

A JOINT / SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON JULY 11, 2023 at 7:30 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 355 KINDERKAMACK ROAD ORADELL NJ 07649

1. CALL TO ORDER- OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dianne C. Didio
Tracy Schoenberg, Councilwoman
Roger Tashjian, Councilman
Stephen Carnevale, Councilman
Rob Jannicelli, Councilman
Jonathan Kern, Councilman
Michael Staff, Councilman (ABSENT)

CAPITAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

OEM – Oem Coordinator Joe Gothelf summarized the projects that were completed thus far in 2023 including the electronic sign board and additional radios for staff members. He provided a status report regarding ongoing projects and presented his 2023 Capital Project Budget. He stated radios are needed due to expanded staffing levels. He also stated a replacement vehicle will be funded in either this year or a sinking fund should be established.

MUNICIPAL CLERK- Laura Lyons summarized the issue with mold damage to the permanent records in the vault. She reviewed the submitted proposal to use a certified vendor approved by the State and indicated that the records are not able to be retrieved until the remediation is completed.

POLICE – Chief Wicker summarized his projects by priority. He stated the current sign boards are over 20 years old. He stated the department also needed a new speed trailer as well as enhanced pedestrian crossing safety features. He concluded with information regarding the active shooter protective equipment that is needed for officers.

BUILDING – Stephen Depken requested a department issued vehicle. He stated it would be best to have a larger vehicle to store equipment and signage. He spoke about technological upgrades for his department.

On a motion made by Councilman Kern, seconded by seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and unanimously carried on a voice vote the Council adjourned into closed session

The Borough Attorney provided topics that were discussed in Closed Session inclusive of contract and real estate.

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Council President Schoenberg and carried on voice vote the work session was re-opened.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Girl Scout Marisa Schoenberg and Angela McDonough led the pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES:

Mayor Didio presented certificates to Marisa Schoenberg for her Gold Award. Congressman Gottheimer and Assemblywoman Swain also presented certificates.

Sports award certificates were presented to the Kinderkamack 3/4th grade Softball Division Champions.

PRESENTATION

Girl Scout Angela McDonough presented her gold award project of a pollinator garden.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Senate Bill S3906 – Credits \$2.35 billion to “New Jersey Debt Defeasance and Prevention Fund”; appropriates \$4.32 billion to Department of Treasury to provide funds to municipalities and counties for debt retirement and avoidance.

Council President Schoenberg stated this bill was removed as it did not proceed to the Senate for voting.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Proposed Resolution to either support or oppose HR 3557 – American Broadband Act of 2023 (External Franchise Fee and other considerations)- Mayor Didio recommended a resolution be included on the consent agenda to support the opposition.
2. The Borough of Haworth requested to use the show mobile with the waiving of the rental fee. There was discussion on the Council as to stipulations in the contract. One point raised was if the Borough has the right to grant the request. Councilman Tashjian stated he was working on something with Haworth and is trying to provide assistance in this matter. Council approved the request.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas provided comment on the American Broadband Act.

Councilwoman Schoenberg made a motion to close public comment, second by Councilman Tashjian carried on voice vote, public comment was closed.

Councilman Tashjian made a motion to adjourn work session and open the Regular Public, seconded by Council President Schoenberg carried on voice vote.

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. Response from Scott King, Planning Board Attorney re: Ordinance 23-5
2. Thank you from Joe Blundo to Brian Kraljic and DPW for preparation of fields.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Council President Schoenberg and carried on voice vote the corresponded was filed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

May 9, 2023 Work Session; May 23, 2023 Regular meeting; June 13, 2023 Work Session and June 22, 2023 Special Public Meeting.

Councilman Carnevale provided language for one amendment.

On a motion to approve minutes as amended made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried on voice vote, with necessary abstentions, the minutes were approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg (abstention 6/13), Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern (abstention 6/22)

Nays: None

Absent: Staff

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian second by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote, public comment was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA:**RESOLUTIONS:**

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| Resolution 23-163 | Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$806,434.83 |
| Resolution 23-164 | Approve Application to NJ Dept of Agriculture for Spotted Lanterfly Program |
| Resolution 23-165 | Approve Application to NJDOT for FY2024 Municipal Aid Program Midland Road Improvements |
| Resolution 23-166 | Oppose HR 3557 American Broadband Act of 2023 |

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg the Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Staff

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Administration**

Council President Tracy Schoenberg stated the UPSEU negotiations continue. Mrs. Schoenberg stated the Borough was awarded \$80,000 from the NJDEP for Lotus Woods. She requested this topic be listed on the September work session so the full project can be outlined for residents. Mayor Didio commented that the Solinas family will be contacted to see if the Lotus woods would be an appropriate site for a remembrance memorial. The Lotus woods was David's Eagle Scout project and she felt it would be fitting as an appropriate site. Mrs. Schoenberg stated the

Borough received another grant relating to the Kickball league as well as another Open Space Grant for improvements to Memorial Field.

She stated senior program and activities continue.

Council President reported the passing of Bill Spranz who served as a member for almost 60 years as well as a former DPW employee. She stated there are accessibility issues at the Fire House regarding the second floor. She invited former Council President Koth to speak to the Council at the August Joint Meeting regarding “Old Moe” additional costs.

DPW

Councilman Roger Tashjian- No report

Public Safety & Emergency Management

Councilman Stephen Carnevale reported the Public Safety Committee met on June 28, 2023. Chief Wicker updated the committee on items such as various traffic safety measures, the operating budget and ongoing training programs. The committee also discussed preparations for the upcoming PBA contract negotiations.

He reported the planning board approved a soil moving application as well as a resolution confirming the updates to the Borough’s proposed ordinance regarding restaurants is consistent with the Master Plan.

Mr. Carnevale stated the Historical Committee continues to plan for an educational event that will be held on October 22nd at the Blauvelt Museum. The Borough is anticipating the the grave and historical markers from the vendor in order to complete the Vorhees Cemetery project.

Ordinance, Recreation and Special Events

Councilman Robert Jannicelli

Adoption:

Ordinance 23-5

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 240 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL TITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT” TO ALLOW RESTAURANTS OF A CERTAIN SIZE AND UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE B-1 AND B-3 BUSINESS ZONES

Public Comment on Ordinance 23-5:

Paul Latsounas thanked the Council and the Borough Attorney making the necessary amendments

Councilman Jannicelli moved Ordinance 23-5 be passed on final reading and published in the Monday, July 17, 2023 edition of the Bergen Record, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Staff

Abstain: None

Introduction: Ordinance 23-7

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 104 OF THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL ENTITLED
“RECREATION PARTICIPATION PERMIT”**

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 23-5 be passed on final reading and published in the Monday, July 17, 2023 edition of the Bergen Record, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Staff

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli inquired if River Edge posted payment in connection with Ord 23-5. The Borough Administrator confirmed payment was received.

Mr. Jannicelli stated the Recreation Committee is scheduled to meet next Thursday. An updated report will be given next month.

He thanked all the Borough employees and volunteers that made the fireworks and Parade amazing events. He highlighted the efforts and dedication of Tina Duddie, Recreation Department.

Finance

Councilwoman Jonathan Kern reviewed the capital budget discussions.

Board of Health

Councilman Michael Staff

Mr. Harris read the report. The Board of Health is currently on summer recess and will be meeting in September. A meeting will be held with the Swim Club regarding insurance requirements.

Mayors Report:

No report

Borough Administrator’s Report –

Mr. Harris thanked Tina Duddie, Recreation Department for her hard work on the 3/4th of July festivities.

Borough Attorney Report

No report

New Business:

Councilman Jannicelli announced the upcoming summer concert in the park. Councilman Kern inquired if a date for Family Day has been set. Councilman Jannicelli said the committee will now pivot to planning Family Day since the conclusion of the 4th of July event.

Public Comment:

Nick Besink summarized the installation of new AV equipment in Council Chambers

Paul Latsounas provided comments and opinion of the number of trees that have recently been removed. He commented on 66 Kinderkamack property. The Borough Attorney stated will investigate and speak to the Code Official.

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

On motion to adjourn made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote the meeting was adjourned

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:41 PM, the public meeting adjourned.

Laura J. Lyons, CPM, RMC, RPPO
Municipal Clerk