

OCTOBER 5, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the above date in the meeting room of the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Betteridge, Council members: Moore, Beatrice, Kappatos. Absent: McCarthy, Scaramuzzo & Kisielewski. Present: CFO/Business Administrator, Richard Wright, Borough Solicitor, Jack Kennedy, Borough Engineer, Mark Basehore.

STATEMENT: Mayor Betteridge read the notice of this meeting pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kisielewski that the minutes of the 8/25/10 and 9/7/10 meetings be approved as submitted by the clerk. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION #10-149

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION
TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, PERSONNEL & LITIGATION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede desires to discuss matters relating to contract negotiations, personnel & litigation and wish to do so in Closed Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that the governing body shall discuss matters pertaining to contract negotiations, personnel & litigation in the Borough of Runnemede at a Closed Session to be held on October 5, 2010 in the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ; and

The minutes of the Closed Session Meeting shall be kept, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. The matters discussed at such meeting shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for discussing this matter privately no longer exists.

It is further determined that said Closed Session and matters to be discussed therein are matters as permitted under the Open Public Meetings Act.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kappatos that the resolution be adopted. The motion carried.

REPORT OF CONSTRUCTION CODE OFFICIAL: A report was read stating that the sum of \$9,213.00 was collected in various building permits and licenses during the month of September, 2010. All fees were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

REPORT OF BOROUGH TREASURER: A report was read indicating deposits on account as of 9/30/10 totaling \$2,823,850.65.

REPORT OF BOROUGH CLERK: A report was read reporting that the sum of \$3,045.00 was

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REPORT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE: A report was read stating that the sum of \$11,980.93 to cover fines and costs was collected during the month of August, 2010. A check in the amount of \$8.00 was also received for the POAA Fund. A report was read stating that the sum of \$16,354.65 to cover fines and costs was collected during the month of September, 2010. A check in the amount of \$8.00 was also received for the POAA Fund.

REPORT OF FIRE CHIEF: No report was submitted.

REPORT OF REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS: A report was read reporting that the sum of \$3,277.00 was collected for death copies, burial permits and marriage copies during the month of September, 2010. All fees were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

REPORT OF FIRE OFFICIAL: A report was read reporting inspections and activities during the month of September, 2010. Fees in the amount of \$1,969.00 were collected. Emergency Medical Service Billing for the month of September, 2010 was \$15,765.99, year to date billings \$173,006.91. All fees collected were turned over to the Borough Treasurer.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR: A report was read for the month of September, 2010, reporting that a total of \$2,598,389.47 was collected in taxes for the current year and a total of \$85,504.38 was collected in Sewer Utility Payments.

A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Beatrice that the reports be received and filed. The motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor & Council:

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. . . Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thank you for your kindness.

Gloria Scott

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kappatos the communication be received and filed. The motion carried.

Mayor Betteridge

Over the past several years, Runnemedede has been most gracious in providing their bus during our Annual Harvest Festival. The bus has always enhanced the festival by providing transportation for many people to come out and join in this wonderful day.

We are once again requesting the use of your borough's bus for our 13th Annual Barrington Harvest Festival, which will be held Saturday, October 9, 2010, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm-Rain Date Sunday, October 10, 2010, same times.

We truly appreciate the Borough of Runnemedede's assistance with this special event in the past and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

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Mayor Betteridge

(See attached letter)

Leonard S. Altamura, DSW, LCSW

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kappatos the communication be received and filed. The motion carried.

James S. Simpson, Commissioner of Transportation

We are pleased to support Runnemede's application for Fiscal Year 2011 Municipal Aid from the Department of Transportation.

Runnemede is applying for roadway Preservation of Read Avenue. The street is in a residential neighborhood near the New Jersey Turnpike, Clements Bridge Road (NJSH 41), Black Horse Pike (NJSH 168), Evesham Road (CR 544), Triton Regional High School, and Runnemede Lake Park. The reconstruction will enable residents to access these locations via a smoother and safer road.

We ask that you give this application the serious consideration it deserves. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (856) 547-4800.

Senator Donald Norcross, Assemblymen, Angel Fuentes & Gilbert Wilson

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kappatos the communication be received and filed. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mayor Betteridge stated that it was now time for the public hearing to be held as it was advertised to be held at this time and declared the meeting open to the public. There appearing to be no one to speak at this time a motion was made by Beatrice seconded by Kappatos the public hearing be closed. The motion carried and a motion was made by Kappatos seconded by Beatrice the ordinance be adopted on second and final reading and advertised according to law. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Moore, Beatrice. Nays: None. Absent: Kisielewski, Scaramuzzo & McCarthy. Mayor Betteridge declared the ordinance adopted on second and final reading.

