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COMBINED WORK SESSION AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
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**RESOLUTION**

See Resolution #138-15 attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

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Respectfully submitted,



Kathrine G. Coviello, RMC/CMC/MMC  
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On behalf of the Council, Roth gave a special thanks to those who receive the Gold and Blue Star Banners.

Hermansen said the month of May, Home Depot is "Help your Veterans in Need". They are having a Cleaning Products Drive. If a product is bought that they have on their list they will give you a ticket as they are raffling off a barbeque grill.

Mr. Ben Casio mentioned that Bergen County on May 15, 2015 at 12:00PM at the County Court House is having a Ceremony Honoring the Veterans.

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Mrs. Ann Serakeria spoke about the Monopole on the Firehouse #3 site. She said this subject was discussed in 2006 and voted down 7-0.

Mr. Bill Amante of 9 Aspen Court thanked the Council for putting off the Monopole subject. He said he lives 130 feet from a proposed site. He said he feels all other avenues should be exhausted.

Mrs. Lynn Shalysis said she was here nine years ago when this subject was brought up. This cell tower is causing her great anxiety. She said her cell phone works fine in her house. She proposed they all work together. She stated the Board of Education property was suggested. Compromises, she stated, are available.

Mr. Glen Grillow of 20 Romopock Court spoke about the condition of the roads throughout the Township. He asked the Council if they would consider paving Romopock Court this year. Roth pointed out that if a road has a dangerous situation that he should contact the DPW.

Hermansen said each year the roads are rated by the Township Engineer. He stated this year the most money was spent on road repairs.

Mrs. Kathy Spinelli said she lives in front of the property being considered for the Monopole. She said she is strongly opposed to the installation of a Monopole and suggested other options be explored.

A Resident of Brookwood Court said she did not receive a letter. She said she found out about this yesterday and does not want children playing in property with a cell tower emitting. She urged the Council not to allow the Monopole Cell Tower as it will ruin the beauty of the road and is not safe.



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## ENGINEERING (Boswell-McClave)

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The Township Engineer's Associate stated this request is for the design and Permit Application Fees for the construction of the sewer and water main improvements. He said the estimated fees will not exceed \$21,000.

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

- 1b. Written Status Report - May 2015

MA-1322A Safe Routes to Schools Program: Waiting for Contractor to install the signs. Contractor is waiting for the computer controller. Expects to receive in 2 weeks.

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MA-1417 ADA Curb Ramp Improvements – County Roads: PreConstruction Meeting with Contractor was today. Contractor will hold the costs the same as last year. Work will start in July and the paving will be done thereafter.

MA-1500 2015 Road, Curb and Sidewalk Program: Bids will be reviewed tomorrow. The Township Engineer's Associate said he recognizes that Romopock Court is in poor condition. However, it did not make the List this year of streets being paved. If favorable prices are received from the Contractor, it is possible, they will come back to the Council for authorization to pave additional roads.

MA-1541 and MA-1542 Ramapo and Mahwah Rivers Stream Cleaning and Flood Control: Roth questioned if the Project is still on track. The Township Engineer's Associate answered yes.

## LEGAL

- 2a. Towing Update

1. NAR Towing & Allendale Towing

The Township Attorney said on April 24, 2015, the Licenses were suspended. If a valid Certificate of Occupancy is provided, it shall be reviewed and recommended for approval. No action at this time.

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- 3g. Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority; Contract Application for Recycling Materials

Glen Dowson, Superintendent and John Soha is Recycling Coordinator were present.

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- 3h. Resolution to Authorize Solicitation of Bids for Lease of Property; Construction of Monopole n Fire Co. #3 Site

This item has been removed from the Agenda.

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- 4a. Request of Boy Scout Troop #50 for Permission to Post Signs; Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Resolution shall be voted on in the Public Meeting.

- 4b. Eagle Scout Resolutions
1. Michael Gerard Nelson
  2. Justin Anthony Genardi
  3. Martin Thomas Zakrzewski
  4. Dante Antonio D'Agostaro
  5. Thomas M. Galow
  6. Matthew Tyler Curtiss
  7. Matthew Joseph Delcher

Roth mentioned the Council is invited to the Eagle Scout Ceremony and Reception on May 9, 2015.

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Hermansen reminded everyone to be careful of coyotes. He recently had one in his backyard.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolutions #120-15 through #136-15 and #139-15 were voted on under the Consent Agenda. Resolutions are attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

Resolution #137-15 was removed from the Agenda.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sbarra said he met with a Girl Scout Troop. He mentioned that they had approached the Mayor about a sign that they want to put together to put on the road outside the Municipal Pool. Sbarra said he is working on the new signs so the Mayor sent them to him. The sign that is at the entrance now is past the entrance to the pool and rink making most people having to make a U-turn. The Girl Scouts have come up with a design for a sign directing people into the pool and also making it a "bling" sign. Sbarra said he told the Girl Scouts that they should come before the Council with their design and Sbarra said he is working with the Township Engineer's Associate as it is a County road where the sign will go.

Hermansen said there was a crack on the hockey rink. Sbarra said there was on the smaller rink and in working with the Business Administrator the DPW has repaired it.

DiGiulio said the Beautification Committee is working on new signs that can be seen when driving through the Township. She said Carol Green and her husband made a fantastic presentation about these signs. The signs will be decided on at their next meeting.

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**RESOLUTION**

See Resolution #138-15 attached to and made part of these Meeting Minutes.

On a motion by DiGiulio, seconded by Hermansen, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37PM. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathrine G. Coviello, RMC/CMC/MMC  
Municipal Clerk