

The Mayor and Council received an anonymous letter that spoke of collusion and had many complaints, most of which are false. Anonymous letters deny us the ability to respond. It mentioned holding the Mayor and Council “accountable”, but we don’t know who this person is and there must be dialogue to address someone’s issues and concerns. If a resident has a complaint, they should take an interest and come to the town meetings.

- 10. Frank Covelli of PIA McCarthy Forde presented the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund’s annual report.

(Report in full on pages 14A through 14O.)

NEW BUSINESS

- 11. Borough Clerk Nasuto explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

- 12. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Tax Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to effect the following tax refund due to overpayment of taxes:

<u>TAX PERIOD</u>	<u>QUAL</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3 rd Qtr 2013		145	334	Eric & Julie Schweitzer 16 Stivers Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 195.55
1 st Qtr 2014		36	197	Rosario & Josephine Coppola 180 Sixth Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 3,297.00

- 13. WHEREAS, cash escrow deposits have been paid to the Borough of Cresskill for legal fees in connection with Zoning Board applications for variances within the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the applications have been heard and approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, balances remain in the escrow accounts which are no longer required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following balances in the Trust Accounts be refunded:

<u>ESCROW #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ZE 171	Imagen Architecture LLC 24 West Railroad Avenue, #285 Tenafly, NJ 07670 (for: 40 Kennedy Road)	\$14.00
ZE 173	Leethomes LLC 36 Ridge Road Tenafly, NJ 07670 (for: 194 9 th Street)	\$14.00

ZE 174	SJ Paving, Inc. 725 Jackson Avenue Linden, NJ 07036 <i>(for: 3 Ridge Road)</i>	\$14.00
ZE 175	Lumaj Builders LLC 545 Route 17 South, Ste. 2005 Ridgewood, NJ 07450 <i>(For: 19 Elmwood Terrace)</i>	\$14.00
ZE 177	Manfredonia Law Offices LLC 120 Piermont Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 <i>(For: 134 5th Street)</i>	\$14.00
ZE 178	Marie Sarubbi 307 12 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$14.00

14. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following January 2014 payroll be ratified and approved:

January 10, 2014

Current Fund	\$ 281,928.11
Social Security/Medicare	11,830.55
Community Center	2,898.79
Library	<u>14,900.27</u>
	\$ 311,557.72

15. Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Fiscal Grant Cycle July 2014-June 2019

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established the Municipal Alliances for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in 1989 to educate and engage residents, local government and law enforcement officials, schools, nonprofit organizations, the faith community, parents, youth and other allies in efforts to prevent alcoholism and drug abuse in communities throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and therefore has an established Municipal Alliance Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has applied for funding to the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Mayor and Council does hereby authorize submission of a strategic plan for the Cresskill Municipal Alliance grant for fiscal year July 2014-June 2015 in the amount of:

DEDR	\$9,876.00
Cash Match	\$2,469.00
In Kind	\$7,404.00

2. The Mayor and Council acknowledges the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Approved: _____
Benedict Romeo, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara A. Nasuto, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Mayor and Council on this 15th day of January 2014.

Barbara A. Nasuto, Municipal Clerk

16. WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee has scheduled various programs; and

WHEREAS, the following participants are due refunds for various reasons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the recreation fees be returned to:

Gabriel Medina
(for: Giovanni Medina)
10-27 46th Avenue, Ste. 315
Long Island City, NY 11101
Amount: \$112.50

Yvette Torres
(for: Camille Torres)
163 F Knickerbocker Road
Englewood, NJ 07631
Amount: \$127.50

Amy Cusick
(for: Matthew Cusick)
7 Deacon Place
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$120.00

17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following be approved for employment in the 2014 Summer Recreation Program:

Assistant Director
Ann Fischer
126 Brookside Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Salary: \$5,280.03 (full day)

Arts & Crafts Director
Gina Glynn
2 Crest Drive South
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Salary: \$3,732.44 (full day)

Assistant Arts & Crafts Director
Kathy Robinson
171 Oxford Terr., Apt. 2
River Edge, NJ 07661
Salary: \$2,346.00 (full day)

Nature Director
Joanne Dimitriadis
104 South Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Salary: \$1,122.00 (half day)

Assistant Nature Director
 Patricia Alfieri
 9 Ferguson Road
 Cornwall, NY 12518
 Salary: \$1,144.44 (half day)

18. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following be approved for employment in the 2014 Spring Recreation Program:

Assistant Director
 Ann Fischer
 126 Brookside Avenue
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Salary: \$1,100.00

Arts & Crafts Director
 Gina Glynn
 2 Crest Drive South
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Salary: \$1,100.00

Nature Director
 Joanne Dimitriadis
 104 South Street
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Salary: \$1,100.00

19. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following part time Recreation employees at the Community Center be paid at the rate of \$10.00 an hour, effective immediately:

Jessica Glynn
 Adriana Mann
 Claudia Mann

20. INTERBORO MUTUAL AID GROUP AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the undersigned municipalities, its fire departments and respective fire companies to enter into a mutual aid and assistance program pursuant to and required be law as set forth in NJAC 5:75A-2.2; and

WHEREAS, this agreement is intended to supersede any earlier agreements which may have been signed between the parties hereto; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be by and between the following boroughs, towns, municipalities, fire departments and fire companies and the parties agree to be bound thereby;

Alpine	Dumont	Norwood
Bergenfield	Harrington Park	Old Tappan
Closter	Haworth	Rockleigh
Cresskill	New Milford	Tenafly
Demarest	Northvale	

WHEREAS, it is necessary to have an agreement to define the obligations and duties of the parties of the Interboro Mutual Aid Group;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties covenant and agree as follows:

- (1) Call for assistance: All calls for assistance among the Mutual Aid members shall be made through the dispatch facility of the department or municipality for the

department or municipality requiring assistance to the dispatch facility for the town from which assistance is requested. The request for assistance shall come from the Fire Chief or other ranking officer in charge of the fire or emergency incident. The town(s) requesting the assistance shall give the following information: location of the fire or emergency incident, route to be taken, and type of equipment requested. Towns requesting assistance shall have a police radio car on the town boundary line to meet the apparatus and escort them to the location of the fire or emergency incident if needed.

(2) The Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief or ranking officer in charge of the fire department that called for assistance shall be in charge of the fire or emergency incident in accordance with NJAC 5:75 et seq. Apparatus reporting in from other towns shall report to the Staging Officer or other appropriate Commander at the scene prior to placing apparatus and personnel to work.

(3) There shall be no charge imposed against any member municipality or department receiving personnel, apparatus or equipment.

(4) Cost recovery may only be imposed where permitted by the New Jersey Uniform Fire Code; federal, state and local laws allowing for cost recovery involving hazardous material incidents; or cost recovery that is considered recoverable under law from responsible parties.

(5) Each of the aforementioned municipalities agrees to assume the cost of loss or damage to its own equipment.

(6) It is understood and agreed that in the event of the failure of any of the departments to respond to the call for assistance, the department and municipality failing to respond shall in no way be liable.

(7) It is understood that the Agreement will take effect and be operative by all municipalities and departments that sign same until such time as any municipality or department provides notice of their intent to withdraw from the mutual aid group. A 30-day written notice shall be given by any party to this Agreement of their intention to withdraw from this Agreement. The agreement shall remain in full force thereafter as regards the remaining signatories.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Mayor and Council of all aforementioned municipalities.

21. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Tax Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to effect the following tax refund due to Stipulation of Settlement on property assessment for Block 53, Lot 15 for 2013:

2013

Original Assessment:	\$ 752,000.00
Tax Court Judgment:	<u>\$ 669,000.00</u>
Decrease in Assessment:	\$ 83,000.00
Tax Rate:	<u>2.413</u>
Tax Refund:	<u>\$ 2,002.79</u>

Check to: Michael A. Vespasiano
 Attorney Trust Account
 331 Main Street
 Chatham, NJ 07928
 (for: 8 Smith Terrace)

Motions

22. Appoint Robert Russenberger as a Volunteer to the Cresskill Emergency Medical Services for a six-month probationary period.

23. Appoint Antonio J. Spina to the Cresskill Fire Department, effective immediately.
24. Appoint Jeanine Ulshoefer to Municipal Alliance for term ending December 31, 2014.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE CONSENT AGENDA ONLY [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

25. No one wished to be heard.
26. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

27. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Mueller to consider all items marked with an asterisk as a single question.

On the question: The Borough Clerk announced that copies of all items marked with an asterisk have been posted in the Borough Hall and made available to the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

28. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Mueller to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

29. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Mueller:

(Resolution in full on pages 19A through 19E.)

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE BOROUGH [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

30. Mary Klein, 171 Hoover Drive asked if the rumors about the Korean Church on County Road being replaced by townhouses are true. Many classes at the Merritt Memorial School are to capacity and more students would place a burden on the class sizes. Mayor Romeo said plans will be brought before the Planning Board in the near future for (5) single family homes and the area is zoned as residential. I have already spoken to Dr. Bellina, and this should not impact the school. Ms. Klein who serves on the BOE said there has been talk in town about other properties that may be developed into town homes, including Hamrah's and Willow Run. Mayor Romeo said the Planning Board takes all developments very seriously and works in conjunction with the BOE regarding these kinds of matters.

Livio Laganis, 201 Madison Avenue said he comes to meetings to voice his concerns and questions, unlike someone writing an anonymous letter, because as a taxpayer he wants to know where the money is going and he gets answers to his questions. I would like to know how much more money the new Deputy Chief's salary will be compared to his Captain's salary. Council Member Olmo said it should be the same or possibly less because he will be in an administrative position and no longer be eligible for overtime.

No one else wished to be heard.

31. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

32. Motion at 8:16 P.M. by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Barbara A. Nasuto
Borough Clerk