



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2022**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and virtually via GoTo Meetings and began at 7:00p.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: Councilman Caminiti, Council President Corigliano, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Sweeney and Mayor Skinner.

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

Mayor Skinner made a statement regarding the Holiday decorations in Liberty Park. Traditionally, the Borough puts up a Manger with the Nativity scene, a Menorah and a Christmas tree. This year the Nativity scene was not put up because it needed some repairs and the plan was that it would be replaced next year. But our DPW team lead by Brad Fagen and Will Allen made some repairs and the Nativity scene was put up today. Mayor Skinner apologized for not having it up. He said we spent a lot of money in the park for it to be fully renovated and we did not want to put something up that did not look the greatest. The repairs were made and the manger is presentable. An apology was made if residents took it the wrong way, it certainly was not meant to be. The park looks great for the holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No members of the public came forward.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

No discussion/approvals



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MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of December 6, 2022. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Roll Call vote; said motion was passed unanimously. Councilwoman Murphy abstained due to her absence from the meeting.

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Executive Session Meeting minutes of December 6, 2022. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Roll Call vote; said motion was passed unanimously. Councilwoman Murphy abstained due to her absence from the meeting.

ORDINANCE

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1119-2022** – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, TITLED “ADMINISTRATION” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES, SUBSECTION 31 TITLE “POLICE DEPARTMENT”

Councilwoman Murphy moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1119-2022**, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Roll call vote, said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Sweeney explained the Ordinance. This Ordinance will put the Corporal in the same position as the Sergeant and the Chief in which the promotion will be based on the Council’s decision.

Borough Clerk Nancy Bretzger confirmed the hourly “road work” wage was increased.

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

Councilman Caminiti moved to close public comment for **Ordinance 1119-2022** seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Roll call vote, said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Caminiti moved to Adopt **Ordinance 1119-2022**, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated that “**Ordinance 1119-2022** is Adopted and shall be published by title only in the Bernardsville News in accordance with the law”

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R-240-22 RESOLUTION GRANTING THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA) TO NANCY MUOIO FOR UNPAID TIME OFF FOR DECEMBER 5, 2022 TO DECEMBER 29, 2022 was read.

Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-241-22 RESOLUTION TO MAKE BRAD FAGAN, DPW DIRECTOR, PERMANENT EMPLOYEE STATUS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 23, 2022 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.



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RESOLUTION NO. R-242-22 *RESOLUTION TO CHANGE STATUS OF NICHOLAS PETONAK, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LABORER, TO PERMANENT EMPLOYEE STATUS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 6, 2022* was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-243-22 *RESOLUTION TO CHANGE STATUS OF CHRISTOPHER REASONER, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LABORER, TO PERMANENT EMPLOYEE STATUS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 22, 2022* was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-244- 22 *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER, THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT FOR YEARS 2023-2025* was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-245-22 *RESOLUTION APPOINTING A MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR FOR THE SHARED COURT FOR 2023* was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman President Corigliano. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-246-22 *RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE SHARED COURT IN THE YEAR 2023* was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-247-22 *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICE SEWER SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINSTER AND THE BOROUGH OF FAR HILLS FOR JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024* was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-248- 22 *RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION BUDGET TRANSFERS* was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously. *Council President Corigliano explained the reason for the transfer.*

RESOLUTION NO. R-249-22 *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH PEAPACK & GLADSTONE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPERS, LLC* was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-250-22 *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A BULK SEWER AGREEMENT WITH PEAPACK & GLADSTONE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPERS, LLC* was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.



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BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION NO R-251- 22 *Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: \$1,175,994.64 was read.* Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance

No report

Sanitation & Sewer

Councilman Lemma stated they looked at the flow rates. Brad's team has been doing work on the infiltration and inflow and they have been successful at it and we decreased the amount of ground water we are sending into the sewer system and this will result in a lower percentage contribution that will be made for next year. The sewer users will save quiet a bit of money.

Borough Property

No report

Fire/First Aid Squad

Councilwoman stated that new officers were voted in at the firehouse. Since John McDermott's retirement of 36 years of service, Ed Badger is the new Fire Chief, Deputy Chief is Brad Fagan and Assistant Chief is Thomas Ross and Kingsley Hill remains the Captain.

Police

No report

Roads & Transportation

No report

Zoning & Construction

No report

Legal

No report

Administrator's Report

No report



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Mayor's Report

Mayor Skinner thanked all Council members and the professional staff, career staff, all the volunteers in the Borough, his family who were there and those that could not make it. He could not have done it without everyone's help. He and Councilman Caminiti will be back for the Reorganization meeting for a final farewell.

Council Caminiti thanked everyone. He said it has been a good run. We have gotten a lot done. He welcomed the new Council members coming in. He said it is a true honor and a big responsibility to serve on this Board. He looks forward to the continued progress.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS

No members of the public came forward.

Council President Corigliano mentioned there will be a reception following the Reorganization meeting of January 3 for the outgoing Council members. Any one who would like to attend is welcome.

Mayor Skinner stated we will be swearing in our Mayor-Elect Council President Corigliano. It will be his first meeting.

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 7:17p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk