









**BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, JULY 13, 2000**

**WHEREAS**, the normal grace period for the delinquent payment of these taxes is ten (10) days after the due date; and,

**WHEREAS**, delay on the part of the County Board of Taxation in striking the local tax rate has resulted in the late mailing of tax bills to property owners;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes, New Jersey that an extended grace period for the payment of third quarter taxes be and is hereby granted to the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2000 by the Medford Lakes Tax Collector.

Manager Thomas explained that the tax levy was struck late by the County and that the bills would be mailed tomorrow morning.

**Public Comment:** None

**VOTE ON ADOPTION:**           **Ayes:** Casey, Aromando, Woodend  
  **Nays:** None

Councilman Woodend introduced the following Resolution, seconded by Mayor Casey:

**Resolution Number: 76-00**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES, NEW JERSEY APPROVING THE BY-LAWS OF THE CAMDEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Medford lakes is a member of the Camden County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund, hereinafter the "FUND" and,

**WHEREAS**, recent changes in the state regulations require the FUND's by-laws to be revised and,

**WHEREAS**, after a public hearing conducted on June 26, 2000 the Board of Commissioners of the FUND recommended revised by-laws to the membership and;

**WHEREAS**, these revised by-laws must be ratified by at least three fourths of the members before they can become effective;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes, New Jersey that the revised by-laws are hereby ratified.

Councilman Woodend asked the Solicitor for his comments on this Resolution. Solicitor Vogdes answered that he did not see anything problematic for the Borough.'

**Public Comment:** None

**VOTE ON ADOPTION:**           **Ayes:** Casey, Aromando, Woodend  
  **Nays:** None

Councilman Aromando introduced the following Resolution, seconded by Mayor Murray:

**Resolution Number: 77-00**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF**

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**TRANSPORTATION FOR THE YEAR 2000 NJ TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND**

**WHEREAS**, certain funds are available from the New Jersey Department of Transportation under the Year 2000 Transportation Trust Fund Authority Act for the repair and or improvement of qualifying local roads; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has determined that the intersection of Trading Post Way and Stokes Road (Rt.. 541) is in need of repairs or improvements and that this project may potentially be eligible for funding from the aforementioned Transportation Trust Fund; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Engineer has prepared an application seeking funding from the Transportation Trust Fund on the requisite application form for submission to the New Jersey Department of Transportation, which such application is attached hereto and made part hereof; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes, New Jersey to submit the aforementioned application form to the New Jersey Department of Transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes agrees to abide by all terms and conditions for the receipt and use of any and all funds that it may receive pursuant to the aforementioned Trust Fund Application;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The submission of the attached application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for funding from the Year 2000 Transportation Trust Fund for the repair and improvement of Trading Post Way and Stokes Road (Rt. 541) as specified therein is hereby approved and authorized.
2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk of the Borough of Medford Lakes are hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents necessary as evidence of this approval.

Councilman Aromando explained that there is a problematic situation with the Trading Post Way intersection and that an application has been submitted for a grant to repair it.

Councilman Woodend asked what stage the design of the intersection was is. Manager Thomas answered that the Borough Engineer has submitted a preliminary design for this which would eliminate that island and provide an extended sidewalk.

Councilman Aromando suggested that the island be kept in place for safety and signage. He will convey this to the engineer. He also commented that there is a good chance that the Borough will get this grant.

Police Chief Scott stated that this project is about twenty years overdue.

**Public Comment:** None

**VOTE ON ADOPTION:**                      **Ayes:** Casey, Aromando, Woodend  
**Nays:** None

**ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING:**

Mayor Casey introduced the following Ordinance on First Reading, seconded by Councilman Aromando:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 460**

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V, SECTION 506 OF THE MEDFORD LAKES LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, REGARDING THE HEIGHT OF FENCES AND WALLS**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES that:

**SECTION I.**

The BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES hereby amends Article V, Section 506, subsection A(2), of the Medford Lakes Land Development Ordinance, by deleting the language therein, and providing as follows:

**§506, Fences and Walls**

A(2). No fence or wall, except as provided herein, shall exceed six (6) feet in height at the highest point above ground level; fences or walls located within twenty-five (25) feet of any dedicated street line, shall not exceed four (4) feet at the highest point. At least fifty (50) percent of the entire area of any fence or wall located within twenty-five (25) feet of any dedicated street line shall be open space, uniformly distributed.

**SECTION II.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication according to law, and upon receiving approval of the PINELANDS COMMISSION.

Mayor Casey explained that the fence height was changed from five to six feet.

Councilman Woodend asked how the ground level is defined. Mayor Casey answered that there is defining language elsewhere in the Ordinance.

Councilman Aromando commented that Council should address this fence height issue first, then look into the ground level issue. Mayor Casey agreed.

The Public Hearing will be on August 31, 2000.

**Public Comment:** None

**VOTE ON ADOPTION ON FIRST READING:**

**Ayes:** Casey, Aromando, Woodend

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Nays: None

Mayor Casey introduced the following Ordinance on First Reading, seconded by Councilman Aromando:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 461**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 434, " AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE OPERATION AND PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES: PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF ITS PROVISIONS, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 25, 1997, AS AMENDED.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION ONE. AMENDMENT.**

A. This Ordinance shall amend Ordinance No. 434, by adding the following to Section 6, as "Through Streets:"

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.39:4-140, the streets or parts of streets described are hereby designated as 'Through Streets.' Stop signs shall be installed on the near-right side of each street intersecting the Through Street, except where yield signs are provided for in the designation.

<b><u>Name Of Street</u></b>	<b><u>Limits</u></b>
(15) Kihade Trail	a) Between Atsion Road and Tuckerton Road b) Between Tuckerton Road and Mishe Mokwa Trail
(16) Cheyenne Trail	a) Between Atsion Road and Tuckerton Road b) Between Tuckerton Road and Mohawk Trail
(17) Narragansett Trail	Between Waguash Trail and Tuckerton Road

B. This Ordinance shall amend Ordinance No. 434, by adding the following to Section 8, as 'Stop Intersections.'

**Stop Intersections**

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A.39:4-140, the intersections described are

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hereby designated as 'Stop Intersections.' Stop signs shall be installed as provided therein.

<u>Name Of Intersection</u>	<u>Description Stop Signs On</u>
Dekotah Trail and Blackfoot Trail	Dekotah Trail
Dekotah Trail and Iroquis Trail	Iroquis Trail
Chicahominy Trail and Peshekee Trail	Peshekee Trail

**SECTION TWO.** Ordinance No. 459 is hereby repealed.

**SECTION THREE - IMPLEMENTATION**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication according to law.

Police Chief Scott explained this Ordinance and stated that he agrees with the recommendations by the State.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

The Public Hearing for this Ordinance will be on August 31, 2000.

**VOTE ON ADOPTION:**           **Ayes:** Casey, Aromando, Woodend

**Nays:** None

**ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING - PUBLIC HEARING:**

Councilman Aromando introduced the following Ordinance on Second Reading, seconded by Mayor Casey.

**ORDINANCE NO. 459**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 151  
"AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION IN THE  
BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES, BURLINGTON  
COUNTY, NEW JERSEY," ADOPTED JANUARY 25,  
1979**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES,

County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION I - PURPOSE.**

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A/ 40-56A-1 et seq. (Chapter 245 of the Public Laws of 1968) as amended, the "Medford Lakes Environmental Commission" was created by Ordinance No. 151. The

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purpose of this Ordinance is to amend said Ordinance.

**SECTION II - AMENDMENT.**

Section II is hereby amended, by deleting the language therein, and providing as follows: The Medford Lakes Environmental Commission shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Mayor, one of which members shall also be a member of the Medford Lakes Planning Board, and all of which members shall be residents of the Borough of Medford Lakes. There shall also be two (2) alternates to be designated as, alternate one (1) and alternate two (2), which will be appointed by majority vote of the Borough Council. All of said members shall serve without compensation and the Mayor shall designate one of the members of said body as the Chairperson and presiding officer thereof. The Borough Council may remove any member of said body (including alternates) for cause upon written charges and subsequent to a hearing, as required by law. A vacancy in said body shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

**SECTION III.**

Section III is hereby amended by deleting the language therein, and providing as follows: The first three (3) members appointed to said body shall be for a term of three (3) years from date of appointment. The next two (2) members appointed to said body shall be for a term of one year from date of appointment. All successors shall be appointed for three (3) years, except for alternates, which shall be for two (2) years.

**SECTION IV.**

Any part or parts of ordinances found inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed for the extent of such inconsistency.

**SECTION V.**

This Ordinance shall take effect after final reading and publication according to law.

**Council Comment:**

Councilman Woodend asked if the number of members is by State statue and stated that he is concerned about getting the positions filled.

Solicitor Vogdes answered that there should be seven members and two alternates. The is one opening and two alternates are needed.

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Councilman Aromando stated that he is comfortable with the larger number of members and that more of the community can participate.

**Public Comment:** None

**VOTE ON ADOPTION ON SECOND READING:**

**Ayes:** Casey, Aromando

**Nays:** Woodend

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Woodend asked what the status is on the requests for proposals for the reconstruction of Oaks Hall. Manager Thomas answered that they were mailed to the architects last Monday. There is an August 1st respond date.

Mayor Casey suggested that Council meet prior to the August 31st meeting to discuss the proposals.

Mayor Casey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Aromando to hold a special workshop session on August 10, 2000 at 7:30 PM, to discuss and review the responses from the RFP's.

**VOTE ON APPROVAL:**

**Ayes:** Casey, Aromando, Woodend

**Nays:** None

Councilman Aromando stated that early last year, the School Board and the Borough applied to be involved in a State Audit Program. Previous Council declined this audit.

Councilman Aromando made a motion, seconded by Mayor Casey, to consider at the August 31st meeting to reapply for a local budget review by the State.

Councilman Aromando stated the Council should meet with the School Board and work together as a team for the betterment of the Borough. The School Board recommended that both governing bodies agree to the State audit review.

Councilman Woodend stated that he would like to get information from Manager Thomas on what type of burden this audit would be on the staff so that he can make an educated decision.

Manager Thomas stated that he has reports from other towns that have gone through this audit.

**Public Comment:** None

**VOTE ON APPROVAL:**

**Ayes:** Casey, Aromando, Woodend

**Nays:** None

**NEW OR GENERAL BUSINESS**

Mayor Casey introduced the following Resolution, seconded by Councilman Aromando, to appoint Eric Newman to the Environmental Commission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 78-00**

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**A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO  
FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE MEDFORD  
LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, Frank Lane has resigned from the Medford Lakes Environmental Commission; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council wishes to make an appointment to fill the un-expired term left vacant by the resignation of Frank Lane;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that Eric Newman be and is hereby appointed to fill the unexpired term of Frank Lane on the Medford Lakes Environmental Commission which such term shall expire on September 30, 2002.

**Public Comment:**

Philip Murray, 187 Mohawk Trail - Stated that the Ordinance calls for the Mayor to designate the chairman of the Commission. The Commission is in the habit of electing their own chairman. Mayor Casey directed Manager Thomas to sent a letter to the Commission that he will consider this.

**VOTE ON ADOPTION:**           **Ayes:** Casey, Aromando, Woodend  
**Nays:** None

Councilman Woodend made a motion to set up a workshop meeting once a month and one formal business meeting each month. The workshop meeting would be for discussion and preparation for the business meeting.

**Council Comment:**

Councilman Aromando stated that he does not like the idea that residents could not comment at a work session and would only have one opportunity a month to speak.

Mayor Casey asked if Council would be prohibited from asking for Public Comment at a work session and also asked if Council could take action on pressing business. Solicitor Vogdes answered that Council could allow comment, but a work session would not be for public hearings or passing ordinances.

Manager Thomas stated that during workshop sessions, bills and routine items can be approved. Discussion is more informal and Council could discuss their differences of opinion. Manager Thomas said that he supports the work session.

Councilman Woodend explained that council only has three members, and two members make a quorum. A pair can not meet or talk on the phone to discuss business. A work session would serve the Council well.

Solicitor Vogdes commented that Council could decided on whether to receive public comment.

Councilman Woodend agreed that public comment would be helpful and more interactive.

**Public Comment:**

Dave Wasson, 97 Wabun Trail - Stated that a work session could be perceived as shutting out the public.

In a town like ours, the meeting can be informal. He prefers to see both meeting open to the public.

Kristin Mansfield, 230 Chippewa Trail - Suggested that the work session be open for public comment for five minutes before and five minutes after the meeting. Councilman Woodend stated that Council could do that, but that there is no law that requires public comment at a meeting.



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needs to be addressed right away.

**Public Comment:**

Richard Thurber, 198 Chippewa Trail - Stated that Council should select a local vender and that the audio system has always been a problem in Oaks Hall. Council should consider this purchase.

Solicitor Vogdes asked if this system could also be used by the Municipal Court and if yes, some money could come out of the Municipal Court budget. Mayor Casey stated that it could be used by the Court. Manager Thomas will check to their budget to see is there is money for equipment.

Councilman Woodend asked if there was a way to try this system before buying it. Mayor Casey answered that the system can be heard at the Community Church, they have the same system.

**VOTE ON MOTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THE LOCAL VENDER FOR THE AUDIO SYSTEM:**

**Ayes:** Casey, Aromando

**Nays:** Woodend

**COMMUNICATIONS READ BY THE MUNICIPAL CLERK**

Manager Thomas received the following communications:

1. A letter from John F. Mahoney, Regional Representative for the U.S. Secretary of Education, asking that the Borough support the "America Goes Back To School" program.
2. A letter from Frank Lane announcing his resignation from the Environmental Commission because he is moving out of the Borough.
3. A letter from Joseph G. Caruso, County Engineer, regarding the Burlington County sign replacement project.
4. A letter from the Pinelands Municipal Council regarding annual dues for the year 2000 and past due 1999 from the Borough.
5. The Legislative Viewpoint was received.
6. Mayor Casey received several pieces of correspondence.

**Public Comment:** Phil Murray stated that the Borough should not pay the Pinelands dues, it is voluntary dues.

**REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENTS**

**BOROUGH MANAGER:**

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**TELEPHONE SYSTEM - The AT&T (now Lucent Technologies) Merlin telephone system installed at the Public Works office failed last week. Efforts at having this system repaired were unsuccessful because this system is no longer supported by Lucent, nor are replacement parts available. This left the Public Works office without telecommunications. In an effort to obtain a replacement system as quickly as possible, Pat McCorrison contacted Buy-Rite Communications. Buy-Rite had available a for immediate installation, a used Comdial system for less then \$1,400.00. After checking with both**

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Lucent Technologies and Arose Inc., another vendor engaged in the business of installing and maintaining telephone equipment, it was determined that the Buy-Rite offer was the best available on such short notice. Accordingly this phone system was installed on July 7, 2000.

**COCHISE CIRCLE** - Work has commenced on this project. The waterline and electric have been extended and the foundation for the new block curb has been installed.

**HIAWATHA TRAIL CULVERT** - Mr. Ned Steel has revised his work plan in accordance with the Borough Engineer's comments. Work on this project is scheduled to commence on Monday, July 17, 2000. Great Northeastern will excavate the old pipe and set the new replacement pipe. The Borough will provide the materials, estimated to cost \$2,439.50, backfill and restore the road surface.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION BID SPECIFICATIONS -**

**EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PROGRAM** - Superintendent of Public Works, Patrick Mc Corrison, will hold a departmental meeting next week with all Public Works employees for the purpose of explaining the new employee incentive program and how it will work.

**RESIGNATION** - Edward M. Mason, III, who has been employed as a laborer with DPW since November, 1993, has submitted his resignation. Mr. Mason will be taking a position with the Burlington County Department of Corrections. We extend our best wishes to Ed in all of his future endeavors and thank him for his many years of service to the Borough.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**NEW VEHICLE** - The new four-wheel drive police emergency medical vehicle has been received and is in the process of being out-fitted for service.

**MLPOA CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS** - The first meeting between the representatives of the Borough and the Medford Lakes Police Officers Negotiating Committee was held on June 21, 2000. A copy of the MLPOA's initial contract proposal was previously distributed to Council. The next meeting date has been scheduled for August 2, 2000.

**ADVANCEMENT** - Patrolman Kenneth E. Langfeld has been advanced from Patrolman Third Class to Patrolman Second Class as of July 3, 2000.

**ADMINISTRATION**

**Tax Bills** - The 2000 - 2001 tax will be mailed tomorrow, July 14, 2000. Mailing of the tax bills was late due to delays in striking the final tax rate. As a result of the late mailing, the grace period for making the third quarter tax payment without the imposition of late penalties has been extended until August 19, 2000.

**FACILITIES**

**Request for Proposals** - The revised request for proposals (RFP) was mailed out on Monday, July 3, 2000.

**Engineer's Inspection** - Michael A. Beach, PE conducted a visual inspection of the temporary repairs made to the municipal building on Friday, July 7, 2000. He verbally informed me at the conclusion of his visit that he found no problems and would be following up with a letter to that effect.

**MUNICIPAL COURT**



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Councilman Aromando stated that he would like a report on the Mutual Aid Agreement with the Medford Fire Department, from January 1 to the present with the man hours of the department.

Councilman Woodend asked if the Public Works superintendent could prepare this report.

Councilman Aromando answered that the Chief is working on software for this report.

Mayor Casey will speak with Chief Wingert regarding this report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Councilman Aromando reported on the following:

1. Environmental Commission - Councilman Aromando asked Manager Thomas to advertise for the two alternate positions.
2. A letter should be send to Mr. Lane to thank him for his service on the Environmental Commission.
3. Approximately sixty tires are piled up in the Public Works yard. Arrangements should be made for pick-up every two weeks. It is a mosquito breeding ground.
4. Last weekend a borrowed trash truck was emptied in the yard and left there for two days. This is not acceptable and unsanitary, it should never happen again. Manager Thomas explained that last week both of the Borough's trucks were out of service. The borrowed truck did not have a current sticker and could not be dumped at the landfill. The vehicle needed to be returned and it was a late hour so the load was put in the yard. Monday morning the Borough vehicle took the trash to the landfill.

Councilman Aromando stated that there should never be trash dumped into the yard under any circumstance.

Councilman Aromando made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to give his opinion on dumping trash in the yard, seconded by Mayor Casey.

Councilman Woodend stated that this was an isolated incident and probably will not happen again.

Solicitor Vogdes stated that the Department of Environmental Protection has thousands and thousands of regulations that would have to be researched.

Philip Murray, 187 Mohawk Trail - Asked if it was the Friday bulk pick-up. Manager Thomas answered that it was not and that it was the first time this has happened in his tenure.

John Frank, 38 Natchez Trail - Stated that there is always a need to allow for extenuating circumstances.

John Buzash, 100 Wabun Trail - Asked Council why they are wasting time on debating this issues when the pile of trash is gone?

**VOTE ON MOTION TO HAVE THE SOLICITOR RESEARCH THE ISSUE OF TEMPORARILY DUMPING TRASH:**

**Ayes:** Aromando  
**Nays:** Casey, Woodend  
**Motion Fails**

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**FACILITIES:**

A chairperson will be appointed at the meeting on August 10, 2000.

Councilman Woodend suggested that Manager Thomas have a Resolution to introduce at the next meeting to commend Judge Dyer for his service to the Borough.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Woodend made a motion, seconded by Mayor Casey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM.

**VOTE ON APPROVAL:**      **Ayes:** Casey, Aromando, Woodend  
**Nays:** None

Respectfully submitted:

PAUL E. THOMAS, JR. RMC  
Borough Clerk