



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2022**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 electronically via the GoTo Meeting conferencing service and began at 7:00p.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 2021 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

No one came forward

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Executive Session minutes of December 14, 2021. Council President Corigliano motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilwoman Murphy gave an update for the Fire Rescue truck. She explained the different types of trucks and pricing. Discussion ensued and it was decided that a Special Council meeting would be held on January 17, 2022 to discuss further and make a decision on this purchase.

Councilman Caminiti explained the current standing on the crosswalk on Holland Ave. He stated that pedestrian safety is of the upmost concern and there will be minimal cost by the Borough as Somerset County would pick up most of the cost. Councilman Caminiti also stated that there are still a few issues to work out concerning property lines at Komline, lighting and placement. He asked for Council's concurrence on moving forward with this project. All concurred.

Councilman Lemma asked John Bruder, Borough Attorney, for an update on the IRMA Medicare premiums for Part B. Mr. Bruder explained that we need to look at our resolution that was filed with the state. He asked Nancy Bretzger, Clerk/Administrator, to look for the resolution so we can see exactly where we stand.



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NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Lemma thanked the Administration for the new policy concerning Borough employees and Covid quarantine. Unvaccinated employees must now use their sick time for quarantining in the event of exposure, regardless of where exposure happened. Councilman Sweeney stated that he disagrees with the part of the policy concerning vaccine status. He stated that the Omicron variant is spreading the same among vaccinated and non-vaccinated. Council President Corigliano stated that he feels this is something that should be left up to Nancy Bretzger as the Administrator. John Bruder, Borough Attorney, stated that even though the state recommends following CDC guidelines, they are changing protocol almost daily. Councilwoman Dietrich stated that because we do not have data on what employees are vaccinated, it is hard to implement a policy based that information.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Facilities Usage Application from PG Basketball-Councilman Sweeney explained the requested times as well as the waiving of fees. Nancy Bretzger added that some of the Saturdays requested would not be available due to Recreation already being scheduled at those times. There was a discussion about the cleaning of the gym and the need for changing of the schedule to coincide with when the janitor is already in the building. All concurred.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner introduced **Ordinance 1107-2022** – 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 introduce the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated that **Ordinance 1107-2022** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 28-22 – Resolution for Authorization to Accept Change Order No. 3 from V&K Construction for Work Associated with Liberty Park Improvement Project was read. Motion made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda for resolutions 29-22 through 31-22 was motioned by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Caminiti, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-22 – Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone to Enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Buy Board National Purchasing Cooperative.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-22 – Resolution Appointing a Municipal Prosecutor for the Shared Court in the Year 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 31-22 – Resolution Appointing A Public Defender for the Shared Court in the Year 2022



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BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 32-21 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$62,176.28 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

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.

Ronald Hill-Gladstone-Mr. Hill asked why Council is not making a decision on the Fire Rescue truck since there have been 3 options presented.

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 8:57p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy A. Bretzger".

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk