



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2022**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, December 6, 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."

Mayor Skinner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Mayor Skinner stated at the last meeting he read a proclamation celebrating the Peapack-Gladstone Women's Club 100th Anniversary and it was decided to make it into an official Proclamation. Mayor Skinner presented it at their Holiday party which was tonight and all the members of the Club were thrilled and they thanked the Council for the Proclamation.

Mayor Skinner then read the Proclamation to John McDermott, retiring Fire Chief of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department, with his son Sean on-line and his wife Pricilla in the audience. Mayor Skinner stated that as public servants we work odd hours and are pulled away from our families and we could never do this work without the support of our families. He noted that son Sean is also a member of fire department; he joined as a junior member in high school and is still a current member.

The proclamation highlighted and acknowledged John's dedicated career to public service over the past 36 year.

Kingsley Hill, President of the Fire Company thanked John for his dedication.

Mayor Skinner and Kingsley Hill presented Chief John McDermott, with an encased flag that was flown over the Capitol of the United States, the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone Municipal Building, the Borough Fire Department and the Borough First Aid and Rescue Squad.

John McDermott thanked his wife and son for putting up with him over his time with the Fire Department. He thanked the members of the Fire Department for all they do. He stated that he is just a phone call away if they have any questions. He thanked the Council for their continued support.



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

No members of the public came forward.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Lemma confirmed with Borough Clerk, Nancy Bretzger that the amber light strobe system in Liberty Park had been removed and we are waiting for the anti-geese treatment company. Nancy Bretzger stated she is working on the refund from the strobes.

NEW BUSINESS- NONE

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Facility Usage Application from the Somerset County Library System-PG Branch for use of the Council Room on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 2PM for a Presentation of “Under the Great Oak” a documentary about America’s Oldest White Oak tree from Basking Ridge.

The Council concurred.

The Special Use application was pulled.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of November 22, 2022. Councilman Sweeney motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Lemma. Roll Call vote; said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Consent Agenda for Resolutions 232-22, 233-22, 234-22, 235-22, 236-22, was motioned by Councilman Sweeney seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Roll Call vote; said motioned was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. R-232-22- RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF SALARY FOR SUZANNAH GIVONE FOR OBTAINING HER CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL REGISTRAR (CMR) CERTIFICATION

RESOLUTION NO. R- 233- 22-TO AWARD TOWING LICENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025 (3 YEARS)

RESOLUTION NO. R-234-22- RESOLUTION FOR APPROPRIATION BUDGET TRANSFERS

RESOLUTION NO. R- 235- 22- AUTHORIZING BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN DRIVE SOBER END-OF-YEAR DWI EVENT FROM DECEMBER 14, 2022 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2023



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RESOLUTION NO. R- 236-22- *RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2022 BUDGET FOR THE DRIVE SOBER END-OF-YEAR DWI EVENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)*

RESOLUTION NO. R- 237-22 PULLED

BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION NO. 238 -22 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of **\$536,025.84** was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Lemma. Roll call taken; said motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS

No members of the public came forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION NO. 239-22 AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED PURPOSES- (1) Contract Negotiations- Shared Court, Motion was made by Councilman Caminti, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Roll call taken, said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner stated action, may or may not be taken so this portion is closed to the public, meeting will reopen to the public after Executive Session.

Motion was made by Council Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich to return to Open Session, roll call taken; said motion was passed unanimously.

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 7:38p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk