



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and virtually via GoTo Meeting and began at 7:00p.m.

Mayor Corigliano called the meeting to order. Borough Deputy Clerk Suzie Givone 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 (by remote), Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Quartello, Council President Sweeney, Councilwoman Weible and Mayor Corigliano.

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**

Councilwoman Dietrich brought up a discussion that was had at a previous meeting about the quilt donation from the Historic Preservation Committee. She was working to get an itemized cost for the preservation of the quilt. She was hoping there would be some consideration from the Council because the quilt is supposed to be displayed for all to see. Mayor Corigliano stated if the Council finds the cost appropriate, we will do it outside of the historic's fund.

Councilman Quartello circled back to Matheny and wanted to know if there has been any discussion with them, have we received any proposals from them?

Mayor Corigliano stated he did write them after they met and he and Councilman Sweeney were addressing the their response. He is trying to meet with him in the next week. Councilman Sweeney stated it is not going to be a one-shot deal. They have a lot of moving parts.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Proposal from Bethel Ridge for H.O.M.E. Funding was pulled.

Councilman Lemma spoke on the decaling of the police cars. The Police Committee and the Police Chief reviewed the four choices and they have decided on choice 2 on the list. The Council discussed and the consensus was that it will still be design number 2 in terms of the coloring, the justification of the word Police is more toward the front, and the municipal police logo may be one version on the front right quarter panel and one maybe on the door so we can see what it is like and a little smaller than what it currently is.



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Councilwoman Murphy stated that it might make sense to have one vehicle done first as a demo. Chief Ferrante agreed as well.

Councilman Lemma is going to communicate this back to the Chief.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

Facility Usage Somerset Hills Ball Club (formerly Somerset Hills Little League) for use of the Borough's ball fields from March 28-June 18, 2023, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays from 5-8pm. Scheduling will be done through Recreation.

Councilman Lemma stated he did not see a Certificate of Insurance. Borough Clerk Bretzger confirmed it was received.

Mayor Corigliano stated in reviewing this application he noticed they are requesting a waiver of fees. However, he noticed that they do charge admission to participants. In further research he found out that they just became a non-profit 501C3 this past November. He is not opposed to them using the field but he personally does not feel they should be exempt from the \$25 usage fee per year.

Discussion ensued and there was consensus among the Council to approve application without a fee waiver as presented.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Corigliano asked for a consent motion on the Minutes from the Executive Session and the regular meeting on February 14, 2023; motion made by Councilwoman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Quartello. Roll Call vote; said motion was passed unanimously. Councilwoman Dietrich abstained.

**ORDINANCE**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1120-23 – ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) FOR THE YEAR 2023**

Councilman Sweeney made a motion to introduce Ordinance 1120-23; Councilwoman Murphy seconded the motion, roll call was vote; said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Corigliano stated that Ordinance 1120-2023 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and that the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on March 28, 2023 at 7:00pm or shortly thereafter.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-60-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW POLICE PATCH FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT;** Councilman Lemma made a





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motion to adopt Resolution R-6-23; Councilwoman Murphy seconded the motion; roll call vote; said motion was passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Murphy left the meeting at 7:18PM.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-61-23** *AUTHORIZATION APPROVING FINAL LIST OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUAD WHO QUALIFY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE BOROUGH LOSAP PROGRAM IN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE, COUNTY OF SOMERSET*; Councilman Lemma made a motion to adopt Resolution R-61-23; seconded Councilwoman Weible; roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously except for Council President Sweeney who abstained.

**RESOLUTION NO. R-62-23** *RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MATTHEW GHIRETTI AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE*, Councilman Quartello made a motion to adopt Resolution R-62-23; seconded by Councilman Lemma;

*Borough Clerk Bretzger gave a brief on this Resolution. Roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.*

**RESOLUTION NO. R-63-23** *RESOLUTION TO REFUND LIENHOLDER FOR REDEMPTION OF LIEN #20-00003 ON BLOCK 29 LOT 19*, Councilman Sweeney made a motion to adopt Resolution R-63-23; seconded by Councilman Lemma; roll call vote, said motion passed unanimously.

**BILLS LIST**

**RESOLUTION NO R-64-23** *Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: \$241,239.47 was read.* Motion was made by Councilman Quartello, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Finance**

Mayor Corigliano stated the Special Budget meeting is scheduled Wednesday, March 8 at 7PM via Goto meeting. He is still waiting on the assessments to finish the numbers.

Councilman Quartello stated the deadline for the Banking RFP's is tomorrow morning at 10AM.

**Sanitation & Sewer- No report**

**Borough Property**

Councilman Sweeney stated Brad will be gearing up on estimates for the tennis courts. He and Councilwoman Murphy met with Bill Ryden at the tennis courts. Bill Ryden was not alarmed by



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the cracks. He does not feel they are caused by water. He did state that ongoing maintenance is required to ensure the cracks don't reoccur.

Brad has received a quote for the repair/replacement of the roof over the municipal building. The property committee still has some questions for Brad. They will try to get the numbers more finely tuned before the budget meeting.

Fire/First Aid Squad

Councilman Lemma stated the Fire Company responded to 14 fire calls in January. Work has just started with replacement of Engine No. 3. This will be a multi-year project and they are working with the truck committee to get consensus on the specifications. They may look to allocate some money this year in the capital budget.

There is also an initiative coming from the County level where portable radios will have to be changed out. He believes they are working on a grant to cover some of those costs. The Council discussed the funding of this. It is an unfunded mandate. More information to come on this.

He stated that OEM was given a rating by the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management and Peapack Gladstone received a score of 99.78% out of 100%.

Police

Councilman Lemma stated they are continuing to move forward with the hiring of a new officer. They have a short list of candidates. This would be to replace an officer that recently resigned. There are a few candidates in the Police Academy and there are also a few candidates that already completed their training. He will have a more definitive update for us shortly.

Roads & Transportation

No Update today.

Zoning & Construction

No report.

Legal

John Bruder stated as an FYI we are getting into tax season so the tax appeals should start rolling in over the next few weeks. Gladstone Tavern recently requested to withdraw theirs. There really are not too many outstanding from prior years.



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With respect to land preservation regarding the Tucker Property, it looks like we will have an agreement in place. Then at the meeting we will have to discuss the cost for new appraisals and who will bear the cost. The Smith property is also in the works.

Administrator's Report

No report.

Mayor's Report

No report.

Mayor's Executive Summary

Mayor Corigliano summarized that Councilman Lemma will follow up with Police Chief on suggestions for modifications for the police car logo, and the status of preserving the quilt. Councilwoman Dietrich stated they have looked into how it should be preserved and will have to discuss our options about hanging the quilt. She will communicate with HPC. Mayor Corigliano stated a gentle nudge on the mayor's punch list.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS**

No members of the public came forward.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Quartello that this meeting be adjourned at 7:34p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk