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**Work Session Minutes of Mayor & Council –
Meeting of April 14, 2009**

Present: Councilmembers Kane, Ciannella, Levinson, Viola,
Maughan (by telephone), Council President Wells,
Mayor Ruschman

Also Present: Robert Mancinelli, Esq., Bor. Attorney
Gene Vinci, Bor. Adm.
Colleen Ennis, C.F.O.
Lyn Beer, Deputy Bor. Clrk

The meeting had been opened with a reading of the Statement of Compliance by the Mayor at 8:50pm.

Deputy Clerk reported that there had been inquiry by the owner of Marc's Pizza to have the street area in front of the new **Post Office** set back about a foot to a foot and a half to allow for parking in front of the building that would provide for better passageway by cars on Park Avenue. He said the road had been moved back in front of his store and felt it would be a help to have it do so in front of the P.O.

Deputy Clerk said she had contacted the post office authorities to see if they were interested and that the general contractor was amenable but it was subject to review by the post office architects.

Borough Administrator reported that the **Budget** was a work in progress, scheduled to be introduced April 28th and a hearing on May 26th for adoption.

Borough Administrator advised that the borough could now request RFQ's since the **Firehouse Renovations** were being rejected for the second time. Mr. Vince advised he would be writing the letter in conjunction with Joe Bruno, AIA.

Borough Administrator reported bids for **Veterans' Park** had been opened on April 8th, with low bidder Ascape Landscape, who subsequently had withdrawn his bid. Bid will be going to Scanlon for \$44,000 and will be put on next agenda.

Administrator advised that a **Green Acres Grant** had been approved in the amount of \$500,000 for **acquisition** of property. Borough Attorney reported he had met with the Open Space Committee and discussed.

Administrator reported the **Train Station Pedestrian Improvements** bid opening is scheduled for April 17th.

Senior Bus required repairs and one was borrowed from Westwood but did not have a wheelchair lift. County offered one which had the lift but it, too, required repairs. Mr. Vinci advised that as of now the Westwood bus was back on line.

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Borough Attorney reported that the court requires a back-up for **Public Defender**. Mr. Mancinelli advised he had contacted several and that there would be no additional cost to the borough.

Borough Attorney advised the **Recycling Ordinance** would be ready for introduction on **April 28th**.

Councilmember Levinson asked about the status of the **bike racks** and Administrator said he was getting the quotes.

There being no further business to be discussed the meeting would be adjourned into closed session at 9:30pm.