ORDINANCE #10-11

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF PART-TIME
BUS DRIVER IN THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey feel there is a need to establish the position of part-time bus driver; and

WHEREAS, the bus driver shall possess a valid commercial driver's license (CDL) Class B with passenger endorsement and meet the specifications as outlined in the attached description of the position; and

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Councilwoman Scaramuzzo was not present. Richard Wright, CFO, reported on some financial matters, including the "Best Practices Survey, his plans for the capital budget and the scheduled upcoming meeting with the Runnemede Board of Education.

Personnel: Mayor Betteridge reported on the findings of the statewide Ethics Committee on which she serves. Ginny also advised council about the letter she received from the state denying us the funds requested. Mayor Betteridge also introduced the new Clean Communities Coordinator, Pat Passio, who addressed Mayor and Council regarding her goals in her new position. Ginny also advised everyone regarding an upcoming job fair.

Health, Education & Welfare: Mayor Betteridge announced that the Rabies Clinic would be on Saturday, October 9th from 10-12 PM, at the Harry Williams Building. Ginny also advised everyone that flu shots would be available at the Harry Williams Building, Monday, October 18th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

Public Safety: Public Safety Director McCarthy was not present at the meeting.

Parks/Recreation: Councilman Moore reported that he attended opening day fo soccer. Bernie also recommended watching a flag football game in town.

Civic: Councilman Beatrice announced that the Halloween party would be on October 30th. Tony also reported that the library had received a grant for a new computer and training.

Public Works/Sewer Utility: Councilman Kappatos reported that a new temporary employee was on the agenda for appointment this evening. Nick also advised everyone that the agreement with the county, plowing for salt/sand, was on the agenda.

Business Administrator: Richard Wright referred to the reported he gave under Finance.

Councilman Kisielewski arrived at 7:50 PM.

Engineering & Construction: Councilman Kisielewski reported on progress at Green Acres.

Solicitor's Report: Solicitor Kennedy reported on the terms of the agreement with the Borough of Barrington for the construction of the truck wash. Jack also recommended the adoption of an ordinance, first reading, regarding parking issues.

Engineer's Report: Mark Basehore issued a written report.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, On January 1, 1927, Runnemedede Borough Council recognized the Runnemedede Fire Company #1 as a department within the newly incorporated borough; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of this town are extremely proud of the fire company's proud history and tradition; and

WHEREAS, Over the years many of our residents have participated in defending homes as firefighters within our municipality; and

WHEREAS, Our residents, from the very youngest to our distinguished elders, have gathered here today to both reflect on our past and contemplate our future; and

WHEREAS, Many honored guests, from near and far, have also gathered with us to share the joy we feel today as well as reminisce about our history; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That I, Virginia Betteridge, Mayor of the Borough of Runnemedede, in the name of those members, past, present and future, of the Runnemedede Fire Company #1, do hereby declare August 10, 2010, the 100th Anniversary of the Runnemedede Fire Company and commemorate its incorporation and ask that all of our residents and honored guests revel in the rich traditions which have succeeded in making our department what it is today.

Dated: August 6, 2010

VIRGINIA BETTERIDGE, MAYOR

RESOLUTION #10-142

**RESOLUTION AMENDING CURFEW HOURS,
FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Runnemedede has a curfew ordinance for children under the age of 18 of 9:00 PM on Sunday through Thursday and 10:00 on Friday and Saturday; and

WHEREAS, Mayor & Council wish to amend the time for curfew during Halloween week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Runnemedede, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that it hereby establishes a curfew of 9:00 PM during Halloween week, from Friday, October 22, 2010 to Sunday, October 31, 2010, inclusive of both dates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Runnemedede, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that it hereby establishes the hours 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Halloween, Sunday, October 31, 2010, for "trick or treating"

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any minor violating the 9:00 PM curfew may be charged with a curfew violation during this time period;

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RESOLUTION #10-143

**RESOLUTION GRANTING 2010-2011 LIQUOR LICENSES
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the present holders of alcoholic beverage licenses in the Borough have made application to the Mayor and Council for renewal for the period starting July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, in the filing of the application the full amount of license fee has been paid and the applicants have complied with all of the requirements of the law, and no protest has been filed against the granting of license;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, New Jersey, that the licenses be granted for the sale of alcoholic beverages as follows for the period starting October 5, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

NAME OF LICENSES FOR RENEWAL:

L. Stephens LLC., Premises 812-814 Black Horse Pike
Plenary Retail Consumption License State #0430-33-003-004

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the above, or their authorized agents the said license.

DATE: October 5, 2010

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kisielewski the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kisielewski Beatrice & Kappatos. Nays: None. Absent: Scaramuzzo, McCarthy. Abstentions: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #10-146

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BY
AND BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE
FOR \$25,000.00 ROUND 11-RECREATION FACILITY ENHANCEMENT
FOR BEAVER BRANCH PARK**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:8A-1 et al and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-10 et al authorizes contracting units to enter into an Interlocal Services Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Interlocal Services Agreement with the County of Camden to receive \$25,000.00 to enhance Beaver Branch Park.

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RESOLUTION #10-147

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR
CHANGE IN TITLE, TEXT AND AMOUNT**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85 provides that the Director of the Division of Local Government Services may, at the request of, or with the consent of the governing body of any county or municipality, make such correction of the title, text or amount of any appropriation appearing in the budgets as may be necessary to make said item of appropriation available for the purpose or purposes required for the needs of any such county or municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-85, the borough of Runnemede hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to make the following corrections in the budget of the year 2010:

FROM:	Legal S&W:	\$8,461.58
TO:	Legal O&E:	\$8,461.58

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing correction is in the opinion of the governing body, warranted and authorized by the statute above referred to, and is necessary for the orderly operation of the borough of Runnemede for the reasons hereinafter set forth:

Borough Solicitor is paid by voucher

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Runnemede is hereby directed to forward two (2) copies of the resolution of the Director of Local Government Services;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the within resolution be forwarded to the Borough Administrator and the Auditor.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Kappatos, seconded by Beatrice the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kisielewski Beatrice & Kappatos. Nays: None. Absent: Scaramuzzo, McCarthy. Abstentions: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #10-148

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER A CREDIT FROM
THE GENERAL FUND TO THE TAX
COLLECTOR'S REDEMPTION ACCOUNT,
IN ORDER TO REDEEM A LIEN
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, a credit in the amount of \$183.62 exists on Block 171, Lot 5 in the tax records of the Borough of Runnemede; and

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\$183.62 Amount to Transfer to Tax Collector's Redemption Account from the General Fund to include in the redemption amount for Tax Sale Certificate #09-00163;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor and Council do hereby authorize the records of said block and lot be corrected accordingly.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Kisielewski, seconded by Beatrice the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kisielewski Beatrice & Kappatos. Nays: None. Absent: Scaramuzzo, McCarthy. Abstentions: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #10-150

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF
RUNNEMEDE TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN FOR
SNOW REMOVAL**

WHEREAS, representatives of the Borough of Runnemedede and the Camden County Department of Public Works have been negotiating an agreement for snow removal services in the Borough of Runnemedede for the upcoming year; and

WHEREAS, such an agreement would be in the best interest of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's governing body wishes to enter into an agreement with the Camden County Department of Public Works for snow removal services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the Borough of Runnemedede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey it hereby authorizes an agreement with the Camden County Department of Public works for snow removal services per the agreement attached hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the proper officials of the Borough of Runnemedede are hereby authorized to sign such contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its enactment as provided by law.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Kisielewski, seconded by Beatrice the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kisielewski Beatrice & Kappatos. Nays: None. Absent: Scaramuzzo, McCarthy. Abstentions: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

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THE HOURLY WAGES OF BOROUGH EMPLOYEES SHALL BE:

CROSSING GUARDS

\$10.25

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, the salaries and hourly wages as specified above shall be effective as of September 7, 2010 and shall continue in effect until amendment of this resolution.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Kappatos, seconded by Moore the resolution be adopted. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kisielewski Beatrice & Kappatos. Nays: None. Absent: Scaramuzzo, McCarthy. Abstentions: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #10-152

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE AND THE RUNNEMEDE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, the members of the Borough Council of the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (the "Borough") have considered entering into an agreement with the Runnemede Police Department (the "Police") whereby the Police agree to perform the services required at the Regional Service Center of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (the "MVC") located in the Borough of Runnemede as a side job; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Borough Council have considered the Agreement, and have determined that it is in the best interest of the Borough to enter into a formal agreement based on the terms and conditions proposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of New Jersey, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement that memorializes certain terms and conditions for the side job rate for the MVC assignment as follows:

- . Police shall provide coverage at the MVC as a side job at the rate of Two Hundred Seventy dollars (\$270.00) per day Tuesday and Thursday;
- . Police shall provide coverage at the MVC as a side job at the rate of One Hundred Eighty dollars (\$180.00) per day Wednesday and Friday;
- . Police shall provide coverage at the MVC as a side job at the rate of One Hundred Fifty dollars (\$150.00) per day on Saturday;
- . Police agree that hours of coverage will be based upon written agreement with the Motor Vehicle Commission and the maximum weekly hours of coverage provided shall not exceed Thirty-Five (35);
- . This agreement shall continue in full force and effect through July 1, 2011. The parties agree to revisit the daily rate to be paid the Police after July 1, 2011.

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**RESOLUTION #10-153
RESOLUTION CONFIRMING 2010 APPOINTMENTS,
FOR THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, that the following individuals are hereby appointed for 2010:

ROAD DEPARTMENT

Thomas E. Fowler Temporary Help \$10.00 per hour

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Kappatos, seconded by Beatrice the resolution be adopted. The motion carried And Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kisielewski Beatrice & Kappatos. Nays: None. Absent: Scaramuzzo, McCarthy. Abstentions: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #10-154

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RUNNEMEDE
YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION TO CONDUCT A COIN TOSS
ON COUNTY AND BOROUGH STREETS
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

WHEREAS, the RYAA has requested authorization to conduct a coin toss on county and borough streets on the Saturday, October 9th & October 10th, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Mayor & Council have agreed to this request under Ordinance #01-12;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the RYAA is hereby authorized to conduct a coin toss on county and borough streets on the days listed above.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Kisielewski the resolution be adopted. The motion carried And Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kisielewski Beatrice & Kappatos. Nays: None. Absent: Scaramuzzo, McCarthy. Abstentions: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #10-155

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF
NEW JERSEY ACCEPTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOP AND THE BOROUGH**

WHEREAS, the FOP Lodge 56 filed a grievance on behalf of Runnemede Police Officer

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WHEREAS, authorizing this agreement shall resolve the grievance and said grievance shall be withdrawn by the FOP lodge 56;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of New Jersey, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that Officer Wooton's Schedule A salary shall be increased to \$70,881.05 retroactive to January 1, 2010;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this rate change shall equalize Officer Wooton with other officers on the schedule;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FOP Lodge 56 shall immediately withdraw the grievance filed in this matter.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Moore, seconded by Kisielewski the resolution be adopted. The motion carried And Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kisielewski Beatrice & Kappatos. Nays: None. Absent: Scaramuzzo, McCarthy. Abstentions: None. Mayor Betteridge declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION #10-156

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY USE

PERMIT FOR ANTHONY'S WATER ICE

WHEREAS, Anthony's Water Ice is a business within the Borough of Runnemede, County of Camden, State of New Jersey (the "Borough"); and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been received from Anthony's Water Ice requesting to sell Christmas trees on the property located at 1001 Evesham Road in the borough of Runnemede from November 15, 2010 until December 31, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Borough Council have considered the proposal submitted by Anthony's Water Ice, and have determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Borough of Runnemede for the Borough to authorize a temporary use permit to Anthony's Water Ice permitting the sale of Christmas trees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of New Jersey, County of Camden and State of New Jersey that Anthony's Water is hereby granted a temporary use permit to sell Christmas trees and associated products from November 15, 2010 until December 31, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the temporary use permit is subject to a review of the facility by the Runnemede Construction and Fire Code officials to assure the health and safety of the residents of the Borough of Runnemede are not hindered.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Kisielewski, seconded by Beatrice the resolution be adopted. The motion carried And Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results:

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ORDINANCE #10-12

**ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING ON CONSTITUTION AVENUE, ELM AVENUE,
BROADWAY, RYAA PARKING LOT & THE HARRY WILLIAMS SENIOR BUILDING PARKING LOT**

A motion was made by Kisielewski, seconded by Beatrice the ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, with a public hearing to be held on November 3, 2010 at a meeting beginning at 7:00 PM. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Beatrice, Moore, Kappatos, Kisielewski. Nays: None. Absent: Scaramuzzo, McCarthy. Mayor Betteridge declared the ordinance approved on first reading.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: A motion was made by Kisielewski, seconded by Kappatos the list of bills as submitted by the clerk be approved for payment along with the monthly contractual bills when they become due. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Moore, Kappatos, Beatrice, Kisielewski. Nays: None. Absent: Scaramuzzo, McCarthy. Mayor Betteridge authorized the payment of bills.

(SEE ATTACHED PAYMENT OF BILLS)

GOOD & WELFARE:

Rob Sweeney, 1001 Evesham Road: Mr. Sweeney asked Mayor & Council for a temporary use permit to sell Christmas trees at his business, Anthony's Water Ice.

Helen Travis, 324 Sunnybrook Road: Ms. Travis asked for help regarding an on-going drainage problem on her property.

Seeing no one else wishing to speak, a motion was made by Kisielewski, seconded by Beatrice to close the good and welfare portion of the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge declared that portion of the meeting closed.

A motion was made and seconded to go back into closed session.

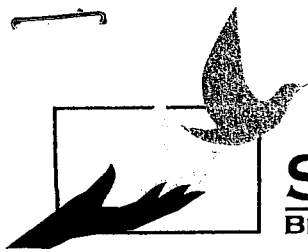
There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Moore and seconded by Beatrice to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Approved by:

Virginia Betteridge, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk



STEININGER

BEHAVIORAL CARE SERVICES

SELF-RELIANCE THROUGH CARING SERVICE

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August 31, 2010

The Honorable Virginia Betteridge
Mayor of Runnemede
24 North Black Horse Pike
P.O. Box 267
Runnemede, NJ 08078

Re: Change in Psychiatric Crisis Screening Services Affecting Your Community

Dear Mayor Betteridge,

Steininger Behavioral Care Services, Inc. provides the Psychiatric Crisis Screening Services for Camden County, currently operating out of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Camden, and Kennedy Hospital in Cherry Hill. I am writing to inform we have been asked by Lourdes to close our operations by Jan. 1, 2011. Our target date will actually be early- to mid-December, in order to avoid making such a move during the extra volume holiday season. This change will affect more than 2,600 clients and their families who last year were served at our Crisis center housed at Lourdes. Given the problems that could result from this change, I wanted to be sure you were notified promptly.

As the police department in each community may be affected by this change, I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this letter for you to forward to your Police Chief. I will soon be setting a meeting with the County Police Chiefs Association to personally discuss this matter with the entire Chief's group.

We will continue to operate from our existing Kennedy facility in Cherry Hill. However, the space there will not permit moving the Lourdes operation to that location. Nor are we able, in the limited time permitted us, to find and renovate an appropriate facility near Camden. **Accordingly we will only be able to substitute mobile crisis services as a replacement for the Lourdes operations. This means that many clients who would have otherwise gone to Lourdes will now go to other hospitals or be seen in the community.**

The real problem begins with the state, which has cut 200 psychiatric beds from state institutions without adding the needed community resources. It is important to note that Camden County has the highest Crisis utilization rate after Essex County, but that Essex has three Crisis providers, not one, and is funded at much higher levels than Steininger is for Camden County.

Administrative Offices

499 Cooper Landing Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Phone: (856) 482-8747 Website: www.sbcs.us



Likely problems during this rapid transition:

- The move from Lourdes will reduce the number of Crisis beds from eleven (11) to six (6), likely adding even more backups to area emergency rooms, especially those in Camden City. It will also mean that area hospitals will likely have to hold on to clients with an active substance abuse disorder (as required by regulation) rather than transfer them to Crisis.
- **It is possible that police officers may spend longer times in local emergency rooms while clients await screening.**
- Of the approximate 7,000 total visits to Crisis last year, 1,200 were seen through mobile response. Adding another 2,600 clients to mobile response is unprecedented in New Jersey.
- While it may be possible to accommodate this demand on a mobile basis, the effort will stagger our human and financial resources. Many professionals are willing to travel into Camden City on mobile outreaches, especially into high crime areas. On some Camden outreaches, that will mean doubling up on staff and doubling the cost of each outreach, while halving the number of available staff to do the outreaches.

What Steininger is doing:

- We have already been in policy discussions with DMHS officials.
- We have met and will continue to work with County officials and other Camden County providers to discuss ways to make the transition easier on consumers and families.
- Other local meetings with multiple stakeholders are being scheduled for the coming days and months to make this change as least disruptive as possible to the mental health system.
- We have already held discussions with Kennedy and Cooper Hospitals to identify possible temporary space on one of their campuses.
- We had previously hired a consultant to help with program and space design for a freestanding unit, and are now pushing that process to our maximum capacity. All management activity is now directed to this transition.
- We are looking for alternative facilities to house a freestanding unit.
- All Camden County stakeholders such as ambulance companies, psychiatrists, and community providers will shortly be notified by mail of the impending change, and also receive later notice as the final date approaches.
- We are requesting a meeting with the County Association of Police Chiefs to discuss ways to handle possible mentally ill offenders, and not tie up valuable law enforcement resources.

I want to assure you that the Steininger Board, management and staff are doing everything in our power to make this transition as smooth as possible. The safety and clinical needs of those 7,000 clients (and their families) that we saw in Crisis last year are our primary concern.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss any concerns you might have.

Sincerely,



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President / CEO

Enclosure