



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 27, 2025**

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 in person at Borough Hall, 1 School Street, Peapack, NJ and began at 7:01pm.

Mayor Corigliano called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk Nancy A. Bretzger read the Sunshine Notice "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2025 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 26, 2024, and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Mayor Corigliano asked all present to silence their cell phones and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Quartello, Mayor Corigliano, Councilwoman Sueta, Council President Sweeney, Councilwoman Weible.

Absent: Councilman Silva

Also, present was Steven K. Warner, Esq, Borough Attorney, Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk/ Administrator, Stephanie Soulios, Deputy Clerk.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Corigliano asked if there were any comments regarding non-agenda items from the public. Members of the public did not have any comments.

Mayor Corigliano stated that there is a ceremony taking place this evening for Police Service Awards. He invited those present to remain after the meeting to enjoy refreshments to honor the Borough Police Department.

Mayor Corigliano closed public comments, seeing no members of the public raise any matters for comment or discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Corigliano asked the Council members if they have new business items to discuss. Seeing none, he closed the new business portion of the meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

**Maintenance of Right-of-Way**

Councilwoman Murphy started the discussion by saying the Borough is considering how to handle trees and shrubbery located in the right-of-way.



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Historically, the Borough has trimmed bushes and shrubbery if they appear in the site line of traffic. This was handled at the Borough's expense.

The Borough has since decided to place the responsibility of maintenance of trees and shrubs back on the homeowner. In conducting research, it was found that it is typical for most towns to place this responsibility on the homeowner. It is of similar thought that if trees and shrubs are on a resident's property, it would be considered general maintenance to the homeowner's property.

If the homeowner does not comply with regular maintenance resulting in the blockage of the right of way, the Borough will provide the maintenance, but will bill the resident for the work completed.

Council President Sweeney stated that snow removal has always been an issue for Borough residents. He does not want to mislead residents by mentioning 'other debris' in the ordinance as meaning snow.

Mayor Corigliano asked Mr. Warner to add clarity to the ordinance regarding snow or ice in the right-of-way.

Mayor Corigliano mentioned that notices will be issued for noncompliance, with the first notice being informal to gradually increasing in seriousness. The informal notice will most likely be a call from the Borough Zoning Officer.

Mayor Corigliano asked the public if there was anyone who wished to provide feedback on this discussion before the ordinance proceeds to first reading. Seeing none, the discussion was closed.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Corigliano requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from the May 6, 2025 meeting. Councilwoman Sueta motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said motion was passed with Councilwoman Weible abstaining. Mayor Corigliano requested a motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes from the May 6, 2025 meeting. Mr. Warner, ESQ recommended an edit to the Executive Session minutes which has since been updated to reflect this change. Councilwoman Sueta motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said motion was passed with Councilwoman Weible abstaining.





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**ORDINANCES**

**Public Hearing ORDINANCE 1155-2025** *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 31, SUBSECTION 17 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, TITLED "OFF-DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS," TO PERMIT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY TO OUTSOURCE THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF OFF-DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS*

Mayor Corigliano read the title of the ordinance, explaining that the ordinance is for off-duty police officers. Councilwoman Murphy moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Council President Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano asked if anyone from the public had any comments regarding this ordinance. Hearing none, Councilwoman Murphy moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Weible. Said motion was passed unanimously. A motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Council President Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Sueta. Said ordinance was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that Ordinance 1155-2025 is adopted, and shall be published by title only in the Bernardsville News in accordance with the law.

**Public Hearing ORDINANCE 1156-2025** *AN ORDINANCE DISBANDING THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND REPEALING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 47 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE*

Mayor Corigliano stated the title of the ordinance, explaining that it is to disband the Library Advisory Committee of the Borough.

Councilwoman Murphy moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said motion was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano asked if anyone from the public had any comments on this ordinance. Hearing none, Council President Sweeney moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Weible.

A motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Council President Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said ordinance was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that Ordinance 1156-2025 is adopted, and shall be published by title only in the Bernardsville News in accordance with the law.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Corigliano spoke to the Council regarding the resolutions for this meeting. The Council would take R-102-25 & R-103-25, to be done as a separate vote from the other resolutions.



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Mayor Corigliano requested a motion for a consent vote for the following Resolutions: R-100-25, R-101-25, R-104-25, R-105-25, R-106-25, R-107-25, R-108-25, R-109-25, & R-110-25.

**RESOLUTION NO. 100-25** RESOLUTION TO REFUND LIENHOLDER FOR REDEMPTION OF LIEN #24-00008 ON BL 28 L 14

**RESOLUTION NO. 101-25** RESOLUTION TO REFUND LIENHOLDER FOR REDEMPTION OF LIEN #24-00002 ON BLOCK 9 LOT 14

**RESOLUTION NO. 104-25** RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR THE 2024 AUDIT

**RESOLUTION NO. 105-25** RESOLUTION FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 106-25** RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026- ESSEX HUNT CLUB

**RESOLUTION NO. 107-25** RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025- GLADSTONE WINE & LIQUORS

**RESOLUTION NO. 108-25** RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, SOMERSET COUNTY, NJ, SUPPORTING REVOLUTION, NJ

**RESOLUTION NO. 109-25** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JESSICA MELILLO FROM THE RECREATION COMMITTEE AND THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE

**RESOLUTION NO. 110-25** RESOLUTION APPOINTING PETER BAYONE AS ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

A motion was made by Councilman Quartello, and was seconded by Council President Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 102-25** RESOLUTION APPROVING TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FOR POLICE OFFICER, ADAM CARUSO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00

A motion was made by Council President Sweeney, and was seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 103-25** RESOLUTION FOR THE GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

Mayor Corigliano explained to the Council that following the meeting, they will be asked to sign an affidavit regarding receipt of the audit. This affidavit signifies that each member has read the audit as well as the subsequent corrective measures and recommendations.

A motion was made by Councilman Quartello, and was seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.





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**BILLS LIST**

**RESOLUTION NO.111-25 PAYMENT OF CLAIMS (POSTED)**

*Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: \$ 323,748.87*

Mayor Corigliano asked the Council if any items from the Bills List should be pulled for discussion. Ms. Bretzger read amount listed above. The council had no questions regarding the Bills List.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, and was seconded by Councilwoman Weible. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Mayor Corigliano asked the Council if they had comments regarding their respective department reports. The Councilmembers had no comments regarding the reports.

Mayor Corigliano reported that about two weeks ago, the Department of Transportation took ownership of the Route 206 Bridge. The Bridge carries Route 206 over an access roadway to the former Pfizer Complex. This is a private bridge, and is one of the only carrying a State roadways in the entire State. The Bridge is now no longer owned by developers. Mayor Corigliano stated that he personally met with the Commissioner of Transportation, who visited Peapack, in order to aid in facilitating this change.

Mayor Corigliano also advised that the Potterville Road Bridge replacement has been delayed, putting the project on hold. There are issues over ownership of a portion of the land that the bridge sits on.

Mayor Corigliano discussed the successful turnout of the Memorial Day Ceremony. The Fire Department was in attendance, and Mr. Kingsley Hill served as a guest speaker.

Mayor Corigliano also reported that there will be a delay to the Library improvements due to issues with roofing materials and the insurance company.

Mayor Corigliano reported that work on the roof will begin next week. Three weeks following the roof project, work inside the Library should be completed. Mayor Corigliano is hopeful that these projects will be completed in approximately a month to a month and a half's time.

**MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Mayor Corigliano noted that Mr. Warner will update the ordinance for the Right-of-Way.



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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Corigliano asked if anyone from the public had any comments. There were none.

**PRESENTATION OF AWARDS- POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Corigliano acknowledged former Police Chief and former Mayor Greg Skinner. Mayor Corigliano turned the meeting over to Chief Stephen Ferrante in order to present the Police Awards. All officers were asked to move to the front of the room for their acknowledgment.

Chief Ferrante began by saying prior to considering award recipients, he asked the officers to highlight important incidents or calls that they have responded to this year. He said none of the officers responded to the task, because they view their actions as being part of their job, and not an extraordinary measure. Chief Ferrante believes their work deserves recognition, as they have each gone above and beyond the standard alarm call.

Chief Ferrante explained that the Awards Program recognizes officers going above and beyond their traditional job roles. Before the presentation of awards, Chief Ferrante thanked everyone for being present in this opportunity to commend police officers.

As Chief Ferrante named each police officer, he shared which award they were receiving.

Sergeant Thomas Scanlon earned the Honorable Service Award, 4 Exceptional Service Awards, 2 Chiefs Achievement Awards, the Educational Achievement Award, EMT Award, 3 Unit Citation Awards, Good Conduct Award, and 2 Life Saving Awards.

Corporal Owen Duff earned the Meritorious Service Award, Educational Achievement Award, 3 Unit Citation Award, Chief's Achievement Award, and Good Conduct Award.

Corporal Paul Morris earned the Good Conduct Award, 3 Meritorious Service Awards, and the Unit Citation Award.

Detective Adam Caruso earned 2 Narcan Awards, Good Conduct Award, EMT Award, Exceptional Service Award, Honorable Service Award, Unit Citation Award, educational achievement.

Detective Nicholas Ortiz earned the Life Saving Award, Educational Achievement Award, Unit Citation Award, Honorable Service Award.





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Chief Ferrante highlighted an important lifesaving incident involving Detective Ortiz. On May 8, Detective Ortiz responded to a call on South Street in Gladstone regarding a man having a bad injury due to a landscaping incident. The man was experiencing blood loss due to a severe laceration on his forearm. The detective assisted with patching the wound, and the man did not lose his arm as a result of Detective Ortiz's quick action. Detective Ortiz was honored by Congressman Kane's office.

Officer Luke Tamburello earned the Chief's Achievement Award, Educational Achievement Award, Good Conduct Award, and Unit Citation Award.

Officer Nicole Kaneshige earned the Honorable Service Award and Educational Achievement Award.

Officer Gino Schifano earned the Life Saving Award and Unit Citation Award.

Special Officer Brian Bobowicz earned the Education Achievement Award and Life Saving Award.

Administrative Assistant Nancy Arbelo earned the Chief's Achievement Award. Ms. Arbelo has received this award for the past 15 years. Ms. Arbelo assists Peapack Police Officers, officers from other towns, as well as residents and non-residents.

Retired Chief Skinner has earned the Somerset County 200 Valor Club, the Honorable Service Award, Chief's Achievement Award, Education Achievement Award, Good Conduct Award, Unit Citation Award, EMT Award, and Life Saving Award.

The Firearms Award was presented based on specific criteria, as named below. Officers completed 3 consecutive qualification courses with a duty weapon, and averaged their scores together. This criterion was established by the Attorney General. Chief Ferrante commented that the officers have made remarkable improvement.

The Distinguished Expert Award was given to officers shooting with 97% to 100% accuracy. Officers receiving this award are: Sgt. Thomas Scanlon, Corporal Owen Duff, Corporal Paul Morris, Detective Adam Caruso, Officer Luke Tamburello, and Officer Gino Schifano.

The Sharpshooter Award was given to officers with 87% to 92 % accuracy. Officers receiving the sharpshooter award are Nicholas Ortiz, Nicole Kaneshige, and Special Officer Brian Bobowicz.



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Chief Ferrante concluded with thanking the officers for doing an outstanding job.

Mayor Corigliano once again reminded the public of the reception following the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Quartello, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy that this meeting be adjourned at 7:40 pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Nancy A. Bretzger*  
Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk