



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 23, 2021**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 7:02pm.

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: Mr. John Bruder, Esq., Borough Attorney and Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator

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 Lemma asked if there was an update on the Fire Department having access to the finance system. Nancy Bretzger, Administrator, responded by saying that she is working on resolving some issues with that.

Councilman Lemma asked who we can notify about the Park Ave. closure as this is no longer a road.

Mayor Skinner mentioned that residents have been inquiring about the quiet zone regarding the train whistles. He would like to put together a public information center so people can get involved in discussing this process.

Councilwoman Murphy mentioned that a few months ago we ok'd monies for the Smith property. Mr. Smith has sent in his half, and the appraisals are moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Sweeney spoke about reopening open gym and suggested having residents fill out a Facilities Usage Application to request time to use the gym. Discussion ensued and it was decided that there would need to be a defined time for gym use as well as guidelines in place.



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MISCELLANEOUS DISSION/APPROVALS

Council discussed the mandate for wearing masks in the Municipal Building. Discussion ensued and it was decided that masks should no longer be required, but suggested. New signs will be ordered and hung in the Municipal Building.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Executive Session minutes of October 26, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes of October 26, 2021, Executive Session Special Meeting minutes of November 18, 2021, and the Special Meeting minutes of November 18, 2021. Councilman Lemma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1106-2021**- An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Property Located within the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone, Block 8, Lot 2.03, 16 School Street

Councilwoman Murphy moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1106-2021**, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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

Council President Corigliano moved to close public comment for **Ordinance 1106-2021** seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Corigliano moved to adopt **Ordinance 1106-2021**, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

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

RESOLUTION NO. 199-21 – Resolution from Mayor & Council Supporting the request of NJDOT Take-Over of Maintenance for the Rt. 206 Bridge which Supports the Underpass between the Pfizer Property and the Proposed P-G Residential Development.

RESOLUTION NO. 200-21 – Resolution of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey Authorizing the Acceptance of the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program State Fiscal Year 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 201-21 – Resolution for Open Public Meetings of the Mayor & Council for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone for the Year 2022.



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RESOLUTION NO. 202-21 – Resolution Setting the 2022 Holiday Schedule for the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone.

RESOLUTION NO. 203-21 – Resolution for Appropriation Reserve Budget Transfer.

RESOLUTION NO. 204-21 – Resolution for Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant Cycle 2022-2023-Form 1B.

RESOLUTION NO. 205-21 – Resolution to Refund Lienholder for Redemption of Lien #21-00002 on Block 26 Lot 15.

RESOLUTION NO. 208-21 – Resolution Reinstating Peapack & Gladstone Police Chief Stephen Ferrante Effective Immediately was read. Motion made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO 209-21 - Resolution Relieving Sergeant Thomas Scanlon from his Duties as “Officer in Charge” of the Peapack & Gladstone Police Department was read. Motion made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Council President Corigliano asked that a change gets made to this resolution, thanking Sergeant Scanlon for his guidance over the past few months. Motion for amendment made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION NO. 206-21 – Approval of Bills as Signed and Listed on the Bill Payment List

Total Amount: \$822,704.48 was read. Motion to approve payment was made by Councilwoman Murphy, 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 gave an update on Liberty Park. V&K Construction has planted some trees which Carter Van Dyke was not aware of. They will need to be replanted in the spring at V&K Construction’s cost. Nancy Bretzger, Administrator, informed Council that these are the trees that were originally chosen, but due to the oak tree needing to come down, there is no longer enough shade for this type of tree in this area. There is also another oak tree that needs to be removed which will cause a change work order. He will have the final numbers for this cost soon.

Councilman Caminiti stated that Dan Megill, DPW, is still working on a list of needed repairs at the Park House, since there was damage done by the dentist who was renting it from the Borough. Although the dentist requested to be able to make said repairs himself, Council agreed that the Borough should make the repairs and then refund any money left to the tenant.

Council President asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting. Mayor Skinner said yes.



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Councilwoman Murphy mentioned that there have been some complaints about the nature of the Santa and snowman cut outs that get displayed. She suggested that they get repainted, possibly by a local artist, so they are not so scary.

Fire and First Aid—Councilwoman Murphy stated that she is still waiting for updated pricing for the Rescue Fire truck.

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 mentioned that our Police Department had received a harassment terroristic threat complaint against juveniles, which resulted in a temporary Extreme Risk Protective Order and 31 fire arms being seized from a Bernardsville resident.

Administrator’s Report – Nancy Bretzger stated that she had no report.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Skinner stated that 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.

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 7:52p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk