

MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

April 14, 2015

The Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, met in the First Floor Council Chamber in the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, for a Regular meeting at 7:01 P.M.

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE NOTICE
ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Russo, Councilors Baskerville, Hurlock, Schlager and Spiller
Absent: Councilor McMahon

PROCLAMATION

Councilor Hurlock presented the following proclamation to Bob and Bobbie Constable which was adopted by unanimous vote:

*COMMENDING AND THANKING
Bob and Bobbie Constable*

WHEREAS Montclair residents Bobbie and Bob Constable are leaving Montclair after four decades of community leadership in education, mental health and the arts to pursue new adventures; and

WHEREAS During their time in Montclair they have served this community with dedication and distinction having held responsible positions on many boards and organizations and serving as powerful influences for good in the growth and progress of the community; and

WHEREAS Robert Constable, after an early retirement, focused his considerable talents and energy on the organizations which reflect the make-up of the Montclair community, those who provide the fundamental foundation of Montclair. He joined the YMCA Board in 1992, eventually serving as President and currently Chair Emeritus. His first work for the Board was to find a Foundation to help restore the YMCA Willow Lake Summer Camp; his fundraising leadership led to the founding of the new Bill and Helen Geyer YMCA to serve Montclair's young families. Joining the Board of the Montclair Art Museum, also in 1992, he oversaw the Museum's expansion in 2000, spearheaded a Capital Campaign and created the Constable Planned Giving program. He served as the Art Museum President and is currently Chair Emeritus. Mr. Constable's belief in supporting quality behavioral healthcare services that are affordable, accessible and responsive to individual, family and community needs led to his involvement with COPE Center, Inc and Care, Inc., Mental Health Services which he served as President. He was also a major donor to the Montclair Red Cross, the Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence, the rebuilding of the Montclair Public Library, and the Alexander Kasser Theater at Montclair State University; and

WHEREAS Barbara Constable has been an active member of the Junior League of Montclair/Newark working on several Showhouses, which raise money for the underserved in the Montclair/Newark community. She is a member of the Garden Club of Montclair and a faithful donor to May in Montclair; contributing to the Tulip effort in May to enhance civic beautification. She has served on many fundraising committees over the years for the Montclair Art Museum; and

WHEREAS Bobbie and Bob Constable have both been the recipients of many awards from the various organizations they have so ably served. Throughout their many years of residence they have earned the respect and affection of Township leaders, members of civic and charitable organizations. They have demonstrated in many generous and practical ways their deep and genuine love for our community; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Montclair, expresses the thanks of a grateful community for the many contributions of Bobbie and Bob Constable.

Mayor Jackson presented a copy of "Stately Homes in Montclair by local author Andrew Wander to the departing long time Montclair community volunteers.

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Councilor Hurlock presented the following proclamation to John Gouwar which was adopted by unanimous vote:

*CONGRATULATING
John Gouwar*

- WHEREAS** the Boy Scouts is an organization that builds skills which young people need to deal with the eventual realities of life, not only developing in them an appreciation for nature but also helping them to develop self-esteem and confidence that will lead to a sense of independence. Scouting offers young people responsible fun and adventure while training them in citizenship, service, and leadership; and
- WHEREAS** John Gouwar, who is a member of Trooper 8 in Montclair, has achieved the rank of Life Scout and is therefore in the process of attaining his Eagle Scout rank; and
- WHEREAS** Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Scouting, requiring 21 merit badges in fields such as First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Communications, Camping, and Family Life. In addition, the candidate must complete a project that benefits school, church or community and entails planning and supervising volunteers. John, working with the Montclair Township Health Department and the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee, developed a pilot project to help connect scout volunteers with Senior Citizens in our community. The "Snow Buddies" program provides help to Seniors by shoveling access points at their homes – mostly sidewalks and entry ways – to prevent their being isolated during the winter. John organized volunteers and developed a handbook, consent agreement and protocols for activating volunteers and accountability; the success of his pilot program demonstrates that this effort can be reproduced on a larger scale throughout the Township; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, recognize and salute the outstanding accomplishments of

JOHN GOUWAR

Councilor Baskerville presented the following proclamation to Vivian Finn which was adopted by unanimous vote:

*DECLARING MAY, 2014
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH*

- WHEREAS** Tens of millions of Americans face mental health conditions like depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, or post-traumatic stress disorder. During National Mental Health Awareness Month, we reaffirm our commitment to building our understanding of mental illness, increasing access to treatment, and ensuring that those who are struggling know they are not alone; and
- WHEREAS** Over the course of a year, one in five adults will experience a mental illness, yet less than half will receive treatment. Too often mental health is regarded as different from other forms of health, yet like any disease, mental illnesses can be treated -- and without help, they can grow worse; and
- WHEREAS** Organizations such as the Mental Health Association of Essex County and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) provide support, educate the public and advocate for equal care for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. By building an open dialogue we can encourage support and respect for those struggling with mental illness; and
- WHEREAS** Part of that dialogue involves training Police Officers who are often the first responders to situations involving a person in psychiatric crisis. The Montclair Police Department participates in Crisis Intervention Team ("CIT") training which is comprised of classroom instruction, community site visits and practical exercises delivered by local mental health professionals, family members, CIT law enforcement instructors and other subject matter experts during a five day session. C.I.T. of Essex County training provides participants with knowledge and de-escalation skills which may decrease the necessity to use force in certain situations, thus protecting both the officers involved and the person in crisis; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, does hereby proclaim May 2015 as **Mental Health Awareness Month** and recognizes the important contributions made by organizations such as the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Mental Health Association of Essex County and the New Jersey Crisis Intervention Team working to improve and possibly save lives affected by mental illness.

Councilor Baskerville read the following proclamation which was adopted by unanimous vote:

*IN MEMORIAM
Christopher Wesley White*

WHEREAS The Council of the Township of Montclair notes with sadness the passing, on December 2, 2014, of Montclair resident Christopher Wesley White who will be remembered at a musical tribute to be held on April 13, 2015 at Montclair State University in the John J. Cali School of Music building at 7 p.m.; and

WHEREAS Christopher White was born in Harlem on July 6, 1936 and raised in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn within a close knit West Indian community where he was surrounded by music from the time he was very young, literally learning to read music at his mother's knee as he sat on her lap while she played the piano. He attended Brooklyn's Boys High School where he initially studied the horn, playing first trombone in the All City Orchestra. When the school's band director said there was a need for bass players, Mr. White turned to that instrument and, after realizing the strong demand for bass players, took it up for good. He graduated from City College of New York in 1956 and attended the Manhattan School of Music from 1957 to 1959 and earned a Masters of Education from the University of Massachusetts in 1974; and

WHEREAS In 1959 Mr. White joined the Nina Simone band, beginning a musical partnership that would last, with the occasional interlude, until her death in 2003. Their recordings together include "Nina Simone at Newport", released in 1960. In 1961 he became a part of Dizzy Gillespie's ensemble backing him on albums including "At the French Riviera", and "Live At The 1965 Monterey Jazz Festival". As a scholar, he developed a music notation system of early rap music for Sugar Hill records. He also served as the Jazz Editor for Da Capo press publications and was a contributor to other publications; and

WHEREAS A master musician and trailblazer, Chris White was committed to providing instruction and experiences to elevate the performance of rising artists by helping them master their craft. He founded and developed numerous programs helping students of all ages through training by master musicians and sharing the stage with experienced musicians including high school workshops at Montclair State University; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair expresses the thanks of a grateful community for the contributions of Christopher Wesley White and extends its sympathy to his wife, Laurena; daughters June and Alexandra, sons Christopher and Bashari; grandchildren and other family and friends.

Councilor Baskerville read the following proclamation which was adopted by unanimous vote:

*DECLARING MAY, 2014
PREECLAMPSIA AWARENESS MONTH*

WHEREAS Preeclampsia is one of the most common complications of pregnancy, occurring in and estimated 5% to 8% of all pregnancies, and is a leading known cause of premature birth. Every year, almost 300,000 cases of preeclampsia are diagnosed in America with approximately 25% reaching severe or critical status. Worldwide estimates suggest that 76,000 women and 500,000 babies die annually because of preeclampsia;; and

WHEREAS Public education as to the signs and symptoms of preeclampsia, HELLP syndrome (which is a group of symptoms that occur in pregnant women who have Hemolysis – a breakdown of red blood cells, EL – elevated liver enzymes and LP – low platelet count) and eclampsia can help women recognize the condition and seek appropriate medical care. Prenatal education should include recognition of those signs and symptoms such as spikes in maternal blood pressure, sudden swelling of face and hands, severe upper abdominal pain, blurred vision, persistent headaches, and breathlessness; and

WHEREAS The Preeclampsia Foundation, established in 2000, serves families affected by hypertensive disorders of pregnancy working to reduce maternal and infant illness and death by raising awareness, catalyzing research and improving healthcare practices; and

WHEREAS On Sunday, May 17, 2015 the Preeclampsia Foundation will hold a Promise Walk in Oak Ridge Park, New Jersey to raise funds and awareness to this cause; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, does hereby proclaim May 2015 as **Preeclampsia Awareness Month** and supports the Preeclampsia Foundation's vision of a world where preeclampsia no longer threatens the lives of mothers and babies.

Councilor Spiller presented the following proclamation which was adopted by unanimous vote:

*CONGRATULATING
The Montclair Women's Club
on the
100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*

WHEREAS The Montclair Women's Club, located at 82 Union Street in Montclair, New Jersey, celebrated 100 years of fellowship and service to the community on Saturday, April 11th with a Big Band Bash; and

WHEREAS In 1915, twenty-three Montclair women met at the YMCA to organize a club "to develop individual efficiency, stimulate interest in current affairs, and encourage co-operation in all lines of progress." Through the impetus of the first elected president, Mrs. Jessie Ropes, the group joined the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs which is part of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. One month later the group had grown to 162 members; and

WHEREAS The site of many important community events, the current clubhouse was opened in 1929. Over the years the club has provided opportunities for education, leadership training, and community service enabling members to make a difference in the lives of others, one project at a time. Founding members donated to the soldiers of World War I and current members sent Christmas stockings to U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, recognize the many important contributions the **Montclair Women's Club** has made not only to the residents of Montclair but also to the people of the State of New Jersey and congratulate them on the occasion of their 100th Anniversary.

On motion made by Deputy Mayor Russo and duly seconded the following proclamation was adopted by unanimous vote

*Declaring
Municipal Clerks Week
May 3 - 9, 2015*

WHEREAS A Municipal Clerk is a professional who provides continuity in government from administration to administration, seeing to it that the business of local government continues uninterrupted while providing experienced and dedicated public service to the governing body, colleagues and residents; and

WHEREAS The Office of the Municipal Clerk, one of the oldest positions of public servants in local government dating back to Colonial days, is a time honored and vital part of local government throughout the world providing a professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS The functions of a Municipal Clerk necessitate a thorough knowledge of law procedures, administration and interpersonal relations. Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of their Office through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their county, state, and international professional organizations; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, proclaims the week of

May 3 -9, 2015 as
Municipal Clerks Week

and extend our appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, Deputy Clerk and staff and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

Councilor Schlager presented the following proclamation which was adopted by unanimous vote:

The Montclair Film Festival
May 1 – 10, 2015

- WHEREAS The fourth annual Montclair Film Festival (“MFF”) – expanded to ten days - will take place from May 1 through 10, 2015. 77 full-length and 60 short films will be shown in eight venues throughout the Township including the Bellevue, Clairidge and Wellmont Theaters, the Montclair Art Museum and Montclair Kimberley Academy; and
- WHEREAS The MFF is a community-based film festival showcasing filmmakers from a variety of countries while creating a cultural focal point for the Township, surrounding communities and the region. The opening film on May 1st, which will be shown at The Wellmont Theater, will be the East Coast premiere of “Hello, My Name is Doris” whose writer and director will attend the screening. As its documentary centerpiece film, the festival will screen “Mavis” a feature-length documentary on gospel/soul music legend and civil rights icon Mavis Staples and her family group, the Staple Singers. A day of panel discussions will be held at the Montclair Art Museum on May 3rd and there will be a live performance from Yo La Tengo during the screening of the film “The Love Song of Buckminster Fuller” on May 7th at the Wellmont Theater; and
- WHEREAS The festival will award jury prizes for films in different categories and audience selections, for the first time, with winners announced on the last Saturday of the festival. Created in honor of the late New York Times columnist and Montclair resident, the David Carr Award for Truth in Non-Fiction Filmmaking will be given to a filmmaker who uses journalism techniques to explore a contemporary subject; and
- WHEREAS In addition to the annual spring festival, the MFF also hosts a series of affordable film-related events throughout the year that bring together and inspire families, students and community and business leaders expanding the knowledge of cinema and the appreciation of the film making process; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of Montclair, recognizes the contributions the *Montclair Film Festival* makes to our community, congratulates them on their success, and encourages everyone to take advantage of the many organized events during this ten-day festival.

Deputy Mayor Russo read the following proclamation which was adopted by unanimous vote:

CONGRATULATING
Michael Aron

- WHEREAS Michael Aron, New Jersey Television Chief Political Correspondent, will be honored at the 2015 NJTV Annual Benefit being held on Wednesday, April 15th at 6 p.m. at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark; and
- WHEREAS Mr. Aron has been a journalist since 1970 starting at Seattle Magazine, then West Magazine, Harper’s Magazine, Rolling Stone and New Jersey Monthly. He started at NJN in 1982 and is the host of “Reporters Roundtable” and “On the Record” two weekly public affairs programs that feature discussion with news breakers and makers; and
- WHEREAS A well-respected journalist, Michael Aron is known for his balanced and thorough reporting of the news. He is the recipient of a number of broadcast awards, including the Mid-Atlantic Emmy Award. He has interviewed every New Jersey governor, state Supreme Court chief justice and legislative leader during his tenure, plus a number of presidential candidates. He has covered national political conventions, trade missions abroad and all the major political issues of the state; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, recognizes the many accomplishments of Michael Aron and joins with his family, friends and colleagues in congratulating him on this most recent honor.

BUDGET PRESENTATION: Robert Benecke Financial Advisor

Mr. Benecke offered a power point presentation of the 2015 budget review.

Issues for 2015

- The 2015 Budget is increasing modestly from 2014-2.3%.
- snow removal contractual costs are increasing-\$600,000.
- increase in surplus as a budget revenue, used to stabilize property taxes.

The bottom line effect of the budget issues:

1-The municipal tax levy and rate is increasing by approximately \$476,004. Of this sum \$67,000 due to the Library tax and \$79,000 due to the police salary guide (contractual movement). This is \$146,000 - .3% in the tax rate.

2-The increase in 2015 snow removal costs presents a significant challenge. The 2015 snow removal contract budget is \$600,000. This is equal to over one (1) tax point.

3-So as to off-set this cost increase we are recommending using \$3,025,000 in surplus budget revenue to support the budget. The \$3,025,000 is the same amount as surplus generated in 2014. This is about \$617,000 in additional budget revenue. In 2014 Montclair used \$2,408,946 in surplus as anticipated budget revenue.

BE	THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR				
3/10/2015-3/15/2015-19/2015	2012-2015 BUDGET/TAX SUMMARY				
3/25/2015-3/30/2015					
Description	Percent Change-'14-'15	2015 est.	2014	2013	2012
Total Assessed Valuation	0.009%	5,743,201,038	5,742,708,051	5,766,157,920	5,775,681,589
Estimated Municipal Tax Levy	0.88%	54,664,654	54,188,650	54,211,318	53,346,449
School Tax Levy	4.50%	112,477,829	107,634,286	103,651,898	103,616,417
County Tax Levy	2.50%	34,698,289	33,851,989	32,422,058	30,893,024
TOTAL Tax Levy	3.15%	201,840,772	195,674,925	190,285,275	187,855,890
Average Residential Valuation		504,047	504,047	505,495	506,818
Municipal Tax Rate	0.83%	0.952	0.944	0.94	0.92
School Tax Rate	4.51%	1.9585	1.874	1.798	1.794
County Tax Rate	2.57%	0.60	0.59	0.56	0.54
Total Tax Rate	3.15%	3.514	3.407	3.30	3.25
Total Residential Avg Tax Bill	3.15%	17,714	17,173	16,682	16,484
Average Est. Residential Tax Bill-Muni Services		4,798	4,758	4,752	4,683
Average Est. Residential Tax Bill Increase-Muni Services		39			
Est. Increase in Residential Tax Bill		541			

Note: school and county numbers for 2015 are for illustrative purposes.

2015 Montclair Budget Overview
April 14, 2015

The 2015 Montclair Budget is a steady state type budget with little impacts.

2015 Montclair Budget-\$79,996,438.
2014 Montclair Budget-\$78,203,574
A 2.3% Increase.

To finance the budget increases the Township is anticipating \$617,000 in additional surplus funds which was generated in 2014.

Standard and Poors Rated the Township AA+ in 2014. The rating reflects their view of the township's: Strong economy, Strong management, Very strong liquidity, Strong budgetary performance, and Strong institutional framework. In 2010 the Township had a rating downgrade to A1 from Moody's.

The municipal tax rate is estimated to increase by .88%, less than one (1) tax point. This amounts to about \$39 for an average household.

The Township had outstanding debt of \$226,263,253 at year end 2009. At year end 2014 the Township had outstanding debt of \$194,074,757. This is a \$32,188,496 debt reduction, or 14.2%.

The proposed budget includes a less-than-one-percent raise to the municipal tax levy, although the overall budget would increase by 2.3 percent.

For an average homeowner in Montclair this would mean a \$39 increase to their municipal tax bill, according to Bob Benecke, a financial adviser who spoke on behalf of Acting Township Manager Timothy Stafford and Mayor Robert Jackson during the sparsely-attended meeting.

According to Benecke planned increases to the budget include:

- Snow removal - \$600,000
- Public library - \$67,000
- Police officer salary - \$79,000

The Township will hold a public hearing for the proposed budget at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16.

Eagle Scout John Gouwar explained his service project, "Montclair Snow Buddies" which provided snow shoveling assistance to several Montclair residents. Mr. Gouwar expressed his hope that this project would be a model for other efforts.

Loretta Freeman and Ann Lippel recognized Mr. Gouwar for developing this outstanding prototype service project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alfred Weller, 187 Cooper Avenue, addressed unfunded mandates which are unconstitutional in the State of New Jersey. He suggested that the Council create a task with the Board of Education to work with the Council for unfunded mandates to see what potential savings could be realized from unfunded mandates e.g., PARCC testing. He provided a framework for moving forward with this suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES FIRST READING/INTRODUCTION

Mayor Jackson 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 19, 2015:

"CALENDAR YEAR 2015 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.14)" (O-15-013)

The motion was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes: Councilor Baskerville, Hurlock, Deputy Mayor Russo, Schlager, Spiller and Mayor Jackson
Absent: Councilor McMahan

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING/ADOPTION

The pending ordinance entitled: "ORDINANCE APPROVING GRANT OF EASEMENT TO 491 BLOOMFIELD LLC TO CONSTRUCT A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER TOWNSHIP PROPERTY TO THE FULLERTON PARKING DECK" (O-15-011) passed first reading March 3, 2015 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 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 and duly seconded, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes: Councilor Baskerville, Hurlock, Deputy Mayor Russo, Schlager, Spiller and Mayor Jackson
Absent: Councilor McMahon

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

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

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2014, the Township Council adopted a resolution authorizing the electrical services contract with Trico Electric, LLC. of Teterboro, New Jersey, for electrical services to be provided to the Township; and

WHEREAS, the contract was awarded for a period of 1 (one) year with option to renew the contract for up to two additional (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Montclair would like to renew one contract year period of May 15, 2015 through May 14, 2016 with Trico Electric, LLC. Inc. with same terms and conditions; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that the aforementioned renewal contract is hereby approved, and the Mayor and Township Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute and attest the Township's renewal agreement with Trico Electric, LLC. for electrical services to be provided to the Township, subject to certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer. **(R-15-071)**

On motion made by Deputy Mayor Russo and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, the Township of Montclair has a need to engage an arborist to provide consulting services for the Township during the year 2015: and

WHEREAS, the Township issued a request for proposals to provide the required arborist consulting services and in response the Township received two proposals; and

WHEREAS, after review of the proposals by Township staff it is requested that the Township award a contract to First Mountain Arboriculture L.L.C. to provide the required arborist consulting services for the calendar year 2015 with an option to extend for one additional year; and

WHEREAS, this contract has been awarded in accordance with a fair and open process pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:44a-20.5 et seq.; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that the Township Manager be and he is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with First Mountain Arboriculture L.L.C. to provide arborist consulting services to the Township of Montclair for the year 2015 subject to the appropriation of funds and certification of available funds by the Chief Financial Officer. **(R-15-072)**

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

WHEREAS, the Municipal Clerk has received a Special Ruling and Tax Clearance from the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control, authorizing the approval of the renewal of Inactive Plenary Retail Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License No. 0713-33-025-008, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that subject to compliance by the licensee with the provisions of R.S. 33:1-25, the Municipal Clerk be and she hereby is authorized to issue Plenary Retail Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License, for license year **July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, that subject to compliance by the licensee with the provisions of R.S. 33:1-25, the Municipal Clerk be and she hereby is authorized to issue Plenary Retail Alcoholic Beverage Consumption License, for license year **July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015** to the following:

NAME

LOCATION OF LICENSED PREMISES

Rorry Inc.
0713-33-025-008

2 Erie Street

(R-15-073)

Councilor Schlager expressed concern that this property was not being maintained and placed a blight on this thriving area.

Frank Cozzarelli, attorney for Mr. Cecere indicated that he anticipates reopening soon and that any concerns regarding the condition of this property will be addressed shortly.

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

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2015 the Township of Montclair opened and read bids for the purchase, delivery and planting of trees for the Township's 2015 Spring Tree Planting program, as prescribed by law; and

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

WHEREAS, M.J. Hoag Contracting, Inc. submitted the lowest responsible bid in accordance with the bid specifications in the amount of \$42,410.00; 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 M.J. Hoag Contracting, Inc. for the purchase, delivery and planting of trees for the Township's 2015 Spring Tree Planting program in the amount of \$42,410.00 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 2014 Capital Budget, Account Number C-04-14-026-000-200. Complete details of the contract are attached hereto and made a part hereof.
(R-15-074)

On motion made by Councilor Schalger 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: **\$682,936.110**

REPORTS

Township Manager Report: Timothy Stafford

Mr. Stafford indicated that he has begun the final round of interviews with Chief Financial Officer candidates.

Councilor Spiller announced a Third Ward Community meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 at the Montclair Inn. He offered congratulations to Blue Wave on its recent recognition and expressed appreciation to Councilor Schlager for her work on the Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence Chili Cook-off.

Councilor Hurlock reported another successful First Ward Clean-up Day with over 210 volunteers participating including 60 Montclair State University students. He thanked Rob Bianco, Superintendent of Public Works and Mayor Jackson for their efforts.

Deputy Mayor Russo reported that California Governor Jerry Brown has sent congratulations to Blue Wave at their recent event. He recognized some of the defining moments of Franklin D. Roosevelt's first ninety days in office by wearing an appropriate tie. He also offered Happy Birthday greetings to his mother Florence Russo.

Councilor Baskerville echoed congratulations on an outstanding MFEE chili cook-off.

Other events:

- Walk for Health, April 29, noon commencing from 205 Claremont Avenue
- Fourth Ward Community Meeting, April 28, 2014, Pine Street

She noted a serious problem with various gas leaks throughout the Township and asked the Township Manager to investigate further.

Mayor Jackson noted that on Friday, April 17 Immaculate Conception High School will celebrate 90 years of operation with a gala event at the Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

From: NJDEP – No further Action Letter

- 28 Harrison Avenue
- 29 Harrison Avenue
- 14 Forest Street
- 3 Jefferson Place
- 114 Haddon Place
- 141 Haddon Place
- 12 Morningside Avenue
- 716 Valley Road
- 329 Park Street
- 7 Seneca Place
- 26 Forest Street

Letter dated March 9, 2015 from GEI Consultants re: Site Remediation - Response Action Outcome – 51 Walnut Street

Letter dated March 30, 2015 from PARS re: Site Remediation – Response Action Outcome – 575 Valley Road

Notice of Public Hearing on April 27, 2015 at 7:30 p.m., CVS Health (the Applicant) will appear before the Township Planning Board (the “Board”) at the Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue.

Letter dated March 6, 2015 from the Department of Environmental Protection re: award the Township of Montclair with a Certified Local Government grant award in the amount of \$23,500.00.

Letter dated March, 2015 from New Jersey General Assembly enclosing a copy of a bill – Transparent Tax Act of 2015

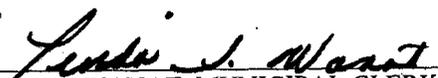
Letter dated April 10, 2015 re: funding from the NJDOT Fiscal Year 2015 Municipal Aid Program for Gates Avenue in the amount of \$221,544.00.

TAX COLLECTOR’S MONTHLY REPORT:	2/1/2015	\$39,607,577.24
	3/1/2015	\$ 2,618,262.03

Board of Chosen Freeholders of Essex County Resolution to Exceed the County Tax Levy and to establish a Cap Bank for calendar year 2015 per N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

Letter dated April 14, to Mayor Jackson from James C. Berrall, Author.

At 8:45 P.M. on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.


 LINDA S. WANAT, MUNICIPAL CLERK

ATTEST:



 ROBERT JACKSON MAYOR