



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 6:36 p.m.

Councilman Caminiti 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."

Councilman Caminiti led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Mayor Skinner

Also present were: John Bruder, Esq., Borough Attorney, and Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk

Council President Corigliano arrived at 6:38pm and began to lead the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 47-20 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes – (1) Contract Negotiations – (a) Potential Acquisition of Property (b) Farmland Preservation (2) Personnel was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

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

Council President Corigliano asked if any member of the Public wishes to speak about non-agenda items.

Ken Tiger - Saint Johns Drive, Gladstone – Mr. Tiger asked if anything is going to be done about Old Chester Road as its condition is nearly as bad as Saint Johns Drive. Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Dietrich stated that the County planned to fix Old Chester Road this year. Mr. Tiger also asked about Liberty Park and why they can't add dirt. Councilman Smith explained that fill can't be moved into the floodway. Councilman Caminiti said that the park project is taking into consideration all the NJDEP requirements so that the Borough is in compliance.

MINUTES

Council President Corigliano asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of February 11, 2020. Councilman Sweeney motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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Council President Corigliano asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Executive Session minutes of February 11, 2020. Councilman Sweeney motioned to TABLE the minutes, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 1043-2017 An Ordinance for Use of Borough Recreational Facilities in Peapack and Gladstone – Open Gym.

Council President Corigliano explained that it has been brought to Council's attention that there are some issues with Open Gym as allowed by the Ordinance including kids eating pizza in the gym, going on the stage and fooling around with things that aren't to be touched, using the stage to cut through the gates, leaving trash, and stopping up the toilets. There is an ordinance on the books that is not being followed that requires a sign in sheet. Councilman Sweeney said that this could be passed to Recreation but could probably better be handled by Council and he questioned how to enforce the Ordinance. Councilwoman Murphy said that she is there several times a week and most days there are kids without parents there and the rule is that kids who are 16 and under are required to have an adult there. She also said that people from outside of the Borough have been using the gym. She suggested using the cameras and citing and fining offenders in order to teach a lesson. Mr. Bruder stated that the current ordinance doesn't speak to whether the Borough can fine kids and he suggested that this could be worked in, maybe suspending use of the gym if in violation of the rules. Mr. Bruder continued that the Borough Administrator could direct that violators can be banned from the gym for a set period of time. Councilwoman Dietrich noted that we need Recreation's support and that the open gym is a welcome asset but the rules need to be enforced. Councilman Sweeney suggested that kids could sign up in advance and the parents could sign a waiver, which is more of a symbolic gesture but it may resonate. Councilman Smith asked if anyone has been hurt because although he likes the kids using it, he does worry about the liability. It was noted that an injury recently occurred but the parents were present. Council President Corigliano asked Mr. Sweeney if he can put together recommendations for the Administration to implement to address these issues. Councilwoman Murphy noted that the use of the gym has increased and is well used in the afternoon hours most days.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Somerset County Governing Officials Foodstock Challenge – Council President Corigliano explained that he, Councilman Caminiti and Ms. Bretzger along with Mr. Bahr went to a meeting last Wednesday evening that included representatives from most Somerset County towns and that there was a spirited discussion about the foodstock challenge. Council President Corigliano said that towns were challenging each other and that the Somerset County Governing Officials are spearheading a County challenge and he would like to see Peapack and Gladstone participate in this. He continued that we could collect the food at the Borough Hall and he would manage weighing and delivery of the food. Councilwoman Dietrich said that she thought that smaller towns would be grouped together and Council President Corigliano said that the Borough would be paired with Bedminster. The Council agreed that the foodstock challenge was a great



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idea as there is always a need for donated food. Council discussed getting the word out and putting the collection bucket in a convenient location in Borough Hall.

A Raffle License Application No. 01-2020 for Matheny School and Hospital, Inc. for a Casino Night to be held at Matheny School on April 24, 2020 was presented.

A Raffle License Application No. 02-2020 for Matheny School and Hospital, Inc. for a 50/50 Raffle to be held at Matheny School on April 24, 2020 was presented.

Ms. Bretzger stated that the Clerk's office received everything needed for the raffle license applications from Matheny. Council gave consent to both.

ORDINANCES

Introduction of Ordinance 1086-2020 – An Ordinance to Set the Compensation of the Mayor, Borough Council Members, Department Heads and Municipal Employees

Council President Corigliano introduced **Ordinance 1086-2020** – An Ordinance to Set the Compensation of the Mayor, Borough Council Members, Department Heads and Municipal Employees. Councilman Smith moved to introduce the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion passed unanimously.

Council President Corigliano stated that **Ordinance 1086-2020** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on March 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 48-20 Appointing Professional Service Consultants for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone During the Year 2020 – William K. Mosca, Esq., Special Counsel was read. Motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 49-20 Appointing Professional Service Consultants for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone During the Year 2020 – Exeter Associates, Inc., Economic Expert, Public Utility Analysis was read. Motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

It was explained that the above two resolutions were in regard to the mutli-town effort to object to the proposed increase in water rates.

Resolution No. 50-20 Resolution to Authorize Change Order #1 for Contract with Fischer Contracting, Inc. in the Amount of \$10,429.43 for the Highland Avenue Paving Project was read. Motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Council agreed that they wanted more information on what the change order was for. Councilwoman Dietrich will speak to Mr. Bahr next week. Councilman Caminiti motioned to table **Resolution No. 50-20**, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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Resolution No. 51-20 Resolution for Termination of Employee Number 00133 was read. Motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 52-20 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$900,430.53. Council discussed a few items. Councilman Caminiti asked about an item under special projects, and Council President Corigliano said it was towards the replacement of all Windows 7 computers. Ms. Bretzger noted that the Borough should get a grant in the amount of \$4,000 from Statewide Insurance for upgrading computers and Council President Corigliano noted that this is almost a quarter of the costs. A few other items were questioned including \$100 flashlights for the police. Motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano reported that this Saturday morning there is a budget meeting at 8:30 a.m. He said that he will have something by Thursday to Council for their review.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilwoman Murphy stated that she has no update.

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti stated that on Friday at 2 p.m. he and the Borough Engineer went to Matheny to inspect the traffic counters and they are installed and operational. He continued that he is setting up training to see if the functionality is in accordance with the settlement agreement. Sarah Jane Noll will be responsible to check the counters on the web with Ms. Bretzger as a backup. Mr. Bruder stated that he sent an email to Mr. Alonzo regarding the traffic counter in order to address prior inconsistencies and he hadn't heard back. Councilman Caminiti said that Mr. Alonzo did appear to set up the counter online on Wednesday in response to Mr. Bruder's letter. Councilman Caminiti also stated that he will have some punch list items for the budget meeting on Saturday.

Fire – Councilman Smith stated that he has some 2019 numbers for the Fire Company and First Aid which he presented. He thanked the volunteers for their work.

Police – Councilman Sweeney stated that he has no update.

Roads & Transportation – Councilwoman Dietrich said that there will be money needed in the budget on Saturday to support the County's smart street program.

Zoning & Construction – Council President Corigliano said that he will give Mayor Skinner's report. He said that he and Mayor Skinner met with Sarah Jane Noll and Frank LaGuarina and it was very productive. He continued that Ms. Noll has asked for two ordinances to be changed and he passed these off to everyone to review. One is related to fees that Ms. Bretzger will work on, and one on storage pods that Mr. Bruder will work on.



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Legal – Mr. Bruder stated that he was going to cover the two ordinances that were just brought up. He also stated that the Borough recently settled two of the tax appeals on Mosle Road and that this is assessment season and he will know by April 1 where we stand with appeals at the County level this year.

Administrator's Report – Ms. Bretzger stated that she did not have a report from Mr. Bahr.

Mayor's Report – Council President Corigliano stated that he did not have a report from Mayor Skinner for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Council President Corigliano asked if any member of the Public wishes to speak about agenda items.

Peggy McFarland - 50 Mendham Rd. – Ms. McFarland asked about the property maintenance 2019 report and Council President Corigliano responded that the report was not submitted by the Zoning Officer in time to get on this meeting's agenda. It was decided to move the discussion of this report to the March 24th meeting.

CONTINUED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 47-20 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes – (1) Contract Negotiations – (a) Potential Acquisition of Property (b) Farmland Preservation (2) Personnel was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Closed session started at 7:52 p.m.

Public Meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Council President Corigliano asked if there was any further business for discussion.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Caminiti, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:13 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk