyone that the Christmas wreaths would cost approximately \$17,000.00, maximum.

Public Safety: Public Safety Director Moore announced the borough would be purchasing used vehicles with penalty money from Medford.

RAFFLE LICENSE #09-05 & #09-06: 50/50 Off- premise cash raffle and a 50/50 On-premise cash raffle for St. Maria Goretti Church 6/13/09. All paperwork is in order.

RAFFLE LICENSE #09-07: On-premise Chinese Auction, St. Teresa's Altar & Rosary Society, 4/22/09. All paperwork is in order.

A motion was made by Moore seconded by McCarthy the raffle licenses be approved. The motion carried.

Recreation & Public Events: Councilman Tony Beatrice reported that the Borough of Runnemede had come in second in the JIF and received a plaque and \$700 to use for safety within the borough. Tony also reported that he was working on some new ideas and on obtaining sponsors for programs.

Public Works: Councilman Kisielewski reported on the snow plowing and no parking on snow emergency routes. Mike also announced that the Road Department and the Sewer Department would be merging and would be housed at the sewer plant.

Engineering & Construction: Councilman Kappatos reported that general code would be sending the editorial analysis of the code book soon. Nick also announced that he had verbal approval for a stop sign at the Meadows Apartment complex. Councilman Kappatos also referred to the new program which was being implemented in the Tax Assessor's office at a cost of \$900 per year, with the assessor agreeing to a \$900 reduction per year in his salary. Nick also asked that Albert Pye be appointed as a substitute electrical inspector for one week.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Kennedy stated that he would rely on the report given at the caucus meeting last Tuesday. Councilman McCarthy asked some questions regarding Runsen House.

Engineer's Report: Steve Bach stated that he would rely on the report he had given at the caucus (written).

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

### **RESOLUTION #09-36**

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2008 MUNICIPAL RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY, BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L. 1987, C. 102 has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

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WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory source separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including, but not limited to make and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for such tonnage grants will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of Mayor and Council, Borough of Runnemede, to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede hereby endorses the submission of a 2008 Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Recycling and designates Richard Batot, Recycling Coordinator, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, N.J. to ensure that the said application is properly filed.

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A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kisielewski that the resolution be adopted. The motion carried

**RESOLUTION #09-37**

WHEREAS, the bills for sewer service were sent out in March for the current year; and

WHEREAS, various properties were reviewed for the accuracy of the billing; and

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the tax collector that various properties need to be adjusted; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that the following adjustments be made:

<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Account #</b>	<b>Amount</b>
39	6	262	-\$164.00
6	21	22	-\$164.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that said records be adjusted accordingly.

A motion was made by Scaramuzzo, seconded by Moore the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #09-38**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF  
2008 HOMEOWNER REBATE FUNDS,  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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WHEREAS, 2008 Homeowner Rebate Funds were mailed by the State of New Jersey to qualifying residents; and

WHEREAS, The rebate for those who did not qualify were sent to the Borough to be applied to their delinquencies; and

WHEREAS, Some of these delinquencies were satisfied prior to the Borough receiving the funds; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that checks be issued to the following property owners:

<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Name &amp; Address</b>	<b>Amount</b>
66	4	Dennis Cinousis 436 First Avenue	\$ 517.01
44	8	Daniel Flaherty 21 W. Second Avenue	\$ 807.08

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A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Kisielewski the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #09-39**

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the Tax Collector that taxes for various blocks and lots were paid twice for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage servicing company has requested reimbursement of the duplicate payments; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that a check be issued in the following amount to the mortgage servicing company as a refund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that said records be adjusted accordingly.

First American Real Estate Tax	Block 46, Lot 2.02	\$1,757.24
1 First American Way	Block 32, Lot 7	<u>\$1,210.90</u>
Refunds Unit: DFW 1-3 Westlake, TX 76262		\$ 2,968.14
Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Service LLC Attn: Financial Support Unit 1 Home Campus MAC X2302-04D Des Moines, IA 50328	Block 73, Lot 12	\$1,082.44

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A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Moore the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes:

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Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #09-40**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NEW JERSEY  
PINELANDS BIRDING AND WILDLIFE TRAILS**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey counties of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester, representing approximately 2,070 square miles, encompass an area of significant natural beauty containing three State forests, Delaware River edge, grassland, productive farmland, numerous cultural and historic sites and possessing substantial recreational opportunities of national significance;

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Counties of Atlantic, Burlington Camden and Gloucester contain areas of the Pinelands National Reserve, the first National Reserve recognized by Congress in the Federal Pinelands National Preserve Act of 1978, and the State of New Jersey Pinelands Protection Act of 1979; and

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Birding and Wildlife Trails project will create a guide to local wildlife viewing sites connected in driving routes to help residents and visitors enjoy and appreciate the distinct natural resources of the four counties; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Fish and Wildlife Services 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, approximately one-third of all U.S. citizens participated in wildlife watching activities, and they spent approximately 445.0 billion; and

WHEREAS, according to the survey above, approximately 8.7 million residents of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York reported watching wildlife in 2006 and generated \$3.5 billion in spending; and

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Birding and Wildlife Trails project will involve local businesses that encourage and recognize the importance of nature-based tourism, including food, lodging, local arts and crafts, and alternative nature-related outdoor activities, with a goal of increasing nature-based tourism within the area; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is providing funding for New Jersey Audubon Society to administer the Pinelands Birding and Wildlife Trails project through the Federal Transportation Enhancements program; and

WHEREAS, the Pinelands Birding and Wildlife Trails project will involve members of state, county and municipal government and the local community by asking them to nominate their favorite sites for viewing wildlife, thus fostering a sense of local pride and ownership of the project and its products; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Audubon Society has established a track record of success with the effective completion of the Delaware Bayshore Birding and Wildlife Trails, the NJ Meadowlands and More Birding and Wildlife Trails, and the Skylands Birding and Wildlife Trails, and created an accessible online venue for these resources at [www.njwildlifetrails.com](http://www.njwildlifetrails.com),

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Runnemede endorses the Pinelands Birding and Wildlife Trails Project, and its related activities.

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A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kisielewski that the resolution be adopted. The motion carried

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A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kappatos that three taxi cab licenses for suburban Transportation LLC be approved. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the licenses be issued.

**RESOLUTION #09-42**

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING 2009 APPOINTMENTS,  
FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemeade, that the following individuals are hereby appointed for 2009:

RUNNEMEDE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Robin Petrongolo 3/3/09 through 12/31/09 filling the unexpired term of Frank Gunn

Albert Pye 3/19/09 through 3/26/09 temporary electrical inspector

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A motion was made by Moore, seconded by McCarthy the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Beatrice to authorize Lyon & Son Tree Service, LLC to cut down a tree on Bowers Avenue in the amount of \$1,750.00. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the authorization of the expenditure approved.

**RESOLUTION #09-50**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW QUOTE FOR  
A LAWN MOWER  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Runnemeade solicited quotes for a lawn mower for use by the Road Department; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received quotes from two companies; and

WHEREAS, the lowest quote was received was from Laurel Lawnmower Service, Inc. in the amount of \$9,250.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Runnemeade, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that is hereby approves the low quote received from Laurel Lawnmower Service Inc. in the amount of \$9,250.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proper officials are authorized to execute such agreement for said services.

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A motion was made by Moore, seconded by McCarthy the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #09-43**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO BE FILED  
WITH THE CAMDEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE/FARMLAND  
PRESERVATION DIVISION, BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE,  
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Camden County formed an Open Space/Farmland Preservation Division (hereinafter known as the "Open Space Committee") in order to assist municipalities, through grants, in creating or refurbishing green space within our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough sees a need for this kind of activity within Runnemede; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that we apply for this funding for the following purposes:

Various improvements to Beaver Branch Park

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Scaramuzzo the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #09-44**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP  
CLERK TO SIGN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION FORM  
FOR PROGRAM YEAR XXXI (2009-2010)  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT,  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Runnemede is entitled to Community Development Block Grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have chosen to submit an application for the Program Year XXXI (2009-2010); and

WHEREAS, the grant allocation for Year 31 (2009-2010) for the Borough of Runnemede is \$45,189.00; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has agreed to apply for funding for the purpose of repaving the parking lot at the Harry Williams Senior Center and is within the acceptable areas qualified for Community Development Funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Project Description Form for Program Year XXXI (2009-2010).

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

**MARCH 3, 2009**

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Scaramuzzo the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #09-45**

**AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF  
CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PROPERTY  
FROM THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Runnemede wishes to acquire one 2000 Dodge Durango VIN 1B4H528N04F280257, mileage 126,141 with associated equipment, and three (3) GE portable radios (Model MPD) from the Township of Medford in consideration for a new Cairns leather fire helmet – Sam Huston model 6A, and two (2) Minimax XTRT Carbon Monoxide (CO) monitors with real time display, 24 months continuous operation, visual and vibrating alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2) authorizes the Borough of Runnemede to sell or transfer personal property not needed for public use to the Township of Medford; and

**WHEREAS**, all contractual provisions have been negotiated and an Agreement shall be entered into between the Borough and the Township, setting forth those provisions, in a form acceptable to the Borough Council and Borough Attorney.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Runnemede that the transfer of a new Cairns leather fire helmet – Sam Huston model 6A, and two (2) Minimax XTRT Carbon Monoxide (CO) monitors with real time display, 24 months continuous operation, visual and vibrating alarms to the Township of Medford in consideration for one 2000 Dodge Durango VIN 1B4H528N04F280257, mileage 126,141 with associated equipment, and three (3) GE portable radios (Model MPD) be and is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the agreement between the Borough of Runnemede and the Township of Medford, for the above-referenced transfer.

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Kappatos the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #09-46**

**RESOLUTION TO MAKE BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN  
APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2008 GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

(SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION)

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Moore the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

**MARCH 3, 2009**

**RESOLUTION #09-48**

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE  
AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN  
AGREEMENT WITH VITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.  
FOR TAX ASSESSMENT SERVICES (CAMA)**

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Borough Assessor that an agreement is entered between the Borough of Runnemede and the Vital Communications, Inc. for a computer assisted mass appraisal program (CAMA); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes an agreement with Vita Communications, Inc. For a computer assisted mass appraisal program (CAMA) at a cost of \$900 per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials are authorized to enter into a contract with Vital Communications, Inc.; and

BE IT FURTHER EVOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment as provided by law.

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Kisielewski the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

**RESOLUTION #09-49**

**A RESOLUTION REGULATING THE SALARIES OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
AND AMENDING RESOLUTION #08-90  
FOR THE YEAR OF 2009**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF  
RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

**TAX ASSESSOR** **\$9,864.00**

These salaries and hourly wages shall be effective as of March 1, 2009 and shall continue in effect until amendment of this resolution.

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

A motion was made by Scaramuzzo, seconded by McCarthy the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Beatrice, Moore, McCarthy, Scaramuzzo, Kisielewski. Absent: None. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kisielewski the list of bills as submitted by the clerk be approved for payment along with the monthly contractual bills when they become due. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kappatos, Scaramuzzo, McCarthy, Beatrice, Kisielewski. Nays: None. Absent: None. Mayor Betteridge authorized the payment of bills.

**(SEE ATTACHED PAYMENT OF BILLS)**

**MARCH 3, 2009**

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Gene Smith, 876 Orchard Avenue: Mr. Smith reported that there was a serious drug problem on his street and wanted more of a police presence. Mr. Smith also expressed his concern over the police salaries which Councilman McCarthy informed everyone of. Councilman Moore indicated that he wanted to start up a town watch.

Al Rhodes, 460 Center Avenue: Mr. Rhodes expressed his concern about a business being run out of someone's home. Mr. Rhodes also was concerned about chemicals being stored at the house. Mr. Rhodes also stated that he had already reported this to the construction official and that nothing had been done. Mayor Betteridge assured Mr. Rhodes that the new director of the construction department would look into this issue.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, a motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kisielewski to close the good and welfare portion of the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge declared that portion of the meeting closed.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Beatrice and seconded by Scaramuzzo to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

**Approved by:**

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**Virginia Betteridge, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk**