

**VII. MANAGER'S REPORT**

Manager Heck requested the appointment of a finance committee so he can go forward with the budget process.

Mayor Schaefer added that she would like to appoint Deputy Mayor Speer, Councilman Bolton and Councilman Ferretti to the Finance Committee.

Manager Heck – Ringwood has been awarded a \$20,000 grant through the New Jersey Healthy Communities Network from Chilton Hospital. This is a grant for a two-year cycle, it is going to be \$10,000 a year and it will be providing initiatives at the E.G. Hewitt School. There will be a walking trail; it will almost be like a walking classroom.

Manager Heck spoke about the need to appoint a Judge and a Prosecutor. He asked if they should form a committee or use a full Council.

Mayor Schaefer responded to use a full Council.

Manager Heck will schedule a meeting to interview the applicants.

Councilwoman O'Keefe asked if we have ever looked into sharing Municipal Courts with one of our neighbors to save our taxpayer money.

Manager Heck responded that we have researched this several times and it hasn't been in the Borough's best interest, but we are open to it. For now we are only doing a yearly appointment.

Manager Heck reported on the activity at the Library sharing that they held 32 adult programs with 207 in attendance and: 12 kids programs with 252 in attendance, 7 tween/teen stem programs, 42 in attendance and a third grade field trip with 114 kids in attendance. The Library had 75,324 visits in 2019. He complemented the great job they are doing.

Manager Heck announced the EPA is having a public hearing on February 10th at 7pm at Ryerson. It is for the Ringwood Mines proposed remedial action plan for the groundwater.

Manager Heck shared a proposal from Langan Engineering for the James Drive Treatment Plant to address the capacity assurance program exceedance. We are over capacity. We need to cut down on the groundwater infiltration because we are treating a lot of groundwater. This is something that is required by the DEP.

Manager Heck proposed a resolution for AGRA Environmental Laboratory Services for a comprehensive Water Asset Management Plan. We have to do a water management plan in the State of NJ. He recommended that a new water operator complete that program with our existing staff. The cost is not to exceed \$5,700. He asked if he should use his authority or get a spending resolution.

Mayor Schaefer stated that she thinks he can do it by his authority.

Manager Heck asked to get a resolution for an RFP for a Water Operator.