



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 7:01pm.

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: Mayor Skinner, Councilman Caminiti, Council President Corigliano, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma and Councilwoman Murphy

Absent: Councilman Sweeney

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

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

Councilman Caminiti shared some preliminary numbers from a meeting with utility consultants. Out of the 865 JCP&L eligible customers, there are currently 712 active participants in the program. There has been a combined savings of approximately \$19,000.00 so far and it is estimated that the combined savings for the year will be approximately \$75,000.00. Council President Corigliano mentioned that although he and others were skeptical about the program, he can see the savings in his own electric bill, and he is thankful for Councilman Caminiti's persistence with this program.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

MISCELLANEOUS DISSION/APPROVALS

Councilwoman Murphy stated that she spoke to Beth Davisson regarding the Sarah Kaye property, and it was confirmed that it would be a challenge to get the property removed from ROSI once put on. There was a discussion about selling part of the property and the potential value of a quarter of an acre in Peapack. Council President Corigliano suggested reaching out to Bill Ryden, Borough Engineer, to find out exactly how to proceed. Councilwoman Dietrich mentioned that since Councilwoman Murphy lives so close to said property, it may cause a conflict. Councilwoman Murphy stated that although she would like to continue to participate in this initiative, she would not want to cause any issues. John Bruder, Borough



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Attorney, stated that it could potentially cause a conflict, but he will look more into it and let Councilwoman Murphy know. Councilman Caminiti offered to take over if needed.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of June 29, 2021. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Executive Session Meeting minutes of June 29, 2021. Council President Corigliano motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1101-2021**- An Ordinance to set the compensation of the Mayor, Borough Council members, Department Heads and Municipal employees. **This Ordinance was TABLED**

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1102-2021**- Providing for various improvements in and by the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, and appropriating \$688,618.00 in the General Capital Fund and \$173,400.00 in the Sewer Capital fund therefore from various funds of the Borough

Councilman President Corigliano moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1102-2021**, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Lemma moved to close public comment for **Ordinance 1102-2021** seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Corigliano moved to adopt **Ordinance 1102-2021**, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Skinner introduced **Ordinance 1103-2021** – An Ordinance to set the compensation of the Mayor, Borough Council members, Department Heads and Municipal employees

Council President Corigliano moved to introduce the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated that **Ordinance 1103-2021** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.



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RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda for the following resolutions was motioned by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Caminiti, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 142-21 –Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization-August 1-31, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 143-21 – Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget for the Distracted Driving Enforcement Grant-August 2021 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

RESOLUTION NO. 144-21 – Resolution to Approve Purchase of Mini Excavator-Case CX57c from GT Mid-Atlantic for the Department of Public Works (DPW)

RESOLUTION NO. 145-21 – Resolution Authorizing the Increase of Salary for Brad Fagan for Obtaining his Certified Public Works Manager (CPWM) Certification

RESOLUTION NO. 146-21 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of an Agreement with the Morris County Pricing Council to Renew Membership Therein for the Period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 147-21 – Resolution Granting the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to Ellen Hays for Unpaid Time off From August 9, 2021 to August 13, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 148-21 – Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Tax Collector to Conduct an Electronic Tax Sale

RESOLUTION NO. 149-21 – Resolution Authorizing Bryce D. Leber to Become a Fireman of the Peapack & Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 150-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$346,297.24 was read. Motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano stated he had no report.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilman Lemma stated he had no report

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti stated that we should be breaking ground on the Liberty Park renovation project before the next Council meeting on August 17, 2021. Mayor Skinner asked if we are planning on doing a public groundbreaking. Councilman Caminiti responded that we absolutely should.



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Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk, advised that a pre-construction meeting needs to take place and will likely be scheduled for the first week in August.

Councilman Caminiti also mentioned that he is pursuing the energy aggregation for municipal consumption. He is hoping that we can get in on it within the next few weeks.

Councilman Caminiti also gave an update on the Environmental Control Units (ECUs). He stated that Randy Bahr, Administrator, has found a municipality in southern New Jersey who wants them, and they will likely be transferred sometime this week. He also mentioned the 5-ton truck. Mayor Skinner stated that he spoke to the OEM Coordinator and found out that the 5-ton had been serviced and is ready for use. Councilman Caminiti asked Randy Bahr and Nancy Bretzger, Clerk, to set up a mechanical assessment to make sure the 5-ton truck is mechanically efficient.

Councilman Caminiti also updated the Council about the meeting with Dan Megill, DPW, regarding the restoration of the front of the municipal building. Councilman Caminiti stated that the small vestibule and the door in the front of the building will be closed up and the outside wall will be restored to its original condition, including adding a window and removing the ramps and railings. The plan is to have it be conducive with Liberty Park with the same type of materials being used.

Fire and First Aid– Councilwoman Murphy stated that they hired a consultant to review the equipment at the firehouse and she is expecting a report from that review sometime in mid-August.

Mayor Skinner mentioned that one of our firefighters, Tim Kearney, left for basic training for the Army. Everyone wished Tim luck and congratulated him on his new career in the Army.

Roads & Transportation – Councilman Caminiti stated he had no report.

Zoning & Construction – Mayor Skinner stated he had no report.

Borough Attorney's Report- John Bruder gave an update on the Nelson property. A well has been discovered on the property and it needs to be filled in, as required by Green Acres, before we can take it over. It is still being decided whose responsibility it would be and who would bear the cost.

John Bruder also mentioned that Pfizer worked with us to approve the new Trails Agreement.

Police– Council President Corigliano mentioned that there was a significant arrest on Friday evening. After a call about a stolen car went out from Mendham Township, Officer Ortiz was able to pull the car over and make the arrest.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Bahr stated that there are some technical issues with the live streaming the meeting on YouTube. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk, stated that she is still recording the meeting with the Liberty recorder.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Skinner stated that James Heck who is part of our CERT Team, has been recognized by New Jersey OEM for his outstanding service assisting the Feeding Hands Food Pantry.



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Mayor Skinner also mentioned that with 9/11 fast approaching, he is going to coordinate with the Police Department and plan a ceremony for the 20th anniversary.

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 7:32p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy A. Bretzger".

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk