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A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, New Jersey was held on April 22, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Commissioner Cohen and Commissioner Wiener

Absent: Mayor Ades

Also Present: Martin Barger, Borough Attorney

It was stated that in conjunction with the "Open Public Meeting Law", p.l. 1975 ch. 231, a notice required by this statute has been satisfied as per a resolution passed on December 9, 1997 at 5:05 P.M. at Borough Hall at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Borough of Deal, and Monmouth County, New Jersey. Notice of the change in date and time of this meeting was published in the Asbury Park Press and the Coaster and posted on the bulletin Board

It was moved by Commissioner Wiener, seconded by Commissioner Cohen and carried that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting held on April 8, 2016 be dispensed with and the same be approved as recorded.

The following Resolution was discussed and enacted:

Commissioner Cohen offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 16-47

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE NEW JERSEY NATURAL GAS
24% RATE INCREASE**

WHEREAS, New Jersey Natural Gas is a public utility operating in the Borough of Deal, County of Monmouth providing natural gas energy to our residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Natural Gas has proposed raising gas rates by 24% on Deal residents and business; and

WHEREAS, The proposed 24% rate increase by New Jersey Natural Gas would increase an average Deal homeowner's gas bill by \$260.00 a year; and

WHEREAS, while proposing such an increase, New Jersey Natural Gas paid their top executives \$13 Million in total compensation in 2015, a number 125% higher than 2013; and

WHEREAS, Deal residents and business owners cannot afford to see their utility rates increase by 24%; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have an obligation to advocate on behalf of their residents and business owners

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal in the County of Monmouth, that the 24% rate increase proposed New Jersey Natural Gas is excessive and unreasonable burden to Deal's residents and business owners and must not be implemented; and

LET IT BE FURHTER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal call upon all elected officials and government agencies in a position to block this increase do so in the best interests of Deal citizens and business.

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Seconded by Commissioner Wiener

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen, & Wiener
Absent 1; Ades

Commissioner Wiener offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 16-48

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 4-9 permits the appointment of Special Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Ronen Neuman has recommended the appointment of Zachariah Bell, 180 Whalepond Road, Ocean, NJ as a Class I Special Police Officer in the Borough of Deal.

WHEREAS, Officer Bell will be attending his course of instruction at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Class I Special Police Officer, Zachariah Bell, after having successfully completed his course of instruction, will be appointed a special police officer for a term of (1) one year, effective May 15, 2016, unless removed from office by the Chief of Police before the end of the one year term. Special Officer Bell is to be assigned his duties by the Chief of Police consistent with the laws of the State of New Jersey and the Ordinance of the Borough of Deal.

Seconded by Commissioner Cohen

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen & Wiener
Absent 1; Ades

Commissioner Wiener offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 16-49

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 4-9 permits the appointment of Special Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Ronen Neuman has recommended the appointment of Eric Bumbera, 29C Mulberry Court, Brielle, NJ as a Class I Special Police Officer in the Borough of Deal.

WHEREAS, Officer Bumbera will be attending his course of instruction at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Class I Special Police Officer, Eric Bumbera, after having successfully completed his course of instruction, will be appointed a special police officer for a term of (1) one year, effective May 15, 2016, unless removed from office by the Chief of Police before the end of the one year term. Special Officer Bumbera is to be assigned his duties by the Chief of Police consistent with the laws of the State of New Jersey and the Ordinance of the Borough of Deal.

Seconded by Commissioner Cohen

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen & Wiener
Absent 1; Ades

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Commissioner Wiener offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 16-50

WHEREAS, Borough Ordinance 4-9 permits the appointment of Special Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Ronen Neuman has recommended the appointment of Mark Petrucelli, 449 Marlboro Road, Wood-Ridge, NJ as a Class I Special Police Officer in the Borough of Deal.

WHEREAS, Officer Petrucelli will be attending his course of instruction at the Monmouth County Police Academy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Class I Special Police Officer, Mark Petrucelli, after having successfully completed his course of instruction, will be appointed a special police officer for a term of (1) one year, effective May 15, 2016, unless removed from office by the Chief of Police before the end of the one year term. Special Officer Petrucelli is to be assigned his duties by the Chief of Police consistent with the laws of the State of New Jersey and the Ordinance of the Borough of Deal.

Seconded by Commissioner Cohen

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen & Wiener
Absent 1; Ades

Commissioner Wiener offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 16-51

WHEREAS, James Hoffman, PO Box 283, Oceanport, NJ has made payment for their membership at the Deal Casino Beach Club; and

WHEREAS, a refund is being requested due to the inability to attend the Deal Casino for the 2016 season.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that a refund of \$3,100.00 be issued to James Hoffman for their membership to the Deal Casino.

Seconded by Commissioner Cohen

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen & Wiener
Absent 1; Ades

Commissioner Cohen offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 16-52

WHEREAS, the the age and mileage of a police car, 6106 Chevy Tahoe, which has made it necessary to purchase a replacement for this vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have agreed to replace this police vehicle with one (1) 2016 Chevy Tahoe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners that one (1) 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD SSV Police Vehicle be purchased through competitive biddings with bids due by May 11, 2016.

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Seconded by Commissioner Wiener

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen & Wiener
Absent 1; Ades

Commissioner Cohen offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 16-53

WHEREAS, T.R. Weniger, Inc., 1900 New Brunswick Avenue Piscataway, NJ 08854 has been awarded a contract for the Deal Pump Station Shoreline Protection Revetment Wall at a cost of \$361,300.00; and

WHEREAS, T.R. Weniger Inc. has requested a payment in the amount of \$354,074.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has verified that the work to date has justified this payment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that the payment of \$354,074.00 be made to T.R. Weniger Inc. for the Deal Pump Station Shoreline Protection Revetment Wall.

Seconded by Commissioner Wiener

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen & Wiener
Absent 1; Ades

Commissioner Cohen offers the following Resolution:

Resolution 16-54

WHEREAS, 3G Construction, Inc., 31 Pettit Avenue South River, NJ 08882 has been awarded a contract for the improvements to Atlantic Avenue at a cost of \$418,099.00; and

WHEREAS, 3G Construction Inc. has requested a payment in the amount of \$61,754.70; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has verified that the work to date has justified this payment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal that the payment of \$61,754.70 be made to 3G Construction Inc. for the improvements to Atlantic Avenue.

Seconded by Commissioner Wiener

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen & Wiener
Absent 1; Ades

A notice was received from the Monmouth County Super Intendent of Elections advising of the optional inspection of voting machines on May 4, 2016.

A resolution was received from the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders urging New Jersey State Leaders to re authorize the Transportation Trust Fund and to increase Local Aid Allocations.

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A letter was received from New Jersey Natural Gas advising that April is National Dig Safe Month.

A letter was received from New Jersey Department of Transportation advising of the inspection conducted on Route 71 Bridge over NJ Transit and the advancement of the project to concept development.

A letter was received from the Monmouth County Office of the County Clerk advising of 30 cubic feet of spaces available for the Borough to store records.

A letter was received from the Monmouth County Board of Taxation advising of the extension of the Assessment Demonstration Program opt out date.

A letter was received from Edmunds and Associates requesting a sponsorship for the Guts and Glory Race on August 14, 2016. The Board of Commissioners approved the sponsorship for a \$250 rebate on our yearly software maintenance.

A public notice was received from New Jersey Transit to present its preliminary Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals for professional services on May 25, 2016.

Raffle license application has been received from Monmouth University on June 27, 2016 at the Deal Golf and Country Club. The Board of Commissioners approved this application.

A letter has been received from the Borough of Deal PBA Local #101 requesting the Deal Casino on July 23 2016, for its annual Steak Bake. The Board of Commissioners approved their request.

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Cohen:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Deal, New Jersey that the following bills reported by the finance committee be ordered paid and vouchers drawn for same as listed on page 16-04 of the Warrant Register in the amount of \$1,965,988.14.

Seconded by Commissioner Wiener

Roll Call: Ayes 2; Cohen & Wiener
Absent 1; Ades

Commissioner Cohen requested comments from the floor.

Barbara Coffey, 85 Norwood Avenue, asked about the correspondence concerning the use of the Deal Casino. Ms. Coffey was advised that Deal PBA Local #101 was requesting use of the Deal Casino for their fundraiser.

Patty Verrochi, 246 Jerome Ave, Ocean Twp., asked what will be going on at the end of Roosevelt Avenue as far as beach access and placing of benches on the south side of the Pump Station. Mrs. Verrochi was advised that when beach replenishment is placed in that area, the Borough will re-evaluate the stairs on the north side of the Pump Station. The Board of Commissioners also will consider benches on the south side.

Jack Dweck, Marine Place, made a proposal to the Board of Commissioners about sponsoring a lifeguard / first aid station on the south

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end of the Borough. Commissioner Cohen asked if this is something the Borough would need to fund which Mr. Dweck stated yes. Commissioner Cohen stated that the Borough would not fund this program at this time.

Commissioner Cohen asked for any additional comments from the public, which there was none and closed the floor to public comments.

It was announced that the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.

There being no further business or comments, it was moved, seconded and approved that the meeting be adjourned at 09:22 A.M.

MA _____ ABSENT _____

SMC _____

VSW _____

Clerk