



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 28, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 via GoTo Meetings 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, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Sweeney

Absent: Council President Corigliano and Councilwoman Dietrich

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

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.

Heather Santoro- Board Member for the Somerset Hills School District-Ms. Santoro mentioned that on October 21st, the school district is going to be embarking on their Strategic Planning Initiative meetings. There will be a pre-registration requirement for anyone who wishes to participate and give input. She will give more information as to the dates of said meetings at a later date. Councilman Sweeney asked what these meetings will entail. Ms. Santoro stated that everything will be on the table for discussion. Councilwoman Murphy asked how often these meetings are held. Ms. Santoro responded by saying that they are held every 3-5 years. Ms. Santoro also directed anyone with questions to the Somerset Hills School District website or they may contact Ginny Demarco, the district's Business Administrator.

Michael Koppes-25 Willow Ave.-Mr. Koppes asked for an update on the speeding issue and data collection spoken about at the August meeting. Councilman Caminiti responded by saying that he has not seen any updates but will be happy to reach out to Sergeant Scanlon concerning new data and additional signs. Councilwoman Murphy added that she believes the Police Department was waiting for school to start to get a better idea of the traffic. Mr. Koppes also mentioned that he has noticed more patrol cars out and it makes a difference along with the speed signs. Councilman Caminiti will follow up with the Police Department and reach out to Mr. Koppes with any further information.

Ann Todd-25 Maple St.-Mrs. Todd asked for an update on the sidewalks and paving project on Holland Ave. She has been in contact with Alyssa Myers at the Somerset County Engineering Office and was told that the repaving project plan includes the installation of a shoulder. Mrs. Todd also asked about what communications the Borough has had with the County regarding the paving, shoulder installation and installation of a bike lane. Councilman Caminiti responded by saying the first point of contact would be with Bill Ryden, Borough Engineer. He also mentioned that he has reached out to the County every 2-3 months since the beginning of the year and will be happy to reach out again for another update. He will also reach out to Bill Ryden to see if he has any documents pertaining to this matter. Mrs. Todd also asked



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about a crosswalk on Holland Ave. Mayor Skinner responded by saying that it will be very difficult to put a crosswalk anywhere on Holland Ave. due to the sight distances for drivers. Mrs. Todd asked if the Borough would consider putting signs up on Holland Ave. to slow down drivers.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Lemma asked if there is an update on the cause of the electrical surge at the Municipal Building. Randy Bahr, Interim Administrator, responded that we do not yet have a cause. He further explained that electricians have come in to try to determine the cause. He will reach out to Councilman Caminiti for further discussion on how to proceed on this matter.

Mayor Skinner mentioned that he has confirmed with the Edison Post Office that all of the Peapack addresses have been entered into the database and that should enable residents to receive deliveries to their home from UPS, FedEx and the like. Councilman Lemma suggested that the Borough send out a PG Notify regarding this update.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

MISCELLANEOUS DISSION/APPROVALS

None

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of September 14, 2021. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 181-21 – Resolution Authorizing to Sponsor Flu Shot Clinic for Borough Employees, Emergency Personnel and Police Personnel was read. Motion made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 182-21 – Resolution Granting the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) to Ellen Hays for Unpaid Time Off from October 18, 2021 to October 22, 2021 was read. Motion made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 184-21 – Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Burgis Associates, Inc. for the Purpose of Professional Planning Services for the Preparation of an Updated Farmland Preservation Plan Element Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 185-21 – Resolution to Enter into an Agreement with Burgis Associates, Inc. for the Purpose of Professional Planning Services for the Preparation of an Updated Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Element Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 183-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of **\$179,127.98** was read. Motion to approve payment was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Councilman Sweeney stated he had no report.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilman Lemma stated he had no report.

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti stated that the Borough held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Liberty Park Improvement Project last weekend.

He also mentioned that the next round of auction for the energy aggregation is coming up and there should be an update by the end of October.

Fire and First Aid– Councilwoman Murphy stated that she had no report, but wanted to thank the Fire Department and Police Department for their involvement with the 9-11 ceremony.

Roads & Transportation – Councilman Caminiti stated he had no report.

Zoning & Construction – Mayor Skinner stated he had no report for Zoning and Construction.

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

Police– Councilman Sweeney stated in the month of September we had a Distracted Driver grant and as a result, there were 40 hours of enforcement and 82 motor vehicle stops with 45 motor vehicle summonses issued for speeding, careless driving and 30 cell phone violations along with 13 other violations.

Councilman Sweeney followed up on Tropical Storm Ida. He stated that Officer Damiano was called out for three days with the dive team to rescue residents throughout the County. The other officers in town were on duty and assisted in the flooding on several roads in town. The total number for overtime was \$1,304.00. Mayor Skinner added the expenses from Ida will be submitted to FEMA for a 75% reimbursement.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Bahr stated that there have been a few events in town over the past few months including Art in the Park and Community Day where the past Recreation Director was honored and the gym named after her. He then thanked all of the volunteer services, the Rescue Squad, Fire Department as well as the Police Department.

Mr. Bahr also thanked the Mayor and Council as this will be his last Council meeting with Peapack & Gladstone. He also stated that he is proud of where the Borough is both financially and all around. Mayor Skinner added that he was privileged to work with Mr. Bahr as both a Chief of Police and Mayor, and thanked him for all of his guidance, support and humor over the past years. Councilman Sweeney also thanked Mr. Bahr for everything and especially always showing up to the Peapack & Gladstone events. The remaining Council members also thanked Mr. Bahr.



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Mayor's Report – Mayor Skinner stated that several residents have reached out to find out about having gas lines brought to the homes on Holland Ave. He also stated that he will reach out to his contacts to set up the meeting with PSE&G and the residents.

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 7:45p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy A. Bretzger".

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk