



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2023**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 virtually via GoTo Meeting and began at 7:01p.m.

Mayor Corigliano called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk Nancy Bretzger read the Sunshine Notice "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2023 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 8, 2022 and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Mayor Corigliano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Councilman Quartello and Councilwoman Weible

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

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

No public comment

OLD BUSINESS

- Open Gym Proposal tabled to next meeting.

Councilwoman Dietrich discussed the quilt that was donated to the council. This discussion involved displaying the quilt folded and framed or the full quilt framed. Framing the folded quilt will range from \$500 - \$2,000. Framing the full quilt ranges from \$2,000 to \$2,800. Councilwoman Dietrich would like to see the entire quilt framed.

Don Lemma and John Sweeney are in favor of the framing the full quilt.

Councilwoman Murphy is supportive of showing the entire quilt but at a minimum folding it in half and showing the repeated patterns.

Mayor Corigliano is in favor of folding it.

Pricing was discussed. It was decided that they will continue the discussion when the full Council is present at the September 26th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – None



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MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

● Raffle License Application No. 03-2023 for On-premises 50/50 for Affinity Federal Foundation Inc. to be held at The Mansion at Natirar on October 12, 2023

Nancy Bretzger stated that this raffle application came in from Affinity Federal Foundation for a fundraiser at Natirar for an On-premises 50/50 and after reviewing it everything looks good. Once the Council approves it, it will go down to the state and then they can be issued a license in the next three weeks. Consensus from the Council is to approve it.

MINUTES

Mayor Corigliano asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2023 motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2023 made by Councilwoman Murphy; seconded by Councilman Lemma roll call taken, said motion passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1126-23 AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION SECTION 31.14 PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO SUPERIOR OFFICER POSITIONS TO ADOPT A NEW SECTION 31.14 APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Motion made by Council President Sweeney; seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich to adopt Ordinance 1126-23 on first reading; roll call taken; said motion passed.

Mayor Corigliano stated that "Ordinance 1126-2023 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and that the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on September 12, 2023 at 7:00pm or shortly thereafter"

Councilman Lemma asked that the PBA get a copy of this.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1127-23 *AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES HELD BY THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN ALCOTEST SYSTEM FOR THE BOROUGH'S POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR \$19,305.00*

Mayor Corigliano stated that this ordinance needed to be done prior to receiving the funds for the Alcotest System.

Motion made by Councilman Lemma; seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich to Ordinance 1127-23 on first reading, roll call taken; said motion passed. John Bruder stated that every Municipality will be tasked with this responsibility.

Mayor Corigliano stated that "Ordinance 1127-2023 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and that the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on September 12, 2023 at 7:00pm or shortly thereafter"



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RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Corigliano asked for a consent vote for all resolutions with Resolution 168-23 being pulled. Council President Sweeney requested that R-168-23 be pulled for reason that some comments came back from Blue Ridge relating to the contract. We will need to work this out between now and the next meeting.

Councilman Lemma asked about R-158-23 and the consensus was that it stays in. Councilwoman Deitrich asked that 169-23 be held apart for discussion.

Resolutions 158-23 through 167-23, motion made by Councilwoman Murphy; seconded by Council President Sweeney, roll call taken; said motion to pass.

Motion made by Council President Sweeney; seconded by Councilman Lemma to approved Resolution 169-23.

Mayor Corigliano explained that the Borough has had a program in effect for many years that every year we re-assess 25% or one quarter of the homes in the Borough, because we do not have the manpower to do it all Ed Kerwin hires this firm to assist in the re-assessment.

Roll call taken; said motion passed.

BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION NO. 170-23 *Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: **\$989,433***

Motion made by Council President Sweeney; seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich, roll call vote take; said motion passed.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilwoman Murphy spoke on the Liberty Park situation with V&K about them completing their work and getting their remaining 13 plus thousand-dollar payment or walking away from the balance. Based on her conversation with John Bruder, he is going to send one final letter to them and they are hoping to meet with them next week. Some of the Council members feel enough time has gone by and cut our ties to V&K. But it was agreed upon that a final letter be sent to V&K stating the terms of finishing in the park.

Councilman Lemma stated the under lighting on the long bench needs to be added to the list. This has been replaced 3 times under the warranty period. Also, JCP&L was supposed to install the copper colonial lights on the poles. Nancy Bretzger stated that we are in the process of scheduling that with JCP&L.



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Discussion ensued regarding moving forward with V & K. Consensus is Councilwoman Murphy will give V&K one more shot.

Another issue with the park is lightning hit the transformer box this past weekend so there is no power at the park. It will be a couple of thousand dollars to replace.

DPW has been interviewing for a vacant position. They are hoping to fill it soon and then they will be backup to full speed.

Mayor's Executive Summary

Nancy Bretzger will move the open gym discussion to 9/12

Quilt framing discussion will be moved to 9/26

Nancy Bretzger will get the police promotional items to the PBA.

No public comment.

With no further business, motion made by Councilman Lemma; seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich to close the meeting at 7:49pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bretzger

Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk