



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, September 26, 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, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Quartello, Council President Sweeney, Councilwoman Weible and Mayor Corigliano

Absent: Councilman Lemma

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

Councilwoman Weible spoke on the proposal that Dan Dolan, Director of Recreation sent to Council. He is proposing 4 days a week for two hours a day on weekdays and 3 hours on Sundays. Since the attendance from the high school students was low, he is recommending to combine the high school students with the middle school students for one cohort and then the elementary school students will be another cohort. It will begin in October and run through March. Sundays will have all the cohorts together as this worked out fine last year. The funds to pay the monitor have been budgeted from the municipal operating.

Council President Sweeney asked if it made sense to have the high school students playing with the middle school students. Councilwoman Weible stated that there were not many high schoolers and if there were they would usually play one on one with each other.

Discussion ensued whether to have the funds come out of the Recreation Trust Fund in lieu of the municipal fund. Consent from Council to pay the Monitor's salary out of the Recreation Trust Fund.



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- **Roads**

Councilman Quartello stated that he has spoken with two residents from Peapack about what has been done involving the police checking speeds on Main Street and everything is compliant. The next thing to do at this point would be to put up additional signage. But he feels another sign will not be productive. Val brought up the idea of painting on the road as you enter the speed limit, 25 MPH. There is an example of this by the Bernardsville High School. He said it might be an idea for Holland Ave. and Val's house and Mendham Road coming down the hill. The County will not cover this, it would fall to the Borough to pay for it.

It was decided that Councilman Quartello will explore with the County the "25 MPH" wording on the road and the digital speed sign that says "Thank You" when you go 25 MPH.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Quartello stated that Councilman Lemma brought an issue to him regarding Overlook Ave. which has become a cut-through street between Main Street and Mendham for large vehicles such as dump trucks and bigger trucks. Don's thought was to put in an ordinance to reduce the weight limit for the road and/or reducing the axle limit.

The Council President advised speaking to Bill Ryden as years ago they looked into a weight ordinance and his recollection was that if there is a weight ordinance than would need to be a scale so that it can be enforced. Council John Bruder stated it can be worded so that it is registered GVW so anything over 4 tons registered GVW or 8 tons is what he has seen in a few different municipalities. Then you would not need a scale.

Upon the Mayor asking how the issue arose, Councilman Quartello stated that a resident complained to Councilman Lemma. There is concern about having signs everywhere.

The Council's consensus was to have Councilman Quartello speak with Bill Ryden and Chief Ferrante to check to further assess the need.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

- **Quilt Framing Discussion**

Councilwoman Murphy stated that last year her elderly neighbor presented to her for donation to the Borough a quilt which was created by her great grandmother, who was the wife of the first mayor in town back in the late 1800s. It is reported to have been presented in Philadelphia at the First Centennial celebration and likely has some historical value. When it was donated to us, we did say that we would give it to our Historical Commission and attempt to display it or frame it and display it in the Council room. Since then, there have multiple discussions on how it should be displayed.





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It is quite large and has an intricate pattern. It is 96" x 70.5". Discussion involved should they frame the entire quilt or frame it folded. For the full frame it is quoted between \$1900 and \$2800 with a wooden frame and a plexiglass covering to protect the quilt. Folded is between \$500 and \$1900 with a frame and plexiglass covering.

It needs to be decided if it is going to be framed and displayed and where are the funds coming from?

Councilwoman Murphy said she isn't opposed to folding it somehow and appreciate the entire quilt.

Councilwoman Dietrich stated that the quilt was given to us to be displayed in its entirety and she would like to see it framed as a full quilt.

The council displayed the full quilt on the back wall and the consensus is to frame the full quilt.

Councilwoman Dietrich stated that the entire Historic Budget is \$1500. If they spent the whole thing, it would leave nothing for other projects. She mentioned some of the upcoming projects. She suggested using some of the money this year from Historic for some of the framing and not take from their budget next year.

Councilwoman Murphy thought that was fair. She said next year it could be supplemented with town funds.

Councilwoman Dietrich stated as a Council Member she is in favor of using part of the Historical Funds from this year but not becoming a fundraising arm for the town. She said they do not need to spend their efforts there. The Commission is supportive of the quilt and have it fully displayed and give some money towards it this year, but because we do not have all of it allocated, might the remaining balance come from elsewhere in the budget? When it was presented in 2022, the Mayor and Council agreed that they would find the money.

The Council agreed to cap it at \$2100 so funds will come from Historic and Town money.

#### **MINUTES**

Mayor Corigliano asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2023 motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2023 made by Councilwoman Murphy; seconded by Council President Sweeney, Councilman Quartello and Councilwoman Weible abstained; roll call taken; said motion passed.

Mayor Corigliano asked for a motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023, motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 12, 2023 made by Councilwoman Murphy and seconded by Council President Sweeney, Councilman Quartello and Councilwoman Weible abstained; roll call taken; said motion passed.



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**PUBLIC HEARING 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

Councilman Quartello made a motion to open the public portion of hearing to the public, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, roll call taken; said motion passed.

Seeing no public comment, Council Present Sweeney made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken; said motion passed.

Council President Sweeney motioned to adopt 1126-23, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, roll call taken; said motion passed.

Mayor Corigliano stated that Ordinance 1126-23 is adopted and shall be posted by Title Only in the Bernardsville news in accordance with the law.

**PUBLIC HEARING 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*

Councilman Quartello made a motion to open the public portion of the hearing to the public, seconded by Council President Sweeney, roll call taken; said motion passed.

Seeing no public comment, Councilman Quartello made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken; said motion passed.

Councilwoman Murphy motioned to adopt Ordinance 1127-23; seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich, roll call taken; said motion passed.

Mayor Corigliano stated Ordinance 1127-23 is adopted and shall be posted by Title Only in the Bernardsville News in accordance with the law.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1128- 23**

*AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE VII, TITLED "WILDLIFE FEEDING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE*

Councilwoman Murphy motioned to Introduce Ordinance 1128-23; seconded by Councilman Quartello, roll call taken; said motion passed.

Nancy Bretzger stated for the record that the notice of adoption will be for October 24, 2023 not October 10, as stated.

Mayor Corigliano stated Ordinance 1128-23 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and a public hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on October 24, 2023 at 7PM or shortly thereafter.





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**RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Corigliano asked to vote on Resolutions 172-23 to 186-23 as a consent agenda vote, motioned by Councilman Quartello, seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken; said motion passed.

**BILLS LIST**

**RESOLUTION NO. 187-23** *Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total  
Amount: \$1,831,206.92*

Motion made by Councilman Quartello, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich, roll call vote take; said motion passed.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council President Sweeney reported that the Fire Company took first place at the Boonton Parade about a month ago for best in category and best overall.

Councilman Quartello stated that last Friday was Dale Melville's last day and Olu Ochei will be our new Tax Collector and CFO.

Nancy Bodyl in the Finance Department is retiring at the end of October and Montgomery Township has hired somebody to start on October 4, 2023 to work with her for the last month of October.

**Mayor's Executive Summary**

Councilwomen Murphy and Dietrich will follow up with the finalizing of the quilt project. Nancy will make sure there is money to encumber.

Councilman Quartello to follow up with Bill Ryden and the Chief of Police regarding Overlook and follow up with Pat from the County with respects to different stripping options.

Mayor Corigliano called out the Rec Committee. Art in the Park was a beautiful day and a lovely event. It was set up well, well organized, the volunteers were well identified. Two DPW staff kept the park looking tidy during the day.

Councilwoman Murphy and John Bruder were recognized for their work in coordinating with the renovations contractor on getting the park ready.

No public comments.



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With no further business, motion made by Councilman Quartello; seconded by Councilwoman Murphy to close the meeting at 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy A. Bretzger*

Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk