

MAYOR & COUNCIL THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 29, 2021



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 6:07

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, 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. 133-21 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes – (1) Public Safety was read. Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:03pm

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

Rebranding Presentation by Council President Corigliano and Councilwoman Dietrich. There was a discussion on the rebranding of the Borough logo. Councilwoman Dietrich and Council President Corigliano explained that they would like to conduct a survey on the Borough website and Next Door to get feedback from the residents. Councilman Sweeney suggested changing the date on the new logo from the established date to the settled date, as Peapack and Gladstone's history goes back to the 1600's. Discussion ensued and it was decided to discuss further at the July 20th meeting regarding the feedback from the Council and surveys.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business



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MISCELLANEOUS DISSSION/APPROVALS

Councilwoman Murphy asked if the Sarah Kay Park property could be added to the ROSI list. It was mentioned that once it is added to the ROSI list as a park, it is very difficult to have it taken off. Council discussed different options such as dividing the property to sell a portion and make the rest into a park. Councilwoman Murphy stated she will email Beth Davisson about ROSI.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of June 15, 2021. Councilman Lemma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Executive Session Meeting minutes of June 15, 2021. Councilwoman Murphy motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 134-21 – Resolution for Grant Agreement Between the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone –Public and the State of New Jersey By and For the Department of Environmental Protection – Grant Identifier: AQ21-095 for the Purchase, Installation and Maintenance of 1 Level 2 Charge Point Dual-Port Charging Stations was read. Motioned by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 135-21— Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization July 1-July 31, 2021 was read. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 136-21— Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget for the Distracted Driving Enforcement Grant-July, 2021 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948) was read. Motioned by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 137-21 — Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Trails Agreement with Pharmacia & Upjohn Company, LLC Owner of Certain Property Being Designated as Block 20, Lots 9.01 & 10 for use of a Walking Trail was read. Councilwoman Dietrich asked if there were any changes to this agreement compared to the previous agreement. John Bruder, Borough Attorney responded by saying that there were a few things removed that were no longer applicable, such as the use of the tennis courts. There was also some language included that was removed after a discussion with the Pfizer attorney. Councilman Sweeney asked for two corrections on the resolution. Motioned by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 138-21 – Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Amendment to the Borough's Recreation Open Space Inventory was read. RESOLUTION WAS TABLED



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Resolution No. 139-21 – Resolution for Renewal for Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License for the Period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022-HEG Beverage, LLC was read. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Councilwoman Dietrich asked if the approval of this license should be put on hold due to HEG Beverage, LLC being under application with the Land Use Board. John Bruder, Borough Attorney, stated that the approval of the liquor license is a separate item from the Land Use Board issue and it is required by ABC that it gets renewed through the municipality. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 140-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$184,093.13 was read. Motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

<u>Finance</u> – Council President Corigliano stated he had no report.

<u>Sanitation & Sewer</u> – Councilman Lemma stated he had no report but asked Randy Bahr, Business Administrator, if we have received the outstanding money from Bedminster from 2020. Mr. Bahr responded that we did receive it.

Borough Property — Councilman Caminiti asked Randy Bahr, Business Administrator, if we have heard anything further from the second bidder on the Liberty Park improvement project. Mr. Bahr responded that he will give an update on the project. He stated that we have received all of the signed paperwork from the first bidder and it will be sent to John Bruder, Borough Attorney, for review. He further stated that once that is done, we will move forward with setting up a preconstruction meeting. Mayor Skinner asked if we have an idea on how long this project will take and if it will affect the Fire Department Car Show or Art in the Park. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk, responded by saying that the contractor will have 90 days to complete the project and that Art in the Park has been moved to the ball field at the municipal building.

Fire and First Aid - Councilwoman Murphy stated she had no report.

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

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

Borough Attorney's Report-John Bruder stated he had no report.

Police - Councilman Sweeney stated he had no report.

<u>Administrator's Report</u> – Mr. Bahr stated that he is working with the State Police and the New Jersey Surplus OEM, Sargent Zeke on finding a home for the ECUs. It is hoped that they will be removed within the next two weeks.



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Mr. Bahr also gave an update on the bridge on Route 202 concerning the detour. It was advised my Mr. Bahr and Chief Ferrante that Holland Avenue be removed from the detour list as it would be hard for large trucks to make the turn onto Route 206. 287 is the projected detour route. The project is expected to take up to two years to complete.

Mr. Bahr also reported that he was on a county wide call for a Covid-19 update. Somerset County reported the percentage of vaccinated people per town, and Peapack Gladstone showed 55% vaccinated. He mentioned that there are multiple free vaccine clinics being offered and the information for them is posted on our website. Mayor Skinner added that everyone should speak to their doctors and get vaccinated if possible.

Councilman Lemma mentioned that our OEM received an appreciation certificate from Somerset County for their work and he wanted to recognize that.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Skinner stated he had no report.

Recreation Report-Councilman Sweeney stated he had no report.

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.

Administrator, Randy Bahr, congratulated Brad Fagan for passing his Certified Department of Public Works Management exam. Councilwoman Murphy commented on how great the town is looking due to all the work the DPW has been doing.

Councilman Caminiti thanked everyone involved in painting and fixing up the Council room. Council President Corigliano thanked Nancy Bretzger, Clerk, for getting the live stream up and running for the Council meeting.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Council President Corigliano that this meeting be adjourned at 7:43 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk