



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2024**



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The Reorganization meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 7:01p.m.

Mayor Corigliano welcomed everyone to the 2024 Reorganization meeting. He thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

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 2024 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 14, 2023 and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Mayor Corigliano stated that new councilmember Julie Sueta fell sick with the flu and will be absent.

Mayor Corigliano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Emeritus Greg Skinner led the Invocation and offered a prayer.

Mayor Corigliano swore in Councilman Elect Sergio Silva, Term expires December 31, 2026.

PROCLAMATIONS

Three proclamations were presented by Mayor Corigliano to outgoing Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma and Borough Attorney John Bruder.

Mayor Corigliano presented the proclamation to Amy Dietrich, for her dedicated service as Council person for the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone having served two terms from 2018 to 2023.

Mayor Corigliano stated that Amy Dietrich was the first women to join the Council in 10 years. She brought a different perspective and taught them to think differently. She brought a very clear and pragmatic way of thinking to the Council. She and Mayor Corigliano worked together on the new town logo where she was very instrumental. Amy will be missed very much.

Mayor Corigliano presented a proclamation to Don Lemma for his dedicated service as Council person to the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone having served two terms from 2018-2023.

Mayor Corigliano stated that he and Don both started on the Land Use Board around the same time. Don has been a stellar contribution to the Council and his work on the park was exceptional.

Both Amy and Don thanked the Council for their proclamations and gifts.

Mayor Corigliano spoke about John Bruder, the Borough's Attorney. He said at the time they were interviewing for a Borough Attorney one stood out amongst the rest and that was John Bruder. John has provided the legal framework for the Borough that cannot be matched.

Mayor Corigliano presented a proclamation to John E. Bruder for his dedicated service as Borough Attorney to the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone. John Bruder was selected as the Borough's Attorney as of January 2014. He has honorable served as Borough Attorney for the past ten years. John will be leaving us to assume his new role



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in the superior court as a judge. His work has made Peapack and Gladstone a better place to live and the Mayor and Council thank him for that.

John Bruder thanked the Council for their kind words. He said even though he never lived in Peapack & Gladstone, he always felt like he belonged. He has thoroughly enjoyed working with this Council. What he sees from this Council is that everyone here comes prepared to work with a vision of what is best for the town as well as listen to what everyone has to say. There is great mutual respect for one another. He said what the community does not see is all the hard work and collaboration behind the scenes to get what needs to get done to make the community a better place. He thanked his family for their support and he thanked the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Emeritus Greg Skinner presented John Bruder with some gifts from his native county Great Britain.

Roll Call indicated the following present: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Quartello, Councilman Silva, Councilman Sweeney, Councilwoman Jill Weible, and Mayor Corigliano

Also present were: Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator

COUNCIL COMMENTS, Newly Elected Officials, Other Members of the Council

Councilman Silva stated it is an honor to be a member of this Council. He thanked the residents for their deepest support and trust which was behind his decision to serve this community. He expressed his appreciation to Tim House, Mayor Corigliano and Karen Sweeney for their unwavering support and belief in him over the past year. He thanked his family for their continued support. He expressed how warmly he has been welcomed by this Council. He said it is notable how knowledgeable, caring and sincere this council has been. It is a true testament to the spirit that defines this town. He is looking forward to serving the community with dedication and passion and is eager to meet his constituents in helping to create a bigger, better Peapack.

Councilman Sweeney thanked all of the employees and volunteers for their time and energy for us all. He said this is especially true for our first responders. He believes the Fire Company in 2023 handled a record number of calls. He said that both Amy Dietrich and Don Lemma will be missed but he will consider them resources to lean on going forward. He said John Bruder will truly be missed. He said looking ahead to 2024, it promises to be a challenging year. The Pfizer property is vacant and new uses need to be explored. Our Affordable Housing obligations will require one or more site plans to be filed with the Land Use Board this year. He said now that he has a seat on the Property Committee, he would like to explore options to make the second floor of this building accessible under ADA regulations. He will be looking for a grant for an elevator. He said even though 2024 looks challenging, he is looking forward to fresh faces and perspectives to help deal with these issues. He mentioned that he doesn't think he has seen so much turnover on this Council as this year but he thinks they are fortunate that this council will not get stale. There will be lots of good ideas coming forward. He welcomes Councilman Silva and Councilwoman Sueta.

Councilwoman Murphy expressed her thanks to Amy Dietrich and Don Lemma. She said they were very easy to work with and very thoughtful during discussions and challenges. She will miss them very much!



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

Mayor Emeritus Bill Muller came forward and thanked John Bruder for essentially creating a shared court. He said the shared court was a long time coming. The immediate impact on this town was profound. He said it will be a continued benefit for a long time.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1-24 RESOLUTION FOR ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT BY GOVERNING BODY FOR YEAR 2024 Councilman Quartello nominated Councilman John Sweeney for Council President, seconded by Councilwoman Weible. Roll call taken, said motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2-24 RESOLUTION FOR COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE DURING THE YEAR 2024, motion made by Councilman Quartello seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken, said motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 3-24 RESOLUTION FOR EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE DURING THE YEAR 2024, motion made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, roll call take, said motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 4-24 RESOLUTION APPOINTING PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONSULTANTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE DURING THE YEAR 2024, motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Sweeney, roll call taken, said motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 5-24 RESOLUTION FOR MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE DURING THE YEAR 2024, motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken, said motion was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 6-24 RESOLUTION APPOINTING COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE LAND USE BOARD (LUB), Corigliano nominated Councilman John Sweeney, motion made by Councilman Quartello; seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken, said vote carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 7-24 RESOLUTION APPOINTING RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT, motion made by Councilman Murphy seconded by Councilman Sweeney, roll call taken, said vote carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 8-24 RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR OPERATING PURPOSES, motion made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken, said vote carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 9-24 RESOLUTION FOR CERTIFYING PAYROLL FOR PAYMENT OF EMPLOYEES WHOSE WAGES OR COMPENSATION IS ON AN HOURLY BASIS, motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Sweeney, roll call taken, said vote carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA – Resolutions R-10-24 through R-28-24 will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilman Sweeney, roll call taken, said vote carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 10-24 RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF CASH MANAGEMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:5-14

RESOLUTION 11-24 AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE TAX COLLECTOR TO PROCESS THE CANCELLATION OF ANY PROPERTY TAX REFUND, SEWER TAX REFUND OR DELINQUENCY IN THE AMOUNT LESS THAN \$10.00

RESOLUTION 12-24 RESOLUTION NAMING OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE AND AUTHORIZING SIGNATORIES ON DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS



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RESOLUTION 13-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH TREASURER TO PURCHASE CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT FROM THE FOLLOWING BANKS WHICH ARE HEREBY DESIGNATED AS DEPOSITORIES FOR FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

RESOLUTION 14-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE TAX COLLECTOR TO FIX A PENALTY ON DELINQUENT TAXES AND ALLOWING FOR A TEN-DAY GRACE PERIOD FOR EACH QUARTERLY DUE DATE OF TAX PAYMENT

RESOLUTION 15-24 RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BILLING DATES FOR BUSINESS AND BULK SEWER USERS IN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

RESOLUTION 16-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE TO FIX DUE DATES, GRACE PERIOD AND LATE PAYMENT PENALTY ON RESIDENTIAL SEWER ACCOUNT BILLING

RESOLUTION 17-24 RESOLUTION REESTABLISHING A PETTY CASH FUND FOR 2023 FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

RESOLUTION 18-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SPECIFIC PAYMENTS THAT CAN BE MADE OUTSIDE OF A MEETING

RESOLUTION 19-24 RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM CLAIMANT CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENT POLICY FOR 2023

RESOLUTION 20-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRONIC TAX SALE

RESOLUTION 21-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE TAX ASSESSOR AND BOROUGH ATTORNEY TO FILE AN ASSESSOR'S PETITION TO REVISE ANY INCORRECT ITEMS IN THE 2022 TAX LIST

RESOLUTION 22-24 RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE NANCY A. BRETZGER AS CERTIFYING AGENT FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM, POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION 23-24 DESIGNATING NANCY A. BRETZGER AS THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

RESOLUTION 24-24 RESOLUTION APPOINTING FUND COMMISSIONER FOR THE STATEWIDE INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION 25-24 RESOLUTION APPOINTING SARAH JANE NOLL AS CERTIFIED RECYCLING PROFESSIONAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE

RESOLUTION 26-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE WITH MELICK LEBANON FARM, LLC FOR THE USE OF THE FACILITY AS A FIRING RANGE FOR WEAPONS QUALIFICATIONS AT THE COST OF \$1 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION 27-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE 2022 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND DESIGNATING SARAH JANE NOLL AS RECYCLING COORDINATOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE


RESOLUTION 28-24 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BERNARDSVILLE NEWS AND THE COURIER NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No public came forward.

ADJOURNMENT

With no more business to discuss, Councilwoman Murphy made a motion to adjourn at 7:41PM, seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken, said vote carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk