



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2023**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and 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 Murphy, Councilman Quartello, Council President Sweeney, Councilwoman Weible

Absent: Councilwoman Dietrich and Councilman Lemma

Also present was: Nancy Bretzger, Administrator and Mr. John Bruder, Esq., Borough Attorney

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

No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Quartello reported that the solar light installed on Holland Avenue is functional.

Council President Sweeney reported that the fire department has only received one response back on someone who can help with the bid specs for the new engine. They will continue to pursue others.

Mayor Corigliano reminded everyone next Thursday night, June 22nd will be a night with Elected and Governing Officials and Representative in the Council Meeting room. Representatives from the Borough, Congressman Kean's office and representatives from the County will be in attendance from 6PM to 8:30PM.

He also reported that on June 14th there will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 7PM at the Firehouse. It is asked that Veterans not wear their uniforms but wear an affiliation to the service they were in.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor tabled the "Mayor's Punchlist" item pending attendance by the entire Council.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Councilwoman Murphy reported that in 2021 the Town purchased 12.66 acres adjacent to the Municipal Field. DPW worked to create a half-mile loop that goes along the edge of the property. There is a nice hill and it's a nice spot. There are woodchips and some gravel and signage. The Town did not spend any



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money on the purchase as funding was through the County Open Space Fund and the NJ Land Conservancy. There was a survey posted on the Borough's website with a couple of name options for naming the park. There were about 80 votes and there was a clear winner, and the name shall be Schoolhouse Trail. The name came from Donna Broton of the Historical Committee and it appropriate given the location

MINUTES

Mayor Corigliano asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of May 23, 2023, Council President Sweeney made the motion seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Roll Call vote; said motion was passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 1123-23 – PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$424,201.00 IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, \$54,800.00 IN THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND THEREFORE FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH

Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy to open the public hearing; Council President Sweeney seconded the motion, roll call taken; said motion was passed unanimously.

No public comment.

Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy to close the public hearing; Councilman Quartello seconded the motion; roll call taken; said motion was passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Murphy asked for an explanation on the \$54,800 from the Open Space Fund. In checking the budget, the Mayor advised that \$35,000 is for trails, \$13,000 is for an environmental resource inventory and \$6,800 for Foot Bridge plans, engineering and bid docs.

Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy to adopt Ordinance 1123-23; Councilwoman Weible seconded the motion, roll call taken; said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Corigliano stated that "Ordinance 1123-2023 is adopted and shall be published by title only in the Bernardsville News in accordance with the law"

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 1124-2023 PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$38,550 IN THE SEWER CAPITAL FUND

Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy to open up the public hearing; Councilwoman Weible seconded the motion, roll call taken; said motion was passed unanimously.

No public comment.



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Motion made by Councilman Quartello to closed the public hearing; Council President Sweeney seconded the motion, roll call taken; said motion was passed unanimously.

Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy to adopt Ordinance 1124-2023; Council President Sweeney seconded the motion, roll call taken; said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Corigliano stated that "Ordinance 1124-2023 is adopted and shall be published by title only in the Bernardsville News in accordance with the law"

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 119-23 *RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TITLE LINES FOR TITLE INSURANCE FOR BLOCK 6, LOT 3 (SMITH PROPERTY)*

RESOLUTION NO. 120-23 *AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A HIGHLANDS INITIAL ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATION*

RESOLUTION NO. 121-23 *AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN JUNE DISTRACTED DRIVER GRANT FROM JUNE 1 – JUNE 30, 2023*

RESOLUTION NO. 122-23 *RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024-ESSEX HUNT CLUB, INC.*

RESOLUTION NO. 123-23 *RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024-GLADSTONE TAVERN*

RESOLUTION NO. 124-23 *RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024-GLADSTONE WINE & LIQUORS*

RESOLUTION NO. 126-23 *RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2023 BUDGET FOR THE STORMWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (CHAPTER 159, P.L. 1948)*

RESOLUTION NO. 127-23 *RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THOMAS SCANLON'S RESIGNATION FROM THE LAND USE BOARD*

Consent Agenda for R-119-23 to 124-23; R-126 and R-127-23

Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy; seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken; said motion was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 128-23 *ESOLUTION APPOINTING SARAH JANE NOLL AS CLASS 2 TO PEAPACK & GLADSTONE'S LAND USE BOARD*

Motion made by Council President Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy

Council President Sweeney questioned that Sarah Jane Noll is the Board Secretary and Zoning Officer, is there a potential conflict if she is voting on something that had to do with a violation she issued.

Mayor Corigliano stated that it is a possibility and she would have to recuse herself. He did speak at length with Rodger Thomas and Roger sanctioned the appointment Rodger Thomas advised that many Planning Board secretaries are a member of their Boards Considering her experience, it will be helpful having Sarah Jane as a member over the limited times when she may have to recuse herself.

Roll call vote was taken; said motion was passed unanimously.



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TABLED: RESOLUTION NO. 125-23 A RESOLUTION AMENDING ARTICLE VI HOURS OF WORK, HOLIDAYS, VACATIONS, SICK LEAVE, HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS, SECTION 11. HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE OF THE PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION NO. R-129-23 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: \$905,526.08 was read.

The Mayor asked that one bill be pulled: Interstate Waste Services PO 5686 for trash for May for \$7204.85 and a PO 5917 Interstate Waste May same amount.

Nancy Bretzger will check to see if one is mislabeled and is actually for June.

Motion was made by Councilman Quartello; seconded by Council President Sweeney, roll call vote; said motion passed unanimously.

Mayors Executive Summary

One item only: Moving Mayor’s Punchlist to the June 27th agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

Council President Sweeney brought up the topic of the traffic on Main Street. He said he is open to the idea of a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Mendham Road and Jackson. He will want feedback from the police and probably from the county He also said he would be happy to work with the Roads committee and to see if it feasible. This is a county road and it needs county approval and the county would have to install the signs. Mayor said the county will not just come put the signs in. They will need to do a traffic study, they will put counters out, look at the velocity and the quantity of traffic on the road and this could put the town at a potential risk because if in fact there is that much traffic they could in fact increase the speed limits on the roads. This is why it’s important to have our Police Department look at it first.

Mayor Corigliano asked Councilman Quartello to talk to Chief Ferrante and ask him to explore the complaint of a speeding issue on Main St.

Valerie Pawlowski, 61 Main Street asked to speak on this issue as she arrived at the meeting late. She indicated a desire to having something done about the speeding on Main St. and the results of a change.org survey she did on the matter.



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With no further business, Councilwoman Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council President Sweeney at 7:33PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Clerk