

MAYOR & COUNCIL THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE, BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 22, 2022



The meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 electronically via the GoTo Meeting conferencing service and began at 7:07p.m.

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 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:

Present: Mayor Skinner, Council President Corigliano, Councilman Caminiti, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy, 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 -AGENDA ITEMS

Guy Torsilieri-Peapack-Mr. Torsilieri mentioned that he was still waiting for several documents pertaining to his OPRA request. He then asked who is in charge of overseeing the Liberty Park Project and the day to day progress of the contractor. Councilman Caminiti responded by saying that Lucinda, with Carter Van Dyke is responsible for overseeing the project and that there are currently no daily reports for this period due to the unfavorable weather. Mr. Torsilieri asked for a revised schedule for the project. Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator, responded by saying that once that document is obtained, Mr. Torsilieri would need to submit a new OPRA request. Discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS

Speed Signs on Borough Roads-Councilman Caminiti stated that the speed signs have been placed on Willow Ave. with the displays turned off so the Police Department can measure the speed of motorists without the motorists being aware that their speed data is being captured. Sergeant Scanlon stated that the signs are currently on the eastbound lane of Main St. to collect data. He also stated that the Borough has two (2) new signs that the Police Department is working on getting set up.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Sweeney stated that there is a Civic Engagement grant, through AARP, that may help us pay for setting up a system to continue GoTo Meetings while meeting in person. Councilwoman Dietrich added that she thinks it's a great idea. Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator, will call Quikteks, IT, to get details on getting this set up.



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MISCELLANEOUS DISSSION/APPROVALS

No Miscellaneous Discussion/Approvals

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of February 8, 2022. Councilman Lemma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 48-22 – Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Shared Services Agreement with the County of Somerset for the Installation of a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon System on Holland Avenue, Peapack & Gladstone was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-22 –Resolution Authorizing the Implementation of a Borough Logo for use by the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-22 – Resolution for Renewal of Inactive Plenary Retail Consumption Liquor License for the Period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda for resolutions 51-22 and 52-22 was motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 51-22 – Resolution to Appoint Nancy Muoio as Administrative Assistant to the Borough Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 52-22 – Resolution to Appoint Karen Van Nest as Deputy Clerk/Deputy Registrar of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone

RESOLUTION 53-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$1,555,511.55 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

<u>Finance</u> – Council President Corigliano stated that he was given some false information concerning the funds for the Fire Rescue truck. It was believed that the monies for the down payment were lined up, but not for the remaining balance. After speaking to Dale Melville, CFO, Council President Corigliano was made aware that the funds for the final payment are appropriated for the purchase.

Council President Corigliano mentioned that he is working on the budget for 2022. He is waiting for a few departments to get back to him with their budget requests for the year. He would like to schedule a Special Meeting within the next few weeks.



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<u>Sanitation & Sewer</u> – Councilman Lemma stated that he attended a STAB meeting and discussed the submission of a County grant to help offset the costs of repairs and improvements to the sewer system.

<u>Borough Property</u> – Councilman Caminiti gave an update on the Liberty Park Improvement Project. He stated that he is still hopeful that we will meet our target completion date. He also mentioned that numbers are being finalized for improvements at the Scout Cabin and work should be starting there soon.

<u>Fire and First Aid</u>— Councilwoman Murphy gave a shout out to the Peapack & Gladstone Fire Department for their recent ice rescue training. She also thanked Mr. Slack for the use of his pond for said training.

<u>Roads & Transportation</u> – Councilman Caminiti stated that he spoke to Dan Megill, DPW, concerning the timing on the striping on Jackson Ave. It is hoped that as the weather warms up, the striping will be completed.

Zoning & Construction - No Report

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

<u>Police</u>— Councilman Sweeney stated that as a result of the grant received for the driving enforcement on Superbowl Sunday, 16 summonses were issued including 3 for speeding.

Administrator's Report - Nancy Bretzger stated that she had no report tonight.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Skinner stated that he had no report tonight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - 5 MINUTES PER PERSON - AGENDA ITEMS

No one came forward

Mayor Skinner announced that he will not be seeking re-election and will not be running for Mayor for 2023.

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 7:48 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk

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