



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2021**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 electronically via the GoTo Meeting conferencing service and began at 6:04p.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. 97-21- Authorization for Executive Session for certain specified purposes (1) Contract Negotiations (A) PBA Contracts (B) Donation of Property (2) Public Safety was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

MAYOR'S UPDATE ON COVID-19

Mayor Skinner stated that there are currently 3 active cases in town. He stated that the Governor is starting to open certain things in the state such as restaurants and bars at full capacity. Also mentioned that the vaccine for Covid-19 is widely available and encouraged everyone to speak to their doctors and get vaccinated. Councilman Lemma mentioned that the rate is going up slightly in New Jersey.

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

No one came forward.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Skinner read the two (2) proclamations declaring May 9 to May 15, 2021 as Police Week in the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone and declaring May 16 to May 22, 2021 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week in the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone.



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OLD BUSINESS

Cannabis Discussion-Council President Corigliano stated that the Cannabis Committee is suggesting opting out of the six (6) classes of cannabis operation until it is determined how this new law will play out. It was noted that the municipality can opt back in at any time. Councilman Caminiti mentioned that the legalization of recreational marijuana will have an impact on our HR Department concerning Borough employees and their rights to use marijuana both for medicinal and recreational purposes and still maintain a no tolerance policy for being impaired on the job. Council President Corigliano clarified that the ordinance is not prohibiting the use or delivery of marijuana in Peapack & Gladstone. Councilwoman Dietrich asked if the ordinance that prohibits smoking in public within the Borough, includes the smoking of marijuana. John Bruder, Borough Attorney, stated that it did not specifically name marijuana and that it should be modified. Mayor Skinner asked if any members of the public have any comments on the subject. No one came forward.

Rebranding-Councilwoman Dietrich spoke about the rebranding of the new Borough logo. Slides were presented to show the new potential designs. Council President Corigliano explained that they would like input from both the residents and Council, but it will be a Council decision as to which design is chosen. Council agreed that these designs are an improvement from the ones presented last time. Mayor Skinner suggested revamping the current logo as it is good representation of the Borough. Councilwoman Dietrich thanked everyone for their feedback. It was suggested that Google Survey or Survey Monkey be used on the Borough's website to keep track of the opinions of the residents. Council President Corigliano mentioned that the designer has offered their services on this project free of charge, but consensus was made that they would continue moving forward with a not to exceed amount of \$1500.00.

5-Ton Truck and ECUs-Mayor Skinner asked for discussion on the working group. Councilman Caminiti stated that he was surprised at the content of the final report. He has concerns about the report and stated that he cannot support keeping the 5-ton truck or the ECUs. He stated that there were parts missing in the report, such as a mechanic's report as well as cost points that would be used in determining if they should be kept. He also stated that while looking at the ECUs, he saw that diesel fuel was leaking into the ground. The overall condition along with the report, which is lacking information, is why he does not want to support keeping the ECUs or the 5-ton truck. Mayor Skinner gave his opinion on the 5-ton and ECUs. He is in favor of keeping the equipment. He stated that the costs for maintenance and repairs would be minimal and that if Peapack & Gladstone experiences a flood or other emergency, these would be helpful. Council President Corigliano stated that he does not feel the costs of maintenance for the ECUs will be worth the potential need. He also stated that the 5-ton is not in great shape and will not be reliable. He feels the Borough should donate it to Somerset County. Councilman Lemma suggested looking for other funding to cover the costs of maintenance and repairs for this equipment. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the prior resolution be enforced on the ECUs and they be returned to the Federal Government. There will be a discussion at a future meeting about the 5-ton truck.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Lemma stated that Governor Murphy has begun opening up the state as of the 19th of May and since everyone on the Council is fully vaccinated, he recommends having in person Council meetings again. Randy Bahr, Interim Administrator, advised that the next scheduled Council meeting has been advertised as being virtual. Councilwoman Dietrich stated that she would like to be able to offer the public



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GoTo Meetings as well as in person. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that a hybrid type of meeting would be the best option.

Councilman Sweeney mentioned that Dan Dolan, Recreation Director, is looking into getting tents for the summer camp program. Randy Bahr, Administrator, stated that he has already worked this out with Dan Dolan.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Facilities Usage Application from Somerset County Library System of New Jersey for use of the Ball Field on September 10, 2021 with a rain date of September 17, 2021 from 6-9:00pm for a Community Outdoor Movie

Councilman Sweeney asked if there were any conflicts for that date with Recreation events. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk, said that she has checked and there are no conflicts. There was a discussion and the Council concurred that this is a good program for the community.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of April 27, 2021. Councilwoman Murphy 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 April 27, 2021. Councilman Sweeney motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner introduced **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 Sweeney moved to introduce the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated that **Ordinance 1100-2021** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 98-21 – Resolution Appointing William J. Allen, Jr. as Seasonal Department of Public Works Laborer was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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Resolution No. 99-21 – Resolution to Renew the Agreement with Statewide Insurance Fund for a Three (3) Year Term from January 1, 2021-January 1, 2024 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 100-21 – Resolution to Authorize the Execution of PG Residential Developers, LLC, Block 33 Lots 11, 11.01 and 13 Treatment Works Approval Application was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 101-21 – Resolution for Mayoral Appointment for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone to the Agricultural Advisory Committee was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 102-21 – Resolution for Approval to Reduce Sewer Bill Charges for 2021 for Block 1.01, Lot 22, Account #68-0 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 103-21 – Resolution Authorizing the Hiring of Seasonal Employees for Recreation’s 2021 Summer Camp and Other Summer Programs was read. Council President Corigliano stated that he believed the salary for the Recreation Director agreed upon, included summer camp. Resolution was PULLED.

Resolution No. 104-21 – Resolution for Authorization to Increase Salary for Justin Dietrich was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 105-21 - Resolution Authorizing the Borough Clerk to Waive the Late Fee on Dog Licenses for the Year 2021 Due to Covid-19 Restrictions. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 106-21- Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 108-21-Resolution to Submit Grant Application to NJ State Library for Renovation of Peapack Gladstone Library. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 109-21- Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement of May 28-May 31, 2021. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 110-21- Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County Click it or Ticket Detail May 17-June 6, 2021. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 107-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$1,335,102.74 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. 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.

John Kappler-25 Holland Ave.-Mr. Kappler mentioned that the Lime Kiln looks terrific. He also mentioned that he would like to see the swan image omitted from the rebranding. Mr. Kappler asked why the 5-ton truck is parked in the flood plain. He also asked how the Borough handles submission of donations to the Borough.

Mayor Skinner asked if any of the Council members had any other items to discuss. It was mentioned that Council needed to go back into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 97-21- Authorization for Executive Session for certain specified purposes was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was carried unanimously. The Council went back into Executive Session at 9:01p.m.

Public meeting resumed at 9:41.

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 9:42p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk