



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



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and virtually via GoTo Meetings and began at 7:00p.m.

Mayor Skinner called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk Nancy 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."

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Roll Call indicated the following present: Councilman Caminiti, Council President Corigliano, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma. Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Sweeney and Mayor Skinner.

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

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

No members of the public came forward

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Lemma gave an update on Geese Control in Liberty Park. He stated that the amber lights have worked a little but it has not gotten rid of the infestation. At the last meeting Councilwoman Dietrich mentioned a product that has been used where she lives and has worked very well. It was since found out that the product is covered under State contract. Councilman Lemma met with the company at the New Jersey of Municipalities Conference and details were discussed. There would be a monthly application and they would also spray by the municipal building where the geese are going and will not charge us for it. They also will not charge us for the first application so we can see if it works. He previously sent out materials on the product to the Council. The chemical is an egg extract mixed with a mint oil and second natural oil so it does not need to be EPA registered with EPA and it is non-toxic. He does not see a down side. The Council agreed to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Skinner stated that this year marks the 100Th Anniversary of the Peapack & Gladstone Women's Club. He read from a prepared statement. Councilman Sweeney asked for a Proclamation for this.



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Council Lemma brought up an idea that he saw at the League of Municipalities Conference from Gates, Flags and Banners regarding a Hometown Hero's Veterans display hung on light poles. Discussion ensued on this. Clerk Bretzger stated we need to get the approval from JCP&L prior to hanging them on the poles. It was thought they should hang from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day. Mayor Skinner suggested contacting the New Jersey Department of Military Veteran's Affairs to decide on to which Veterans' they will honor. The amount will help determine where the flags will be displayed on Main Street. Councilman Lemma will get more information and bring back to a future meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Councilwoman Murphy brought up putting Sarah Kay on our Rossi list. She has brought this up before and would like to get a decision on this. Councilman Corigliano would like to see it partially preserved and partially sold off as a buildable lot to recover the funds the Borough spend on the purchase of the land. Councilwoman Murphy will get the zoning information and what value the property might bring at auction. Clerk, Bretzger stated she will speak with Sarah Jane regarding any zoning restrictions. Councilman Sweeney will explore options on this idea. Councilwoman Murphy stated that she thinks there is a large population that would be happy to spend money on open space. Councilman Sweeney stated the goal for this property has changed over time; there is no game plan for this property historically speaking.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of November 7, 2022. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1119-2022- *An Ordinance Amending Chapter II, Titled "Administration" of the Revised General Ordinances, Subsection 31 Title "Police Department"*

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to Introduce Ordinance 1119-2022 Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman Lemma, Borough Clerk did roll call; said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated that "Ordinance 1119-2022 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and that the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on December 20, 2022 or shortly thereafter"



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RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda for Resolutions 223-22, 225-22, 227-22, 228-22, 229-22, 230-22 was motioned by Councilman Sweeney seconded by Councilman Corigliano. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO R-223-22- RESOLUTION SETTING THE 2023 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

RESOLUTION NO R-225-22- RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION NO R-227-22- RESOLUTION GRANTING THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA) TO NANCY MUOIO FOR UNPAID TIME OFF FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 29, 2022

RESOLUTION NO R-228-22- AUTHORIZING BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION SAFE PASSAGE THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 24, 25 & 26, 2022

RESOLUTION NO R-229-22- RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION SAFE PASSAGE THANKSGIVING PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)

RESOLUTION NO R-230-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MACARO IRON WORKS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF RAILING FOR THE SIDE OF BOROUGH HALL

RESOLUTION NO R-224-22- RESOLUTION FOR OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FOR THE YEAR 2023

Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Lemma.

Councilman Corigliano asked if the Council would be open to having a few of the 2023 meetings via GOTO remotely. It was decided the dates June 27, July 18 and August 15 would be remote. Councilman Corigliano motioned to amend Resolution R224-22; Councilman Caminiti seconded. Roll call vote was taken, said motioned was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO R-226-22 - AUTHORIZATION TO PAY V&K CONSTRUCTION INC FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIBERTY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Motion was made by Councilman Lemma; seconded by Councilman Sweeney.

Councilman Lemma spoke on the final payment. For the most part everything is done according to spec. The vendor still has an obligation to maintain plants and grass and speaking with John Bruder and our architects the consensus was decided to withhold 1.5% of the final check to make sure the vendor delivers on those items and files a maintenance bond.

There were also two trees that are in question and they have agreed to give us a credit for them if they do not live. He also said they have saved \$1,000 because only one of the handicap parking spots were needed, not two originally planned. Roll call vote was taken; said motion was passed unanimously.



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BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION NO. 231 -22 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of **\$131,845.42** was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Roll call taken, said motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano stated nothing for finance but spoke on Affordable Housing. He stated we will need to hire a qualified firm to manage our Affordable Housing to ensure compliance. He will work with the Administrator to develop an RFP to solicit interest.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilman Lemma stated that previously, maintenance on the STAB system has been infrequent. He indicated there is a substantial grant that was gained in conjunction with some of the other communities that use the regional sewer center. The grant has not yet been received yet so purchase orders for the improvement work are pending. We have been told there may also be a federal grant coming. If both grants come in there will be no impact on the sewer user rates.

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti spoke on the Scout Cabinet. They have some quotes in place. They have yet to be reviewed and vetted. There are some outstanding items that they have received quotes on heating and cooling, insulation, electrical and flooring and some storm windows and new door. He is working with Nancy on this. He will make some recommendations at the next meeting. Regarding the roof, the rafters will still be exposed and it will be a nice clean look.

The other item is, DPW has been looking into repairs for the dentist's house. More information on this is forthcoming.

When he was at the League last week, he noticed on the floor there was a dramatic uptick in the number of municipal vehicles that have been electrified and are available commercially. Gasoline, carbon in any form is going to become more expensive. He said we will be bumping up against the objectives set forth in the Energy Master Plan that is now state law. He said with his days being limited on the Dias, he would like to hand this off to the next person to get the maximize amount of grant money to get this going. Councilwoman Murphy agreed to take this over.

The Administrator stated we are not due for another Police car until 2024. Options for future electric vehicles needs to be further explored.

Mayor Skinner asked about the tree for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.



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Borough Clerk stated that Brad will be going to the tree farm to get the tree. It will not be a permanent tree. One of the concerns is the bigger the tree, the bigger the stand.

It was discussed that the “scary Santa” will not be put out this year. He will be repainted or an alternative will be sourced.

Fire and First Aid – Nothing to report.

Police – Nothing to report.

Roads & Transportation – Councilman Lemma stated the crosswalk was done on Main Street but not on Pottersville Road.

It was indicated that the County is aware of this and will be addressing.

Zoning & Construction – Nothing to report.

Borough Attorney’s Report- John is working with the attorneys for PG Residential to get the developers agreement finalized and in place. An approval by Council will be forthcoming.

Administrator’s Report – Nancy stated she is still in contact with our Broker regarding the state health benefits and whether we should change. The Broker indicated that one of the JIFs, the Health Insurance Fund through The Underwriters is interested in us and he is trying to get us a quote so we may have another option for the employees.

Mayor’s Report – Nothing to report.

Councilman Corigliano stated that the New Jersey of Municipalities Conference is worth attending. He always comes away with useful.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS

No one came forward

Mayor Skinner reminded everyone the Tree Lighting will be December 4th.

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 Lemma, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:55p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk