

MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

April 9, 2013

The Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, met in the Council Chambers, in the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, for a Pre-Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
Present: Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Russo, and Councilors Baskerville, Hurlock, McMahon, Schlager, and Spiller
Absent: None

Agenda Review – Township Manager Marc Dashield

Township Manager Marc Dashield responded to several questions regarding the bill list.

Mayor Jackson reviewed a request from the Montclair Film Festival for event parking during the festival.

Councilor Schlager attended a community meeting with residents of Talbot and Dey Streets to discuss traffic and criminal activities in the neighborhood.

The Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, met in the Council Chambers, in the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, for a Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
Present: Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Russo, and Councilors Baskerville, Hurlock, McMahon, Schlager, and Spiller
Absent: None

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE NOTICE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATION

On motion made by Councilor Spiller and duly seconded, the following proclamation was adopted by unanimous vote:

- WHEREAS The Month of the Young Child – celebrated in April – is an opportunity for early childhood programs across the country, including child care and Head Start programs, preschools and elementary schools, to hold activities to bring awareness to the needs of young children; and
- WHEREAS These organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs and physical education activities that can provide a foundation of learning and lifelong healthy habits for children; and
- WHEREAS As parents, teachers, lawmakers and community leaders, it is our collective responsibility to ensure special care and attention is given to young children so that they grow and mature into loving, capable, considerate and productive adults; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Montclair Township Council does hereby proclaim April, 2013 as The Month Of The Young Child in Montclair and recognize and encourage activities and public policies that foster the education and well-being of Montclair’s youth – our future leaders.

Councilor Spiller presented the proclamation to Eve Robinson, Director of Montclair Early Childhood Corporation. She thanked the Council for recognizing the impact of Pre-K education.

On motion made by Councilor Baskerville and duly seconded, the following proclamation was adopted by unanimous vote:

- WHEREAS Autism is a biologically-based disorder that impacts the development and functioning of a person’s verbal and non-verbal communication skills, social interactions and patterns of behavior; and
- WHEREAS Autism is estimated to affect 1 in 49 children in New Jersey according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the CDC and Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently released a report that found similar rates across the country; and

WHEREAS while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive treatment early in their lives, it is often possible for those individuals to lead significantly improved lives; and

WHEREAS New Jersey has one of the best systems in the nation for identifying, diagnosing and caring for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The State's electronic Autism Registry is a support service that links parents and family members of individuals with autism to appropriate diagnostic, treatment and support services in their communities; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, does hereby proclaim April 2013 as Autism Awareness Month and encourages those who live and work in Montclair to support families and individuals as they respond to the challenges of autism and Autism Spectrum Disorders and also to support initiatives related to autism research, training, information and availability of services.

Receive Freeholder Brendan Gill:

Freeholder Gill recognized Montclair Police Lt. Traci Fazzano with the following proclamation in honor of Women's History month.

HONORING LIEUTENANT TRACY L. FRAZZANO FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE
WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND THE
MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, LIEUTENANT TRACY L. FRAZZANO is a distinguished 17-year member of the Montclair Police Department who has served proudly as a beat officer, trained hostage negotiator, detective investigator specializing in child abuse cases and uniformed patrol supervisor; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 LT. TRACY L. FRAZZANO was commissioned to a special assignment with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management (FEMA), in Washington, D.C., based upon her graduate thesis work at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) in Monterey, California; and

WHEREAS, LT. TRACY L. FRAZZANO collaborated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National Counterterrorism Center (NCTC) on the nationwide project as the Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshop Series (JCTAWS) which is a project to improve the ability of local jurisdictions to prepare for, protect against and respond to terrorist attacks. She was responsible for monitoring presentations, reviewing and revising curriculum of the JCTAWS, and developed a supplemental seminar in cooperation with the medical community to address the challenges of emergency treatment and response during urban terrorist attacks. As part of her duties with the JCTAWS, she briefed the U.S. House of Representatives' Homeland Security Committee and the National Security Staff, and her efforts with the JCTAWS were referenced by DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano during a televised hearing to the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs in September 2012; and

WHEREAS, LT. TRACY L. FRAZZANO is part of a working group for the implementation of Presidential Policy Directives & National Preparedness, assisting with the study and composition of the National Prevention Framework and the Federal Prevention Interagency Operational Plan. She also volunteered at the National Response Coordination Center as a Knowledge Group Supervisor preparing situational awareness material for Presidential press conferences; and

WHEREAS, LT. TRACY L. FRAZZANO, who made history as the first female Detective, Sergeant and Lieutenant in the Montclair Police Department, resumed her duties with the Montclair Police Department in 2012; and

WHEREAS, LT. TRACY L. FRAZZANO, earned a B.S. degree in Exercise and Sports Management from Rutgers University and, while a supervisor in the Montclair Police Department, earned two Masters Degrees, the first in Human Resources Training and Development from Seton Hall University and the second in Security Studies where one of her group projects influenced the language of the 2011 National Defense Authorization Act which was signed into law by President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, LT. TRACY L. FRAZZANO is committed to numerous charitable causes including Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure, Habitat for Humanity, National Law Enforcement Memorial, American Cancer Society, Special Olympics and local relief efforts for Super Storm Sandy. She is also active in several sports, especially softball, volleyball, golf and dragon boating and represented the United States at the 2011 World Police and Fire Games, receiving a gold medal in the softball competition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby congratulates and commends LIEUTENANT TRACY L. FRAZZANO for her outstanding work with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Montclair Police Department.

Signed and dated on April 10, 2013 by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Mayor Jackson thanked Brendan Gill for his tireless efforts on behalf of the Township of Montclair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harvey Susswein, 85 Clinton Avenue addressed the sale (to Centre Verde, Montclair Acquisition Partners,) of the ground lease under the DCH Deck. He suggested that an appropriate discount rate would be in the area of 3-4% which if implemented, would increase the purchase price accordingly.

Mayor Jackson explained the risk/reward scenario and believes the opportunity to get the cash was much more valuable.

Haywood Woods, 50 Pine Street, reported that the Township is behind on the maintenance payments for two properties at this address now owned by the Township.

Sandy Sorkin, 3 Marquette Road asked why the Township did not go to the open market for the potential sale of the land under the DCH deck. He also questioned several items on the bill list. Mayor Jackson responded that if Montclair solicited the open market, it would have to assume a potential 99 year lease holder. The present scenario would allow the redevelopment plan to accelerate the project.

Frances Elms, 135 Squire Hill Road, member of the Friends of the Bellevue Avenue Branch commended this library for its valuable contribution to the community.

Steve Tully, staff representative for AFCSME addressed several areas of concern in the community services department. They include:

- Temporary assignments eg., "acting positions"
- Oversized refuse containers
- Purported pattern of abuse of workers

He asked for resolution of these concerns.

Richard Burrell, President, Local 2296 AFSCME complained of inappropriate actions and harassment by Steve Wood, Director of Community Services and Rob Bianco, Superintendent. He also stated that Township Manager Marc Dashield has failed to address the problem of oversized trash cans.

Mayor Jackson stated that these concerns would be reviewed and resolved in a fair and impartial manner.

Nicky Fiorescente, 165 Valley Road, reiterated his suggestion to reconfigure the Northeast side of Edgemont Pond to make it more efficient (better flow). He also believes that "blinking traffic signs" was a waste of money and should be replaced by speed bumps.

Ilmar Vanderer, 127 Edgemont Road, spoke in support of the Montclair Public Library as a "vibrant part of the Township's fabric." He urged the Council to consider restoration of full funding to the library.

Sheldon Kugelmass, 44 Elston Road, member of the Montclair Early Childhood Corporation Board, reiterated reasons for public funding for this pre-k.

Sarah Brocks, 98 Montclair Avenue, Director of the Friends of Bellevue Avenue Branch, provided several examples of programming that support the library's mission of "providing knowledge, community and a safe place."

Paul Brubaker, 6 Holland Terrace, joined in support of the Montclair Community Pre-K. He believes that this community institution gives back by "identifying a passion for learning."

Martin Schwartz, 83 South Fullerton, believes that the municipality has not made any progress in developing a pre-k plan for the entire Township. He asked that the Council Education Subcommittee demand that the Board of Education address this issue.

Susan Anderson, 66 Mountain Avenue, Bloomfield, library volunteer, requested funding for additional hours at the Bellevue Avenue Branch library.

Edward Robbin, 530 Valley Road, also expressed support for the Montclair Public Library and Bellevue branch and offered examples of how library services have benefitted his family.

Susan Agate, 416 Central Avenue, Rochester, New York, volunteer reiterated support for Bellevue Avenue Branch.

There being no one wishing to speak, Mayor Jackson closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ADOPTION

The pending ordinance entitled: “ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK REGARDING THE 2013 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)” (0-13-10) passed first reading March 12, 2013 and upon second reading the title thereof was read by the Clerk who then reported that it had been published and posted and copies had been made available to the public as required by law and that an affidavit to that effect was on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Jackson asked whether anyone present wished to address the Councilors regarding the proposed ordinance.

Being no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Jackson closed the hearing.

On motion made by Mayor Jackson ad duly seconded, the ordinance was adopted by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS –ORDINANCE/FIRST READING-INTRODUCTION

Councilor Baskerville introduced the following ordinance and made a motion which was duly seconded, that it pass first reading and be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on May 14, 2013.

“ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTCLAIR CODE, CHAPTER 347—ZONING” (0-13-12)

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Councilor Spiller introduced the following ordinance and made a motion which was duly seconded, that it pass first reading and be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on May 14, 2013

“ORDINANCE AMENDING MONTCLAIR CENTER GATEWAY REDEVELOPMENT PLAN – PHASE 1” (0-13-13).

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Deputy Mayor Russo introduced the following ordinance and made a motion which was duly seconded, that it pass first reading and be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on May 14, 2013.

“2012 thru 2014 OPEIU (Office & Professional Employees International Union) SALARY ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE CREATING CERTAIN OFFICES, POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, AND FIXING THE SALARY RANGES THEREFORE” (0-13-14)

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Deputy Mayor Russo introduced the following ordinance and made a motion which was duly seconded, that it pass first reading and be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on May 14, 2013.

“AMENDED 2012 THRU 2014 OPEIU SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS SALARY ORDINANCE” (0-13-15)

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Councilor Hurlock introduced the following ordinance and made a motion which was duly seconded, that it pass first reading and be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on May 14, 2013

“ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE PARK STREET BETWEEN GORDONHURST AVENUE AND WILDWOOD AVENUE” (0-13-16)

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

Being no one wishing to be heard, Mayor Jackson closed the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS RESOLUTIONS

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following Consent Agenda resolutions were adopted by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2013 the Township of Montclair opened and read bids for the purchase, delivery and planting of trees for the Township's 2013 Spring Tree Planting program, as prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, seven companies submitted bids to provide trees in accordance with the bid specifications; and

WHEREAS, Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc. submitted the lowest responsible bid in accordance with the bid specifications in the amount of \$20,450.00; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that the Township of Montclair enter into an agreement with Louis Barbato Landscaping, Inc. for the purchase, delivery and planting of trees for the Township's 2013 Spring Tree Planting program in the amount of \$20,450.00 pending Certification of Funds by the Chief Financial Officer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds for this purchase have been appropriated in the 2010 Capital Budget, Account Number C-04-10-070-000-104. Complete details of the contract may be obtained through the Township Clerk's Office. (R-13-62)

WHEREAS, by resolution of May 10, 2011, the Township Council adopted a resolution awarding contracts to Fire and Safety Services, Ltd, and Federated Fire Services, Inc. to provide repair and maintenance services for Fire Department vehicles and apparatus; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid contracts were awarded for a two-year period with an option for the Township to renew the contracts for an additional year; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to exercise its right to renew the aforementioned contracts upon the same terms and conditions; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that the Township renew the aforementioned contracts with Fire and Safety Services, Ltd. and Federated Fire Services, Inc. for the performance of repair and maintenance services for Fire Department vehicles and apparatus, for an additional one-year term, pending certification of available funds by the Chief Financial Officer. (R-13-63)

WHEREAS on April 1, 2010 an amended agreement was executed between the Township and the State for funding of improvements to Edgemont Park; and

WHEREAS on May 1, 2012 the Township of Montclair requested by resolution an extension of the grant agreement until June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS on May 24, 2012 the extension was granted, conditioned on the completion of construction by December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS the contract award was delayed by cost and budget concerns until December 27, 2012; and

WHEREAS construction has started on March 1, 2013; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, requests the agreement for the Green Acres grant/loan for dredging and wall improvements at Edgemont Pond be extended an additional six months to December 31, 2013. (R-13-64)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that EDIE LOCKE, is hereby APPOINTED to serve as a member of the ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE for a term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that NANCY KAPLAN, be and she is hereby APPOINTED to serve as a member of the ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE for a term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that KAY SHERWOOD be and she is hereby APPOINTED to serve as a member of the ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE for a term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that NANCY KATZ, be and she is hereby APPOINTED to serve as a member of the ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE for a term commencing immediately and terminating December 31, 2015. (R-13-65)

WHEREAS, Homes of Montclair Ecumenical Corp. (" HomeCorp") proposes a six unit affordable housing project to be located at underutilized land on Talbot Street; and

WHEREAS, the Montclair Affordable Housing Commission can provide insight into this project; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair, requests that the Affordable Housing Commission review the conceptual proposal and report its recommendations to the Township Council. (R-13-66)

On motion made by Council Hurlock and duly seconded, the following Resolution (R-13-67) was adopted by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, the Montclair Film Festival will be held throughout the Township from April 29, 2013 to May 5, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Film Festival will conduct activities and screen films at the Bellevue Cinema and other locations on Saturday, May 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council desires to facilitate the activities of the Film Festival on that day by easing parking regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that parking meter fees be suspended for all metered spaces in the Bellevue and Upper Montclair Plaza lot on May 4, 2013. (R-13-67)

On motion made by Councilor Schlager and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that said bills be and they are hereby ordered paid and that warrants by drawn on the Treasurer to the order of such person for the amount respectively as hereinafter stated to wit: **\$2,696,210.50**.

BUDGET HEARINGS

LIBRARY

Receive: David Hinckley, Director and Will Adkins, President, Board of Trustees

Mr. Adkins highlighted the Strategic Plan for the Montclair Public Library.

Mr. Hinckley presented the following funding request for 2013:

Montclair Public Library
Proposed 2013 Budget

The Montclair Public Library is requesting a \$165,000 restoration of municipal support in 2013, less than half the increase received in 2012, for a total municipal allocation of \$3,048,749.

The requested 2013 appropriation would leave the 2013 municipal allocation \$800,000 less than the library received in 2008.

Despite resultant hour, staffing and material reductions 2012 use statistics and community volunteer hours demonstrate that there is a substantial embedded demand and direct community support for library services in Montclair:

Circulation reached a record high in 2012: 390,919. The previous high was 384,365 in 2010. Attendance was the second highest ever in 2012: 347,989. The previous high was 354,530 in 2009.

Montclair had the 5th highest total circulation in the 74 member BCCLS network in 2012.

Montclair was a modest net lender within BCCLS in 2012. MPL was one of 27 net lenders, borrowing 41,793 items and lending 37,170. The library received a net lender reimbursement total of \$1,730 from the network in 2012.

Total attendance at 2012 library and community sponsored programs was approximately 26,500.

Volunteers continue to play a vital role in the Circulation Departments at both the BAB and Main libraries in 2012 providing hours worked equivalent to approximately 2.5 full time employees. Total paid full time equivalent staff in 2012 was approximately 27 so that volunteers represented about 8% of the library's workforce:

9 volunteers worked a total of 1,249 hrs at the main library.

6 volunteers worked 1,240 hours in administration at the main library.

29 volunteers worked a grand total of 1,715 at the BAB.

Teen volunteers worked approximately 420 hours per year in Youth Services (excluding Summer Reading).

The welcome restoration of \$350,000 in 2012 has allowed the Montclair Public Library to:

- Restore 12 hours at the Bellevue Avenue Branch per week to supplement the current Monday only openings.
- Restore summer Saturday hours at the main library
- Restore sufficient funding to bring material and database purchases to a minimum 10% of the operating budget. The \$230,000 increase in this line helped address the drastic reductions in 2010 and 2011 that had undermined the long term investment in the library collections.
- Fund better maintenance of two facilities totaling 60,000 square feet, helping to avoid higher long term capital repair and replacement costs.
- Begin to shift technology budgeting from capital to operational budget requests, reflecting the emergence of new and in place technologies that increasingly affect the public library's services and mission.
- Add one full time position and sufficient part time hours to equal an additional full time equivalent position

2012 restored municipal support was offset by reductions in state aid and other sources of revenue and \$68,000 less than the library's municipal request. Therefore, the 2013 request establishes a stable fiscal base, representing what the Library Trustees believe to be the minimum level of annual expenditures required to operate the 5th largest municipal main library facility in the state supplemented by the Bellevue location.

Compared to the 2012 budget the proposed 2013 municipal allocation:

Provides additional essential monies (\$100,000) to:

- Increase the dedicated Young Adult position from part time to full time
- Add part time positions supporting technology and community based programming
- Open the Bellevue Branch one morning per week for story times and school visits this fall
- Increases the facility budget by \$25,000 to address critical projects, avoid the increased long term cost of deferred maintenance and offset a reduction in full time facilities staff

Supports core library services (\$68,000) through:

- Increasing materials and database expenditures by \$41,000 to \$310,000 – the highest since 2009

- Increases technology expenditures by \$23,000 continuing the shift of these costs from capital to the operations budget
- Restoring \$4,000 in program support

The \$168,000 in monies restored to line items represent the balance of the \$165,000 increase requested in the town appropriation.

Capital:

The library has also submitted 2013 capital requests to the town manager that focus on energy savings at the main library, emergency back-up generators for both facilities and safeguarding the building envelope of the Bellevue Avenue Branch facility. The requests are directed towards aggregate cost savings for the library and township.

Strategic Plan:

The Montclair Public Library 2013 – 2016 Strategic Plan announces the direction of future library expenditures and funding to the township and residents of Montclair.

POLICE

Township Manager Marc Dashield provided the following matrix.

Financial <i>(The Cost to the Tax Payer)</i>		Personnel/Technology <i>(Current Conditions)</i>	
Salary & Wages	13,027,038.23	Number of Full Time Civilian Employees	20
Other Expenses	619,250.00	Number of Full Time Sworn Officers	105
Total Appropriations	13,646,288.23	Additional Resources Proposed	
Misc. Departmental Revenues	1,336,057.00	(2) Tele-communicators	
Misc. General Revenues	2,207,543.28	(2) Patrol officers	
Cost to the Tax Payers	10,102,687.95	<i>(Phase In Community Police Activities)</i>	
Outcomes		Performance Measures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Community Police Activities • Reduce Overtime/Telecommunications • Increase Pedestrian Safety Initiative 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Traffic Safety Initiatives • Number hours Foot Patrol/Bike Patrol • Number Neighborhood Crime Prevention Meetings • Number of Overtime hours 	

Police	2013	2012	Difference	Percent	Service Area
Salary & Wage	13,027,038.23	12,252,070.93	774,967.3	6.33%	Essential Service 1
Other Expenses	619,250.00	539,000.00	80,250.00	14.89%	

Employee Trends 2009 -2013

Year	Employees
2009	133
2010	133
2011	128
2012	125
2013	128

Receive: Chief David Sabagh

MONTCLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

2013 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

A major portion of the Department's request this year, as in years past, is allocated for police patrol vehicles. Well maintained, properly equipped patrol vehicles are imperative for an effective patrol operation. For FY 2013, the Department is requesting funding to meet our obligations under an existing lease/purchase agreement and to acquire three additional vehicles in 2013. However, the Department's Capital Budget request also contains requests for three much-needed Sports Utility Vehicles.

The second and final lease payment for four Dodge Chargers purchased in FY 2012 is anticipated to be due in December 2013. The total amount required for this payment is \$50,703.19. This amount is non-discretionary and must be budgeted. The budget amount necessary for the first of two equal lease payments for three new 2013 Dodge Charger police vehicles that the Department is requesting is estimated at \$13,500 per vehicle. Therefore, the Police Department's total request for non-SUV patrol vehicles is \$91,500.

The Police Department is also requesting to increase its current overtime budget to \$454,000, a \$24,000 or a 5.58% increase over last year's overtime allotment. Although the anticipated hiring of new dispatchers and officers is hoped for in the coming months, the Department has undergone an extremely difficult period of turnover with dispatchers in recent years. In addition, the hiring process in finding qualified candidates who can successfully handle this stressful, fast-paced environment can be both arduous and time consuming, making it increasingly difficult to find acceptable candidates. This has forced the Department to often hire police officers at increased compensation rates to handle dispatcher duties whenever there is an inadequate number of dispatchers and trained police officers assigned to 9-1-1/dispatch due to incidents such as leave, vacations, illness, etc.

The Department assumes that the budget for Regular Salary & Wages will be set by the CFO/ Finance Office as has been the practice in the past. In addition, the Operational Budget being presented does not include utilities, fringe benefits, gasoline costs, or costs associated with the burglar & fire alarm reduction program administered by the PMAM Corporation for which the Police Department has not been asked to budget.

Officer Snodgrass, Technical Services explained the need for new radio communication services

- Options: 1. New State Police radio system (P-25)
2. New technology used to refurbish old systems.

Chief Sabagh recommended going forward with the P-25 system; however, he cautioned that this is a new and untried system and he is seeking more guarantees for service.

Chief Sabagh informed the Council that this budget also addressed:

- Consultant fees to review departmental procedures as part of an accreditation effort.
- Pay for services not previously billed eg., CGIS router.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Mayor Russo announced that the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee is conducting a Senior Citizen's survey.

He wished his mother, Florence Russo, a very happy 94th birthday. The Council added their congratulations.

Councilor Spiller thanked Mayor Jackson and Councilor Hurlock for serving with him on the Board of School Estimate.

Councilor Hurlock urged his constituents to participate in the "All First Ward Clean-up Day" on April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Rain date: April 28, 2013.

Mayor Jackson called for a Special Budget Review Meeting, April 30, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Councilor McMahon reported that the Super bowl Committee will hold a kick-off party on Thursday, April 25, 2013. He also announced the Montclair Ambulance Unit's 60th anniversary gala to be held on May 10, 2013.

The Municipal Clerk reported that she had filed in her office a list of reports and communications received since the last meeting.

On motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the following reports and communications were accepted and ordered to be made part of the minutes of this meeting.

FILED:

Tax Collector Monthly Report for January 1, 2013 - \$9,811,100.95

From NJDEP – No Further Action Letter

6 Curtis Terrace

49 Madison Avenue

165 Lloyd Road

13 Trinity Place – Remedial Action Workplan/Progress Report

197 Montclair Avenue

254 Midland Avenue

122 Upper Mountain Avenue

100 Gordonhurst Avenue

93 Watchung Avenue

27 Undercliff Road

From Tectonic Practical Solutions: Response Action Outcome for the remediation of the site 237-243 Lorraine Avenue - Reference #W.O.6402.01

From Horizon Foundation: presented grant awards to Montclair Art Museum and Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence.

From Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control regarding new Additional Retail Privilege field by DW Vineyards, LLC. The new Additional Privilege to be sited at Costanera Restaurant, 511 Bloomfield Avenue.

From Betts Environmental Services Corporation: Public Notification requirements for 256 Park Street. Photos of public notification signs posted at the site.

Letter from Montclair Public Schools relating to the school district budget for the 2013-2014 school year.

Letter from Brian Brace Taylor regarding 327 Grove Street and the lack of action by elected officials and their employees.

2013 Summary Levy Cap Calculation

At 10:30 P.M. on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

ROBERT JACKSON

MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDA S. WANAT, MUNICIPAL CLERK