



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 9, 2023**

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and virtually via GoTo Meeting and began at 7:00p.m.

Council President John Sweeney 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."

Council President John Sweeney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated the following present: Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Quartello, Council President Sweeney, Councilwoman Weible

Absent: Mayor Corigliano.

Also present was: Mr. John Bruder, Esq., Borough Attorney

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

No public comment.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Ferrante spoke on the layout of the police car. They want to put the new town logo in the car patch. The Council concurred with what the Police Chief proposed.

Councilwoman Dietrich mentioned new signs were made with the new town logo. Entry to town signs, sign in front of the Borough building. She said they look really nice.

Councilwoman Dietrich stated she and Councilwoman Murphy met with the Friends of the Library and had a meeting regarding the Library update. They identified the funds available from the Friends of the Library who did an amazing job of raising those funds. They have approximately \$685,000 to put towards the project. They will be meeting with the architect next week to get things in place to move forward.

Council President Sweeney stated there was a library project many years ago that got derailed involving the Sara Kay property and an architect. The biggest mistake in hindsight was they didn't set a specific amount for the project.

Councilwoman Murphy stated that since they have a dollar amount from the Friends of the Library that will be the starting point and letting the architect know this is how much we have.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council President Sweeney stated that at the Land Use Board meeting last week the Highlands Group made their presentation. He asked Nancy Bretzger to add to the next agenda a discussion with them.



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**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS - None**

**MINUTES**

Council Present Sweeney asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of April 25, 2023, Councilman Quartello made the motion seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Roll Call vote; said motion was passed unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION 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**

Council President Sweeney asked for a motion and second, motion made by Councilwoman Dietrich; seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, roll call vote; said motion was passed unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION 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**

Council President Sweeney asked for a motion and second, motion made Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Lemma, roll call vote; said motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 100-23 RESOLUTION FOR MAYORAL APPOINTMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Council President Sweeney asked for a motion and second, motion made by Councilwoman Murphy; seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call vote; said motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 101-23 APPROVING AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT FROM SCHIFF NATURAL LANDS TRUST, INC. FOR A FUNDRAISING DINNER ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

Council President Sweeney asked for a motion and second, motion made by Councilman Lemma; seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, roll call vote; said motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 102-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DEED RESTRICTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROPERTIES BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE AND P-G RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPER'S LLC**

Council President Sweeney asked for a motion and second, motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lemma;

Borough Attorney Bruder stated in the first WHEREAS clause there is an indication that the property has been developed and that is pertaining to when the Deed Restriction is filed but for now the wording needs to say the property is going to be developed. Also, the Liberty Park Agreement was erroneously attached to the resolution.



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Councilwoman Murphy motioned to amend the original motion; seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken, said motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 103-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE COUNCIL TO FIX AND DETERMINE ANNUAL SALARIES, WAGES OR COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE**

Consent Agenda for Resolution No. 104-23 to Resolution No. 110-23

Council President Sweeney asked for a motion and a second, Councilwoman Murphy motioned to accept the consent; seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich, roll call taken, said motion was passed unanimously.

**BILLS LIST**

**RESOLUTION NO R-111-23 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: \$705,560.06**

*was read.*

Motion was made by Councilman Quartello; seconded by Councilman Lemma. Roll call vote; said motion passed unanimously.

**Mayors Executive Summary**

No summary since the Mayor was absent.

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

No members of the public came forward.

With no further business, Councilman Lemma motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilman Quartello at 7:16PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy A. Bretzger*  
Nancy A. Bretzger, Clerk