



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



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and virtually via GoTo Meetings and began at 7:03p.m.

Council President Corigliano, standing in for 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."

Council President Corigliano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated the following present: Councilman Caminiti (via GoTo Meeting), Council President Corigliano, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Sweeney

Absent were: Mayor Greg Skinner

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

Council President Corigliano opened it up to the public for any non-agenda comments.

Andrew Pfitzmeyer, 5 Brook St., Peapack: Mr. Pfitzmeyer stated that the flood lights at the DPW yard, and DPW truck headlights shine into his house all night. Councilman Caminiti responded by saying that the lights are a security measure and the cost of swapping them out for motion sensors would not be warranted. Councilman Lemma suggested that we redirect the lights so they are not shining into the Pfitzmeyer residence. It was also suggested that Mr. Pfitzmeyer close his curtains to help block the light that may shine in from the DPW yard and truck headlights.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Caminiti gave an update on the energy aggregation auction which came back with unfavorable rates. He stated that we will go back to auction for the next cycle to hopefully be able to offer residents lower electrical rates.

Councilman Caminiti stated that he and Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator, are looking into alternative options for health benefits due to the substantial increase in rates for the NJ Benefits Program.



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NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Hourly Wages-Councilman Sweeney stated that the PBA suggested that the Off-Duty/Road Duty rate for officers be tied into the rate of the sergeant plus an additional 20%. Discussion ensued and an ordinance will be on the next meeting with an agreed rate schedule of \$80 an hour pay, \$30 an hour Administrative Fee and \$25 an hour vehicle fee.

Best Practices-Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator, stated that since we answered yes to enough questions, we would still qualify for the state aid. Council President Corigliano asked for consent, all concurred.

MINUTES

Council President Corigliano asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of September 27, 2022. Councilman Lemma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed with Councilman Caminiti and Councilwoman Dietrich abstaining.

Council President Corigliano asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of October 11, 2022. Councilwoman Murphy motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed with Councilman Sweeney abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 211-22 RESOLUTION TO REFUND LIENHOLDER FOR REDEMPTION OF LIEN #19-00003 ON BLOCK 15 LOT 3 was read. Motion made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 212-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A FUNDING REQUEST TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY RECREATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR LIBERTY PARK was read. Motion made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 213-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO BILCO CONTRACTING, LLC FOR BOROUGH HALL BUILDING SIDE WALL AND WALKWAY REHABILITATION ON AN EMERGENT BASIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84, 375.00 was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 214-22 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATION FROM BELARI HOME REMODELING CO. OF \$7,500.00 AS A CREDIT TOWARDS THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF



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COMMERCIAL GUTTERS ON THE BOROUGH'S FIRE HOUSE was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION NO. 215 -22 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of **\$199,265.61** was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano asked for Council's concurrence to issue an RFP for Auditing Services. All concurred.

Council President Corigliano stated that the Borough has received approximately \$240,000 in ARA funds from the federal government for Pandemic relief. He asked for Council's consent to use these funds towards the new fire truck. An ordinance would be needed to reduce the previously approved Capital Ordinance and to fund the truck purchase with these grant funds. Consent was given by Council pending the approval from the CFO and Borough Auditor.

Sanitation & Sewer – Nothing to report.

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti stated that he has a meeting scheduled regarding the Scout Cabin electrical issues.

Councilman Caminiti also asked for Council's concurrence to get a home inspection done on the Park House so we can have a clear idea of exactly what repairs are needed. Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator, stated that our DPW has been working on the floors and walls and is keeping a list of all repairs that are needed. Councilman Caminiti will reach out to Brad, Director of DPW, for a current update.

Fire and First Aid – Nothing to report.

Police – Nothing to report

Roads & Transportation – Nothing to report.

Zoning & Construction – Nothing to report.

Borough Attorney's Report- Nothing to report.

Administrator's Report – Nancy Bretzger stated that she spoke to a broker regarding alternative health insurance coverage. She is waiting for him to get back to her with pricing. Councilman



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Caminiti added that he is optimistic about the alternative options as the coverage is comparable and the pricing should be more stable.

Mayor's Report – Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS

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

No one came forward

EXECUTIVE SESSION-RESOLUTION NO. 216-22 – AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED PURPOSES- (1) *Personnel – Salaries* (2) *Contract Negotiations-Liberty Park* was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:35pm

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:37p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk