



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 24, 2020**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 electronically via the GOTO Meeting Conferencing Service and began at 6:02p.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. 195-20 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes – (1) Contract Negotiation – Affordable Housing was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

MAYOR'S UPDATE ON COVID-19

Mayor Skinner said that there are 3-6 active cases currently in the Borough, all with mild symptoms. One (1) Borough employee had tested positive, but is now back to work. Somerset County has had 8,900 cases and 533 deaths to date. Randy spoke about the in-town drive through testing which should start around December 10.

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.

OLD BUSINESS

Liberty Park – Councilman Smith explained the status of two permits with the NJDEP. We have received a fairly detailed letter from The Threatened and Endangered Species Group explaining that we need to make some changes to the plans for the park. These changes are being challenged by the Architect and Committee. We are on track to receive the permit on or around January 31 of next year. The second



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permit is for the spillway at the southern end of the pond, and it is likely that we will receive it early next year. Councilman Sweeney asked if they identified endangered plants. Councilman Smith responded that the letter we received was very detailed and did identify such plants.

Councilman Caminiti spoke about the energy aggregation program. We have negotiated a lower price for electricity generating costs. Councilman Sweeney asked how long we will be locked in with those rates. Councilman Caminiti responded that it is a yearly contract which will lock in the rates and the residents will be able to opt out at any time they may choose. Councilwoman Dietrich gave an update on the lime kiln. She thanked Randy for working with the Historic Preservation Commission and the Environmental Commission for sharing their grant to help with the landscaping costs. She also thanked the DPW for their help. Benches and a sign will be coming soon and she is happy to see it all coming together. Councilwoman Murphy mentioned that she had been in touch with the DPW about getting electricity to the lime kiln. They are working on getting an estimate for the cost, and she will let Council know when she receives that information.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

No Miscellaneous Discussion/Approvals

ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner introduced **Ordinance 1096-2020** – An Ordinance appropriating certain monies held by the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone for the acquisition of a dump truck with plow and salt spreader. Council President Corigliano moved to introduce the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion passed unanimously.

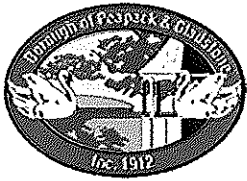
Mayor Skinner stated that **Ordinance 1096-2020** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on December 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

Administrator Bahr asked Attorney Bruder about the previous Ordinance for the same item, which was worded slightly different. Attorney Bruder indicated that that prior Ordinance would lapse.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 196-20 Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License for the Period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 License No. 1815-33-005-012 was read. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 197-20 Resolution to Appoint Nancy Muoio as Deputy Clerk and Deputy Registrar was read. Motioned by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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Resolution No. 198-20 Resolution for Open Public Meetings of the Mayor & Council for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone for the Year 2021 was read. Motioned by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 199-20 Resolution Setting the 2021 Holiday Schedule for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was read. Motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 200-20 Resolution Appointing Joseph T. Moschello as Fire Protection Subcode Official for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was read. Motioned by Councilman Smith, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 201-20 Resolution Appointing Steven Dill as Fire Official for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was read. Motioned by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 202-20 Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with William Ryden, Borough Engineer for Phase 1 Engineering Services for the Holland Avenue Sidewalk Project was read. Motioned by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Smith. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 203-20 Resolution Accepting a Resignation Letter from Jose Roberto Gonzalez, DPW Laborer was read. Motioned by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 204-20 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$1,433,096.99. Motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano stated that he is preparing the budget requests for the year 2021. He explained that this should be completed within the next 2 to 3 weeks.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilwoman Murphy stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti stated that in November of 2017, we applied for a grant for the library but we did not get approved. The library upgrades will be put on hold for now until 2021 when there will be a second round for the grant.

Fire – Councilman Smith stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Police – Councilman Sweeney stated that he had nothing to report at this time.



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Roads & Transportation – Councilwoman Dietrich stated that she had nothing to report at this time.

Zoning & Construction – Mayor Skinner stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Legal – Mr. Bruder stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Bahr stated that he had nothing to report at this time.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Skinner asked Councilman Sweeney to clarify the plan for the Christmas parade. Councilman Sweeney stated that the parade will take place on Sunday, December 6 and will be from the Live Nativity at the Reform Church and will then proceed down to Liberty Park. The Scout Cabin will be decorated and there will be a decorated mailbox for children to leave letters to Santa.

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.

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 7:39 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk