



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 via GoTo Meetings 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 and Councilman Sweeney

Absent: None

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

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Dolan, Recreation Director, stated that he is looking for a decision from the Council on allowing winter programs, specifically Youth Basketball and Winter Recreation. He would like to offer these programs while following the Covid-19 guidelines from the CDC and Bernards Township Health Department, although no clear directions have been received. Councilman Sweeney asked about the timeline from the application process to scheduling. Dan Dolan responded by saying that we are a couple of weeks behind but would like to keep these programs open for Peapack and Gladstone residents only and postpone the reopening of open gym. Council President Corigliano stated that he concurs to start the process for the winter recreation programs, but feels that reopening open gym would need to be discussed at a later time, with a plan to be developed and managed by the Rec Director. Councilwoman Dietrich stated that the amount of people in attendance and requirements such as masks, should be considered. Dan Dolan stated that he will limit the allowed spectators and mark the bleachers to ensure proper social distancing.

All concurred

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.

Rick Polito and Stacey Brusco-17 Holland Ave.-Mr. Polito expressed his opposition on the sidewalk project for Holland Ave. Councilman Caminiti responded by saying that due to budget constraints, and this being a county owned road, there is no plan in place to begin this project anytime soon. Mayor Skinner suggested holding a meeting at a later time for the residents and Council to discuss this matter further.

Heather Santoro-Board of Education Representative - Ms. Santoro gave an update for the dates of the Strategic Planning meetings. She also mentioned that there has been a banner added to the website to



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allow for online registration for those who wish to attend. Councilwoman Murphy asked if these meetings will be recorded and available for viewing. Ms. Santoro was not sure but will email Nancy Bretzger, Clerk, with more information.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Murphy stated that she has received the final draft report from East West Consulting regarding the new rescue truck for the Fire Department. Councilman Lemma added that part of the report stated that the chassis and generators for the new proposed rescue truck should be upgraded. The next step would be to get pricing for these updates and have a discussion at a later time once more information is obtained.

Councilman Lemma asked for the residents of Peapack to be notified that all of the addresses have been successfully updated with the Post Office. Nancy Bretzger Clerk/Administrator, stated she will make sure this information is on the Borough website.

Council President Corigliano asked to have a discussion about returning to in person Council meetings. Councilman Sweeney stated that he would like to have a platform of both live and virtual meetings. Councilwoman Dietrich agreed. Council President Corigliano added that he would like to resume in person meetings and also live stream on YouTube. If any member of the public wishes to speak, they would need to attend the meetings at Borough Hall. All concurred to go back to in person meetings starting in November.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Sweeney mentioned that Recreation will be hosting a Halloween parade on October 31st.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second for a consent agenda accepting the following meeting minutes.

- Executive Meeting September 14, 2021
- Emergency Meeting Minutes September 23, 2021
- Executive Meeting Minutes September 23, 2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes September 28, 2021

Motion made by Council President Corigliano to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed with Councilwoman Dietrich abstaining on the September 28, 2021 minutes and voted "Yes" on all others.



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ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1105-2021- AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAYS KNOWN AS ROCKABYE VALLEY ROAD AND BLUE HERON LANE LOCATED IN A PORTION OF BLOCK 1, LOTS 4 AND 19 IN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE**

Councilman Lemma moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1105-2021**, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Sweeney moved to close public comment for **Ordinance 1105-2021** seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Corigliano moved to adopt **Ordinance 1105-2021**, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda for resolutions 187-21, 188-21, 189-21 was motioned by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 187-21 Resolution Accepting a Resignation Letter from Ellen Hays, Assistant to the Construction Official

RESOLUTION NO. 188-21 Resolution to Approve Purchase and Installation of Pratt Valve Replacement from Rapid Pump and Meter Service, Co., Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer System

RESOLUTION NO. 189-21 Resolution to Approve Purchase and Installation of Auma Actuators from Rapid Pump and Meter Service, Co., Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer System

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 190-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$760,057.63 was read. Motion to approve payment was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion passed unanimously.

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.



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Motion was made by Councilman Lemma to return to Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Council reconvened to executive session at 8:12p.m.

The Mayor and Council reconvened to the public portion of the meeting at 8:29pm.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Lemma, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:30p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk