



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 26, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 via GoTo Meeting and began at 7:03pm.

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

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 Caminiti explained the letters that residents have received regarding the Energy Aggregation HAEC. The contract period has expired, and the new pricing is higher than JCP&L. He further explained that no action is needed by residents, as JCP&L will take over as of November 19th. The Borough will begin the bidding process again in early 2022.

Councilman Lemma mentioned that the Post Office has completed entering Peapack addresses into their database and asked for the update to be posted on the Borough website and sent PG Notify.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Corigliano explained the request from SJP Properties for NJDOT to take over ownership of the bridge on Route 206 at the Pfizer interchange. Discussion ensued and it was decided that a resolution will be passed at the next Council meeting and an escrow account will be set up with an amount determined with guidance from John Bruder, Borough Attorney, who would also represent the Borough at a meeting with the state.

Councilman Lemma asked for Council concurrence on having a trash receptacle placed on Main Street near Liberty Park. Due to the work being done, there is no access to the receptacles in the park. All concurred.



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MISCELLANEOUS DISSSION/APPROVALS

Best Practices-Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator, stated that a lot of this year's Best Practices is based on what the answers were from last year and we just need to certify that Council has spoken about it.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Executive Session minutes of September 28, 2021. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Executive Session minutes of October 12, 2021. Council President Corigliano motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of October 12, 2021. Councilman Lemma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 192-21 – Authorization for Jeremy P. Conover to Become an Auxiliary Member of the Peapack & Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department, was read. Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 193-21 – Authorization for Valerie Zoller to Become an Auxiliary Member of the Peapack & Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department, was read. Motion made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 194-21 – Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County Halloween Safe Passage Grant, was read. Motion made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 195-21 – Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget for the Driving While Intoxicated Grant Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:87 (Chapter 159), was read. Motion made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Lemma.

RESOLUTION NO. 196-21 – Resolution to Appoint Jennifer Colucci as Part Time Administrative Assistant, was read. Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 197-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$257,934.50 was read.

Councilman Lemma asked for a discussion on the check for V&K Construction. He feels the work is messy and taking longer than expected. Councilwoman Murphy stated that she agrees with Councilman Lemma and has had the same concerns. Councilman Caminiti added that the original 90-day window was disrupted by the Borough as the project was split into two phases instead. He also mentioned that contractors are having a hard time getting materials and that this may also cause delays. Discussion ensued and it was decided that we would hold the check for V&K Construction until Councilman



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Caminiti reaches out to Carter Van Dyke, Architect. Motion to approve all other payments was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano stated that the Borough has received \$135,000.00 in American Recovery Funds. The Finance Committee will recommend how to use those funds.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilman Lemma stated that during the recent storm, the infiltration and inflow numbers from Peapack and Gladstone were very high. He recommends that the Borough increase inspections so we can keep the numbers down. Councilman Lemma also mentioned that he would like the valves replaced soon, since the grants were received and work was approved. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator, added that she just received a text message from Brad Fagan, DPW, saying that they are already working on getting the valves replaced.

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti stated he had no report.

Fire and First Aid – Councilwoman Murphy stated that she spoke to Fire Chief McDermott who requested updated bids for the purchase of the new rescue truck. She also mentioned that she will be doing some research to help determine if it is worth hiring a company to help with the bidding process.

Councilwoman Murphy stated that Peapack & Gladstone has been awarded \$500,000.00 Green Acres Funding from the State, which can be used to pay off the remaining balance of the Komline Project, leaving us approximately \$350,000.00 for future Green Acres projects.

Roads & Transportation – Councilman Caminiti stated that there is paving on Holland Avenue and Peapack Road. He is still waiting to hear back from the County regarding crosswalks, bike paths and other concerns on Holland Avenue.

Zoning & Construction – Mayor Skinner stated that any restaurant that has not filled out the form for an extension of their tent use permit must remove their tents by November 1st, or be fined by Zoning Official, Sarah Jane Noll.

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

Police – Councilman Sweeney stated that he had asked the Borough Police Department for more a detailed, written out monthly report. He stated that Sergeant Scanlon did an excellent job detailing the nature of calls and stops made by our officers. He also asked for consensus from Council to release these reports to the newspaper so we can have a Police Blotter letting the residents know what is going on in the Borough. All agreed.

Administrator's Report – Nancy Bretzger stated that she had nothing to 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.



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Beth Hoyle-21 Willow Ave.-Ms. Hoyle asked for an update on the data being captured on Willow Avenue regarding speeding. Councilman Caminiti responded by saying that he and Councilwoman Dietrich have received data reports from Sergeant Scanlon and they are putting together a notification for the residents. Council President Corigliano asked where we stand with renting out the Park House as it is a substantial loss of revenue for the Borough. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator, responded by saying that there is some damage from the previous tenant which needs to be fixed first. Discussion ensued regarding the bidding process and repairing the building. Nancy Bretzger will reach out to the DPW to find out exactly what needs to be done.

The Mayor and Council reconvened to executive session at 8:01p.m.

The Mayor and Council reconvened to the public portion of the meeting at 8:30pm.

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 8:31p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk