



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 2022**

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and virtually via GoTo Meetings and began at 7:01p.m.

Mayor Skinner called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk Nancy Bretzger read the Sunshine Notice "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2022 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 9, 2021 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, Council President Corigliano, Councilman Caminiti, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy (via phone) and Councilman Sweeney

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 opened it up to the public for any non-agenda comments.

Andrew Pfitzenmayer-5 Brook St.-Mr. Pfitzenmayer stated his concerns about residents using the dumpster at the DPW yard all hours of the day. Councilman Caminiti stated that he will follow up with Brad Fagan, Director of DPW, to ensure that users are in compliance.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Lemma gave an update on the Liberty Park Project. He stated that two Doggie Bag dispensers have been installed as well as several benches. Geese Away has also been installed and has been slightly effective so far. Two picnic tables have been ordered to be placed near the tot-lot. New flagpoles will be installed soon as well as the electrical meter for the fountains. Councilman Lemma stated that two (2) ordinances are being introduced tonight regarding the open hours of Borough parks and parking. He also mentioned that the dead plants in the park will be replaced in September.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There were no new business items discussed.



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**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

- Special Use Permit Application-Thomas Maloney, an Attorney representing Il Monello Restaurant was present to discuss the Special Use Permit Application for the use of outdoor tents. Discussion ensued and it was determined that the Governor's Order would supersede our ordinance and the use of tents would be permitted between April 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> until 2024, although a Amended Special Use Permit Application would still need to be submitted for just 2022 and each year subsequent, as well as notification per the 200 ft. radius list.
- Planting of 150 trees - Raritan Headwaters is heading this up. Trees to be placed along Peapack Brook at the old county DPW site. Councilwoman Murphy explained funding and placement and asked for Council's concurrence. Council concurred.
- Facility Usage Somerset Hills Ball Club, VP Softball (formerly Somerset Hills Little League) for use of the Borough's ball fields from August 29-October 27, 2022, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7pm. Scheduling will be done through Recreation. Council concurred.
- Councilman Sweeney started a discussion about the Camera Registration Program. Chief Steven Ferrante explained the program which will allow the Police Department to have a list of residential properties that have surveillance cameras set up. This will aid the Police Department in obtaining footage if needed. All concurred.
- New Police Car Design – Councilman Sweeney mentioned that he feels the Police vehicles should keep the current Police logo instead of changing it to the new Borough logo. Council President Corigliano requested that Police Chief Ferrante speaks to the designer, Meg Walters and tries to come up with a logo incorporating the new Borough logo with the police logo. Further discussion ensued, and it was decided to have a meeting with the members of the Police Department, Council President Corigliano, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Sweeney, Borough Administrator and Meg Walters.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of July 19, 2022. Councilwoman Dietrich motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Councilman Corigliano abstained. Said motion was passed.

**ORDINANCES**

Mayor Skinner introduced **ORDINANCE 1116-2022** – ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:56-1.4 ET SEQ., AUTHORIZING A CLEAN ENERGY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO BE IMPOSED ON BLOCK 28, LOT 24.02 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAPS OF THE BOROUGH AS REQUESTED BY THE LEASEHOLD



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PROPERTY OWNER THEREOF IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNDERTAKING OF ONE OR MORE PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

Councilman Caminiti moved to introduce the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated that Ordinance 1116-2022 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

Mayor Skinner introduced **ORDINANCE 1117-2022** - ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE VI, TITLED "PUBLIC PARKS ORDINANCE" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE

Councilman Lemma moved to introduce the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated that Ordinance 1117-2022 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

Mayor Skinner introduced **ORDINANCE 1118-2022** - ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER VII, ARTICLE I, TITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE

Council President Corigliano moved to introduce the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated that Ordinance 1118-2022 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTIONS 166-22 – 171-22** were passed by consent agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 166-22** RESOLUTION TO EXTEND GRACE PERIOD ON THE 2022 THIRD QUARTER TAX INSTALLMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 167-22** – RESOLUTION FOR THE GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT



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**RESOLUTION NO. 168-22** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN LABOR DAY DRIVE SOBER CAMPAIGN AUGUST 19-SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 169-22** – RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM REVENUE IN THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE LABOR DAY DRIVE SOBER CAMPAIGN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A :4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

**RESOLUTION NO. 170-22** – RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF INACTIVE PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022-JUNE 30, 2023

**RESOLUTION NO. 171-22** – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSING OF LACKAWANNA AVENUE FROM THE OLD BEVAL'S BUILDING TO THE SCOUT CABIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 FOR THE RECREATION COMMISSION'S ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK

**RESOLUTION NO. 172-22** – AUTHORIZATION TO PAY ACCUMULATED LEAVE TO ROBERT SMITH III was read. Motion made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 173-22** – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION FROM JOHN DESMELYK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OPERATOR was read. Motion made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 174-22** – RESOLUTION GRANTING THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA) TO NANCY MUOIO FOR UNPAID TIME OFF FROM JULY 26, 2022 TO AUGUST 19, 2022 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS 175-22 – 181-22** were passed by consent agenda. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 175-22** – RESOLUTION TO CHANGE STATUS OF JONATHAN APGAR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LABORER TO PERMANENT EMPLOYEE STATUS

**RESOLUTION NO. 176-22** – RESOLUTION TO APPOINT THOMAS BLANCHARD AS SEASONAL BOROUGH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LABORER

**RESOLUTION NO. 177-22** – RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHRISTOPHER REASONER AS A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LABORER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38, 000.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 178-22** – RESOLUTION TO APPOINT NICHOLAS S. PETONAK AS A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LABORER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40, 000.00

**RESOLUTION NO. 179-22** – AUTHORIZATION FOR THOMAS BLANCHARD TO BECOME A RIDING MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 180-22** - AUTHORIZATION FOR CHRISTOPHER REASONER TO BECOME A RIDING MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**RESOLUTION NO. 181-22** - AUTHORIZATION FOR NICHOLAS S. PETONAK TO BECOME A RIDING MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



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**RESOLUTION NO. 182-22** – RESOLUTION APPOINTING WILLIAM ALLEN AS SUPERVISOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 183-22** – RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR APPROVAL TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000,000 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:56-1.4 ET SEQ. was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 185-22** – RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RESIGNATION FROM KAREN VAN NEST, DEPUTY CLERK/REGISTRAR was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed with Councilman Sweeney voting no, because he felt that we have a high turn around rate of employees and would like to better look into our hiring process.

**BILLS LIST**

**RESOLUTION NO. 184 -22** Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$979,544.64 was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Finance – Nothing to report

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilman Lemma asked if we have received confirmation of the STAB Sewer grant approval. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator, stated that we have not heard back yet, but she will follow up.

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti spoke about improvements to the Scout Cabin. He will provide more information such as costs and anticipated dates for work to begin.

Fire and First Aid – Councilwoman Murphy stated that she had no report for tonight, but mentioned that there is a FaceBook page for the Peapack and Gladstone Fire Department.

Police – Nothing to report

Roads & Transportation – Nothing to report

Zoning & Construction – Nothing to report



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Borough Attorney's Report- Nothing to report

Administrator's Report – Nothing to report

Mayor's Report – Mayor Skinner mentioned that a ceremony will be held for 9/11, details will be posted on the Borough website.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Skinner asked if any member of the public wishes to speak about agenda items.

William Muller, Pottersville Road. Mr. Muller complimented the designer and Council on the lighting at Liberty Park. Mr. Muller also mentioned that he feels the police cars should stand out as police cars and that the Borough should resolve the logo issue. Mr. Muller also mentioned that he feels it is a problem that residents hadn't received their tax bill, but that the Borough processed the automatic payments. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator, will speak to Dale Melville, Tax Collector, to ensure that this doesn't happen going forward.

Ronald Hill, Old Chester Road, Gladstone. Mr. Hill stated his concerns about the firefighters currently in the department. He would like to see more members who are younger and more able bodied. He also mentioned that it would be a lot of work and very expensive to change the logo on the Fire Department vehicles and he does not feel it is necessary to spend money to change the logo on the Police cars.

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 8:34p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk