



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and virtually via GO TO Meetings and began at 7:01p.m.

Mayor Skinner called the meeting to order. Deputy Borough Clerk Karen Van Nest 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: Council President Corigliano, Councilman Caminiti, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Sweeney, Mayor Skinner

Absent: None

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

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

Andrew Pfitzenmyer of 5 Brook Street spoke about security concerns at the Department of Public Works; he said that people are dumping off-hours in the regular dumpster and that the signs are a little misleading surrounding the trail that is being put in place. Councilman Caminiti confirmed that yes, a trail is being put in and stated that he can ask the police department to add an extra loop to drive to the Department of Public Works. DPW Director Brad Fagan said that the yellow gate has been open for a while and that vehicles had hit the gate in the past. Councilwoman Dietrich suggested perhaps closing the gate but not locking it. Brad Fagan said that he's not aware of a dumping issue and that typically businesses drop off during the days. It was noted that delivery trucks need the space in the cul-de-sac to turn around. Mayor Skinner mentioned possibly looking into an inexpensive camera. Councilwoman Murphy noted that the trails are not yet finalized. Sgt. Scanlon said that this is the first the police department is hearing about anything happening at DPW and encouraged residents to please call and let them know if people are hanging out there or if anything out of the ordinary is occurring. Councilman Caminiti stated that signed will be adjusted as needed as it relates to pedestrian access for the trail and reminded residents that if anyone sees anything unusual to please call it in.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no old business topics discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the discussion on the road names for the residential development on Route 206, Council President Corigliano stated that the three names fit well with the spirit of the area and read the names



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aloud as follows: Brandywine Drive for Road A, Saratoga Way for Road B, and Concord Lane for Road C. Council President Corigliano asked Borough Clerk/Administrator Nancy Bretzger and Deputy Clerk Karen Van Nest to formalize the road names in a Resolution at the next Council Meeting.

Councilwoman Dietrich thanked the Department of Public Works for the landscaping work they did at the Lime Kiln and complimented their work.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Borough Clerk/Administrator Nancy Bretzger stated that Somerset Hills Baseball would like to extend their season and access to our ball field until the end of July and noted that they utilize the field from 5-8pm; therefore, there is no conflict with the Summer Rec Camp program. Council Members concurred with extending the dates accordingly.

Councilwoman Dietrich raised a pickleball discussion and asked about exploring the use of the current basketball court. Councilwoman Murphy said that the basketball court is used frequently and that it's best to have an enclosed area for pickleball, especially for beginners. She stated that it's probably best to convert or paint lines on one of the tennis courts. Councilman Lemma noted that at Komline Park, tape is put down on the tennis courts when pickleball is played. Council President Corigliano said that the crack in the tennis court needs to get fixed and Borough Clerk/Administrator Nancy Bretzger said that the Recreation Commission is trying to get pricing to fix the crack. Councilman Sweeney said that he will bring it up during the Recreation Commission meeting on June 15, 2022.

Councilman Lemma noted that Liberty Park is coming along nicely and that Council will want to give some thought to the re-opening of the park. Ideas include a ceremony, communication with the public regarding changes that were made and changes that are still coming (ie. the tot lot equipment will take 6-9 months). He confirmed that the current equipment in the tot lot will remain in place until the new equipment arrives. Mayor Skinner said it's a great idea to have and publicize a grand re-opening of Liberty Park. Councilman Lemma said that Compliance Review Meeting for the park is scheduled for June 27, 2022. Council President Corigliano asked that the re-opening of Liberty Park be placed on the agenda as a new business discussion for the June 28th meeting. Councilwoman Murphy suggested that perhaps next summer, a Liberty Park celebration could be combined with Community Day. Councilman Lemma noted that the orange fencing will remain around the planting beds as the geese pull the plants out. After approximately twelve (12) months of taking root, the fencing will be removed. The 400 lilies that were planted will help clean up some of the algae in the pond. Trenches have been dug, new concrete pad has been poured, and DPW Director Brad Fagan has been in touch with JCP&L. The aerators will be back in in a more inconspicuous place. Councilman Lemma stated that there are far fewer geese in the pond area now than recent years. A geese repellent noise device is an option to look into if there is a geese problem going forward. He concluded his update by stating that new shingles are on the kiosks, grading is done, paths are done, and it may be ready in two weeks.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of May 24, 2022. Councilwoman Murphy motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1113-2022** – AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES HELD BY THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF NEW CASE 2022 521G WHEEL LOADER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$185,746.00

Councilman Sweeney moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1113-2022**, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Caminiti moved to close public comments for **Ordinance 1113-2022**, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Corigliano moved to Adopt **Ordinance 1113-2022**, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1114-2022** – PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$232,636.00 IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, \$44,400.00 IN THE OPEN SPACE TRUST AND \$71,318.00 IN THE SEWER CAPITAL FUND THEREFORE FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH

Councilwoman Murphy moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1114-2022**, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Skinner opened it to the public for any comments. No one from the public came forward. Councilwoman Murphy asked about the \$44,400 from the Open Space Trust and Council President Corigliano pulled up the budget and confirmed that it is for the trails and footbridge plans, engineering and bid documents.

Councilman Sweeney moved to close public comments for **Ordinance 1114-2022**, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Caminiti moved to Adopt **Ordinance 1114-2022**, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1115-2022** – PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$232,636.00 IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, \$44,400.00 IN THE OPEN SPACE TRUST AND \$71,318.00 IN THE SEWER CAPITAL FUND THEREFORE FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH

Councilwoman Murphy moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1114-2022**, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was carried unanimously.



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Councilman Sweeney moved to close public comments for **Ordinance 1114-2022**, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Caminiti moved to Adopt **Ordinance 1114-2022**, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was carried unanimously. Council President Corigliano explained that although monies are set aside in the budget to match capital items, each capital item still needs to be approved.

Mayor Skinner asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1115-2022 – AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES HELD BY THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LIBERTY PARK**

Council President Corigliano moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1115-2022**, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Caminiti moved to close public comments for **Ordinance 1115-2022**, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Sweeney moved to Adopt **Ordinance 1115-2022**, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda for Resolutions 138-22, 139-22, 140-22, 141-22, 142-22, 143-22, 144-22, 145-22, 146-22, 147-22, 148-22, 149-22, 152-22, and 154-22 was motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 138-22 – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW CASE 2022 521G WHEEL LOADER WITH PLOW AND FORK FROM GT MIDATLANTIC

RESOLUTION NO. 139-22 – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2022 FORD F250 SUPER CAB 4X4 PICK UP FROM DFFLM, LLC, T/A DITSCHMAN FLEMINGTON FORD

RESOLUTION NO. 140-22 – RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK BODY FROM REED SYSTEMS, LTD

RESOLUTION NO. 141-22 – RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023-PEAPACK FINE WINES & GLADSTONE LIQUORS

RESOLUTION NO. 142-22 – AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #14 FROM V&K CONSTRUCTION FOR LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



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RESOLUTION NO. 143-22 – AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #15 FROM V&K CONSTRUCTION FOR LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 144-22 – AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #16 FROM V&K CONSTRUCTION FOR LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 145-22 – AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER #17 FROM V&K CONSTRUCTION FOR LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 146-22 – AUTHORIZING BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN SOMERSET COUNTY DISTRACTED DRIVING STATEWIDE ENFORCEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 147-22 – CHAPTER 159 DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT GRANT

RESOLUTION NO. 148-22 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE COUNCIL TO FIX AND DETERMINE ANNUAL SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE

RESOLUTION NO. 149-22 – RESOLUTION FOR STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM – REVISING ENABLING RESOLUTION NO. 67-22

RESOLUTION NO. 152-22 – RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AUTOMATIC RENEWAL OF 2020-2022 URBAN COUNTY COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOMERSET COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

RESOLUTION NO. 154-22 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO V&K CONSTRUCTION FOR LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 150-22 – AUTHORIZATION FOR REID HACHEY TO BECOME A JUNIOR FIREMAN OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 151-22 – AUTHORIZATION FOR JULIANNE HARRIS TO BECOME AN AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously. Mayor Skinner and Council President Corigliano stated that it's great to see new members joining the Fire Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 155-22 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE AND PBA LOCAL 139 was read. Councilman Sweeney gave a brief synopsis of the Memorandum of Understanding and noted that the Corporal position will no longer be a stipend but rather a salaried, pensionable position. He said that the MOU is a two-page document of the salary increases going forward for the police department. Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 153-22 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$874,337.05 was read. Councilman Caminiti asked about the NJ American Water bill for approximately \$7.5k and Borough Clerk/Administrator replied that it might have been a two-month bill. Councilman



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Lemma asked if the 1 School Street bill is just for the building and Borough Clerk/Administrator Bretzger stated that yes, as there are separate bills for DPW and the Fire House. Council President Corigliano said that it still seems high and asked Borough Clerk/Administrator Bretzger to look at the bill to see the time period it covered. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Skinner asked if any member of the public wishes to speak about agenda items. No one came forward.

Mayor Skinner introduced Caitlin Huamani, who is interning with the Bernardsville News and learning the trade of journalism. Council President Corigliano congratulated and welcomed her.

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 7:37p.m. This motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Skinner stated that the next Regular Meeting of the Mayor & Council will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk