



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2020**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 electronically via the Go To Meeting conferencing service and began at 6:19 p.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 Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Mayor Skinner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Present: Mayor Skinner, Council President Corigliano, Councilman Caminiti, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Smith, Councilman Sweeney

Absent: (none)

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 102-20 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes – (1) Personnel (2) Contract Negotiations was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S UPDATE ON COVID-19

Mayor Skinner stated that there have been 38 confirmed cases as of today, including two deaths. He noted that the Governor is lifted the stay at home order today and that the cap on indoor gatherings is increased from ten to 50, or 25% of the building capacity. He said that outdoor gatherings went from 25 to 100, and that on June 22nd they will go to 250 and on July 3rd as long as there is still a downward trend, they will go up to 500. He noted that First Amendment gatherings are not excluded, outdoor dining resumes on Monday with limits, non-essential retail stores at 50% capacity will be allowed to open on Monday, and hair salons, barber shops, and nail salons on June 22nd. He said that there is no timeline yet for government buildings and gyms. He said all social distancing is to be followed, including wash your hands, wear masks in public, and the maintain at least a six-foot distance. At the Borough offices, signage has been put in place and installation of the touchless fixtures is scheduled and upon completion the building can re-open to the public, hopefully in a couple of weeks. Councilman Sweeney asked if Council would be able to at least meet as a group at Borough hall, considering that non-essential retail businesses are opening and he considers their work as essential. Mayor Skinner responded that they could meet as long as they followed the rules on the number of attendees. Councilman Sweeney said that the public meetings should also be offered virtually for those who can't come in.



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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.

Ken Tiger – 16 Saint Johns Drive, Gladstone – Mr. Tiger asked if he understood correctly that the Borough will go back to in-person meetings in a couple of weeks. Mayor Skinner responded that this is the plan with a limit on the number of people present.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Skinner asked if anyone had any old business to discuss. There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Skinner asked if anyone had any new business to discuss. There was none.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Councilwoman Murphy had a couple of questions about the one-way signs in the park and about the closure of Park Avenue. Mayor Skinner said that he believes that Park Avenue will remain closed because of the planned construction. She also asked when the outside basketball courts will open and the Mayor wasn't certain but considering that basketball is a contact sport, he thought that the courts likely wouldn't open yet. He continued that the Department of Health has issued guidelines for day camps with a requirement to submit a plan for approval. He also said that he thinks the one-way signs can be taken down in the park. Councilman Sweeney pointed out that the playgrounds haven't been opened yet either. Mayor Skinner said that we need to see the latest executive order. Councilwoman Dietrich noted that public swimming pools are going to be open.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1090-2020** – Providing for Various Improvements In and By the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, and Appropriating \$1,510,000.00 Therefore from Various Funds of the Borough.

Councilwoman Murphy moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1090-2020** seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Sweeney moved to close public comment for **Ordinance 1090-2020**, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Corigliano moved to Adopt **Ordinance 1090-2020**, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.



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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 103-20 – Resolution for Award of Bid for the Sheephill Drive and Forest View Drive Resurfacing Project to J.A. Alexander, Inc. for \$262,336.15 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Mr. Bruder stated that he has reviewed the paperwork and has spoken to Ms. Bretzger about additional information needed from the contractor once the resolution is approved. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 104-20 – Resolution to Award Glen Miller Electrical Contracting, Inc. for the Connection of the Well Pump and Motor Start was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 105-20 – Resolution Waiving Certain Fees and Application Requirements During COVID-19 State of Emergency was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Councilman Sweeney explained the resolution. He stated that the escrow and application fees will be waived, and explained that the Zoning Officer and Chief of Police will do the initial review and approval. The governing body still reserves the right to rescind or revise permits. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 106-20 – Resolution to Appoint William J. Allen, Jr. as Seasonal Borough Department of Public Works Laborer was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 108-20 – Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone Council to Fix and Determine Annual Salaries, Wages or Compensation to be paid to Officers and Employees of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 107-20 – Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$142,863.70 was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mayor Skinner asked if anyone from the public would like to speak.

Council President Corigliano asked the Mayor if he expected the next meeting to be virtual. Mayor Skinner stated that logistics like the microphones and location need to be looked at over the next week and an announcement will have to wait.



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There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:28 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk