



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2022**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and virtually via GoTo Meetings and began at 7:01p.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: Mayor Skinner, Council President Corigliano, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Sweeney

Absent were: Councilman Caminiti and Councilwoman Dietrich

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

Mayor Skinner opened it up to the public for any non-agenda comments.

OLD BUSINESS – Councilman Lemma asked if the new signs for the Liberty Park parking lot have been delivered yet. Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator, responded by saying that the requisition has been approved but that the signs have not yet been received.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no new business items discussed.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Request to close cul-de-sac on Pheasant Run for a block party on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 2pm-7pm

Councilman Lemma mentioned the need for a Christmas tree in Liberty Park for the holiday season, and the different options available. Councilwoman Murphy suggested waiting until next year to purchase a new tree and instead, obtaining a donated tree from one of the local farms. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of a real tree verses an artificial tree. It was decided that a real tree would be best this year, giving more time to shop around for an artificial tree for the future.



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Councilwoman Murphy mentioned that she would like to have the Santa cut out repainted to appear less scary, and also mentioned that it might be a good idea to have certain merchandise such as sweatshirts that have "PG" on them available as interest has been shown by residents. It was suggested that maybe one of the Borough Committees would like to sell those items as a fundraiser.

MINUTES

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Executive Meeting minutes of September 13, 2022. Council President Corigliano motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Skinner asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of September 13, 2022. Councilman Sweeney motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 197-22 AUTHORIZING THE PARTIAL CLOSING OF PHEASANT RUN AT THE CUL-DE-SAC FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022 was read. Motion made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 198-22 RESOLUTION TO APPOINT JAMES KEITH AS A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MECHANIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,000 was read. Motion made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motioned was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 199-22 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (OAG) FOR AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (ALPR'S) was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 201-22 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE PEAPACK-GLADSTONE FIRST AID & RESCUE SQUAD INC., THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND THE PEAPACK GLADSTONE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION OF THE RESCUE TASK FORCE PROGRAM was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST



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RESOLUTION NO. 200 -22 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of **\$112,575.11** was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano stated that he and Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator, met with Michael Pitts, CFO, regarding the deficiencies in last year's audit. They are confident that any issues are being handled properly.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilman Lemma stated that we are still waiting on the grant from the county, but that it will be addressed at the next STAB meeting.

Borough Property – Councilman Lemma mentioned that there has been progress at Liberty Park regarding the seating. Replacement plantings are scheduled for next week.

Fire and First Aid – Councilwoman Murphy stated that the Car and Coffee fund raiser was a success. She also mentioned that the PG First Aid ambulance won first place at the Boonton Fire Department parade. Mayor Skinner added that October 8th will be the Fire Department Open House.

Police – Councilman Sweeney mentioned that there will be a recommendation for an increase in PG's Chief or Police salary at an upcoming meeting.

Roads & Transportation – Councilman Lemma mentioned that the paving projects in town are going as scheduled, and the striping will be done within the next few weeks.

Zoning & Construction – Nothing to report

Borough Attorney's Report- Nothing to report

Administrator's Report – Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator, mentioned that Florence Spitale is working with SDL to get the SDL Portal on our website. This will allow residents to see where their permits are in the process, as well as schedule inspections. This should be done the week of October 11th.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Skinner started a discussion about the PG employee holiday party and employee gifts. It was decided that Nancy Bretzger will look at some further options concerning gifts and will let Council know what she comes up with.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS

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



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Andrew Pfitzenmayer-Brook St.- Stated that his family has a large Christmas tree in their yard and they would like to donate it to the Borough for Liberty Park. Brad Fagan, DPW Supervisor, will go look at the tree and decide as to whether it will be appropriate for the Borough property.

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 7:42p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger

Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk