



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 electronically via the GoTo Meeting conferencing service and began at 6:01p.m.

Council President Corigliano 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."

Council President Corigliano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

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

Absent: Mayor Skinner

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 58-21 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certain Specified Purposes – (1) Contract negotiations was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:01 p.m.

MAYOR'S UPDATE ON COVID-19

Council President Corigliano stated that there are 9 active cases in town, all of which are mild.

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

Council President Corigliano asked if any member of the Public wishes to speak about non-agenda items.

Kathleen Campbell-12 St. John's Drive-Ms. Campbell stated that she received a public notice for next week's meeting regarding St. John's Drive and the development that is to be built in Mendham. Ms. Campbell voiced her concerns regarding the increase of traffic on St. John's Drive since this is the only way in and out of the development. Randy Bahr, Administrator, stated that we are aware of the meeting and plan to have a representative of the Borough present at the Mendham Planning Board meeting on March 17, 2021. She also mentioned that the developer is having a Zoom meeting with the residents of St. John's Drive on March 11 to go over the plans for the development. Council President Corigliano stated that he will reach out to the developer to see if he and two other members of the Council could attend this meeting.



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OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Caminiti gave an update for the Liberty Park project. He stated that there will be a meeting with JCP&L to go over the electrical options for the project. After that meeting, the bid packages should be finalized and ready to go out.

NEW BUSINESS

Pfizer Campus Listing/Sale-Council President Corigliano announced that Pfizer has listed their property for sale and that this could have a big impact on Peapack and Gladstone tax payers. Mayor Skinner is going to reach out to his contact at Pfizer to discuss this possible sale.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

- Facilities Usage Application from American Friends of ALYN Hospital for use of Liberty Park Gazebo for use as a rest stop for a bike race on Saturday, May 23, 2021. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk, explained that ALYN would like to put two (2) Porta Johns on site as this is for a pit stop during their race. Councilman Caminiti asked that the cost of the Porta Johns be in writing, clearly as the responsibility of the ALYN organization. Council President Corigliano voiced his concerns about the timing of this event and asked if it will interfere with the renovations planned for Liberty Park. Discussion ensued and it was determined that it would be best to offer the use of the Municipal parking lot and Ball Field as an alternative.
Facilities Usage Application from Somerset Little League for use of Ball Fields from March 22-June 20, 2021 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 5-8 pm. Scheduling will be done through Recreation. Councilman Caminiti asked for clarification on who would be handling the maintenance and upkeep of the Ball Fields. Councilman Sweeney responded by saying that in the past, Little League has always taken on the responsibility of all maintenance of the fields. All Council members concurred.

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1098-2021 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and the Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) Councilman Sweeney moved to introduce the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 59-21 – Resolution Authorizing a Person-to-Person and Place-to-Place Transfer of Liquor License 1815-33-005-012 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Randy Bahr, Administrator, and Nancy Bretzger, Clerk clarified that this is a Person to Person and Place to Place transfer of a Liquor License. It has been in pocket for the last few years. It is being sold to HEG Beverage and moving to a location on Main St. Council. President Corigliano opened the floor to public comment.



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John Kappler-25 Holland Avenue-Mr. Kappler asked if this is a premature sale due to the pending Land Use Board approval. John Bruder, Borough Attorney, stated that while it may not be optimal for the buyer, that it does not at all interfere with the Land Use Board's consideration on this matter.

Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 60-21 – Resolution to Refund Monies due to Overpayment of Taxes for Fourth Quarter, 2020 was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 61-21 – Resolution Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County St. Patrick's Day DWI Safe Passage Grant was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 62-21 – Resolution Accepting Donation of \$10,000.00 from Dr. Caesar DePaco, CEO and Founder of Summit Nutritionals International for the Police Department was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Councilman Caminiti asked if this was part of the prior donation made by Dr. DePaco. Councilman Sweeney clarified that it is a separate donation. Randy Bahr, Administrator, stated that this donation must be used for the purchase of police equipment. Council thanked Dr. DePaco for the generous donation. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 63-21 – Resolution for Appropriation Reserve Budget Transfers was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Councilman Caminiti asked for clarification of what this is for. Randy Bahr, Administrator, stated that there needs to be an adjustment to the resolution from \$400.00 to \$600.00. This is to cover the cost of the second half of stipends to the Director of OEM and the Deputy Director. It was only budgeted for \$800.00, and \$1400.00 was needed, leaving the difference of \$600.00. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano to amend the resolution, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 64-21 – Resolution to Refund Lienholder for Redemption of Lien was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 65-21 – Authorizing Approving Final List of Volunteer Members of the Peapack & Gladstone Fire Department and the Peapack & Gladstone First Aid and Rescue Squad who Qualify for Contributions under the Borough LOSAP Program in the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Councilman Sweeney mentioned that it was a great job by Thomson Ross who qualified for both First Aid and Fire Department LOSAP. Council President Corigliano thanked all of the volunteers who qualified for this, as it means they put in a lot of time and effort. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 66-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$778,285.10 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Council President Corigliano asked if anyone from the Public would like to speak. No one came forward.

Council President Corigliano asked if any of the Council members had any other items to discuss.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Sweeney, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:48p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk