

A JOINT SPECIAL PUBLIC / WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON OCTOBER 10, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF ORADELL BOROUGH HALL 355 KINDERKAMACK RD

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. All members were present upon roll call.

ROLL CALL

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

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian and seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried on voice vote the meeting was adjourned into a Special Public Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT (Consent Agenda items only):

None

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

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 23-193	Approve of Borough Employee Handbook policies and procedures
Resolution 23-194	Accept resignation of Joseph Van Orden from DPW effective 8/15/23
Resolution 23-195	Appointment of Wes Kay as FT DPW laborer and Zachary Clark as PT DPW laborer.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Carnevale the consent agenda was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern, Staff
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

ORDINANCE:

Adoption: **23-9**

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,950,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,857,000 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**

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilman Kern, Ordinance 23-9 was approved

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Holiday Lighting Event – Mr. Harris provided a report submitted by Dan Nywening DPW Superintendent. Ms. Lyons stated she obtained the vendor information for a cut tree donation and was awaiting a call back from the vendor. Councilman Kern stated that there could be a concern with people being outside for a longer period of time due to a joint event with low temperatures. He stated he reached out to the Rabbi but has not received a call back. Councilman Jannicelli stated the combining of the events should be looked at yearly to see if dates match up. There was a consensus to host two separate events this year and move the tree lighting to Schirra park.

Receipt of Stormwater Grant Funding from NJ Dept of Environmental Protection- Mr. Harris stated the Borough was in receipt of \$15,000 for this award. Once the documents are approved the Borough will receive the balance of \$10,000.

Proposed Grant Application for “Safe Roads to School” through NJ Dept of Transportation – The Borough Engineer explained the Safe Routes to School requirements and suggestions.

Policy for Monument Additions and / or Corrections at Memorial Field – Mr. Harris stated he included a proposed policy in the packet. Council President Schoenberg asked Mr. Harris to have former Councilman Eric Shuler review the policy as he is the liaison with veterans.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Tashjian thanked the council for their support in filling the DPW laborer positions. Councilman Carnevale stated the Historical Committee will be hosting an educational event on Oct 22nd from 1-3pm at the Blauvelt Museum. There was Council consensus that if the rescheduled Family Day is cancelled again this weekend due to weather it would not be held this year. Councilman Carnevale stated he will reach out to Mr. Harris to discuss the Schirra monument project. Councilman Carnevale announced that Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at 11:00 am on Memorial Field at the War Memorial to formally recognize the expansion of the monument. The Borough will host its annual luncheon gathering at noon for the Veterans at the Senior Center. Councilman Carnevale stated the Borough Planner and committee continues to work on a revised sign ordinance.

Mr. Harris stated he will be setting up with the Borough Insurance broker to discuss impending increases. Councilman Staff asked Mr. Harris if the AED training will be held this month. He also stated he received a few complaints regarding commercial parking in driveways and asked how we enforce it. Kevin Harris responded that this is an enforcement issue and that the police department should handle this as it is an overnight issue. Council President Schoenberg thanked the DPW for assisting Girl Scout Angela McDonough's project for a pollinator garden. Council President Schoenberg announced a referendum will be held on December 12th for the River Dell School system.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas provided comments on the tree at Schirra Park.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:23 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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