

**A JOINT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON AUGUST 15, 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 355 KINDERKAMACK ROAD ORADELL NJ 07649 AT 7:30 PM.**

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

Councilman Tashjian called to order and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act was read and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Dianne C. Didio (ABSENT)  
Tracy Schoenberg, Councilwoman ( on zoom and absent for a portion)  
Roger Tashjian, Councilman  
Stephen Carnevale, Councilman  
Rob Jannicelli, Councilman  
Jonathan Kern, Councilman  
Michael Staff, Councilman

Councilman Tashjian requested the Borough Attorney to state the topics discussed in closed session. Mr. Oddo stated litigation and pending litigation.

Councilman Tashjian requested an update from the Borough Engineer so he could be excused for the evening. Mr. Atkinson provided an update on projects underway inclusive of concrete work on Prospect between Oradell & Ridgewood and sidewalks on Grant Avenue. Councilman Tashjian asked for letters to go out to residents effected by the PSEG paving project to be sent out this week.

**OATH OF OFFICE:**

Municipal Clerk Laura Lyons performed the oath of office for Firefighter Jake Pellechio as Regular Member of the Oradell Fire Dept

**PRESENTATION:**

- 1) Old Moe repair update. Former Council President Jim Koth provided a summary regarding the repairs to the historic “Old Moe” Fire engine. It was stated that the additional \$30,000 will be included in the 2023 capital program when finalized.
- 2) Bergen County Players Sign replacement and Little Library – Oradell Rotary Oradell Kids Foundation were tabled until the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Harris was requested to have representatives for each organization present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Paul Latsounas questioned resolution23-172, Councilman Tashjian provided clarification.

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

### **CORRESPONDANCE:**

1. Letter from Roux re: environmental investigation NJ Transit Bus Garage
2. July 2023 monthly Oradell Police report

On a motion to made by Councilman Staff, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried on voice vote correspondence was filed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilman Staff and carried on voice vote the minutes of June 27, 2023 were approved.

Councilman Jannicelli asked Mr. Harris if the details were completed so that the new Volleyball league could be approved and added to the Borough insurance. After discussion, it was decided to add resolution 23-175 pending the submission of all required documents.

On a motion made by Councilman, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli the amended consent agenda was approved.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

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| Resolution 23-170 | Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$8,546,198.15  |
| Resolution 23-171 | Approve Jake Pellechio as regular member of the Oradell Fire Dept.   |
| Resolution 23-172 | Approve tax court settlement with SF III Kinderkamack LLC in the amount of \$249,154.91  |
| Resolution 23-173 | Appointment of Phillip Manfredonia as DPW Supervisor   |
| Resolution 23-174 | Authorization for T&M (Caroline Reiter) to revise & prepare Ordinance pertaining to Section 240-11 in the amount not to exceed \$4,000 |
| Resolution 23-175 | Approve GOAL ( volleyball league ) pending documentation submittal   |

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Administration**

*Council President Tracy Schoenberg* – The Municipal Clerk read the report. The Borough and UPSEU will be entering mediation for contract negotiations. There is a half day seminar on September 22<sup>nd</sup> with County Age Friendly Leaders. The Fire Department welcomed a new member this evening and thanked Jim Koth for his update. It was requested that the Borough Administrator inquire with the County Executive regarding the status of the vehicle exchange with the Borough.

## **DPW**

*Councilman Roger Tashjian* reported a large project will begin this year in the Borough, conducted by PSEG that will affect many roads. He welcomed the new employee to the DPW.

## **Public Safety & Emergency Management**

*Councilman Stephen Carnevale* reported the

Public Safety Committee will meet on Aug 30<sup>th</sup> and an update will be provided at the September work session. The committee will be meeting with the PBA Bargaining unit to continue discussions regarding the new contract for 2024.

He stated the OEM Coordinator reported the emergency operations plan has been approved by the NJ Office of Emergency Management and has been certified for two years. FEMA disaster forms relating to Hurricane IDA have been closed out and the Borough awaits federal reimbursements.

## **Ordinance, Recreation and Special Events**

*Councilman Robert Jannicelli*

### **Adoption: Ordinance 23-7**

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

No public comment on Ordinance 23-7

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 23-7 be passed on final reading and published in the Monday, August 21, 2023 edition of the Bergen Record, seconded by Councilman Staff.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

### **Introduction: Ordinance 23-8**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 115 TITLE,  
“FEES” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL  
(POLICE DEPARTMENT)**

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 23-8 be passed on final reading and published in the Monday, August 21, 2023 edition of the Bergen Record, seconded by Councilman Staff.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

He stated the recreation committee met on July 20<sup>th</sup> and a presentation from a newly formed Girls Volleyball league requested to be added under the Borough's insurance policy. He reported due to some weather issues a few summer concerts were postponed and Family Day plans are currently underway.

### **Finance**

*Councilwoman Jonathan Kern* stated he would like the Capital program final meeting to be held soon so that an ordinance can be introduced shortly. He stated the Environmental Committee is exploring reducing hours for the Farmers Market and they are participating in the Hackensack River Clean Up on Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Board of Health**

*Councilman Michael Staff* stated the Library and EDAC did not meet this month. He thanked Melissa Presta, Deputy Clerk for providing a list of Borough events to EDAC and they are looking forward in participating in the upcoming Family Day.

### **Borough Administrator's Report**

Mr. Harris provided comment regarding grants and safe routes to school He stated the new Senior van was delivered and will be in operations shortly.

### **Mayors Report:**

No report

### **Borough Attorney Report**

No report

### **Old Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

Councilman Carnevale requested the residential mailing process for road improvement process be listed on the September work session agenda

### **Public Comment:**

Paul Latsounas requested an update on environmental testing by the Senior Building. Mr. Harris responded that the Borough Engineer reached out for results and would follow up. He asked the status of the Spotted Lanternfly Grant. He provided comment on the tree ordinance.

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

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:25 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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