



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2021**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 electronically via the GoTo Meeting conferencing service and began at 6:00p.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 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, Councilman Caminiti, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy, 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. 120-21- Authorization for Executive Session for certain specified purposes (1) Public Safety (2) Contract Negotiations (a) PBA was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S UPDATE ON COVID-19

Mayor Skinner gave his last Covid-19 update. He gave a shout out to the Borough's first responders and our OEM Coordinator for everything they have done throughout the pandemic. He also thanked the Bernards Township Health Department for running the clinics for testing and vaccination sites. Mayor Skinner also thanked Randy Bahr, Administrator, Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk, and the Borough employees for everything they did throughout the pandemic. Councilwoman Dietrich asked if we have set up the technology for hybrid Council meetings going forward. Nancy Bretzger responded by saying that we will have the meetings live streaming on YouTube, but the public will not be able to interact from home. Randy Bahr, Administrator, added that he has spoken to other towns, and it seems most are doing either live or virtual as it is hard to do both. Mayor Skinner added that he feels we should get through a few meetings doing the live streaming and work out any technical difficulties before attempting hybrid.

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

Andrea Chronic-Holland Avenue-Ms. Chronic mentioned that the bushes on Main St. at Holland Ave. are overgrown, making it hard to see. Councilwoman Dietrich responded by saying that this is a good time to remind residents that it is growing season and to please maintain any bushes or shrubs that may be near



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signs. Councilman Lemma added that Chief Ferrante knows the owner of this particular property and that we should reach out to have him contact the property owner. He also mentioned that he noticed earlier today that the bushes are causing an obstruction and need to be taken care of.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Skinner read a proclamation declaring June LGBTQ+ month in the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone. Discussion ensued and several changes to the proclamation were concurred.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Corigliano prefaced 90 Acres' Mr. Wotjowicz's presentation to the Council regarding a Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (C-PACE) in the Borough.

A presentation to the Council was made by Robert Wotjowicz, Natirar, regarding the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Proposal. Mr. Wotjowicz introduced John Kinney from C-Change Capital, who is involved with PACE Financing. Mr. Kinney explained that PACE is a public/private partnership that is designed to provide capital to improve energy efficiency and water conservation. He further explained that C-Change is a tax based program where the financing is actually repaid through an increase of property taxes as a special assessment rather than a loan. Peapack & Gladstone would need to create an ordinance for the program. Council agreed to have a draft Ordinance sent to Attorney Bruder for review.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

None

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of May 25, 2021. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Executive Session Meeting minutes of May 25, 2021. Councilman Sweeney motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1100-2021** – An Ordinance by the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, Prohibiting the Operation of any Class of Cannabis Businesses Within its Geographical Boundaries and Amending Section 23 of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Municipal Code

Councilman Caminiti moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1100-2021**, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Caminiti moved to close public comment for **Ordinance 1100-2021** seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Corigliano mentioned that the Land Use Board did not find any inconsistencies with the Master Plan.

Councilman Lemma moved to adopt **Ordinance 1100-2021**, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Skinner introduced **Ordinance 1101-2021** – An Ordinance to Set the Compensation of the Mayor, Borough Council Members, Department Heads and Municipal Employees

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

Mayor Skinner stated that **Ordinance 1101-2021** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

Mayor Skinner introduced **Ordinance 1102-2021** – Providing for Various Improvements in and by the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey and the 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

Council President Corigliano moved to introduce the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated that **Ordinance 1102-2021** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.



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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 121-21 – Award of Bid for the Collection of Solid and Bulk Waste to Interstate Waste for the Contract Term of Three Years Beginning July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Council President Corigliano asked if the tipping fees would remain fixed for the term of this contract. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk, responded by saying that according to the contract, the fees will remain the same for the entire term. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 122-21 – Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization June 1-June 30, 2021 was read.

Resolution No. 123-21 – Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget for the Click it or Ticket Grant Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) was read.

Resolution No. 124-21 – Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget for the Driving While Intoxicated Grant Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) was read.

Resolution No. 125-21 – Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget for the Distracted Driving Enforcement Grant-June, 2021 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) was read.

Resolutions 122-21, 123-21, 124-21 and 125-21 were motioned by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Passed unanimously by consent agenda.

Resolution No. 126-21 – Resolution for Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses for the Period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Councilman Caminiti asked if all fees for said licenses have been paid and are in good standing. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk, responded by saying yes. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 127-21 - Resolution for Mayoral Appointment for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone Land Use Board was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 128-21- Resolution to Refund Money Due to Overpayment of Taxes for Second Quarter, 2021 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Councilman Caminiti asked if the amounts have been checked. Randy Bahr, Administrator, responded by saying yes. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 129-21- 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 & Gladstone was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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Resolution No. 130-21- Resolution for State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection Green Acres Program-Enabling Resolution was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 131-21- Resolution for Grant Agreement Between the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone – Fleet and the State of New Jersey By and For the Department of Environmental Protection – Grant Identifier: AQ21-094 for the Purchase, Installation and Maintenance of 2 Level 2 Charge Point Dual-Port Charging Stations was read. Councilwoman Murphy explained that this resolution is for a grant for Municipal Fleet use and that a second resolution will need to go on the next meeting for the public charging station grant. Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 132-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$882,037.13 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. 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.

No one came forward

Councilman Sweeney mentioned that the Police grants and enhanced enforcement we receive, really make an impact for the Borough.

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 8:12p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk