



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 25, 2022**

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The meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 electronically via the GoTo Meeting conferencing service and began at 7:00p.m.

Council President Corigliano 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 January 9, 2022 and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Council President Corigliano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Present: Council President Corigliano, Councilman Caminiti, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Sweeney

Absent: Mayor Skinner

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON –AGENDA ITEMS**

Theresa White-5 Tiger Hill Dr.-Ms. White stated that she feels it is not right to use money from the Open Space/Recreation fund for the new rescue fire truck. Council President Corigliano explained that it was not a use, but borrowing monies that are inactive and the reasons for considering borrowing the monies from the fund.

Mike Seboria-OSAC Chair-Mr. Seboria asked if there are legal issues with borrowing funds from the Open Space Recreation fund for the new rescue fire truck. John Bruder, Borough Attorney, replied that he was not asked to look into the legality of this. Mr. Seboria stated that he will be taking this to the NJ State of Community Affairs. He also stated that this is not the intent of the Open Space funds. Councilwoman Murphy stated that she was very communicative with the OSAC regarding the possible use of the Open Space funds and explained that this is only one of three options that were mentioned in funding the purchase.

**OLD BUSINESS**

PG Rebranding-Councilwoman Dietrich explained the new designs for the rebranding of the Borough logo. Each Council member gave their opinion on the new designs and most were leaning towards the design with the schoolhouse/municipal building. Council President Corigliano and Councilwoman Dietrich will continue to work on the tag line.

Council President Corigliano asked Council for their opinions on returning to in person Council meetings or continuing with virtual. It was decided to continue with virtual through February.



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**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Dietrich mentioned that the Museum of Early Trades has donated cabinets to the Historic Preservation which will be installed in the Scout Cabin.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISSION/APPROVALS**

No Miscellaneous Discussion/Approvals

**MINUTES**

Council President Corigliano asked for a motion for a consent approval and a second to accept the meeting minutes from November 23, 2021, December 14, 2021 and January 4, 2022. Motion made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously with Councilman Caminiti abstaining from the December 14, 2021 minutes.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Consent agenda for resolutions 35-22 through 38-22 was motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-22** – Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between Borough of Peapack & Gladstone and the County of Somerset for Recycling Pick-Up – January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

**RESOLUTION NO. 36-22** – Resolution Accepting a Resignation Letter from Jennifer Colucci, Administrative Assistant in the Clerk's Office

**RESOLUTION NO. 37-22** – Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Tax Collector to Conduct an Electronic Tax Sale

**RESOLUTION NO. 38-22** – Resolution for Authorization to Issue Duplicate Tax Sale Certificate

**RESOLUTION 39-21** Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$730,343.11 was read. Councilman Lemma asked for one bill to be pulled for review prior to payment. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Finance – Council President Corigliano stated that he is wrapping up the preparation of the budget documents and will have them out to the department heads and Council by Friday.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilman Lemma stated that this year is Peapack and Gladstone's turn to host STAB which will cause a request for an increase in budget this year. This cost would be shared with the other municipalities involved.





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Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti stated that he would like Council's consensus for securing bids for repairs to the tennis courts. He also mentioned that he was happy about the donated cabinets for the Scout Cabin, but pointed out that there are still repairs needed such as a new roof, insulation, windows, etc. Councilman Caminiti also stated that the Liberty Park Project is moving slowly due to the weather, but plans are being reviewed by Carter Van Dyke regarding the electric in the park.

Fire and First Aid– Councilwoman Murphy stated that the purchase of the Ferrara Rescue Fire truck was approved the last time Council met and a letter of intent has been sent.

Roads & Transportation – Councilman Caminiti gave a shout out to the DPW for all of their hard work during the recent snow storms. He also mentioned that Somerset County sent over the agreement for the pedestrian crosswalk on Holland Ave.

Zoning & Construction – No Report

Borough Attorney's Report- John Bruder stated he was happy to report that we have closed on the Nelson property.

Police– Councilman Sweeney stated that he and Councilwoman Dietrich met with Steve Ferrante, Chief of police. It was brought to their attention that Police vehicle no. 6 is no longer working and in need of replacement. Council President Corigliano responded by saying that the new vehicle should be purchased as soon as possible due to the current turn around time. Councilwoman Murphy suggested looking into replacing it with a hybrid or fully electric vehicle. Discussion ensued.

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

Mayor's Report – No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS**

Council President Corigliano asked if any member of the Public wishes to speak about agenda items.

John Kappler-25 Holland Ave.-Mr. Kappler gave his opinion on the rebranding of the Borough logo regarding the date established/settled.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:25p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk