

## **JANUARY 4, 2009**

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 10:47 A.M. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Betteridge, Council members: Scaramuzzo, Moore, Kappatos, McCarthy, Beatrice, Kisielewski; Present: Borough Solicitor, Borough Engineer, Steve Bach.

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

### **REPORTS:**

REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL: No report was submitted.

REPORT OF BOROUGH TREASURER: A report was read stating cash balances as follows:

Available cash as of 10/31/08:	\$2,987,285.41
Available cash as of 11/30/08:	\$3,373,264.51

REPORT OF BOROUGH CLERK: A report was read reporting that the sum of \$1,910.00 was collected in various permits and licenses during the month of December, 2008. All fees were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE: A report was read reporting that the sum of \$175.00 was collected in Police, Accident, & Firearms Permits during the month of December, 2008. All funds were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE: A report was read stating that the sum of \$10,113.92 to cover fines and costs was collected during the month of November, 2008. A check in the amount of \$2.00 was also received for the POAA Fund. A check in the amount of \$300.00 for Public Defender fees was also received.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF: No report was submitted.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VITAL STATISTICS: A report was read reporting that the sum of \$4,000.00 was collected for death copies, burial permits and marriage copies during the month of December, 2008. 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 December, 2008. Fees in the amount of \$6,774.75 were collected. All fees collected were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR: A report was read for the month of December reporting that a total of \$235,547.35 was collected in taxes for the current year and a total of \$70,951.97 was collected in Sewer Utility Payments.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS;**

William Harris, Consultant

Congratulations! It is with great pleasure that the New Jersey Forest Service informs you that Runnemede Borough has been awarded a 2009 Green Communities grant in the amount of \$3,000. This award has been endorsed by the New Jersey Community Forestry Council.

The major goal of the state's Community Forestry Program is to educate all 566 municipalities in the state about the benefits of developing their own distinctive community forestry program and

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to offer support for these programs. As a community's program develops, the extent of its tree cover will increase and the vitality of its trees will improve. It is our experience that this will lead to greater awareness and appreciation of the benefits of trees.

The purpose of this Green Communities grant is to provide funding to hire a qualified expert to assist Runnemede Borough in the development of a Community Forestry Management Plan. Now that this award has been made to Runnemede Borough, the next step in the grant process is for Runnemede Borough and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to enter into a grant agreement. Information will be sent to you shortly on how this is done. Meanwhile please know that no monies from this grant award can be committed or expended until the grant agreement is signed.

Should you have any questions concerning this grant award, please contact Joseph C. Bennett, our Community Forestry Grants Coordinator, at (609) 292-2532.

James Barresi, Assistant Director/State Forester

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

Mr. Alfred Loverdi, Runnemede Fire Company

Grant No. EMW-2008-FO-00854

On behalf of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). I am pleased to inform you that your grant application submitted under the FY 2008 Assistance to Firefighters Grant has been approved. FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate, in consultation with the U.S. Fire Administration, carries out the Federal responsibilities of administering your grant. The approved project costs total to \$87,360.00. The Federal share is 95 percent of \$82,982.00 of the approved amount and your share of the costs is 5 percent or \$4,368.00.

As part of your award package, you will find Grant Agreement Articles. Please make sure you read and understand the Articles as they outline the terms and conditions of your Grant award. Maintain a copy of these documents for your official file. You establish acceptance of the Grant and Grant Agreement Articles when you request and receive any of the Federal Grant funds awarded to you. By accepting the grant, you agree not to deviate from the approved scope or work without prior written approval from DHS.

If your SF 1199A has been reviewed and approved, you will be able to request payments online. Remember, you should basically request funds when you have an immediate cash need (i.e. You have a bill in-hand that is due within 30 days).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the awards process or how to request your grant funds, please call the help desk at 1-866-274-0960/

R. David Paullson, Administrator

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

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Administrative & Finance: Councilman McCarthy reported that the borough was trying to resolve a \$600,000.00 shortfall in the 2009 budget. Mark also reported that due to past obligations, the debt service had increased. Councilman McCarthy advised everyone that he had been looking into renewable energy for the borough by using solar panels. Mark asked

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Council to approve \$5,000.00 for a feasibility study by a company by the name of "Blue Sky." progress.

Health, Education & Welfare: Councilwoman Scaramuzzo wished everyone a Happy New Year. Lisa reminded everyone about the liability workshops being held. Councilwoman Scaramuzzo also reminded Council that she had placed a copy of her proposed budget for 2009 in their boxes.

Public Safety: Public Safety Director Moore acknowledged members of the Fire Company in the audience. Bernie also advised everyone about the purchase of the new police car.

Recreation & Public Events: Council President Tony Beatrice announced that he would e planning new projects for 2009.

Public Works: Councilman Kisielewski wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mike also reported that he was working on more information being mailed our regarding trash, recycling and yard waste.

Engineering & Construction: Councilman Kappatos stated that he had nothing to report since it he was just sworn in.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Kennedy congratulated Nick Kappatos and Bernie Moore on their election and Mark McCarthy on his selection as President of Council. Jack also reported that he had sent several letters to Runsen House and their attorney regarding the \$250,000.00.

Engineer's Report: Steve Bach submitted a written report.

Mayor Betteridge informed everyone that ornaments were available in the borough hall for \$2.00 and that they were environmentally friendly, made of wood.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **RADON ACTION MONTH**

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer, causing as many as 500 lung cancer deaths annually in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, elevated radon levels are found in many homes and pose a serious health threat to families residing in these homes; and

WHEREAS, any home may have high levels of radon-even if neighboring homes do not; and

WHEREAS, radon testing is easy and inexpensive-and elevated levels of radon can be effectively reduced at the cost of a typical home repair; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of homes in Runnemede have elevated levels of radon;

WHEREAS, by mitigating homes with radon concentrations at or above 4pCi/L in New Jersey, 140-250 lives are saved annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Virginia Betteridge, Mayor of Runnemede, on behalf of the Runnemede Borough Council and residents of Runnemede do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2009, as

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in the Borough of Runnemede and call upon all residents who have not yet tested their homes for radon and to reduce radon levels if elevated levels are found, to protect their families from the serious health risk of radon.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

VIRGINIA BETTERIDGE

**RESOLUTION #09-20**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY AND THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER SERVICES**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of Runnemede is able to enter into a contract for dog sheltering services; and

**WHEREAS,** the Animal Welfare Society of Camden County, Camden County Animal Shelter, provided an agreement indicating the cost to be \$5,280.00 for the year; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Services Agreement with the County of Camden to provide animal control & shelter services for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

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

**RESOLUTION #09-21:** Resolution Regulating the Salaries of the Employees of the Borough of Runnemede for the Year 2009.

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

**RESOLUTION #09-22**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO #1 AUTO SPA CAR WASH FOR THE WASHING AND VACUUMING OF POLICE CARS FOR 2009  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** That the contract for the washing and vacuuming of police cars for 2008 in the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, be and is hereby awarded to #1 Auto Spa Car Wash whose bid amounted to \$3,100.00.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the presiding officer of this body be and hereby is directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said bid.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Body be and is hereby directed to seal said contract with the corporate seal of this Body and to attest to the same.

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

**RESOLUTION #09-23**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT TO  
RUNNEMEDE CLEANERS FOR 2009  
CLEANING & MINOR REPAIRING OF POLICE UNIFORMS,  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the contract for 2009 Cleaning & Minor Repairing of Police Uniforms in the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, be and is hereby awarded to Runnemede Cleaners whose bid amounted to \$5,300.00 per year.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the presiding officer of this body be and hereby directed to sign for and on its behalf the contract in the prescribed form for said bid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Body be and is hereby directed to seal said contract with the corporate seal of this Body and to attest to the same.

**BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

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

**RESOLUTION #09-24**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE AND BLUE SKY POWER AMERICA, LLC.**

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Borough Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") have considered developing alternative energy projects, including photovoltaic solar ("PV") installations; and.

**WHEREAS**, Blue Sky is a strategic advisory firm for alternative energy capital projects and an alternative energy developer. Blue Sky assists its clients in developing their alternative energy projects, including photovoltaic solar ("PV") installation; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Borough Council have considered Blue sky's proposal for consultation services to perform a thorough analysis of the financial feasibility of the Project and present Runnemede with various viable financial structures and potential system designs for the

Project, and have determined that it is in the best interest of the owner and for the Borough to enter into a formal agreement based on the terms and conditions proposed.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of New Jersey, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the attached Agreement that memorializes certain terms and conditions for the consultation services to be provided by Blue Sky.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the fees for the consultation services outlined in the attached agreement shall not exceed \$5,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the \$5000.00 payment for consultation services shall be used to reduce the amount of the contract for solar installation if it is determined by the mayor and council that they desire to enter into such a contract after the analysis is performed.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

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

**FIRST READING:**

ORDINANCE #09-01: An Ordinance Authorizing Charging all Residents the Same Rate for Sewer Fees.

A motion was made by Kisielewski, seconded by McCarthy the ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, with a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2009 at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Scaramuzzo, Moore, Beatrice, McCarthy, Kisielewski. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the ordinance approved on first reading.

ORDINANCE #09-02: An Establishing Fees for Use of the Harry Williams Building.

Councilman Kisielewski has some questions about who would be check on the condition of the building after each use.

A motion was made by Kisielewski, seconded by Beatrice the ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, with a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2009 at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Scaramuzzo, Moore, Beatrice, McCarthy, Kisielewski. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the ordinance approved on first reading.

ORDINANCE #09-03: An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S. A. 40A:4-45.14).

A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Moore the ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, with a public hearing to be held on February 3, 2009 at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the

following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Scaramuzzo, Moore, Beatrice, McCarthy, Kisielewski. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the ordinance approved on first reading.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Beatrice the list of bills as submitted by the clerk be approved for payment along with the monthly contractual bills when

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they become due. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kappatos, Scaramuzzo, Beatrice, McCarthy, Kisielewski. Nays: None. Mayor Betteridge authorized the payment of bills.

**(SEE ATTACHED PAYMENT OF BILLS)**

**GOOD & WELFARE:**

Joanne Yates, 125 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue: Ms. Yates advised Mayor & Council that they should look into the another company for solar panels. She also reported that Waste Management was throwing recyclables into the regular trash and that Nick Ritz, Road Department, was doing a terrific job.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, a motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by McCarthy 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 Moore to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge declared the meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.

**Approved by:**

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**Virginia Betteridge, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk**