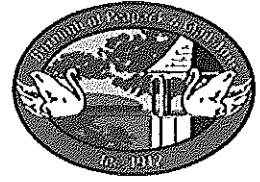




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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 electronically via the GOTO Meeting Conferencing Service and began at 6:04p.m.

Mayor Skinner called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk Nancy A. Bretzger read the Sunshine Notice "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2020 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 5, 2019, and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Mayor Skinner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated the following present: Mayor Skinner, Councilman Caminiti, Council President Corigliano, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Smith, Councilman Sweeney

Absent: (none)

Also present were: Randy Bahr, Interim Administrator, Mr. John Bruder, Esq., Borough Attorney, Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk and Donald Lemma, Councilman Elect

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 206-20 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes – (1) Contract Negotiation – (a) Farmland Preservation (b) Insurance Renewal was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m.

MAYOR'S UPDATE ON COVID-19

Mayor Skinner said that the Borough of Peapack has had 100 Covid-19 cases and 1 death. Testing is ongoing through the County with a 6% positive rate. Testing will be set up by the county on Friday, December 18th, and again on Wednesday, December 23rd. You must sign up on the county website. The Somerset Hill School District is currently virtual and plans on returning to in school after the winter break. Mayor Skinner also stated that the vaccine has begun to be administered to health care workers and we will give out more information as it becomes available.

Mayor Skinner did a proclamation for General Timothy McLaughlin regarding his commitment and assistance to the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Skinner asked if any member of the Public wishes to speak about non-agenda items.

No one came forward.



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OLD BUSINESS

Councilman John Sweeney stated that the Santa Walk was very good and gave a shout out to the Recreation Department, Recreation Commission and everyone that came out. All agreed that it was a great time.

Mayor Skinner stated that he spoke to a resident on Farm Cottage Road who inquired about switching from oil to gas. Councilman Sweeney stated that he brought it to the attention of Nancy Bretzger and Randy Bahr and Mrs. Bretzger was going to look into the issue. Mrs. Bretzger stated that she spoke to Bill Ryden, Borough Engineer who informed her that as long as the hook up is behind the curb line it should not be a problem, but that plans will need to be submitted from PSE&G. Mrs. Bretzger will reach out to the residents to make sure they are aware of the process.

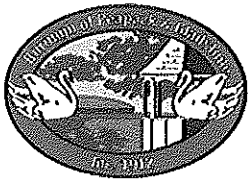
NEW BUSINESS

2021 Planning Incentive Grant (PIG) Farmland Preservation-Councilwoman Murphy stated that today is the deadline for applying for the Planning Incentive Grant. We are requesting some additional funding this year based on our plans for multiple projects in town. Councilwoman Murphy also stated that she will be working with New Jersey Conservation and Beth Davisson to submit the application for the Farmland Preservation.

Mayor and Council Committee Consolidation-Councilwoman Murphy stated that she feels it is a nice idea to consolidate some of the groups but she and others are concerned that there would be a lot of responsibility for certain sub groups, especially the group that would involve Police, First Aid and Fire. Mayor Skinner stated that we should spend more time hashing it out next year so we can dedicate more time and come up with a good plan. Councilman Sweeney added that he has done some research as to what other Boroughs do, but has found that there is no real template as to how to handle this. He also stated that consolidation or reconstruction of the committees would be a good idea. Council President Corigliano added that he sees some merit to consolidating some of the committees, but is also concerned with giving too much workload to one person and suggests giving it some time to discuss and come up with a plan. Mayor Skinner suggested giving it until March 1st to discuss further and see what can be moved around. Councilman Smith added that he believes 2021 is going to be very busy for the Property Committee. Mayor Skinner stated that it would be best to wait until the Committee Reports Meeting, which is the second Borough Council Meeting in March.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Facilities Usage Application from Matheny School and Hospital, Inc. for use of Liberty Park on Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 6:00am – 1:00pm for Miles for Matheny-Iveth Moscara, from Matheny Medical Center, stated that they would like to use Liberty Park for their event. It would be modified from other years due to Covid-19. It would just be a cycling event of 5 races and they are not expecting a large crowd. Council President Corigliano asked Ms. Moscara if they would be open to using a different Borough facility because it is very likely that Liberty Park will be under construction at that time. Ms. Moscara said that they are flexible on the location. Mayor Skinner suggested the use of the Borough parking lot as the start off and end place. Ms. Moscara also asked for the park rental fees to be waived. All agreed that it would be fine to waive said fees, but that Matheny would be responsible for Police, DPW and janitorial costs. All



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concurred to the use Borough property for the event. Ms. Moscara also thanked everyone in the community for all of their kindness throughout the pandemic.

MINUTES

The following minutes were approved by Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano and was seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

- Borough Council Meeting minutes of October 13, 2020
- Borough Council Executive Session Meeting minutes of October 13, 2020
- Borough Council Meeting minutes of October 27, 2020
- Borough Council Executive Session Meeting minutes of October 27, 2020
- Borough Council Meeting minutes of November 10, 2020
- Borough Council Meeting minutes of November 24, 2020
- Borough Council Executive Session Meeting minutes of November 24, 2020

ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1096-2020** – An Ordinance Appropriating Certain Monies Held by the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone for the Acquisition of a Dump Truck with Plow and Salt Spreader in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Council President Corigliano moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1096-2020**, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Skinner opened it to the public for any comments. No one came forward.

Council President Corigliano moved to close public comment for **Ordinance 1096-2020** seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was carried unanimously.

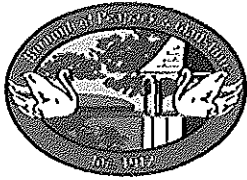
Council President Corigliano moved to Adopt **Ordinance 1096-2020** – An Ordinance to Set the Compensation of the Mayor, Borough Council Members, Department Heads and Municipal Employees, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 207-20 Resolution Authorizing the Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County Drive Sober End of Year DWI Enforcement Grant was read. Motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 208-20 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2020 Budget for the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Grant Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) was read. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 209-20 Resolution for Authorization to Increase Salary for Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Assistant Administrator was read. Motioned by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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Resolution No. 210-20 Resolution for End of Year Budget Transfers was read. Motioned by Council President Corigliano seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 211-20 Resolution Appointing a Municipal Court Judge for the Period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023 was read. Motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 212-20 Resolution Appointing a Municipal Prosecutor for the Shared Court for 2021 was read. Motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 213-20 Resolution Appointing a Public Defender for the Shared Court in the Year 2021 was read. Motioned by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 215-20 Resolution for Execution of Agreement for Provision of Electricity Generation Supply Services between the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone and IDT Energy, Inc. was read. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 217-20 Resolution Authorizing Submission of 2022 Annual Planning Incentive Grant Application to the State Agricultural Development Committee was read. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 218-20 Resolution to Appoint Edwin R. Badger as a Part-Time "As Needed" Employee for the Department of Public Works was read. Motioned by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 216-20 Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property No Longer Needed for Public Use was read. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Smith. Randy Bahr, Administrator explained that the resolution is for surplus equipment that is no longer needed by the Borough. A discussion ensued regarding the 5-ton truck which is included in the sale. Councilman Smith explained that he has had preliminary discussions with Somerset County, who is interested in a possible trade of the truck for 2 Priuses which would be utilized by the Borough's Construction Department. Mayor Skinner and Council President Corigliano both suggested removing the vehicle off of the resolution until a discussion can be had in the New Year with the OEM Coordinator regarding the use of the vehicle. After further discussion, a motion was made by Council President Corigliano to amend the resolution and remove the 5-ton truck from the list of vehicles for sale, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 214-20 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$871,590.63. Motion to approve payment was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Smith. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano stated that he and Randy Bahr have been working with colleagues in Montgomery regarding the budget. There have been some complications due to new accounting software, but they are back on track now.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilwoman Murphy stated that she had no report tonight.

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti asked Councilman Smith to give us an update for the DEP permitting for the Liberty Park Renovation Project, but the DEP is promising that we should have the permits by December 30, 2020. Councilman Smith stated that as of this morning there is no progress on the Dam Safety Appeal, but the DEP is reviewing the paperwork.

Fire – Councilman Smith stated that he has received a letter from Judy Fagan revealing their officers for 2021. The First Aid President will be Tom Scanlon, Secretary will be Gail Moke and Treasurer will be Valerie Zoller. Judy Fagan will be continuing as Operations Captain and First Lieutenant will be Briann Ballow. Councilman Smith also wished them good luck in 2021. Councilman Caminiti asked Randy Bahr if he had any updated information on the status of the Borough's donation to the First Aid Squad. Mr. Bahr stated that he does not have an update but that he has been working with a gentleman that is going to get us some information on the status.

Police – Councilman Sweeney stated that he has no report tonight.

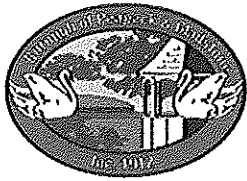
Roads & Transportation – Councilwoman Dietrich stated that she had no updates for the evening.

Zoning & Construction – Mayor Skinner stated that the DPW is geared up for Snowmageddon. The Police, Fire, EMS and OEM are also ready to go. Nothing to report for zoning and construction.

Borough Attorney's Report - John Bruder stated that he has had communications with the head of the Summit Capital, which was the entity that stepped in to finish the Pacesetter Development. Their Counsel has agreed to provide us with the deed so that we can accept the dedication of the roads. Mr. Bruder stated that they requested a legal description which has been sent. We should have an action item on an agenda early in the new year. Council President Corigliano added that we also need the deeds turned over to us so that JCP&L can address the issue with the lighting on those streets. Randy Bahr asked John Bruder who we would charge for the plowing of said roads since they are not yet Borough roads. Mr. Bruder responded that there is no one to charge since we have settled the bond. Brad Fagan was asked to make sure those roads get done during the storm and he agreed.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Bahr stated that through the county, Peapack has been given a Community Development Block Grant to bridge the gap from what our expenses were to what FEMA will reimburse for COVID. The amount is \$11,500.00. Mr. Bahr also stated that we received a letter from JCP&L letting us know that around February 1, 2021, they're going to be doing some more line clearance tree trimming in the community, as weather permits.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Skinner stated he has no report tonight.



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PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mayor Skinner asked if any member of the Public wishes to speak about agenda items. No one came forward.

Mayor Skinner then said that he left the best for last and read a Proclamation for Councilman Roy Smith. Mayor Skinner asked Councilman Smith to remain active during the renovations at Liberty Park due to his extensive knowledge. Councilman Smith agreed. Mayor Skinner continued with thanking him for his service and dedication to the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone. All of the Council members thanked Councilman Smith and all agreed he will be missed.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich that this meeting be adjourned at 8:28 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk