



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 10, 2023**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 virtually via GoTo Meeting and began at 7:01p.m.

Council President 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 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

Mayor Corigliano was Absent.

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**

John Sweeney spoke on the Blue Ridge Sportsman Hunting Agreement and they picked a new piece of property to hunt on in lieu of Rock-a-bye Meadow. It was determined that the Rock-a-bye property was not good for hunting. It is too narrow. The new piece of property will be DPW property. The second issue was the use of ATV's to bring corn for the feeders and carry the deer out and they would repair any damage. He spoke with Brad Fagen and Brad does not have an issue with any of this. The current agreement will be modified to reflect these two items. The resolution will be on the next meeting's agenda to modify the agreement.

Councilman Lemma brought up the truck discussion that occurred at the meeting last week with regards to having a scale to weigh them. He did some research and the trucks that would be subject to this by law have the total weight imprinted on the truck. The resident at Overlook and Mendham Road reminded him that he had his fence damaged twice.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Lemma stated the police department is having a coat drive this year. It begins today October 10<sup>th</sup> and will go to December 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be accepting coats, mitten, cold weather gear. The items can be dropped off at the PG Police Station.

Councilwoman Weible stated that she, Nancy and Brad were recently at the STAB meeting. As a result of one the grants, it will acquire the town to put in a substantial amount of money towards the STAB Sewer project in the amount of \$186,400. STAB is a shared project between Far Hills, Peapack and Bedminster. PG has a higher flow so our percentage will be higher.



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We will be getting between the two grants \$2.6M. This work needs to be done. There is more than enough in sewer to cover this.

Councilman Lemma stated that they will under spend this year’s capital budget for sewer by 10s of thousands of dollars.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

● **Eagle Scout Presentation**

Thomas Whittle, a resident of Peapack-Gladstone addressed the Council and stated that he is currently working to become an Eagle Scout. This will require completion of 21 required and elected merit badges and the most significant requirement is planning the development, management and completion of a project that benefits the community. He thanked Mayor Corigliano, Councilwoman Murphy and Mr. Fagen, DPW Director in assisting him with planning a project to refurbish the Scout Cabin in Liberty Park. His project will consist of activities on the outside and the inside of the building. Each of the six small rooms, 2 lofts and the large meeting space will be cleaned top to bottom. In addition, he will build a box to go around the electrical panel that can be locked. The wagon wheel chandelier will be restored as well. He estimates the total cost \$1,100 for materials, tools and supplies. He will be raising funds through a GoFundMe account. His goal is to have the project completed in time for Santa’s arrival in December. He thanked the members of the Council and their support in his project.

The council discussed possible ideas for future use of the Cabin.

Councilwoman Murphy stated that Brad did get two quotes for bids for the tennis court. She forwarded them onto Bill Ryden for his opinion. Basically, the tennis court needs a complete over haul. One quote was for \$100,000 and the other was \$200,000. They discussed the funds coming out of a combination of Open Space and Recreation Trust Fund.

**MINUTES**

Council President Sweeney asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023, motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023 made by Councilwoman Murphy; seconded by Councilman Quartello; roll call taken; said motion passed. Councilman Lemma abstained.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 188-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATING JOSEPH J. MCCHESENEY TO BECOME A RIDING MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT** motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, Seconded by Councilman Lemma, roll call taken; said motion passed.





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**RESOLUTION NO. 189-23** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRETT FAGAN TO BE ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lemma, roll call taken; said motion passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 190-23** RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH APGAR ASSOCIATES FOR SURVEYING SERVICES FOR SURVEY OF BLOCK 8, LOTS 2.06 & 2.11 (TUCKER PROPERTY) motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich, roll call taken; said motion passed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 191-23** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION FOR KILIAN SCHLAGER TO BECOME A JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken; said motion passed.

**BILLS LIST**

**RESOLUTION NO. 192-23** Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: \$73,245.23 Motion made by Councilman Quartello, seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call vote take; said motion passed.

Discussion ensued on the cost of wrapping the lights with garland. Brad Fagen explained the cost.

Mayor's Executive Summary -None

No public comments.

At 7:25PM, President Council Sweeney made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, roll call taken; said motion passed.

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:47 and reopened meeting to the public, with no further business motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:53PM by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Weible.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk