

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX  
HELD AT THE SUSSEX MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
2 MAIN STREET, SUSSEX, NJ  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

Mayor Parrott called the meeting to order and requested the clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the Governing Body were present: Mr. Dykstra, Mr. Fransen, Mr. LaBar, Mrs. Little, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Rose, Mayor Parrott.

Also present Borough Attorney John Ursin of Courter, Kobert & Cohen, P.C.

Mayor Parrott led the assembly in the flag salute and requested a moment of silence.

Mayor Parrott stated "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. It has been properly advertised and certified by the Clerk."

DPW Report

Mr. Bob Schultz stated that the water breached the banks at Colesville holding pond during Hurricane Irene.

The major issue that Mr. Schultz needs to update the Mayor and Council on is concerning the sewer pump station.

Mr. Schultz stated that the pump station was totally submerged during the storm with total damage to the electrical system. A temporary pump was procured and the pump station is operational and flowing to SCMUA.

Mr. Schultz stated that he was in constant contact with DEP throughout the entire procedure to make sure they were satisfied with the progress and decisions made.

Mr. Schultz stated that the water level reached so high that it entered the pump well through the air venting system. The two pumps were pulled up from the well and sent out to be repaired. Mr. Schultz stated that the two pumps had minor damage, they will be repaired and should be completed by the end of the week.

Mr. Schultz stated it is extremely difficult and time consuming to hook up a temporary pump and wishes to remedy this by removing the meter and replacing it with a joint for emergency hook ups. Mr. Schultz stated that the total cost to set up the station in this configuration is approximately \$700.00.

Mr. Schultz showed some pictures and described where this temporary hook up would be located.

Mr. Schultz stated that in his opinion the flow meter is not needed because SCMUA bills the Borough based on their meter not the meter at the pump station.

Mr. Schultz questions if this meter has ever been calibrated and does not know how accurate it is.

Discussion continued about the need for the meter. The consensus of the Council was that they would like to still utilize this meter and perhaps it can be located in a different location along the force main.

Mr. Schultz will confer with Mr. John Ruschke the Borough's water and sewer engineer to determine if the meter can be located in another location.

Mr. Dykstra asked what the solution is to water entering the air vents on the pump well.

Mr. Schultz stated that they are going to close these air vents and replace them with PVC stack venting.

Mr. Schultz asked if he can move forward with the joint for emergency hook ups, remove the meter and research a different location for this meter. The Council told Mr. Schultz to order the parts needed and to move forward with his request.

Mr. Schultz stated that there was a break in the force main near the SCMUA facility last week.

Mr. Schultz presented pictures to the Council to show the location and extent of the damage.

Mr. Schultz stated that there have been numerous repairs to the main within 40' of the new break.

Mr. Schultz stated that at least 100' of pipe was removed, replaced and backfilled with virgin soil.

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Mr. Schultz stated that the damage to the pipe is very similar to damage that SCMUA has witnessed on their own pipes due to high acidic soils. Pipe and soil samples were sent to John Ruschke water and sewer engineer to be analyzed for what might have caused this problem.

Mayor Parrott stated that once again Hardyston DPW saved the Borough of Sussex a lot of money by fixing this project in-house and not using an outside contractor.

Discussion continued about the drainage problems on Route 23 near Clove Lake.

Mr. Fransen stated that these drainage problems started after the completion of the resurfacing project on this section of the highway.

Mr. Fransen is very concerned about the silt and other contaminants that are entering the lake at this location as well as the flooding.

Mayor Parrott stated that Nathaniel Sajdak from the Wallkill River Watershed Group is working on plans to slow the infiltration of sediments into the lake at this location. The proposal is to use low lying plants to help stabilize the slope between the guide rail and the shoreline.

Mayor Parrott and the Council thanked Mr. Schultz and the entire DPW crew for their hard work and dedication during and after the storm.

Mayor Parrott asked Mr. Schultz for the progress on the purchase of the trucks for DPW.

Mr. Schultz stated that he is close to finalizing the purchase and need to work out some details with Mr. Zschack and the dealership. If these trucks are not delivered by the first snowfall Mr. Schultz is very confident that DPW will still deliver road clearing services to Sussex Borough by utilizing Hardyston's trucks.

#### Water Operators Report

Mr. Andrew Reed, area manager with United Water introduced himself to the Mayor and Council and explained that Jana Frederick could not attend due to a last minute problem. Mr. Reed explained that on Sunday due to the inflow of sediment to the plant the turbidities were very high. At this point United Water issued a precautionary boil water advisory by using reverse 911, radio warnings, Borough website, newspaper notification, and other means to get the word out to the public. The process to remove the boil water advisory is that five water samples were taken within the Borough and sent to a laboratory for testing. When these results are returned from the lab they are sent to DEP to check the results only then can the boil water advisory be lifted.

Mayor Parrott stated that he has numerous questions about the timeline of events as well as concerns as to why these problems are accruing. A meeting with Jana Frederick will be scheduled to discuss this problem as well as other issues pertaining to the water treatment plant operation.

Mr. Reed stated that the filters at the plant are in need of replacement and a comprehensive report will be drafted to include all upgrades that are warranted.

Mr. Reed stated that United Water is in the process of attaining permission from DEP to change their chemical process to help alleviate high turbidities.

Mr. Reed stated that United Water is also working on procedural changes to make the plant more efficient.

Mrs. Little stated that more rain is in the forecast for tonight and tomorrow and asked what is being done to insure the quality of water during this rain event.

Mr. Reed stated that additional personnel are on hand to help and the water tank has been filled.

Emil Coviello United Water's plant operator stated that whenever there is a forecast of very heavy rains he plans to spend the night at the plant if necessary.

Mayor Parrott stated that the Friday before the storm there was a phone meeting with OEM personnel and Mr. Coviello about the upcoming storm. At this meeting the question of high turbidity was discussed and the answer was that the plant could be shut down and by-passed to prevent high turbidity.

Mr. Parrott asked was this procedure followed.

Mr. Coviello stated that the plan was followed but Sussex Borough runs off of one water tank because the water tank within the Borough is used primarily for fire prevention and not for everyday water usage.

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Mayor Parrott stated that this is the first time he has been informed that the Sussex water tank is used for fire protection only and not every day usage.

Mr. Parrott stated that storms of this magnitude have occurred in the past and wants to know why the Borough had to issue a boil water advisory this time and not in the past.

Mr. Reed stated that back when the plant was new the filters worked more efficient over time. These filters do not work as well after nineteen years of use.

Mayor Parrott stated that this is the first time anyone has made such a statement about the filters and feels the Borough should have been notified so a plan to replace them could have been put into effect.

Mr. Dykstra asked what the use of the Sussex water tank is.

Mayor Parrott stated that it was just mentioned that this tank is used primarily for fire protection.

Mr. Reed stated that United Water is looking in to why only one tank is in use and they are checking the valve system to see if this is the problem.

Mr. Dykstra asked what the turnover of water is in the Sussex tank.

Mr. Reed stated that there is virtually no turnover in this tank.

Mr. Rose stated that the Borough just spent \$ 250,000 to paint a tank that is not in use.

Mr. Dykstra asked when the quality of the water within the tank has been tested because he is very concerned about the fact that water is stagnant.

Mr. Rose stated that it is critical that the water within the Sussex tank be tested.

Mr. Coviello stated that he understands the Mayor and Council's concerns because when he started to work at the plant he had some of the same concerns that are facing the Council now.

Mr. Meyer stated that he is very concerned that United Water has been the operator of the system for years and still does not know all aspects of the system. The issue is with the company and not with the personnel that stand before the Council at this time. How can the company not have plans and know exactly how the entire plant operates and pass along this information to the operators.

Mr. Reed stated that the former operator did not share information with the current operator so the learning of the system has been a slower process.

Mayor Parrott stated that all of the issues that have been discussed tonight will be brought up at the meeting that will be set up with Jana Frederick of United Water.

Mr. Rose asked if the water tank at the plant was filled to its capacity before the storm.

Mr. Coviello stated that it was within a foot or two of the maximum.

Mr. Rose asked how the reverse 911 system works and how do residents register for this system.

Mr. Rose asked if road signs could have been used for high visibility to help spread the message about the boil water advisory.

Mr. Zschack stated that the rental or borrowing of signs was looked into and there was no availability of such signage due to the extent of damage to entire State.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Parrott requested that all persons present review the consent agenda and offer any comments they may have at this time regarding the consent agenda.

Mr. Fransen made a motion to accept the consent agenda of September 6, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Meyer

### **CORRESPONDENCE:** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Email from the Sussex County Department of Environmental and Public Health Services regarding the Seasonal Flu Clinic Schedule
2. Letter dated August 17, 2011 from Harold Pellow & Associates concerning the Harrison Street Subdivision Concept Plan.
3. Letter from James R. Lethbridge requesting a credit toward his next water bill.
4. Letter dated July 19, 2011 from Dr. John F. Fisher concerning the blockage in the sanitary sewer system.

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5. Letter dated August 24, 2011 from John Ursin to Alpine Village concerning the sanitary sewer infiltration.
6. Letter from Dan Harvey concerning the Animal Control Officer.
7. Notice of hearing from the Wantage Township Land Use Board.
8. Report dated August 31, 2011 from Michael Vreeland Dam engineer concerning Sussex Borough's dams after Hurricane Irene.

**REPORTS:** (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Water/Sewer Collector report for the month of July, 2011.
2. Zoning Department report for the month of July, 2011.
3. Property Maintenance report for the month of July, 2011.
4. Clerk's report for the month of July, 2011.

**APPLICATIONS:** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

**RESOLUTIONS:** (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for the meeting of September 6, 2011

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1**

Mrs. Little made a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. (Comments limited to 5 minutes). Seconded by Mr. Rose All were in favor.

Mrs. Linda Masson 15 Spruce Avenue asked if the Borough could suspend payments to United Water.

Mayor Parrott stated that the first public session is for agenda items only that this concern can be brought up during the second open public session.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mrs. Little made a motion to close the meeting to the public, Seconded by Mr. LaBar. All were in favor.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Dykstra offered no report at this time but thanked Mr. Zschack for the frequent phone calls with updates.

Mr. Fransen stated that the Planning Board meeting for this week was canceled.

Mr. Rose stated that Harvest Festival will be held on October 22, 2011 from 1pm to 4pm on Main Street the Recreation Commission will have a meeting soon to discuss the Festival.

Mr. Rose stated that the Property Maintenance Board has a meeting scheduled for Thursday.

Mrs. Little stated that the Board of Health held a meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup> the Ordinance concerning the sanitary sewer system was reviewed and will be voted on at the next meeting.

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MrS. Little stated that she attended the Midget Football Pep Rally on Friday Night the 26<sup>th</sup> and was given the privilege of drawing the numbers for the 50/50 and other prizes.

Mrs. Little thanked Mr. Zschack for the communication during the storm.

Mr. LaBar offered no report at this time.

Mr. Meyer stated that the overall response to the storm was excellent. The Fire Department and OEM did a great and professional job.

Mr. Meyer stated that a meeting will be held to discuss the emergency response and any aspect that can be improved upon.

Mr. Rose thanked Mr. Meyer for the long hours he spent during and after the storm, and his dedication to the Borough.

Mr. Zschack offered the following report;

Borough Sites and Street Issues

We are in the process of tabulating the cost estimates for damage caused by Hurricane Irene. George Morville started a claim on Sunday the day of the Hurricane and we continue to give him updates.

The approximate cost of replacement, payroll, and damage to Borough owned property is \$114,000.

OEM

Jake Little OEM Coordinator could not be here tonight but asked that the following report be submitted.

The OEM is in the process of tabulating all damage reports from the Borough, School, and from the private sector to finish paper work to submit to FEMA. Total damage and cost for the hurricane is approaching \$300,000. Jake would like to thank the Mayor and Council for their support during and after this crises especially Councilman Meyer for his work and input the day of the storm. The planning in the days before the storm helped in the execution of the OEM plan for such an emergency.

Operational/Personnel Matters

At this time I would like to commend the Sussex OEM, Sussex Fire Department, Sussex First Aid, and Hardyston DPW for their quick and dedicated response to the events of Hurricane Irene.

All personnel in charge acted with the upmost calm and professionalism to lead dedicated volunteers to provide services to any Borough resident that needed help. All Fire Department and First Aid personnel were ready, willing, and able to respond to any situation that arose. Many volunteer members took time away from their own homes and families to provide these services even though their homes were without power and flooded. The Hardyston DPW put in many hours of work to clean streets, pick up tree branches and limbs, and fix the sanitary sewer system that without them would have cost double to repair. Many thanks go out to all people that helped the Borough of Sussex through a very difficult time.

Mayor Parrott stated that the Borough prepared very well for the storm. In the meeting days before the Hurricane the decision was made to lower the elevation of Clove Lake. This took much pressure off the dam. All aspects of planning for the Hurricane were discussed and the execution of this plan was flawless.

Recreation Commission Report

Mrs. Lynn Meyer 47 Lakeshore Drive, Chairperson of the Recreation Commission stated that an inventory of Recreation items at the Borough garage was conducted. All useable items were transported to the Municipal Building.

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Mrs. Meyer stated that Project Self Sufficiency had enough volunteers so no background checks for Recreation volunteers were needed.

Mrs. Meyer stated that the Commission is still planning the Harvest Festival and will be visiting stores on Main Street to see how they can work together. Some of the events include a blood drive, band, hayrides, and other activities. The Commission is also looking for vendors to set up booths.

Mrs. Melissa Fransen stated that the Commission needs help with this event as well as all events and asked the Mayor and Council to send any ideas to them.

Mrs. Myer stated that there are seats on the Recreation Commission available and are looking for volunteers.

Mrs. Fransen reiterated the fact that the Commission needs help with volunteers and appointments which the commission looks to the Mayor and Council for this help.

Mayor Parrott stated that the Borough will place a message on the community board in front of the Municipal Building and post a message on the Borough's website about volunteers needed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Property Maintenance Board**

At this time a discussion took place concerning the proposed Property Maintenance Board Ordinance.

Mr. Ursin explained that this proposed Ordinance would dissolve the current Property Maintenance Board and transfer its function to the Zoning Officer. The proposed Ordinance will be reissued to the Mayor and Council for their review before the next meeting.

### **Lawsuit to Overturn the Highland's Act**

At this time a discussion took place concerning a lawsuit to overturn the Highland's Act.

Mr. Ursin stated that a lawsuit is working its way through the system was brought by a developer seeking to have the Highlands Act overturned. This developer reached out to Sussex Borough as well as other Sussex County Municipalities to see if these Municipalities wanted to join in the Lawsuit.

Mr. Ursin asked for this topic to be placed on the agenda but since that time he does not feel that Sussex Borough should join the lawsuit.

### **Sussex Heli-Pad**

At this time a discussion took place concerning the paving of the Sussex heli-pad.

Mr. Zschack stated there are three quotes with a range of \$4,450 to \$12,675 in the packet for different work that could be performed.

Mr. Fransen asked if the Fire Department Chief has ever approached Northstar or Atlantic Ambulance to see if they would help financially with repaving.

Mr. Zschack stated that the Fire Department has mentioned in the past that the use of Sussex Airport is also a viable solution rather than repaving the current landing site.

Mr. Fransen asked does the Borough need to spend this money when we can just use the airport.

Mr. Zschack stated that two letters were sent to Saint Clare's Hospital about sharing the cost, to date no response as been received.

Mr. Fransen stated that the airport is privately owned and we would need permission to use it.

Mr. Rose stated that the airport is a public use airport and we do not need permission to land there.

Discussion continued concerning the areas were a helicopter could land during flooding.

Mr. Zschack was directed to research the procedure to stop use of the Sussex Heli-Pad and to start utilizing the Sussex Airport.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Fransen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on August 16, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Meyer

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Fransen, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: Dykstra, LaBar

Approval of Tax Map Revisions

Mr. LaBar made a motion to approve Harold E. Pellow & Associates to perform the Tax Map Revisions for the cost of \$10,300.00 as per the proposal dated March 17, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Fransen

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2011-68R – Confirm Temporary Tax Assessor

Mr. Dykstra made a motion to adopt a resolution confirming the appointment of Thomas W. DeKorte to serve as part time temporary Tax Assessor for the time period of August 22, 2011 through December 31, 2011. Seconded by Mr. LaBar

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2011-69R – Approval of Grant Application

Mr. Fransen made a motion to adopt a resolution to submit a grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for improvements to various roadways within the Borough of Sussex. Seconded by Mr. Dykstra

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 2011-70R – Supporting A-3412

Mrs. Little made a motion to adopt a resolution Supporting A-3412 Sharing the Burden of Property Assessment Appeal Refunds. Seconded by Mr. Rose

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

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Adoption Ordinance # 2011-10 Vacate a portion of Munson Street

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO RELEASE, VACATE AND EXTINGUISH ANY PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO AN UNIMPROVED

EXTENTION OF MUNSON STREET WITHIN BLOCK 510, LOT 2.01, IN THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX, COUNTY OF SUSSEX" Seconded by Mr. LaBar

Mayor Parrott opened the meeting to the public for any questions or concerns regarding Ordinance #2011-10.

There being no one present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mayor Parrott close the meeting to the public.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Introduction Ordinance 2011-12 Modify Flood Hazard Areas

Mr. Meyer made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY CHAPTER XXII "FLOOD HAZARD AREAS" OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX" Seconded by Mr. LaBar

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Parrott stated that the final reading is September 20, 2011

Introduction Ordinance 2011-11 Grease Trap Ordinance

Mr. Meyer made a motion to introduce an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX TO ADD SECTION 12-7 CONCERNING GREASE TRAPS". Seconded by Mr. Fransen

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Mayor Parrott stated that the final reading is September 20, 2011

Discussion

A letter from The Center for Prevention & Counseling regarding a Municipal Ordinance Prohibiting Possession or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on Private Property by Underage Persons.

A brief discussion took place if an ordinance for underage drinking is good for Sussex Borough. The Clerk was directed to produce a draft for such an Ordinance for further review by the Mayor and Council.

Discussion

Letter dated August 31, 2011 from the Sussex County Department of Environmental and Public Health Services concerning the Tie a Ribbon Campaign.

The consensus of the Council is that they have no objections for the ribbons to be tied around the Borough. The Recreation Commission should take the lead on this project and make the decision as to where they should be located.

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Resolution 71-R Emergency Appropriation Roads and Other Expenses

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adopt a resolution for an emergency appropriation of \$25,000 for Streets, Roads, and Other Expenses due to storm damages from Hurricane Irene. Seconded by Mr. Rose

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 72-R Emergency Appropriation Water and Sewer Operating Utility

Mrs. Little made a motion to adopt a resolution for an emergency appropriation of \$100,000 for Water and Sewer Operating Utility due to storm damages from Hurricane Irene. Seconded by Mr. Dykstra

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

Resolution 73-R Commending Municipal response to Hurricane Irene

Mr. LaBar made a motion to adopt a resolution to commend Municipal Response to Hurricane Irene and Welcome an Investigation into that of Certain Public Utilities. Seconded by Mr. Fransen

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Dykstra, Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: None Abstentions: None

**OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2**

Mrs. Little made a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. (Comments limited to 5 minutes).  
Seconded by Mr. Rose All were in favor.

Mr. James Wakkila of 124 Main Street stated that he would like to commend the Borough and the DPW for work performed during and after the Hurricane.

Mr. Wakkila stated that this is his first Council Meeting and he is confident that this Council is going in the right direction.

Mr. Wakkila stated that the Heli-pads current location could save time "three minutes could save a life".

Mr. Wakkila stated that his major concern was the repaving work that was done on Route 23. The night work was very disruptive to him and family.

Mr. Wakkila stated that he just paid his water and sewer bill and it is insane what he pays. Mr. Wakkila stated that he pays \$1,000 a quarter, almost as much as he pays for taxes. Mr. Wakkila stated that with the high water and sewer bills his concern is for the future of the Borough that it will become a ghost town.

Mayor Parrott stated that if Mr. Wakkila has any concerns or question he should contact the Municipal Building and discuss these issues with the Borough Administrator.

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Mayor Parrott explained that the major reason the water and sewer bills are so high is the Boroughs financial obligation to SCMUA.

Mayor Parrott stated that the I&I project, which will eventually help level off the sewer rate is also adding cost to the rate payers.

Mr. Wakkila stated that he feels the rate increases that SCMUA has placed on the Borough are outrageous.

Mrs. Linda Masson 15 Spruce Avenue asked if the Borough could suspend payments to United Water.

Mr. Ursin stated that the Borough making payments to United Water is always on the table.

Mr. Ursin will not speculate what the Borough's remedies are. The Mayor will be meeting with United Water and if the situation is not corrected or they are in violation of their contract the Borough will deal with it.

Mrs. Masson asked if the water treatment is owned by the Borough or by United Water.

Mr. Ursin stated that the Borough owns this facility.

Mrs. Masson asked if it is possible to hire a different company and get out of the current contract.

Mr. Ursin stated that the Borough can get out of the current contract.

Mrs. Masson asked what the emergency procedures for notifying the public are.

Mr. Zschack stated that reverse 911, radio spots, newspaper notice, and Borough website are some of the methods used to notify the public.

Mrs. Masson stated that she did not receive the first reverse 911 call but did receive the second call lifting the water boil advisory.

Mrs. Masson states that when she went around notifying her neighborhood about the boil water advisory she discovered that only one person actually drinks Borough water and they have no confidence in the quality of water.

Mrs. Masson suggested that the next time the water bill is mailed the Borough should include a letter describing the method how residents can register for the reverse 911 system.

Mrs. Masson asked if some storm drains were closed off during the I&I project.

Mayor Parrott stated that is not true.

Mrs. Terry-Ann Zander from the Advertiser News asked what the value is of the grant application that was submitted for the DOT work.

Mr. Zschack stated that amount has not been determined; the engineer is still working on this application.

Mrs. Zander asked if the bid that was awarded for the tax map revisions was well below the other bids that were submitted.

Mr. Zschack stated that it was almost half of the other bids.

Mrs. Zander asked for a breakdown of the estimated storm damage of \$114,000.

Mr. Zschack stated that this is only an estimate for now and the actual numbers will be released after they are submitted to FEMA.

Mrs. Melissa Fransen 17 Clove Avenue thanked all the emergency personnel that helped during Hurricane Irene.

Mrs. Fransen stated that her dock was torn off its foundation and ended up across the lake on someone else's property and wants to make sure it is dealt with properly.

Mr. Ursin stated that this is a issue to be dealt with between property owners.

Mrs. Fransen stated that Route 23 near Clove Lake was flooded out very quickly and was almost impassable.

Mrs. Fransen suggested the Borough purchase an electronic sign to better communicate with the public.

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There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. LaBar made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mrs. Little. All were in favor.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS**

Mrs. Little thanked the Sussex Fire Department for the efforts during and after Hurricane Irene.

Mrs. Little stated considering what other towns went through Sussex Borough fared well.

Mrs. Little requested that during the Harvest Festival she would like to have a table available to discuss recycling with residents.

Mr. Meyer requested that a letter be drafted thanking all employees and volunteer personnel that helped during Hurricane Irene.

Mayor Parrott stated that the Borough has not received the final draft of the Cornerstone Playhouse lease.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mrs. Little made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. LaBar. All were in favor.