

A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON, ON DECEMBER 14, 2021

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 the Municipal Bulletin Board and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

Mayor Didio called to order and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act was read.

Mayor Didio: “Notice of this meeting was published in the official newspaper and prominently posted in Borough Hall and filed with the Municipal Clerk in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Pledge of Allegiance – Kevin Bernal & Thomas Damato

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

Councilmembers:
Tracy Schoenberg (ABSENT)
Roger Tashjian
Stephen Carnevale
Rob Jannicelli
Miriam Yu
Jonathan Kern (ABSENT)

Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Laura J. Lyons
Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo, Esq.
Borough Engineer David Atkinson

Swearing in Police Officers: Resolution of Appointment #21-234

Kevin Bernal
Thomas Damato

Congressman William Pascrell spoke on newly sworn in Probationary Police Officer Kevin Bernal. He congratulated both officers.

Councilman Carnevale provided background and welcoming remarks to both officers.
Chief Wicker also commented on both officers and welcomed them to the department.

Adoption of Minutes:

On a motion made by Councilman Carnevale to approve as amended seconded by Councilman Jannicelli the minutes of October 26, 2021 were approved on unanimous voice vote.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian seconded by Councilman Jannicelli the minutes of November 23, 2021 were approved on unanimous voice vote.

Discussion Items:

1. Draft Tree Ordinance
2. DPW lot lease parking spots
 - Councilman Jannicelli made a suggestion as far as looking at the over flow lot at the Swim Club
3. NJ Opioid Settlement procedure – motion to add to agenda was made by Councilman Tashjian and seconded by Councilman Jannicelli – All in favor

Public Comment

There was no public comment in person or online.

A motion to close public comment made by Councilman Tashjian, second by Councilman Jannicelli. All in favor

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda items will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of those terms unless a member of the Council requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its sequence on the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 21-226	Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,421,000.08
Resolution 21-227	Budget transfer in the amount of \$222,000.00
Resolution 21-228	Support the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2021 year-end holiday crackdown
Resolution 21-229	Appointment Paul Martin as Substitute Crossing Guard
Resolution 21-230	Authorize the purchase of Radio Equipment in the amount of \$177,843.82
Resolution 21-231	Approve close out of contract for 2021 Municipal Road Program and authorize final payout of \$199,528.41
Resolution 21-232	Approve change order #1 to DS Meyer 2021 Road Improvement Program increase of \$13,678.57
Resolution 21-233	Approve Borough to participate in nationwide settlement agreement with Johnson and Johnson, McKesson, Cardinal Health and Amerisource to resolve claims involving their roles in the County's Opioid Crisis.

On a motion to approve the consent agenda made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Carnevale and carried unanimously on voice vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg, Kern

Abstain: None

Committee Reports:

Administration, Fire & Business Development

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Borough Administrator Lyons reported for Council President Schoenberg.

The Borough Administrator reported some department heads have turned in their evaluations and she will be following up on the remaining, in order to move the process forward.

She reported the 2022 borough calendar is being finalized. The theme will highlight the 125th anniversary of the Fire Department.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

No report as the DPW Committee meeting was not held this month.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale-

The Public Safety Committee met on November 30th and December 1st to conduct promotional interviews for Sergeant positions.

The Planning Board will held their final meeting of the year on December 7th . The next meeting of the board will be the re-organization meeting on Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30pm.

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

INTRODUCTION

21-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF TH EBOROUGH OF ORADELL TO ADD A SECTION ENTITLED “PURPLE HEART PARKING”

The Borough Administrator provided a brief description of the ordinance

Councilman Jannicelli moved to have Ordinance 21-11, be passed on first reading and published in the Bergen Record on Saturday, December 18, 2021, seconded by Councilman Tashjian

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu,

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg, Kern

Abstain: None

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21-12

AN ORDINANCE REDULATING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IN PUBLIC PARKING LOTS

The Borough Administrator provided a brief description of the ordinance

Councilman Jannicelli moved to have Ordinance 21-12 be passed on first reading and published in the Bergen Record on Saturday, December 18, 2021, seconded by Councilman Tashjian

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu,

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg, Kern

Abstain: None

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21-13

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 115 “FEES” IN THE
BOROUGH OF ORADELL**

The Borough Administrator provided a brief description of the ordinance

Councilman Jannicelli moved to have Ordinance 21-13 be passed on first reading and published in the Bergen Record on Saturday, December 18, 2021, seconded by Councilman Tashjian

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu,

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg, Kern

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli reported the Ordinance will have a final meeting this year to close out the fee ordinance.

NMVAC. Councilman Jannicelli reported the Borough will be migrating to Holy Name EMS for BLS Ambulance services for 2022. NMVAC is not able provide adequate staffing for response calls due to membership volume being affected during the pandemic. The Corps stated they will try to staff a rig for special events.

The Recreation committee met on December 9th on various agenda items. The main topic included River Dell Lacrosse request for practice wall at DPAC.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu –

Mrs. Yu reported the tax collection rate to date is 98.6%. 2022 Budget requests have been submitted to the CFO from department heads. The Borough received \$140,000 insurance payment for Hurricane Ida damage. Mrs. Yu explained how the reimbursement relates to the special emergency ordinance and resolution adopted last month. Mrs. Yu and Mrs. Lyons discussed the online requisition program. Mrs. Lyons will obtain an update as to the launch and report at the next meeting.

Mrs. Yu provided an update on Library operations and programs.

Mrs. Yu provided an update on Board of Education of Oradell Public School. She stated she attended the Oradell Fire Departments monthly meeting last night in Council Presidents absence. They reported that they received funds from FEMA's 2020 AFG Grant, which is an assistance to firefighter's grant program. They received \$32,000 which will be used to order new hoses and nozzles for the trucks. The OFD will also be applying for another Grant for \$35,000 for Swift water rescue training.

Councilman Carnevale commented the Historical Committee will be resubmitting the proposal to complete necessary marker replacements at the Vorhees Cemetery. Mrs. Lyons stated she will assign the request to either operating or the capital budget based on the amount when received.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern

The Borough Administrator provided Councilman Kern's report. She stated the RFQ for IT services will be opened this Friday. She forwarded his appreciation to the Beautification Committee for another year of dedication. Mrs. Lyons thanked the environmental committee for working in partnership with staff members on the Sustainable Jersey recertification. Not only was the Borough recertified but we were able to achieve silver status. The Borough is now eligible for a higher level of grant funding.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Didio reported on the progress of planning for the replacement of the Oradell Avenue Bridge. She summarized the recent meeting and the proposed plan.

Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Mrs. Lyons thanked the Borough staff for their hard work during these challenging times.

Borough Attorney's Report:

No public report

Old Business:

Council Tashjian asked for an update on the emergency sewer repair bid. Mrs. Lyons confirmed that the bid package will be available tomorrow. The legal advertisement was in the newspaper today.

Councilman Jannicelli asked about the status of the bucket truck. Councilman Tashjian confirmed that it is still out of service.

Councilman Carnevale asked for an update on the Memorial Monument project. The Borough Borough Engineer said he is still getting pricing.

New Business:

No new business

Public Comment:

Jim Lesserson of 523 Birchtree Lane spoke on proposed Tree Ordinance and encouraged the council to approve when introduced

Paul Latsounas of 50 Beverly Ave inquired about hiring of a Public Advocate concerning the proposed development of 66 Kinderkamack Rd.

Sam Tripsas of 327 Maple Avenue –provided commentary regarding a proposed tree ordinance as well as the benefit of trees.

A motion to close public comment made by Mayor and seconded by Councilman Jannicelli. All in favor

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Tashjian and seconded by Councilwoman Yu. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 pm, the public meeting adjourned to the Sine Die Meeting January 4, 2022.

Laura J. Lyons, CPM, RMC, RPPO
Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk