

MAYOR & COUNCIL THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE, BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 8, 2022



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 7:02p.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 - NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Andrew Pfitzenmyer – 5 Brook St. – He stated that he is here on behalf of his mother Jennifer St. Leger – Mr. Pfitzenmyer stated that he was following up on an email dated March 1, 2022 sent by his mother, Jennifer St. Leger regarding flood mitigation. Borough Attorney Bruder identified himself as the municipal attorney and stated that he is putting together a response to send to Ms. St. Leger later in the week.

OLD BUSINESS

Borough Clerk/Administrator Bretzger raised a discussion from the last meeting regarding a remote login for residents for Council Meetings that are now in-person and stated the need to upgrade the bandwidth in the room in order to run a GOTO Meeting. She has been in touch with Comcast and the monthly increase is anticipated to be \$50-\$70. She also spoke with an AV company who mentioned a standalone camera as a different option and suggested obtaining an access point specific to the council chamber room. Additionally, the need for an individual to monitor a laptop during the meetings to manage hand raises from the public was a discussion amongst all Council Members. Internet issues on March 8th prevented the meeting from being live-streamed on YouTube at the time of the meeting. Borough Clerk/Administrator Bretzger also spoke with the Borough's recording system company who mentioned a Polycom phone system, but she has not yet received a quote. She will speak with the Clerk in Bedminster Township to see how they manage the hybrid model, as they are one of four municipalities in the County currently offering a hybrid model for Council meetings. Councilman Caminiti stated that perhaps the Borough can look into accessing Covid-19 relief monies at the County level to implement the hybrid model.



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NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items discussed.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Facility Usage for Somerset Hills Ball Club (formerly Somerset Hills Little League) to use the Borough's ball fields from March 28-June 19, 2022 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 5-8pm was consented unanimously after some discussion. Councilwoman Dietrich asked about the organization and Borough Clerk/Administrator Bretzger explained that they moved out of the former Little League organization in order to play in various tournaments. The Borough ball fields will be used for practices and games and not tournaments. Scheduling will be handled through Recreation.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of February 22, 2022. Councilwoman Dietrich motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Skinner introduced **Ordinance 1109-2022** – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Council President Corigliano moved to introduce the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion passed unanimously. Mayor Skinner stated that **Ordinance 1109-2022** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on March 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 55-22 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE AND THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET FOR USE OF BOROUGH POLICE OFFICERS FOR VARIOUS COUNTY POLICE INITIATIVES was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 56-22 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEVIN SWEENEY TO BE ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIE DEPARTMENT was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-22 – RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 58-22 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION SAFE PASSAGE ST. PATRICK'S DAY DWI ENFORCEMENT MARCH 17-19, 2022 was read.



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Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 59-22-RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVING FINAL LIST OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUAD WHO QUALIFY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE BOROUGH LOSAP PROGRAM IN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE, COUNTY OF SOMERSET was ready. Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 60-22-RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A RESIGNATION LETTER FROM JUSTIN DIETRICH, LABORER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND AUTHORIZATION TO PAY VACATION TIME was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 61-22-RESOLUTION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 FROM V&K CONSTRUCTION FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT was read and tabled after discussion amongst Council members.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 62-22 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$152,865.26 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - 5 MINUTES PER PERSON - AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Skinner asked if any member of the public wishes to speak about agenda items.

No one came forward.

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 7:30p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk

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