

**A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ORADELL BOROUGH HALL, 355 KINDERKAMACK ROAD, ORADELL, NEW JERSEY, ON MAY 22, 2018.**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. The Annual Notice, which details the meetings dates for the year, has been sent to The Record and Ridgewood News, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**1. CALL TO ORDER- OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – ROLL CALL**

Mayor Dianne Camelo Didio called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

At roll call, the following were present:  
Mayor Dianne Didio

Councilmembers:  
Tracy Schoenberg  
Roger Tashjian  
Stephen Carnevale  
Rob Jannicelli  
Tom Kelly

Interim Administrator Katie Chen  
Deputy Borough Clerk Cindy Kirkpatrick  
Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo  
Borough Engineer David Atkinson

**Flag Salute:** Led by Councilman Rob Jannicelli

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Councilman Tashjian moved to adopt minutes of April 10, 2018 special meeting, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor.

Councilman Tashjian moved to adopt minutes of April 24, 2018 regular public meeting, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor.

**Discussion/Appointment of Councilmember:**

Mayor Didio recognized and thanked former Councilman Rudman for his years of dedication and service to the town.

Upon motion by Council President Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Tashjian, it was

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-125: appointment of Miriam Yu as Councilmember (due to Mr. Rudman's resignation from council), be approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mrs. Yu took the Oath of Office.

Upon unanimous consent of council, Mrs. Yu took joined the governing body at the dais.

Assemblymembers Select Lisa Swain and Chris Tully offered congratulations to Miriam Yu and thanked her for willingness to serve the community. Mr. Rudman was also thanked for his service.

**Proclamation**

Mayor Didio explained that Moms Demand Action is a non-partisan organization that hopes to improve legislation surrounding gun safety in this country. She presented Moms Demand Action with a proclamation declaring first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day in Oradell. Mayor Didio recounted a personal tragedy with the loss of her aunt's sister and her niece due to gun violence. They were abducted from a Florida mall and murdered.

**Presentation**

Gerard Quinn, Risk Manager, presented DPW (Dan Nywening and Chrissy Kay) with a plaque (Gold Certificate Award) and previously presented the Borough with a check in the amount of \$1,750. The award is due to the Borough's safety awareness achievements. Thanks to the efforts of Dan Nywening and Chrissy Kay who spearheaded the program, together with the efforts and teamwork of Borough employees.

Sean Hogan, Life Scout in Boy Scout Troop 36, presented his Eagle Scout project to the Mayor and Council. The project consists of renovating and cleaning out the rear pond behind Memorial Field. In addition, the scout would like to repaint the wall at the handball court. Goal is to complete project by early fall.

Rear pond – trim down vegetation. Remove giant log in water. Install bench and new shed. Anchor the shed with concrete slab.

Handball – scrape off old paint and repaint. Also, powerwash and make sure the court is clean.

The engineer explained that the scout can do minor work around the pond (i.e. clean up) without running afoul of DEP regulations.

Ryan Gallo, a recent college graduate, was invited to address the Mayor and Council regarding his proposal to paint a mural on the wall at the handball court. Mayor Didio asked the two young men to coordinate and submit the design specs for approval by the Mayor and Council.

Regarding DPAC field improvements, Shaw presented:

- 24 years in turf business
- 3,000 successful installations
- Currently working in Ridgewood
- Partner of Shaw Industries, world's largest carpet company \$6 billion
- American made and owned
- No seasonal labor
- Never had a fiber failure
- High ethical code
- Research and development company
- GMAX threshold lowered to 165 (standard is 200)
- Balance fiber/infill
- Fiber weight/height/gauge
- Fiber types (slit, mono and blended)
- Cooling options

Q&A – maintenance involves brushing; some towns utilize outside vendors; in the fall or heavy field usage, recommended every 2-3 weeks.

The vendor rep will provide list of local customers.

After the completion of the Shaw presentation, representatives from FieldTurf appeared before the governing body.

- FieldTurf installed DPAC field years ago
- Company has installed about 640 fields in NJ
- Market share approximately 90% in NJ
- 2016 installed over 50 fields in NJ
- Rutgers, Monmouth, Bergen Catholic, St. Joe's, St. Peter's Prep, etc.
- Inventor and holder of patents of their turf
- Innovative design
- Company dominates marketplace
- There was a fiber failure due to 3<sup>rd</sup> party supplier, but now company manufactures itself
- Vertical integration
- Parent company to FieldTurf is Tarkett
- FieldTurf builds more synthetic turf fields worldwide than all turf competition combined
- Between 500-700 fields/year
- Plant in Calhoun, GA

- Safety – FieldTurf subject of independent, medical user safety studies

Q&A – what FieldTurf has learned since installing DPAC field is the research regarding fiber. Fiber is much more enhanced now (Revolution 360). Ridges in fiber help the fiber to rebound. The new fiber will stand up for a much longer period of time. FieldTurf warranty is usually 8 years, but they are willing to extend the warranty to 10 years at no additional cost.

**Public Comment:**

Andrew Rudman, former councilman, congratulated Miriam Yu on her appointment. He commented that in his opinion, this council is the best to work with --- transparent and work well together. Work schedule has prevented him from continuing as a member of council. He thanked the governing body and wishes them well.

Rob Pizzuto, 702 Neil Ct., thanked Andrew Rudman for serving as councilman. Congratulations and best wishes to Miriam Yu. The governing body is an incredible team and he wishes everyone well.

Upon motion by Council President Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Tashjian, public comment was closed. All in favor.

**Correspondence:**

Upon motion by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Council President Schoenberg, and upon unanimous consent, the following correspondence shall be filed:

1. Thank you note from the family of Vito Acquafredda
2. Borough of Wallington Resolution 2018-117 re: North Jersey Regional Scuba Task Force
3. Borough of Haworth Zoning Board of Adjustment Notice of Public Hearing re: St. Gabriel's Syrian Orthodox Church
4. Millennium Strategies – April Grants Memo
5. Letter from Bergen County re: June 14, 2018 public hearing on the proposed funding allocations for the Trust Fund's 2017 funding round
6. Oradell Police Department monthly report for April 2018.

**Consent Agenda:**

Upon motion by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Carnevale, it was

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-126: bills and vouchers in the amount of \$5,837,594.39, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-127: liquor license renewals, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-128: hiring of substitute crossing guard Kurt E. Strobach, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-129: BCUA Solid Waste Service Agreement, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-130: Neglia proposal for NJDOT Oradell Ave – Section 1 – Kinderkamack Rd. to Grove St., be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-131: estimated tax rate, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-132: hiring of Frank Prezioso as Fire Inspector, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-133: waiving municipal fire permit fees for Swim Club, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-134: cancel tax overpayment Block 711 Lot 7 for \$4,300.91, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-135: cancel tax overpayment Block 108 Lot 14 for \$467.23, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-136: sewer appeal Block 708 Lot 31 for \$320.47, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-137: authorize added services by labor counsel, be approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Yu

**Committee Reports:**

**Administration, Fire & Business Development**

*Council President Tracy Schoenberg*

Fire

Thanks to the Fire Department for helping out throughout the recent storm (trees and wires came down).

Three housefires this past month.

Grove Street house slated for demolition – Fire Dept. will train. Thanks to the homeowner.

Pricing and engine schematic for the fire truck.

Recruitment night June 4<sup>th</sup>. Stop by Fire Dept.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Meeting with SCAC chair, Kelly Weber, tomorrow to plan senior fair for the fall.

Borough is in need of a senior van driver with CDL license.

Business Development

EDAC (Economic Development Advisory Committee) sent letters to commercial business and property owners. Already received some responses who want to engage with the committee.

Meeting with Tim Sullivan, the State's new CEO of Economic Development Authority on Thursday to discuss ideas to promote Oradell businesses. Main Street program has been revived which is a way to promote small town businesses.

Next to Brooklyn, Bergen County is biggest food manufacturing area. There are a lot of inter-related agencies that might be a good fit for Oradell and some commercial space.

Administration

Now that Miriam Yu was appointed to council, Mayor Didio will consider who will join Administration due to Mr. Rudman's resignation. Once the Mayor assigns a councilmember, the committee will pick up discussions.

**Police, Emergency Management & Regional School Funding**

LEAD graduation on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at OPS.

Regional School Funding – Mayor Didio reported that still no word on the Appellate Division's decision regarding school funding.

Chief for the Day will be held on June 1st. Congratulations to Erin Keeley who has been chosen as the Chief for the Day and to Officer Liguori who coordinated the event.

**DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:**

*Councilman Roger Tashjian*

The councilman deferred to the engineer, David Atkinson:

Mr. Atkinson thanked the residents of Oradell for their patience. The paving for the 2018 road program was completed today. There remains striping and some miscellaneous items such as crack sealing.

Schaefer Ave. is progressing nicely. Should be paved within the next week or two (after drainage is complete).

Oradell Ave. is being worked on by PSEG and Tilcon and things seem to be running smoothly.

Councilman Tashjian thanked the Fire Dept and DPW for their clean up efforts after the storm.

The councilman is concerned after receiving a bill from Tilcon that was \$60,000 more than estimated. He will reach out to Tilcon tomorrow to discuss the discrepancy.

Councilman Tashjian would like to find a better way to get the word out regarding what roads are being improved. This is helpful not only so that the public can make adjustments getting around, but also so residents can plan ahead if they wish to improve their curbing. Curbing needs to be done prior to the road being paved. The best way to maintain a road is to have proper curbing. The town does not replace curbing – it's the responsibility of the homeowner.

The Emerald Ash Borer is infesting ash trees and the trees must be cut down. 150 ash trees in town that will take about 4 years to replace.

Garbage bid spec – the councilman is frustrated that the bid is not yet out because it's been discussed for the past 6 months. Garbage collection townwide 2x per week and recycling townwide 1x per week.

DPW is in the process of getting World War I monument refurbished.

### **Technology and Communication**

*Councilman Stephen Carnevale*

Updated version of the Master Plan draft will be uploaded to website tomorrow morning.

The vote on the Master Plan will take place at the Planning Board meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Congratulations to OPTV for winning the Jersey Access Group (JAG) award in the category of public meetings. Award was for the station's coverage of the June 10, 2017 charrette public meeting. The recognition banquet will take place at JAG on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Ordinance**

*Councilman Rob Jannicelli*

#### Ambulance

This week is EMS appreciation week. Thank you to all the NMVAC (New Milford Ambulance Corps) members. Four new members were sworn in last night.

NMVAC gave out 3 band aids at Earth Day and they took care of 9 injured at the lacrosse tournament.

NMVAC would like as much notification as possible when they are needed for town events.

Mayor asked Cindy Kirkpatrick to reach out to schools and have them contact NMVAC and provide advance notice for any events they would like NMVAC to attend.

#### Recreation

Tennis courts – there is a systemic flaw with the lock. In essence, the gate is open all the time. Some people are using the courts to play hockey or other unsanctioned events. Residents are paying extra to use the courts, however, they cannot gain access to the courts because they are being utilized.

On another note, there are little stones by the OK Kids playground. Kids tend to play with the stones, put them on the slides, throw them, etc. The councilman asked DPW Acting Superintendent to remove the stones because they don't seem to serve a purpose other than creating a hazard.

#### Special Events

April 29<sup>th</sup> – Earth Day event. Thanks to Melissa Presta for planning the event and Mayor and Council for helping out.

Memorial Day – there will be a wreath laying observation at Rossi Memorial, Memorial Field and WWI Memorial, concluding at the Senior Center with light refreshments.

#### Ordinance

Ordinance Committee met two times since last Mayor and Council meeting. Discussions included changing fence requirements, signs and awnings, businesses permitted to operate on Sundays, and recreation participation fee.

#### **Finance and Insurance:**

*Councilman Thomas Kelly*

#### Finance

Finalizing 2018 capital budget. Looking to introduce at the June 12<sup>th</sup> special meeting.

Expecting 2017 audit. Positive preliminary report.

#### Environmental/Beautification

Thanks to all volunteers including volunteers and residents. Girl Scouts also assisted with the planting.

144 pots were planted and spread out on Kinderkamack Rd. They look beautiful and colorful. The pots contain green ribbon representing Stigma Free.

Special thanks to Sam Tripsas who coordinated the event and helped out immensely to make the planting a wonderful success.

Farmer's Market is scheduled to start every Sunday starting June 3, 2018 – November.

Community Clean Up on June 9<sup>th</sup>. A shredding truck will also be available.

Zoning Board

Zoning Board – Bergen Catholic application continues before the Board. It is a very lengthy and detailed application. Thanks to all of the members on the Zoning Board.

Board of Education

Final strategy meeting at OPS will be held on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Encourage all residents, especially those with children, to attend.

Some teachers celebrating 30 years. We are lucky to have them as part of the community.

Outreach Committee

The committee meeting will kickoff on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm in caucus room. Interested residents should contact the councilman.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Didio attended Suez Water Company prior to the Mayor and Council meeting. The water company is making a tremendous investment in infrastructure improvements.

Suez was the beneficiary of a \$14 million tax savings which they have passed on to their customers.

County Parks Master Plan meeting was cancelled. New date to be determined.

The Mayor attended JIF Executive meeting. There are certain items that need to be finished by October 1<sup>st</sup>:

- Update of personnel manual
- Anti-harassment training for all employees and volunteers
- Training of all managers and supervisors (offered to members at no charge)

Legislation items that are being fast-tracked. If passed, looking at a potential 25% increase in JIF costs.

Mayor Didio asked that Cindy Kirkpatrick and Andrew Oddo reach out to risk manager to make sure that the Borough is compliant with 1) fireworks; 2) drone usage; 3) cyber risk management; and 4) SLEO School Enforcement Officers.

The Mayor asked everyone to take a moment in honor of the two individuals killed in the recent Paramus school bus accident and the 43 injured. It was a horrific accident and a parent's worst nightmare.

The Borough of Oradell is flying flags at half staff in solidarity with Paramus.

**Borough Attorney's report:**

Borough Planner, Joe Burgis, will attend the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to review status of COAH plan and finalizing the plan.

**Administrator/Clerk report:**

June 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Board (Master Plan) meeting will be held 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to accommodate the expected public turnout.

Voting for districts 2 and 3 (River Dell High School) – location has been moved to lower gym.

**Old Business:**

Oradell Kids Foundation would like to update one of the basketball courts on Memorial Field. Replace backboard, rims and netting and improve surface. They intend to do more fundraising in the fall so they can get revenue to complete the other basketball court. The Foundation asked if the town would consider improving the wall at the handball court. As discussed earlier tonight, that will be taken care of with Sean Hogan's Eagle Scout project.

The Foundation would also like to move toddler playground towards the rear of Memorial Field, but asked that the town cover the cost of netting (so that the toddlers remain safe when there are softball games.) The Foundation would take care of new equipment.

Councilman Tashjian advised Councilman Jannicelli to get the Borough Engineer's input on the basketball blacktop. Mayor Didio agreed and mentioned liability issue. The Engineer suggested doing the netting, rims, backstop improvements now, but wait until both courts are ready to be resurfaced. It is better to do both courts at the same time.

Councilman Kelly stated that the Rotary Club is hosting a Night at the Museum on May 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm at Blauvelt Art Museum.

**New Business:**

Senator Joseph Lagana will chair the Senate's Transportation Committee's Safety Hearing. Members of the public may share their recommendations for safer transportation with him.

Fundraiser at Biaggio's to purchase memorial monument. Council President to provide further information.

Julia Orlando will be leading training on mental health --- how to train, recognize and assist those in need. The May classes are full, but additional classes will be offered on June 12 and 13.

Van Buskirk Water Works – the Council President is disappointed at the pace of improvement.

The County appears to have no consensus with the site. Check out FB page “Van Buskirk Island Action Page”. When Freeholders meet, contact information, letters to editor. Mayor reminded the public that the building will be preserved and is on the historic register and will not be destroyed.

Mayor Didio suggested that Cynthia Forester and County Park Dept. representative come talk to the governing body after the County presents the Parks Master Plan. Perhaps even a joint meeting with New Milford.

**Public Comment:**

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, stated that coming down Mackay, there is a sewer on Kinderkamack Rd. that is halfway sunken in. He reported it to DPW, but since it is a County road, the County may have to get involved.

Sidewalk on Argyle needs to be repaired. The resident spoke to Mr. Depken’s office about it.

Thanked Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for their efforts around town.

There should be a water fountain at every field in town. That will eliminate the littering of plastic water bottles.

Mr. Latsounas would like to participate in the subcommittee for the inclusive park. Councilman Jannicelli said that a meeting was held in the beginning of the month, but the resident was not in attendance. Mr. Latsounas asked to be contacted next time there is a meeting.

The resident found a basketball rim that was discarded at the DPW. He readjusted the rim and left it with Patrick Crann. The rim seems to be a proper size for the net.

Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Ave., reviewed the Master Plan draft revision located in the Building Dept. He requested that emails from public be posted on the website.

The June 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting will have a full agenda, so putting the Master Plan up for vote that night might not be ideal.

Councilman Tashjian made a motion to close public comment, seconded by Councilman Carnevale.

All in favor.

Councilman Tashjian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Carnevale.

All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:21 pm, the public meeting concluded.

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Cindy Kirkpatrick  
Deputy Borough Clerk