



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2021**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 7:09pm.

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 2021 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 3, 2020 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:

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

Absent: Councilman Caminiti

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

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

No one came forward

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Skinner read a proclamation commending the Gills St. Bernard's School Boys Varsity Soccer Team. The Captains of the Boys Varsity Soccer team were in attendance to receive the proclamation.

Mayor Skinner read a proclamation commending the Gills St. Bernard's School Boys Chess Team.

OLD BUSINESS

PG Branding-Councilwoman Dietrich and Council President Corigliano presented the 3 new branding options. They are hopeful to have a final decision at the first meeting in the new year.

Councilman Lemma asked for an update with the finance software at the firehouse. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator, explained that she has been working with Quickteks, IT, to resolve the issue, but it has not yet been fixed. Councilman Lemma asked for an email from Quickteks so he can better understand the problem and cause for such a delay.



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NEW BUSINESS

Council President Corigliano spoke about the upcoming ban of plastic bags in New Jersey. He and Councilwoman Dietrich asked for the Council's consent to do an education initiative paid for through Green Communities. This would include a high-quality shopping bag along with educational pamphlets, to be delivered to residents by a team of volunteers. They asked for Council's consent to go forward with the project. All concurred.

Councilwoman Dietrich stated that she received a call from a resident regarding the recycling of Styrofoam. Since drop offs can now only be done by municipalities, she is looking into implementing a program for Peapack & Gladstone residents similar to Mendham where there is a drop off event twice a year.

Council President Corigliano mentioned that he has been looking into collection containers for expired medications to be placed at the municipal building. It was decided that Council President Corigliano will continue to work with Sergeant Scanlon to move forward with obtaining a medicine drop box.

Councilman Lemma stated that if an employee is not vaccinated against Covid, they would need to use their sick time to quarantine. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator, explained the current CDC guidelines. Councilman Lemma stated that he heard there was a Motor Vehicle Agency with a policy in place that required the entire agency to shut down if one employee contracted Covid. He feels that this can easily happen within our Borough and would like a policy in place stating that Borough employees would have to use their sick time if quarantine was needed.

Councilman Lemma asked for Council's input regarding the Borough continuing to pay the IRMA Medicare Part B premium penalty for retired employees of the Borough who make excess wages. Councilwoman Dietrich stated that she would work with Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator, to determine if there is anything that can be done.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Executive Session Meeting minutes of November 23, 2021. Councilwoman Murphy motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Skinner asked for a consent agenda for the resolutions tonight. **Resolutions 211-21 through 217-21** were motioned by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 211-21 – Resolution Accepting a Resignation Letter from Holly Dominguez, Assistant to the Construction Official/DPW Director/Tax Assessor

RESOLUTION NO. 212-21 – Resolution Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement of December 9-December 31, 2021



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RESOLUTION NO. 213-21 – Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget for the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Grant-December 9-December 31, 2021 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

RESOLUTION NO. 214-21 – Resolution Providing for the Insertion a Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget for the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

RESOLUTION NO. 215-21 –Resolution for Appropriation Budget Transfers

RESOLUTION NO. 216-21 – Resolution Appointing Nicole Izzo as Assistant to the Tax Assessor for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone

RESOLUTION NO. 217-21 –Resolution Authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to Reimburse the Construction Department, Fire Official, Tax Assessor and Zoning Department for Mileage for the Year 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 218-21 – Resolution for Authorization to Accept Change Order No. 1 from V&K Construction for Work Associated with the Liberty Park Improvement Project was read. Motion made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 219-21 – Resolution for Authorization to Accept Change Order No. 2 from V&K Construction for Work Associated with the Liberty Park Improvement Project was read. Motion made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 220-21 – Resolution for Authorization to Accept Change Order No. 1 from Carter Van Dyke Associates for Work Associated with the Liberty Park Improvement Project was read. Motion made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 221-21 – Resolution for Authorization to Pay Accumulated Leave to Dirk Sheasley was read. Motion made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 222-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$1,715,834.56 was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano stated that the budget process will be starting very soon.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilman Lemma stated that some of the camera work for the sewer lines has begun.

Borough Property – Councilman Lemma stated that there has been improvement with the progression of the Liberty Park Project. It has been noticed that it is being kept much neater and cleaner since the meeting with Carter Van Dyke.



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Fire – Councilwoman Murphy stated that they have received updated numbers for the Rescue truck. They are still waiting for pricing from other manufacturer options. Mayor Skinner added that they received the air packs and they have been installed in the trucks by our DPW.

Roads & Transportation – Councilman Lemma stated he had no report for tonight.

Zoning & Construction – Mayor Skinner stated he had no report for tonight, but mentioned that the tents at the restaurants are down.

Borough Attorney’s Report- John Bruder stated that we are near closing on the Nelson property. He also stated that we have not yet received a response in regards to the Tucker Property contract.

Police– Councilman Sweeney stated that he had no report for tonight.

Administrator’s Report – Nancy Bretzger stated that she had no report for tonight.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Skinner stated that the Santa visit had a great turn out.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

John Kappler-Holland Ave.-Mr. Kappler asked about the survey concerning the new Borough logo. Councilwoman Dietrich responded by saying that a survey was conducted in September 2021, but it was based on earlier designs. Mr. Kappler mentioned that he feels the date on the new logo should reflect when the Borough was incorporated rather than established.

Ronald Hill-Gladstone-Mr. Hill gave his opinion on the new logo stating that he really liked the design with the schoolhouse. Mr. Hill also mentioned that he feels that Liberty Park should be kept more presentable during construction. Councilman Lemma added that there is broken up concrete being kept on Park Ave. and asked Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator to ask V&K to have it removed.

The Mayor and Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk