

Manager Heck read the following resolution:

Resolution Number
2018-55

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ringwood applied for Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund grants in 2014, 2015 and 2016 for a multi-use turf field at Hewitt School; and

WHEREAS, the Borough officials have met with NJDEP with regards to this project on numerous occasions, in order to meet the NJDEP requirements for the multi-use turf field at Hewitt School; which application appears to be onerous due to the environmental constraints; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Recreation Commission have supporting resolutions for an application for 2018 Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund for a multi-use turf field; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the Borough of Ringwood, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes the Borough Manager to apply for the 2018 Passaic County Open Space Trust Fund grant for a multi-use turf field at Stonetown Ballfield with a secondary location at Lakeland Regional High School.

Council Member	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Bolton	X		X			
Davison			X			
Ferretti			X			
Martocci		X	X			
Noonan			X			
O'Keefe			X			
Speer			X			

Manager Heck commented that we are working on the 2018 budget. This year will be a challenging one. We had our first budget meeting with the new Council on Thursday.

We are in the process of interviewing a new Municipal Court Clerk. Our Court Administrator took another position closer to home. It is a complicated process; you have to assign a judge, our judge, the person who is in charge of Passaic County Courts. Everybody has to be involved in that interview process. We are in the middle of that now.

We have completed our Stormwater Program for 2017. We had another successful year with DPW. The DEP has expanded the stormwater regulations which will require a lot more effort on our part and we are looking and reviewing those rules in order to ensure compliance for 2018 as we start to roll up to that part of the season.

The DEP has also established new rules and for the maintenance of our water system which we are reviewing as well. There are different things we have to do, valves, and maintenance of the valves. We are in the process of that right now with the Water Department.

The DEP has also determined that there is a need that has to be met for the effluent and the copper and zinc final limitations. They are changing those numbers for January 1, 2019. Our plant has to be retrofitted for that. We are in the process of looking at what we have to do,

getting an Engineer. Our Engineer preliminary thinks it's going to a \$300,000 expansion of that to accommodate the new requirements. That is a rough estimate from Jeff. We are going to get more information and will advise you as things go forward.

We are certifying Green Acres with the property that we are looking to acquire on Greenwood Lake Turnpike. I haven't gotten the report yet, once that report gets back to us, we will talk to you about negotiating with the property owner.

With the freeze and thaws, we have had a lot of water main breaks. Many homes have also experienced freezing pipes. If you see some water flowing out of people's houses, please call the Police Department.

In Skyline Lakes Drive last week, we had to shut the road down because there was ice eight inches thick. It was all running down from a house into the street during that zero degree weather. If you see water running down from a home; please let us know so we can get access and get that turned off.

Councilman Bolton asked in an incident like that are we able to place a lien on the house for the cost of that repair?

Manager Heck responded that we don't really repair it, we just shut it off at the street. They have to repair it; we don't do the repair. If the water meter freezes in any home whether it is vacant or not vacant, we charge for that. That is the homeowner's responsibility.

If DPW gets called out in the middle of the night and it is overtime or double time, whatever the contract calls for, the homeowner actually pays for that. The same thing with a meter, same thing if their pipes are frozen, they have to pay for a plumber to thaw them we don't really do that. We try to help as much as we can. People need water.

We have had 11 snow events this winter season. There has been a lot of ice.

We have also been salting the Board of Education properties. They have a truck that fell into disrepair that they didn't have funding to replace. We are all in this together; we have salt trucks, why would you buy a new salt truck when we have them. We will salt your properties. Sometimes it is a little bit of a conflict because they come the day after. They don't plow when we plow. Sometimes we have to bring somebody in when their lots are clear, they still plow it. There is no sense for them replacing a truck if we have them.

Currently we have shared services with the Ringwood Board of Education, Pompton Lakes, Wanaque and Bloomingdale. Some of these contracts help to generate some extra costs.

We have had many calls about Westbrook Road. A lot of the potholes were on the bridge, a lot of the potholes were in Wanaque. We had a couple on our side as well. We patched the potholes on the bridge, even though we are not really supposed to, that is a County project. We patched the potholes in Wanaque; they have a new Manager down there. If we are going to be out and we are going to close the road down and we are going to have traffic direction, we might as well just do it. There will be a time when I need to borrow something from them, they will help us out. We did all those last week. Some of those holes were rather large.

Councilman Bolton asked the guy in Wanaque is new, is it possible to get a standing agreement from year to year or multiyear where it is just like, we will take care of at least this part of Westbrook, maybe the whole length for some sort of charge back.