

A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD, ON JUNE 28, 2022

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 Municipal Clerk.

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

Council President Schoenberg called to order and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act was read.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL - Municipal Clerk

At roll call, the following were present Councilpersons: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Yu, and Kern. Mayor Didio and Councilman Jannicelli were absent.

AWARD: Councilwoman Schoenberg present certificates to the members of the Edison Pitch Team and Odyssey of the Minds Teams.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GUIDELINES)

The meeting is now open to the public for Agenda items only. Each speaker shall have one turn and not exceed 5 minutes. There will be another Public Comment at the conclusion of the meeting. Please identify yourself at the microphone & remain courteous.

There being no public comment on a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, second by Councilman Carnevale and carried on voice vote, public comment was closed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Councilman Carnevale asked for clarification on the process regarding the Hackensack Golf Club submission of additional documentation. Mrs. Lyons indicated she would follow through with the Borough Engineer.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Kern and carried on unanimous voice vote correspondence was filed.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Kern and carried on unanimous voice vote public comment was reopened.

Public Comment:

Jared Levine - 796 Woodland Ave inquired about the correspondence relating to the Hackensack Dam safety report. The Borough Administrator reported the Borough Engineer will follow up with the DEP to ascertain the submission of required documents. Council President Schoenberg responded the Hackensack Golf Club is governed directly by the NJDEP. The Borough Attorney read the correspondence into the record.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Kern and carried unanimously on voice vote the public comment portion was closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

3-22-22
4-19-22 (Budget)
4-19-22
4-30-22
5-24-22

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Carnevale and unanimously carried on voice vote the minutes of March 22, 2002, April 19, 2022 (Budget and work session, April 30, 2022 were approved. On a motion made by Councilman Carnevale, seconded by Councilman Kern and unanimously carried on voice vote the minutes of May 24, 2022 were approved (Councilman Tashjian abstained).

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-135	Provide support to Assembly bill A-2426 and Senate bill S-513
Resolution 22-144	Approve temporary outdoor dining
Resolution 22-145	Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$4,299,326.89
Resolution 22-146	Approve tax overpayment refund for Block 1309 Lot 5 in the amount of \$3,365.33
Resolution 22-147	Approve tax overpayment for Corelogic Real Estate in the amount of \$7,649.85
Resolution 22-148	Authorizing cancellation of stale dated checks for municipal court account
Resolution 22-149	Endorsement of amendments of 2018 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and 2019 Affordable Housing spending plan
Resolution 22-150	Approve stipulation of settlement with Borough of Oradell v Czypek
Resolution 22-151	Approve annual stipend for James Koth C-2 sewer license in the amount of \$4,000.
Resolution 22-152	Support the passage of S-330 which restores Energy Tax Receipts to municipalities
Resolution 22-153	Award bid for Emergency Sewer repairs as needed to J. Fletcher Creamer
Resolution 22-154	Approve Oradell Mini Cheer to JIF insurance recreation sport policy
Resolution 22-155	Approve annual liquor license renewals 7/1/22 – 6/30/23
Resolution 22-156	Award monument and flagpole vendors as negotiated contract in the total amount of \$56,107
Resolution 22-157	Appointment of Caitlin Gallagher to the Environmental Committee
Resolution 22-158	Municipal Alliance
Resolution 22-159	Approve annual community development council representatives

Resolution 22-160	Approve council representative for Open Space regional committee (CD)
Resolution 22-161	Approve municipal employee representatives for Community Development
Resolution 22-162	Appointment of Borough Administrator as representative to Open Space Regional Committee

Councilman Carnevale presented questions on resolution 22-135. The Borough Administrator provided clarification.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Yu and unanimously carried on voice vote the consent agenda was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Yu, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration, Fire & Business Development

Council President Tracy Schoenberg reported the senior trip to the PNC Art Center was well attended and thanked the Recreation staff for putting it together. Mrs. Schoenberg indicated she forwarded a program link for review regarding Senior finance assistance, similar to the City of Teaneck's program.

She announced that due to lack of appropriate notice provisions, there will be no discussion tonight on the separation of the Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk position. She indicated that the job description and table of organization is under review by Borough Council and should be listed on the July meeting. She stated that the non-union increase recommendation is forthcoming as well. She announced the technical assistant position has been posted.

She reported the EDAC committee is working hard on various initiatives. These include a survey and canvassing the business in town to compile a list of needs. Mrs. Schoenberg stated the Oradell Fire Department welcomed three new regular members and one junior member since last month as a result of the recruiting event. She listed recent activity including number of calls and 125th anniversary plans and training updates.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

There was no report submitted by the Borough engineer. Mr. Tashjian reported the DPW committee met yesterday. Discussion items included: Painted measurements for flooding; unfortunately, the Borough does not have jurisdiction on County Bridges to make such demarcations. Additional items are: new lights at the tennis courts are on order, improved training protocols for the PT recreation employees are being established. He also reported the tree inventory is scheduled to be completed July 9th 2022, and the tree truck is out of service.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale reported that the Public Safety Committee did not hold a meeting this month. He provided a summary of departmental activity including: assisting with graduations, and the annual Chief for a Day event.

The OEM committee will be meeting on July 13, 2022. Mr. Carnevale reported that the coordinator has been working hard launching and maintaining the new alert system. There are currently 1900 subscribers.

He provided a summary of planning board approvals from the June 6th meeting and announced the next July 5, 2022.

He reported the Historical Committee met last evening and are looking forward to hosting additional educational forums this year.

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

In Councilman Jannicelli absence the Borough Administrator provided an update. Mrs. Lyons stated they are finalizing a date for an ordinance meeting. Council President Schoenberg provided an update for upcoming special events. An overview of the 3rd and 4th of July was outlined.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu – stated the CFO is working to finalize the budget submissions for the newsletter and 3rd quarter tax bills are being printed and will be sent out this week. She stated she would like the seamless doc software to be examined and incorporated into the Borough website. Mrs. Lyons requested capital meeting budget dates from the council to coordinate a final meeting.

Mrs. Yu provided an update on Library activities. This includes tutoring services, and a fall fundraiser for the Friends of Library.

She reported that the Oradell Public School Bd of Ed is hosting their summer program. She briefed other recent events such as the spring fling and the two winning teams acknowledged this evening.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern – announced a new IT vendor has come on board. They are well entrenched in transition, and he thanked the Clerk's office for assisting.

He stated the Board of Health met on June 13th and discussed items including the seasonal health inspections, to monitor the swim club and the farmer's market.

He provided a summary of the Zoning Board meeting on June 20th. He reported that due to weather concerns the Arts Amble event was cancelled and will be rescheduled for later in the year.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Didio provided details for the summer concert series. She congratulated all the graduates in town and wished them best endeavors.

Administrator/Clerk's Report: Mrs. Lyons stated the summer council meetings are joint meetings and provided the dates. She stated the Borough is in receipt of the Borough audit and will process the documents according to statute.

Borough Attorney's Report:

Mr. Oddo expressed appreciation to the Mayor & Council for adopting the Affordable Housing Plan.

Old Business:

Councilman Tashjian requested that the poultry ordinance be added to the agenda of the upcoming ordinance meeting. Mrs. Lyons provided a recap of recent Board of Health activity concerning the ordinance they enacted. Mrs. Lyons stated she can compile sample ordinances from permitting municipalities in the packet.

New Business:

Councilwoman Yu reported on upcoming grants the Borough may pursue. She stated she will be touching base with the Borough's grant writers to ascertain whether the Borough fits the criteria.

Council President Schoenberg stated the Stigma Free committee is hosting a mental health awareness night at the Red Bull Arena on June 30th at 8pm. She thanked the Lubin family and Stigma Free committee for organizing the annual event.

The Borough Administrator stated she will forward the information to Recreation committee regarding a butterfly release annual memorial event she came across. She stated it might be a nice event to incorporate into the Borough.

Public Comment:

Paul Latsounas - 50 Beverly Rd requested the topics of closed session. Mr. Oddo stated contract negotiations with the Oradell Swim club and for a potential flooding study. Mr. Latsounas provided comments on the 66 Kinderkamack Rd application as it relates to underground parking proposal. He suggested that the tree on Argyle and Kinderkamack Road be pruned instead of removed.

Jared Levine 796 Woodland Ave. thanked Councilwoman Yu for following up on the Natural Climate Solution Grant. He provided information regarding the criteria for the grant application.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Kern and carried on unanimous voice vote the public comment was closed.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Yu and carried on unanimous voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

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