

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2013

Council Chamber, Municipal Building
Irvington, N.J. – Tuesday Evening
March 12, 2013 - 8:00 P.M.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call

Present: Charnette Frederic, Paul Inman, Lebby C. Jones, Sandra R. Jones, David Lyons, Andrea C. McElroy, D. Bilal Beasley

Absent: None

President Beasley read the Statement of Proper Notice pursuant to the Sunshine Law.

4. Hearing of Citizens on Agenda Items Only (limited to three minutes per person and thirty minutes total)

Richard Williams, 197 Linden Avenue
Shekima Tucker, 134 Florence Avenue

5. Hearing of Council Members

Council Members Inman, McElroy, L.C. Jones, Lyons and Council President Beasley addressed the issues raised by the above referenced citizens.

6. Reports & Recommendations of Township Officers, Boards & Commissions

A. Reports

1. Minutes – Directors’ Meeting – 2-26-13
2. Minutes – Planning Board - 2-21-13

7. Reports of Committees

None

8. Ordinances, Bills & Claims

B. Ordinances on 2nd Reading

None

C. Bills & Claims

McElroy – Inman 2. Payrolls

February 9, 2013 through February 22, 2013

REGULAR	OVERTIME	OTHER EARNED	TOTAL
\$1,337,307.27	\$144,046.80	\$51,047.03	\$1,532,401.10

Adopted

9. Resolutions & Motions

A. Resolutions

L.C. Jones – Beasley 1. Commendation – October Hudley – Women’s History Month

**2013 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
HONORING OCTOBER HUDLEY**

WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY is held in March of each year and is the central focus of WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH; and

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, Irvington Township honors one of their own, OCTOBER HUDLEY, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years; and

WHEREAS, October Hudley, originally from Newark, New Jersey became a resident of the Township of Irvington in 1972 and she attended the following schools; Grove Street School, Myrtle Ave School (University Middle) and graduated from Frank H. Morrell (Irvington High School) where she participated in the Distributive Education Club of America and won first place at the State Conference; and

WHEREAS, she contributes much of her success having been strongly guided and influenced by her late grandmother, Essie Staton, late Mother Barbara Ann Staton, and late sister Demoria Estoria Britt; and

WHEREAS, she attended Winston-Salem State University in North Carolina and majored in Early Childhood Education received a Bachelors of Science Degree in 1983, and upon returning to Irvington and was hired by the Irvington Board of Education as a Basic Skills Teacher. She also became the first African American Computer Lab Teacher in the Irvington Public School District. Currently, she is the Library Media Specialist at Grove Street School; and

WHEREAS, October Hudley has been active in the following organizations:

- Chairperson of the School Leadership Council
- Served on school's Data Collection Committee
- Coordinator of Celebrity Read Program
- Coordinator of the Grove Street School Community Technology Center Ms. Hudley educates the community how to utilize computer software programs. Also she instructs the community participants how to create resumes and assist with job searches.
- Treasurer of the Grove Street School Parent Teacher Association
- President of the Irvington High School Parent Teacher Student Association
- October Hudley continued her education and received a Master's Degree in Educational Technology and Certification as a Library Media Specialist with a 4.0 GPA
- She also holds a Supervisor's Certification and is a certified Smartboard Instructor.
- October Hudley is also a recipient of the New Jersey Association of School Librarian Future Leaders Award.
- Liaison for the Tools for School Program
- Vice-President Library Board Trustees of the Irvington Public Library
- Served on the District Needs Assessment Committee
- District Leader East-9
- Member of the Martin Luther King Commemorative Program
- Help organize food drives for people in need
- Awarded Teacher of the Year for Grove Street School 2012-2013
- Awarded Teacher of the District 2012-2013
- She is a member of the Abyssinian Baptist Church
- Member of the Irvington Branch of the National Action Network
- The proud mother of two children Najee Menna Hudley and Nyija Mariah Butler and granddaughter, Jazyiah Mariah Butler.
- Member of the Irvington Branch of the National Action Network
- Secretary of the Irvington Democratic Committee
- Grove Street School Community Garden Facilitator
- Butterfly Lady where she face paints for community events

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends October Hudley for her many educational, civic and community minded contributions to the residents of the Township of Irvington; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to October Hudley and Women's History Month.

Adopted

S. Jones – McElroy 2. Establish Petty Cash Fund for Department of Revenue and Finance - \$200.00

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A NEW PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND REVENUE

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Irvington in the County of Essex, to establish such a fund for the Department of Finance and Revenue in the amount of \$200.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is the Chief Financial Officer, Faheem Ra'Oof, who is bonded by virtue of a surety bond; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Adopted

McElroy – Frederic 3. Establish Custodian of Petty Cash Fund for the Division of Health – Atif Nazir - \$100.00

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO CHANGE THE CUSTODIAN OF PETTY CASH FUNDS FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund, and

WHEREAS, J. Wright was the custodian of the Board of Health in the amount of \$75.00, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:5-21, the Township of Irvington is changing custodians to Atif Nazir, Director of Health; and increasing the petty cash funds to \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, Atif Nazir is bonded by virtue of a surety bond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Adopted

S. Jones – Inman 4. Establish Petty Cash Fund for the Municipal Court - \$100.00

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A NEW CHANGE FUND FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Change Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Irvington in the County of Essex, to establish such a change fund for the Municipal Court in the amount of \$100.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is the Court Administrator, Terrie Yuelling, who is bonded by virtue of a surety bond; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Adopted

McElroy – Inman 5. Establish Petty Cash Fund for the Department of Parks and Recreation - \$200.00

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A NEW PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Irvington in the County of Essex, to establish such a fund for the Department of Recreation in the amount of \$200.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is the Director of Recreation, Donald Malloy, who is bonded by virtue of a surety bond; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Adopted

S. Jones – Lyons 6. Establish Petty Cash Fund for the Fire Department - \$300.00

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A NEW PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Irvington in the County of Essex, to establish such a fund for the Fire Department in the amount of \$300.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is the Fire Chief & Director, Gary Shumlich, who is bonded by virtue of a surety bond; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Adopted

Lyons – Frederic 7. Establish Petty Cash Fund for the Police Department - \$500.00

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A NEW PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Irvington in the County of Essex, to establish such a fund for the Police Department in the amount of \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is the Director of Police, Joseph Santiago, who is bonded by virtue of a surety bond; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Adopted

Inman – S. Jones 8. Establish Petty Cash Fund for the Tax Department - \$350.00

RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A NEW PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE TAX DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any county of municipality by application and resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Irvington in the County of Essex, to establish such a fund for the Tax Department in the amount of \$350.00; and

WHEREAS, the custodian for this fund is the Tax Collector, Beverly Baytops, who is bonded by virtue of a surety bond; such custodian shall maintain records for this fund in a manner conducive to proper accounting and auditing procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Adopted

Lyons – Frederic 9. Rescind Petty Cash Fund for the Law Department

RESOLUTION RESCINDING PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON LAW DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex that the petty cash fund for the Law Department be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Adopted

McElroy – S. Jones 10. Rescind Petty Cash Fund for Welfare Department

RESOLUTION RESCINDING PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON WELFARE DIVISION

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex that the petty cash fund for the Welfare Division be rescinded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Irvington, County of Essex hereby authorizes such action and two copies of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affair for approval.

Adopted

S. Jones – McElroy 11. Authorize Use of \$5,170.00 in OCDP Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program – 140-42 Carolina Avenue

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington has obligated funds for the purpose of financing its OCDP Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Irvington has committed to expend funds obligated for its Housing Rehabilitation Program in accordance with its previously adopted Policy and Procedural Manual for the Housing Rehabilitation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Director has previously authorized the provision of the requested OCDP Housing Rehabilitation Assistance in accordance with the provisions of said policy; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Community Development determined that the need for housing rehabilitation exist at 140 aKa 140-142 Carolina Avenue, 1 family, Irvington, New Jersey 07111; and

WHEREAS, the Director has previously authorized the provision of the request of OCDP Irvington Housing Rehabilitation Program Assistance in accordance with the provisions of said policy; and

WHEREAS, under Resolution No. OCDP 11-0329-8, the Township Council authorized \$ 23,475.00 for housing rehabilitation, however, due to the need to address certain construction anomalies that were not apparent or visible during inspections there is a need to issue this additional work request indentified as exhibit A in the amount of \$ 5,170.00; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid funds will be used for the purpose as set forth in Exhibit A, on file in the Township Clerk's Office attached hereto for premises known as 140 aKa 140-142 Carolina Avenue, 1 family, Irvington, New Jersey 07111.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Township of Irvington does ratify and approve the provision of Housing Rehabilitation Program Assistance to the applicant(s) in the amounts set forth on the additional work request and Request for Approval/ Director Authorization From Case # LR-2010-0011 in the amount of \$ 5,170.00 which is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any such funds not expended in the Rehabilitation of the subject property in accordance with adopted policy and procedures shall be recaptured by the Township of Irvington for use in assisting other OCDP Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program Applicants; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work will be performed by Big Chuck Gen'l. Contractor, 11-39th Street, Irvington, New Jersey 07111 who is a certified contractor and has all the required licenses and permits needed to perform this work and who submitted the closest responsible quote for the performance of this work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.2, the required Certificate of Availability of Funds No. C3-00270 for the above has been obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Irvington and the appropriations to be charged for this expenditure is in the amount of \$ 5,170.00 Account No. T-21-41-850-12B-801.

Adopted

Beasley – Inman 12. Commendation – 2013 Women’s History Month

**COMMEMORATION - WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
2013**

WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY is held in March of each year and is the central focus of WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH; and

WHEREAS, schools, communities and local organizations all actively support the goals of WOMEN'S HISTORY; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has recognized that for a long time this nation has ignored this sector of our history and, therefore, adopted Public Law 100-9 designating every March as NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service is designating and preserving sites in commemoration of the contributions made by women to this country's glorious past; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has designated March as NATIONAL HISTORY MONTH and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is responsible for the coordination of events celebrating this special area of our history:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby designates March as WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH in the Township of Irvington and it commends all of the many contributions made by women to the past, present and future of Irvington and it calls upon all the citizens of Irvington to join in celebration of the past and the contemplation of the wonderful future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Women's History Month, 2013.

Adopted

Beasley – McElroy 13. Commendation – Dr. Neely Hackett – Women’s History Month

**2013 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
HONORING DR. NEELY HACKETT**

WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY is held in March of each year and is the central focus of WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH; and

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, Irvington Township honors one of their own, DR. NEELY HACKETT, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Neely Hackett graduated from University High School in Newark, New Jersey and continued her educational career at Penn State University in State College, Pennsylvania from 1987-1991, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Logistics; and

WHEREAS, during her time at Penn State University, Dr. Hackett was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated, served as president of the Minority Recruitment Task Force, and mentored incoming freshmen students; and

WHEREAS, DR. HACKETT after graduating from Penn State, pursued her dream of working with children as a substitute teacher from 1991-1994 for the Newark Public School System, prior to securing a position as a teacher at Grove Street Elementary School in Irvington in 1994 where she completed two successful years of teaching; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, DR. HACKETT served as a fourth grade teacher in the Teaneck Public Schools and while working in Teaneck, Dr. Hackett returned to graduate school to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration, which she completed in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Dr. HACKETT returned to the Irvington Public Schools in January 1998 as an assistant principal of Chancellor Avenue Elementary School and in August 1998, she was appointed principal of Union Avenue Middle School in Irvington where she served for seven years; and

WHEREAS, in November 2004, DR. HACKETT earned her doctoral degree from Nova Southeastern University, she was appointed principal of Irvington High School in August 2005 where she served for over four years and on December 1, 2009, Dr. Hackett became the principal of Franklin High School in Somerset; and

WHEREAS, in November 2011, Dr. HACKETT experienced one of the greatest honors of her career, the return to Irvington where her educational career began and came back home to serve as the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2012, DR. NEELY HACKETT was appointed to the role of Interim Superintendent of Schools; and
WHEREAS, DR. HACKETT is a proud product of a six year elementary education in the Irvington Public Schools and a former resident of the Township for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, DR. HACKETT knows first hand that there are amazing, talented, and intelligent students in the Irvington Public Schools and she is committed to ensuring that they are provided with a quality educational experience that prepares them to be college and career ready; and

WHEREAS, she has been honored by the Essex County Civic Club, Irvington National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Tony Vauss Civic Association, and the Municipal Council for her outstanding contributions to the children of Irvington; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends DR. NEELY HACKETT for her educational and leadership contributions to the children of the Township of Irvington; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to DR. NEELY HACKETT and Women's History Month.

Adopted

Inman – Frederic 14. Reappointment - Citizens Advisory Commission – Darlene Reeves

WHEREAS, vacancies currently exist on the Citizens Advisory Commission due to the expiration of the terms of its members:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the following named person is hereby re-appointed as a member of the Citizens Advisory Commission for a term as indicated below:

NAME & ADDRESS	WARD & DISTRICT	APPOINTED BY	TERM TO EXPIRE
Darlene Reeves 41 Vine Avenue	E-8	Council Member Inman	9-10-15

Adopted

S. Jones – McElroy 15. Authorize Annual Per Unit Sewer User Charge Rate – \$180.00

WHEREAS, the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union County Sewer Commission has forwarded a schedule of assessments to the Chief Financial Officer covering domestic and industrial unit sewer user charges; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has analyzed the said schedule and costs of collection attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has recommended that the domestic unit user charge be \$180.00 for 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Tax Collector, Supervisor of Sewer User Charges be and is hereby authorized to charge and bill for 2013 at the unit rate of \$180.00.

Adopted

S. Jones - Lyons 16. Appoint Lieutenant Jimmie Borges as the Local Fire Official

WHEREAS, the Irvington Fire Department has a vacancy due to retirement of the “Local Fire Official” and the State Division of Fire Safety requires that this position be filled according to N.J.A.C. 5:71-2.7(a) by a resolution of the governing body appointing the “Local Fire Official”:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that the Lieutenant Jimmie Borges be and is hereby appointed as the “Local Fire Official” of the Township of Irvington.

Adopted

S. Jones – Lyons 17. Apply for NJDOT Transit Village Designation

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR NJDOT TRANSIT VILLAGE DESIGNATION

WHEREAS, the NJ Department of Transportation (NJDOT) has created a Smart Growth community revitalization and redevelopment program known as the Transit Village Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Transit Village Initiative supports Smart Growth, revitalization and redevelopment within walking distance of transit for the purpose of increasing transit ridership, reducing automobile congestion and improving air quality in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT along with NJ Transit, the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Redevelopment Authority, the Council on the Arts, Main Street New Jersey, the Economic Development Authority, the Office of Smart Growth and the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency are partners in the Transit Village Initiative and make up the Transit Village Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the NJDOT may designate a Transit Village after the municipality has achieved a majority of the Transit Village Criteria established by the Transit Village Task Force; and

WHEREAS, once a municipality has been deemed a Transit Village, the Transit Village Task Force will provide that municipality with (1) a contact person in each of the 11 state agencies that make up the Transit Village Task Force; (2) technical assistance from each agency; (3) up-to-date information on grants, loans, programs or other opportunities; (4) priority funding where feasible; and (5) access to special information meetings, educational programs and research information; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Irvington Township desires to apply to the NJDOT for Transit Village designation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of Irvington Township in the county of Essex, State of New Jersey, that Irvington Township requests to be considered for Transit Village designation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of Irvington Township is committed to Smart Growth and is willing to accept meaningful growth in terms of jobs, housing and population within the transit village development district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of Irvington Township hereby commits to the implementation of the compact, mixed-use, transit-supportive vision as represented in the Transit Village Statement of Qualification; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of Irvington Township has identified Wayne Bradley, P.P./AICP who is knowledgeable in municipal planning, development and/or economic issues, to be the primary contact person to the Transit Village Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if designated a Transit Village, the governing body of Irvington Township will commit to submitting annual updates as required by the Transit Village Task Force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if designated, the governing body of Irvington Township will continuously strive to improve the quality of the transit village district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that the Transit Village Task Force determines that a designated Transit Village is no longer acting consistently with the Transit Village program goals, the Transit Village Task Force may suspend designation and/or withhold program benefits.

Adopted

Frederic – Inman 18. Commendation – Thecy Faustin – Women’s History Month

**2013 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
HONORING THECY FAUSTIN GERMAIN**

WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY is held in March of each year and is the central focus of WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH; and

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, Irvington Township honors one of their own, Thecy Faustin Germain, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years; and

WHEREAS, Thecy Faustin Germain was born in Port-au-Prince the third of ten children, Haiti and she attended primary school at “Les Filles de Marie du Bel-Air” and secondary school at St Anne and Franck Etienne at Port-au-Prince Haiti; and

WHEREAS, she migrated to the United States in 1970 to be reunited with her parents; graduated from Huntington High School in Huntington Long Island New York, received an Associate Degree at Suffolk County Community College Selden, New York and a Bachelor Degree from Molloy College in Rockville Centre, New York; and

WHEREAS, she had a calling to help people with a mission of education and exploration while attending College, she volunteered her time by mentoring the youth in her community; and

WHEREAS in 1987, she saw the challenges that the growing Haitian population was facing and moved to Irvington in 1989 devoting her time in helping her community; and

WHEREAS, in the 1990’s were years of challenges in educating bi-lingual students in the Irvington School district; and in 1991, she started a multi-service agency in Irvington with a group of professionals providing accounting and interpretation, including teaching residents, at no cost, how to file their own taxes; and

WHEREAS, Thecy began her career in social work while working at The Bridge, Inc. and became a social worker. She then founded the multicultural students program as an after school activities in Irvington High School as a way to help the students dealing with the multicultural adjustment and

their failing classes; and

WHEREAS, in1992, she collaborated with a Nursing agency to provide Nurse’s Aide Program at Irvington Hospital; in 1993, she founded a literacy program in Irvington High School which established the Irvington Adult school program and eventually became the largest adult school program in Essex County; and

WHEREAS, in1994, Theycy founded FamiCare, Inc. a social service agency working on cases throughout New Jersey in the area of education and mental health; in 1995, Theycy held workshops at Beth Israel to support the late Senator Wynona Lipman affordable health care initiative “Access Program”; 1995- 2002 she volunteered as a Creole interpreter in the Irvington court; 1997, served as a North Ward District Leader, served on the Board of Irvington Municipal Alliance Committee; from 1997 to 2002, served on the Irvington Citizens Advisory Council; from 1999 to 2002, served as the President of the Irvington Juvenile Conference Committee; 2002 served as an Irvington Board of Education member; 2004, served as a member of the Irvington Township Planning Board from 2005-2009; served on the Foster Parent Advisory Board; 2007, sponsored the first Haitian Flag day parade in Irvington; from 2006 to present serves on the Housing Authority Commission; and in 2010, launched a mission to aid the earthquake victims in her homeland Haiti.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it recognizes the vast contributions made by Theycy Faustin Germain to Irvington as a whole and specifically to women and the Irvington community and commends her for her accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Theycy Faustin Germain and Women's History Month.

Adopted

S. Jones – McElroy 19. Commendation – Mary Martin – Women’s History Month

2013 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
HONORING Mary Martin

WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY is held in March of each year and is the central focus of WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH; and

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, Irvington Township honors one of their own, Mary Martin, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years; and

WHEREAS, in 1979 Mary Martin received her B.A. in Sociology, her Master of Social Work in 1984 from Rutgers University and her current professional position is a Program Support Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Mary Martin received her Domestic Violence, Case Practice Model, Family Team Meeting Facilitator and Ethics for Social Work certifications and she received the following:

Certificate-Family Violence, Rutgers	2006
Certificate Leadership Training, 10 week program	2005
Certified Seminar Field Instructor, Rutgers University	1997
Certificate- Team Building, Rowan College	1997
Certificate- Proactive Leadership, Rowan College	1997
New Jersey Notary Public	1996

WHEREAS, she received honors and words for Exemplary Volunteer service Award in June 1985 from the Central Ward Coalition of Youth Agencies and a Outstanding Volunteer Award in November 2000 from the United Way of Essex and West Hudson; and

WHEREAS, Mary Martin professional experience includes:

Program Support Specialist at Babyland, Newark, NJ from Nov. 2011- present

Assistant Area Director at the Division of Youth and Family Services, Newark, NJ from Feb. 2007- July 2011

District Manager at the Division of Youth and Family Services, Newark, NJ from April 2004-Feb. 2007

Program Support Specialist Supervisor at the Division of Youth and Family Services, Newark, NJ from Oct. 2002-2004

Supervisor of Special Response Workers at the Division of Youth and Family Services, Newark, NJ from 1986-2004

Contract Administrator at the Division of Youth and Family Services, Newark, NJ from Dec. 1997-2002

Family Service Specialist Supervisor at the Division of Youth and Family Services, Newark, NJ from Mar. 1996-1997

Family Service Specialist/ Community Resource Specialist at the Division of Youth and Family Services, Newark, NJ from 1983-1986

WHEREAS, she attended workshops, Awareness Summit on HIV/AIDS in Newark, NJ, Depression and African American Women Summit conducted at Solid Rock Baptist Church, Irvington, NJ, Child Abuse Presentations at a Newark Public Schools and has clinical experience at Mt. Carmel Guild; and

WHEREAS, Mary Martin has conducted training in Child Protective Service/Investigation, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Neglect and is a member of United Way of Essex and West Hudson, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and National Association for Social Workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it hereby commends Mary Martin for her many educational, civic and community minded contributions.

Adopted

L.C. Jones – S. Jones 20. Award Emergency Contract to Remove Trees – Tree King – \$39,500.00

RESOLUTION TO AWARD AN EMERGENCY CONTRACT TO REMOVE TREES FROM MUNICIPAL PROPERTY AFTER HURRICANE SANDY

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and the Shade Tree Commission stored fallen trees, branches, brush, stumps and logs at the Fire Department Training Academy and the Irvington Hospital from Hurricane Sandy, and,:

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works and Shade Tree Commission are unable to grind and dispose of the tree debris, and

WHEREAS, under the NJ Department of Environment (NJDEP) and Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), such debris must be disposed by a certified vendor.

WHEREAS, under the Morris County Co-op, Contract Number 18, Tree King and Andy Matt, Inc. were awarded a co-operative contract to remove and dispose of trees, and

WHEREAS, the township has requested Tree King and Andy Matt, Inc, to provide us with a quote to remove and dispose of all the trees stored at all locations.

Whereas, Andy Matt has provided a quote of \$279,484.67 and Tree King has provided a quote of \$39,500.00 to remove and dispose of all the tree debris.

WHEREAS, this situation constitutes a threat to public health, safety, welfare, and the Governor of the State of New Jersey and the Mayor of the Township of Irvington declared a State of Emergency and Tree King, 12 Lenel Road, Landing, NJ 07850 has provided the lowest quote to perform the work and was available to completed the work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it ratifies the decision of the Mayor of the Township of Irvington to authorize an emergency contract in the amount of \$39,500.00 to Tree King, 12 Lenel Road, Landing, NJ 07850, to remove trees stored by the Township from Hurricane Sandy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chief Financial Officer has paid to Tree King, 12

Lenel Road, Landing, NJ 07850 on purchase order number 13-00761 from Account Number 2-01-46-870-184-299.

Adopted

Inman – Frederic 21. Commendation – Kathleen Witcher – Women’s History Month

**2013 WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH
HONORING KATHLEEN WITCHER**

WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY is held in March of each year and is the central focus of WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH; and

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, Irvington Township honors one of their own, Kathleen Witcher, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Witcher was born in Orange to Leonard and Wilnora Holman who predeceased her along with her brother, Leonard. She was raised in Newark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from South Side High School, she earned her Bachelor’s and Master’s Degrees at Montclair State University; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Witcher began her career as an educator working five years as a teacher of Language Arts at the University of Islam in Newark and after marrying and starting a family, she became a Mathematics teacher at her high school alma mater, Malcolm X Shabazz High School, formerly South Side, in Newark where she served for thirty-three years before retiring in 2006; and

WHEREAS, during those years, Kathleen was the President of the Essex County Council of PTAs (1991-1995), a Board Member of the State PTA (1992-1995), a Commissioner of the Irvington Housing Authority (1997-2006), a member of the Irvington Board of Education (1996-1997), a member of the New Jersey Science Curricula Task Force appointed by Governor Christine Todd Whitman, Acting Director of the Irvington Housing Authority (1999) and a member of the Executive Committee of the New Jersey Association of Black Educators; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Witcher is serving as President of the Irvington NAACP, an arm of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that is the oldest civil rights organization in America; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen is well known for educational advocacy and continues the fight for educational opportunities and the causes of people in the urban communities, she recently led the charge to gain property tax relief in the Irvington area, and also led the fight to maintain proper health care facilities when Irvington General Hospital was threatened to close in 2006; and

WHEREAS, she has gained a seat as a member of the New Jersey state conference Executive Committee of the NAACP branches in the 2011 election, is a Silver Life member of the NAACP, a life member of the New Jersey PTA, and a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, for more than thirty-five years she has been a resident of the Township of Irvington. She is a mother of three, mother in law, and grandmother. She is a spiritual person and a devout Muslim who appreciates the principles of all of the world’s major religions; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen received several awards including Outstanding Educator Award of the New Jersey Association of Black Educators, Community Service Awards of the Irvington Branch NAACP, Apple for the Teacher Award of the Iota Phi Lamda Sorority, Bulldog Rng of Fame induction of the Malcolm X Shabazz High School Alumni, Alumna of the Year of the Malcolm X Shabazz High School Alumni, Outstanding Service Award of the School Leadership Team of Malcolm X Shabazz High School, and various other awards and citations. In 2007, she was the recipient of the Sojourner Truth Award of the North Jersey Unit of the NBPW, a prestigious award that her mother, the late Wilnora Holman received some years before her and was honored as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Stevens Institute of Technology where she pursued higher mathematics approaches to teaching; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it recognizes the vast contributions made by Kathleen Witcher to Irvington as a whole and specifically to women and the Irvington community and commends her for her accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Kathleen Witcher and Women's History Month.

Adopted

McElroy – S. Jones 22. Commendation – Donna Blackwell – Women's History Month

**2013 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
HONORING DONNA ANTHONY BLACKWELL**

WHEREAS, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY is held in March of each year and is the central focus of WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH; and

WHEREAS, as history is filled with the far reaching accomplishments of women, Irvington Township honors one of their own, Donna Blackwell, who has provided a vast array of public participation and public service throughout many years; and

WHEREAS, Donna Blackwell was born in East Orange, NJ and raised in Newark NJ, a product of the Newark Public Education system, graduating University High School in 1981 after which Donna attended Rutgers University majoring in Engineering and Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, it was during her undergraduate years that Donna became active in community service whether it was providing hot meals, or collecting clothing for those in need Donna was always organizing the student population to help those that were less fortunate and was also very instrumental in reactivating the Eta Upsilon undergraduate chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., an organization that she has been a member of since 1984 and now twenty nine years later Donna is still an active member and serves the organization as Chaplain of Iota Alpha Sigma Graduate chapter; and

WHEREAS, Donna began her professional career in Business Administration with NJ Transit 22 years ago, starting a clerical employee then rising to assistant manager positions to holding her current managerial position where she insures the safety of employees and the community in which NJ Transit serves; and

WHEREAS, during her life's journey Donna was married, and from this union, her only child, Kyree Blackwell, was born, and even though Donna's marriage did not last, she continued working with organizations and people who were committed to improving the quality of life for our community, organizations such as NAACP and Meals on Wheels just to name a couple; and

WHEREAS, it was through her efforts and determination to instill the necessity of education and working for the good of one's community that her son began to follow in her footsteps and much to her joy he is now a University of Notre Dame alumnus of 6 years as well as a community activist; and

WHEREAS, Donna never gave up on her dreams to experience all the great things that life had to offer her and all that she could offer life, thrusting in her beliefs that "patience is a virtue", "trials brings the smiles of wisdom", "there's a method to the madness" and "GOD didn't bring me all this way and through all of that stuff just to leave me now", Donna continued to press toward the mark of her high calling, becoming an ordained minister in 2003 and on a daily basis she ministers to all who have need and presides as a pulpit minister of her church Citadel of Hope Mission in East Orange NJ; and

WHEREAS, Donna always loved the idea of property ownership, believing in her share of 40 acres and a mule coming to pass, she decided that she would make it happen and in 2007 obtained her real estate license, and even before she obtained her license, she would often tell family and friends that she would not only purchase her own home but would also be her first client; and

WHEREAS, her dream came true right here in Irvington, NJ five years ago and since this time Donna has guided many others to home ownership right here in Irvington; and

WHEREAS, as a child growing up, she and her siblings often frequented the Irvington Center enjoying the array of stores, shops and movie theatres seeming like a field trip of sorts back then, getting away from the “big city” of Newark; and

WHEREAS, now Donna proudly enjoys living the experience of the great revitalization of Irvington, enjoying using her leadership abilities and the love of people by encouraging her neighbors to work together to keep their block clean and by looking out for one another; and

WHEREAS, since 2007, Ms. Blackwell has been a dedicated contributor of Operation BigBookBag where she collects and donates school supplies for then donates them to INIC for distribution for needy children in Irvington’s East Ward, Haiti and Africa and since 2010 Ms. Blackwell has helped to collect more than 2,000 complete sets of school supplies; and

WHEREAS, she has also been instrumental in registering people to vote always explaining to our youth the importance voting and during this past year a group of Ms. Blackwell’s peer committed themselves to registering 770 young people throughout Essex County a feat that they were successful in; and

WHEREAS, it is during the holiday season that Ms. Blackwell organizes, collects and distributes food baskets for those in Need throughout Irvington’s East Ward and this past holiday season she was instrumental in providing food for a week to 22 families; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blackwell truly enjoys participating in charity work, mentoring neighborhood youth, reminding homeowners of community responsibility and living her life before all:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON that it recognizes the vast contributions made by Donna Blackwell to Irvington as a whole and specifically to women and the Irvington community and commends her for her accomplishments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this Governing Body in lasting tribute to Donna Beckwith and Women's History Month.

Adopted

10. Communications & Petitions

A. Communications

None

11. Pending Business

A. Amend and Supplement Chapter 98 of Revised Code – Fee for the Costs of Providing Reproducing Public Solicitation Documents

B. Amend and Supplement Section 5-166 of Revised Code – Membership of the Citizens Advisory Commission

12. Miscellaneous

A. Bingos and Raffles

None

NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

8. Ordinances, Bills & Claims

A. Ordinances on 1st Reading

McElroy – S. Jones 1. Amend Fees for Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates – Reduce Duplicate Copies from \$25.00 to \$9.00

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 98, SECTION 30K OF THE REVISED CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON REGARDING FEES FOR CERTAIN VITAL RECORDS.

Adopted

McElroy – S. Jones 2. Authorize a 3.5% CAP for the CY 2013 Municipal Budget and Establish a CAP Bank

TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON CALENDAR YEAR 2013 MODEL ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Adopted

C. Bills & Claims

S. Jones – McElroy 1. Bill Lists

RESOLVED THAT THE BILLS AND CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON FOR A PERIOD ENDING MARCH 12, 2013, AS ENUMERATED ON THIS LIST FOR MATERIALS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES FURNISHED, DELIVERED AND/OR PERFORMED HAVE BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENTS AS CORRECT, EACH CLAIM AND PURCHASE ORDER HAVE BEEN VERIFIED AND REVIEWED FOR THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, ACCURACY OF ACCOUNT CODING AND COMPLETENESS BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON THAT THE FOLLOWING BE PAID BY THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:

BILL LIST	\$568,540.14
SUPPLEMENTAL	\$111,590.78
TOTAL	\$680,130.92

Adopted
No: Lyons

12. Miscellaneous

B. General Hearing of Citizens and Council Members (limited to five minutes per person)

Sidney Marble, 498 – South 21st Street
Darlene Reeves, 41 Vine Avenue
Robert Shaw, 57 Coit Street
Shakima Tucker, 134 Florence Avenue

Council Members Inman, L.C. Jones, Frederic, S. Jones, McElroy and Council President Beasley addressed the issues raised by the above referenced citizens.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:28 P.M.