



MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2021



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 via GoTo Meetings and began at 7:00pm.

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

Mayor Skinner spoke about Hurricane Ida and how Peapack & Gladstone, along with surrounding towns, were affected. He stated that the Police Department, Fire Department, OEM, DPW and the First Aid Squad were all on duty that night, and responded to over 15 calls. Our high-water truck (5-ton) was requested by several surrounding towns and assisted in a number of rescues. Somerset County was declared a federal disaster area which will allow FEMA funding for those affected. Mayor Skinner also mentioned that everyone who worked that night, both volunteer and career, did an exceptional job. Councilman Lemma added that our 5-ton truck was used to pull Bedminster's fire truck out of five feet of water as well as their Fire Chief's car.

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.

Andrew Pfitzenmayer-5 Brook St.- Mr. Pfitzenmayer asked if there was an update regarding the meeting for flood prevention. Mayor Skinner explained that he received an email that afternoon and has not had a chance to take any action yet. Mr. Pfitzenmayer also asked for an update on the United States Postal Service and having home delivery. Mayor Skinner explained that the Borough is taking steps towards getting Peapack addresses into the data base for recognition by the Post Office, FedEx, UPS, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Lemma asked for an update on the Special Use Permits for the use of tents at restaurants. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk, responded by saying that the Borough has not received any applications for renewal of said permits. Councilman Lemma asked that Sarah Jane Noll, Zoning Official, follow up with the restaurants for their applications so they can continue the use of tents until November 1st without being in violation.



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Councilman Lemma mentioned that he would like to discuss the return of in-person Council meetings. Councilman Sweeney responded by saying that he would also like to meet in person rather than virtually. Councilwoman Dietrich stated that she would prefer to continue meeting virtually as she feels it is easier for the residents to attend. She then suggested that the meetings continue virtually until January for consistency purposes. Councilwoman Murphy stated that she feels it is a good idea to stay virtual for the time being. She added that she is somewhat apprehensive due to the uncertainty of what will happen over the next few months with Covid-19 and different variants. She also stated that she feels Council should follow the same guidelines, including the mask mandate, that are set within the Municipal Building for Borough employees and the public. Further discussion ensued and it was decided to reevaluate in 30 days.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Sweeney mentioned that there will be a dedication ceremony for Diane Becker during Community Day on Saturday, September 18th. This will take place in the gym at Borough Hall.

Councilman Lemma mentioned that Main St. was closed for an event over the weekend. He noted that there was a lack of communication which caused the closure to last for four hours. He would like for the County to contact the Council and Administration of any granted permits. Mayor Skinner explained that typically the road barriers are dropped off by our Police Department the night before an event and it is asked that when the event is over, the barriers get placed on the side of the road so that traffic isn't blocked. He then added that we can ask the County for a courtesy notification.

Councilman Lemma brought up the idea of allowing fishing at Liberty Park. Councilman Sweeney explained that the reason fishing was prohibited was because the swans were getting fish hooks stuck in their mouths and needing veterinary care. It was decided that Council will discuss this idea again in the spring.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Facilities Usage Application from Somerset Hills Little League for use of the Borough's baseball/softball fields from August 30, 2021 to October 30, 2021 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for baseball and softball practice games

All concurred

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of August 17, 2021. Council President Corigliano motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously with Councilwoman Dietrich abstaining.

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Executive Session Meeting minutes of August 17, 2021. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously with Councilwoman Dietrich abstaining.



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ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1104-2021- AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES HELD BY THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND SALT SPREADER**

Councilman Lemma moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1104-2021**, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Caminiti moved to close public comment for **Ordinance 1104-2021** seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Corigliano moved to adopt **Ordinance 1104-2021**, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Skinner introduced **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**

Council President Corigliano moved to introduce the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated that **Ordinance 1105-2021** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on October 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda for resolutions 164-21, 165-21, 166-21, 167-21, 168-21, 169-21, 170-21, 171-21 and 173-21, was motioned by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Lemma, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 164-21 Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County Distracted Driving Enforcement Mobilization September 1-September 17, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 165-21 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget for the Distracted Driving Enforcement Grant September, 2021 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948).

RESOLUTION NO. 166-21 Resolution Authorizing the Borough to Execute Amendment to an Agreement Dated January 12, 2021 with Sellers, Ronald and Joyce Nelson, for the Purchase of Certain Unimproved Real Property.

RESOLUTION NO. 167-21 Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract to Appraisal Systems, Inc. to Perform Professional Appraisal Inspections and Related Services in Connection with the 2022 Borough Wide Reassessment Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 168-21 Resolution to Approve Purchase and Installation of a Muffin Monster (Sewage Grinder) from Rapid Pump and Meter Service Co., Inc. for the Sanitary Sewer System.



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RESOLUTION NO. 169-21 Approving an Alcoholic Beverage Commission Social Affairs Permit from Essex Hounds for the Essex Fox Hounds Masters' Chase for the Benefit of the County Side Alliance of Somerset Hills, a NJ Nonprofit on October 9, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 170-21 Resolution to Refund Lienholder for Redemption of Lien #20-00002 on Block 20 Lot 14.

RESOLUTION NO. 171-21 Resolution to Approve the Purchase of a 2019 Dump Truck with Plow and Salt Spreader from Gabrielli Kenworth of NJ, Inc.

RESOLUTION NO. 173-21 Resolution Authorizing the Increase of Salary for Brad Fagan for Obtaining his Waste Water Collection C-2 License.

RESOLUTION NO. 172-21 Resolution Appointing Nancy A. Bretzger as Borough Administrator/Clerk Effective October 1, 2021 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda for resolutions 174-21 and 175-21 was motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 174-21 Resolution to Accept Grant Funding in the Amount of \$173,333.33 from FEMA on Behalf of the Peapack & Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department to Replace 26 SCBA Units. Councilwoman Murphy explained that earlier this year the Fire Department had applied for this grant and fortunately received the funding.

RESOLUTION NO. 175-21 Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2021 Budget for the FEMA Grant for the Volunteer Fire Department Replacement of 26 SCBA Units Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948).

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 176-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$721,628.03 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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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 Dietrich, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:43p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk