

# **A JOINT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON JULY 19, 2022.**

## **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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call issued. Council President Schoenberg was absent however participated via zoom from 7:45-8:15 pm. All other members of Council were present.

## **WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mayor Didio opened the discussion. Councilman Carnevale indicated information to make a recommendation on the direction of the position. Councilman Tashjian and Councilwoman Yu expressed support for the splitting of the positions. Councilman Kern expressed concern with the financial impact of the decision. The Council provided consensus to the committee to finalize the process.

The Borough Administrator indicated Councilman Tashjian requested this item be discussed. He explained that the General Foreman should be afforded a take home vehicle. Councilman Tashjian indicated he wanted to firm up the policy to specifically state the positions eligible for take home vehicles as well as establish a discipline policy for violations.

Mayor Didio asked for an update and summary of the renewal of the Shared Court contract. Mrs. Lyons recapped the process and asked the Borough Attorney to confirm. Mrs. Schoenberg via zoom asked for more information as to the disconnect. Mr. Oddo confirmed the signature issue as well as the reformatting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (GUIDELINES)**

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road questioned Resolution 22-165. He asked for the reason for her resignation. Councilman Carnevale stated it was the officer's decision to resign. Mr. Latsounas inquired as to her working environment. Councilman Carnevale the working environment did not play a role in her decision.

He also inquired about resolution 22- 167. He asked the nature of the project. Councilman Tashjian confirmed the paving of the roads. Mayor Didio asked for the timeline of the project. The Borough Engineer stated next spring or summer.

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

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

1. Oradell Police Dept. June monthly report

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 22-163	Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$836,262.24
Resolution 22-164	Amend summer recreation employment resolution for employment start date
Resolution 22-165	Accept letter of resignation from Destiny Armato as Police Officer
Resolution 22-166	Accept letter of resignation from Elizabeth Stass as PT Building Department TA
Resolution 22-167	Approval to submit application from NJDOT for 2023 Municipal Aid grant funding
Resolution 22-168	Authorizing Borough official to execute TWA application DEP WQM-003 Consent form
Resolution 22-169	Approval to submit application NJ Dept of Community Affairs Recreational Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities (ROID) grant funding
Resolution 22-170	Approve emergency expenditure for lighting repairs at DPAC facility
Resolution 22-171	Approve James Del Greco to the Recreation Committee
Resolution 22-172	Approve shared service agreement renewal with Bergen County for Snow plowing 2022-2024
Resolution 22-173	Amend 2022 temporary capital budget

## **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: Carnevale from 22-164

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:**

*Councilman Roger Tashjian*

Councilman Tashjian stated the DPW did not meet this month. The Borough is still waiting for the trucks that were ordered earlier this year and the tree truck is out of service. He provided a status updated of the other divisions concerning grounds maintenance and storm prep.

The Borough Engineer reported storm updates based on recent research and how it would relate to possible flooding. Mayor Didio added that the current system in place between OEM & Veolia seems to be effective

### **Administration, Fire & Business Development**

*Council President Tracy Schoenberg*

Council President phoned in as she was having trouble connecting via ZOOM. Council President emailed her report to Mayor for her to read due to her technical difficulties.

Mayor Didio reported the non-union increases have been presented and the salary ordinance is listed on the agenda for introduction

She stated that EDAC committee members are heading out to engage with the business owners. There has been some construction at the former Charlie Browns site

The current programming for seniors continues. She stated the kickball league for all started last Saturday. It was reported that all participants enjoyed the experience. There are still spaces to register for the next two sessions.

The Borough Attorney was asked for an update on the United Way property. Mr. Oddo confirmed that United Way needs to submit their proposal to the Planning Board. He also provided an update on the property title issue.

Mayor Didio presented a summary of Fire Department activity. There were 22 emergency calls in June and July 19 giving us a year-to-date total of 165 calls. Mayor Didio recapped two notable incidents. Signage was installed down near the Waterworks building reflecting 'Don't Drown, Turn Around' warning motorists that if you see high waters, you should not continue to drive. She stated

#### **Police, Emergency Management:**

*Councilman Stephen Carnevale*

Councilman Carnevale stated the committee is scheduled to meet on August 18<sup>th</sup>. He said Chief Wicker continues to provide updates on various projects within the department. He thanked OEM for their work in coordinating emergency services for the boroughs July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks show. The OEM committee met on July 13. The OEM Coordinator provided a number of updates including communication activities during storm events. Currently we have over 1900 subscribers to the Oradell Alert system which replaced NIXLE.

The Planning Board did not meet in July as there were no applications to review. The next planning board meeting is scheduled for August 2 at 7:30pm here at Borough Hall.

He reported the Historical Committee is planning to host another education session on Sunday, October 2 at Borough Hall. The committee members have also been conducting outreach to the community including a presence at the Farmers Market, a Q & A section on the history page of the website and they have plans to create a coloring book of the borough's historical structures.

#### **Ordinance:**

*Councilman Rob Jannicelli*

##### **ADOPTION**

**22-6 BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,770,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,664,500.00 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY.**

The Borough Administrator provided a brief description of the ordinance.

Councilman Jannicelli moved Ordinance 22-6, be passed on final reading, and published in the Bergen Record on Monday, July 25, 2022, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

**INTRODUCTION 22-7 AN ORDINANCE TO FIX COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

The Borough Administrator provided a brief description of the ordinance.

Councilman Jannicelli moved Ordinance 22-7, be passed on first reading, and published in the Bergen Record on Monday, July 25, 2022, seconded by Councilman Carnevale.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli reported that the Ordinance committee has their meeting tomorrow night.

He stated the New Milford Ambulance Corp did not meet this month, however they are planning a meeting for August

He stated the Special Events Committee had posted event meeting after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He provided a summary of the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 27<sup>th</sup>, whereby Family Day will be outlined. He provided a summary of the summer concert series.

He provided a summary of the Recreation Committee. The meeting was held on July 13<sup>th</sup>. A summary of the Summer Rec program was provided. The committee approved Oradell Mini Cheer. He stated field improvements are also underway.

**Finance and Insurance:**

*Councilwoman Miriam Yu –*

Councilwoman Yu reiterated the introduction of the Capital Budget, it will be approved at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Projects can commence after the required estoppel period concludes. She announced 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes are due soon. She announced an increase of approximately \$41,000 in state aid.

She reported on Library activity. The Board of Trustees is looking to form focus groups to understand the needs and wants of the community. The picnic table is installed in the back of the library for patrons to use.

She reported the Board of Education meeting scheduled for July 13 was cancelled. The next meeting will be on August 17.

**Technology and Communication:**

*Councilman Jonathan Kern –*

Councilman Kern reported the committee will be meeting on Monday to discuss IT matters. He stated the IT consultant has expressed the need to install a new firewall system which is now in the process of being implemented. Mayor asked the Borough Attorney to prepare a NDA for all committee members.

No report for OPTV or Board of Health.

He provided a recap of activity for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Applications under review are 66 Kinderkamack Road and 345 Grove Street.

Councilman Kern provided a recap of the Environmental committee. They are trying to reschedule the Arts Amble event. Clay Paper Scissors received the Beautification award at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Ceremony. October 23 is the set date when the committee is looking to do mural painting on the abandoned gas station.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor Didio reported that George Carter will be recognized as a Hometown Hero from Congressman Gottheimer's office. She will be attending the award ceremony.

**Administrator/Clerk's Report:**

Mrs. Lyons provided the dates of the August meeting and the status of the upcoming edition of the newsletter.

**Borough Attorney's Report:**

No report

**Old Business:**

Councilman Tashjian asked Councilman Jannicelli if the Chicken Coop ordinance was on the agenda for the meeting tomorrow. Councilman Jannicelli confirmed.

Councilwoman Yu provided an update on the Natural Solutions Climate Grant. She indicated the grant writers did not feel the Borough would be awarded favorably.

Councilman Carnevale asked the Borough Engineer for an update on the Memorial Field Project. Mr. Atkinson stated he will issue a report in writing tomorrow. Mayor mentioned that maybe additional posters can be created for Veterans Day.

**New Business:**

Councilman Tashjian stated that Keller William Real Estate will be issuing a fund-raising cookbook. Proceeds will be issued to for a scholarship at River Dell

**Public Comment:**

Paul Latsounas of 50 Beverly Rd provided a recap and suggestions for applications before the Zoning Board of Adjustment

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

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried on voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:09pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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