

A JOINT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON NOVEMBER 21, 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 355 KINDERKAMACK ROAD ORADELL NJ 07649 AT 7:40 PM.

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 and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENTATION:

Teri Caparelli. Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity presented a proposal for a partnership with the Borough of Oradell. The Borough of Oradell would donate the parcel of property and Habitat for Humanity would build a single-family home for moderate-income affordable family on the site. The property is listed on the Borough tax map as Block 107 Lot 29. After thorough discussion, the Council agreed to the proposal and directed the Borough Attorney to prepare the agreement for adoption at the December Joint Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Notice of foreclosure action Block 602 Lot 8
2. Notice from NJBPU re: Cablevision of NJ LLC Francise Renewal
3. October 2023 monthly Oradell Police report
4. Notice from NJ Transit re: public hearing Senior and Disabled Residents Transportation Assistance Program

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg carried unanimously on voice vote the correspondence was filed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 19, 2023 Capital Meeting; September 12, 2023 Work Session; September 26, 2023 Regular Public Meeting; October 10, 2023 Work Session; October 24, 2023 Regular Public Meeting

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg with the following noted abstentions the minutes were approved.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Councilman Tashjian- 10/24

Councilman Staff- 9/26 & 10/24

Councilman Tashjian motioned for resolution be added to the consent agenda. The resolution would be listed as 23-224: Approving DPW Jack Clark moving from step 1 to step 7 in the UPSEU Guide, effective 1/1/24 subject to the ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding between the UPSEU and the Borough. Motion was seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

CONSENT AGENDA:**RESOLUTIONS:**

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| Resolution 23-212 | Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$4,781,508.35 |
| Resolution 23-213 | Approve Budget Transfers in the amount of \$125,000 |
| Resolution 23-214 | Approve 4 th Quarter tax overpayment refund to John Riego, Ross Road Paramus in the amount not to exceed \$5,254.68 |
| Resolution 23-215 | Approve Chief Wicker bank time pay out 2023 for 110 hours at an amount not to exceed \$10,837.20 |
| Resolution 23-216 | Accept resignation of DPW Laborer Peter Merkle effective 10/31/23 |
| Resolution 23-217 | Approve employment of Sean Yates as DPW Laborer Step 3 pro rated (\$47,454.00) effective November 27,2023 |
| Resolution 23-218 | Award emergency repairs to Oradell Public Library (HVAC Richard Rosko & Sons Inc NTE \$17,500 and Roof Repair Mulligan Roofing NTE \$42,750.00) |
| Resolution 23-219 | Approve communication equipment purchase to Motorola Solutions Inc for OEM in the amount not to exceed \$36,156.63 |
| Resolution 23-220 | Reschedule December Joint Meeting from December 12, 2023 to December 13,2023 |
| Resolution 23-221 | Approve Developer's Agreement between the Borough of Oradell and Rock Solid Built LLC |
| Resolution 23-222 | Allow extended hours of operations for Royal Wine & Jay Jays Food Mart LLC (10am – 10pm on December 24 & December 31) |

Resolution 23-223 Authorize Mayor to sign as Municipal Owner for Land Use
Application submitted by BCUW Madeline Housing Partners LLC
for United Way Project
Resolution 23-224 see above amendment to agenda

On a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended -made by Councilman Tashjian,
seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg.

ROLL CALL:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Council President Tracy Schoenberg stated that UPSEU contract negotiations continue. She announced the holiday party for Oradell Seniors will be December 14 at 4pm at River Dell High School.

She stated that Councilman Carnevale covered this month's meeting that was held during the League. A celebration was held for Chief Kaplan as he will be concluding his term as Chief this year.

She stated the Borough submitted the Safe Routes to School Grant. She inquired to the Borough Administrator the status of the Green Acres application. She asked for an update on all outstanding Recreation Grants.

DPW

Councilman Roger Tashjian

Councilman Tashjian read the Engineer's report. The tree delivery will be delivered and installed by the end of the year. He stated because of the mild season, the DPW leaf collection is ahead of schedule and therefore two extra weeks will be added. Logistical details are being worked out for the Styrofoam collection.

Mr. Tashjian summarized the River Dell Referendum details to be voted at a special election December 12, 2023.

Public Safety & Emergency Management

Councilman Stephen Carnevale stated the Public Safety Committee met on Oct 25, 2023. He thanked the officers who hosted a community policing event with the borough's Halloween party. The new PBA contract should be presented to Mayor and Council for approval at the December joint meeting.

He stated the planning board met on November 6th and three applications were presented and approved. He stated the sign ordinance continues to be worked on with appropriate officials. He thanked EDAC for their input and hopes to have a draft to Mayor and Council in January.

He stated the Historic Committee is scheduled to meet Monday, November 27 and an update will be provided at the December meeting.

He reported that the Veterans Ceremony on November 11 at Memorial Field was well attended.

Ordinance, Recreation and Special Events

Councilman Robert Jannicelli stated the Recreation Committee did not meet this month and he reported on the Halloween Party. He commented that although Special Events did not meet this month, the hosted the 2nd annual Trunk or Treat. He stated that while weather was not cooperative it was well attended. Announced the joint Tree Lighting and Menorah lighting will be on December 3rd.

Finance

Councilwoman Jonathan Kern summarized Borough finances. Highlights include: a 99% tax collection rate and budget transfer resolutions. Councilman Tashjian requested that departments are notified of the transfers. Discussion ensued regarding server vs. cloud-based operations. Councilman Kern discussed cyber security and asked the Borough Administrator to send a memo regarding USBs usage

He stated the Beautification Committee met earlier in the month. Last Sunday was the last day for the Farmers Market. Councilman Kern thanked the people involved as well as the patrons who supported the market. Mayor Didio added that the League of Municipalities the Sustainable Jersey Committee was awarded the Creativity & Innovation Award as well as being recertified as a “Silver Community”. Mayor Didio invited the Committee to come to the December meeting to be presented the acknowledgment that was present at the convention. He stated that OPS provided supporting documents for the Borough’s Safe Route to School application.

Board of Health

Councilman Michael Staff stated the Board of Health did not meet due to lack of quorum. Any interested in joining should contact the Borough Clerk’s Office. He stated AED Training is tentatively scheduled for the evening of December 4th. He stated EDAC also did not have a quorum but submitted comments regarding the potential sign ordinance review. He stated the Library Board of Trustees met on November 8th. Discussion included 2024 operating budget and the upcoming roof repairs.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Didio provided an update from the Joint Insurance Fund. She reported that she attending an Affordable Housing seminar at the League Conference. She noted that there will be Affordable Housing element to the Master Plan that will have to be included in the next round update.

Borough Administrator’s Report

Mr. Harris stated he will have the Insurance Broker present at the December closed session a new proposal. Mayor Dido suggested having this presentation at the January meeting.

Borough Attorney Report

Mr. Oddo reported that closed session topics included: Emerson Sewer Agreement, potential litigation, personnel DPW and potential shared service agreement with Haworth & Demarest.

Old Business:

Councilman Carnevale asked Mr. Harris for an update on the Train Station grant. Councilwoman Schoenberg requested Ken Baumann be at the next meeting to give an update regarding

outstanding Open Space Grants and that the Council be emailed specifics ahead of the meeting.

Council President also asked if the list for the Veterans Day luncheon be examined. She received an inquiry from someone that should be on the list. She suggested that Chris Hillman at the MVC and Sean Hutchingson be included on the review. Councilman Carnevale suggested to have this added to the discussion when Ken Baumann attends the December meeting.

New Business:

Councilman Tashjian stated the Council approved the Borough Administrator dismissing staff at 1pm the day before Thanksgiving. Councilman Tashjian also asked for a date for the holiday party.

Public Comment:

Paul Latsounas provided his opinion on the upcoming referendum at River Dell. He also commented on potential litigation and how it affects tax payers.

Katherine Norian asked for the guitarist be included in the acknowledgement for the Farmers Market. She asked for an update on the little library location at the Train Station. Mr. Oddo and stated he and Engineer have identified a location and will contact her directly with details.

Mary Margaret Carter acknowledge the hard work and great job of Tina Duddie and Ken Baumann. The seniors appreciate all the programming.

Motion to close public comment made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote.

Motion to adjourn back into Work Session made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote.

Discussion Items:

Combined Holiday Lighting Event

Mr. Harris announced December 3 at 5pm in front of Borough Hall is the date of the event. Council President reminded residents to bring an unwrapped toy for the Toy Drive. Councilman Jannicelli asked about the sound system. The Borough Administrator responded Mr. Baumann has a sound system in place. Councilman Jannicelli also wanted confirmation on the closing of Kinderkamack Road.

Styrofoam Densifier Shared Services Agreement with Village of Ridgewood

Mr. Harris reiterated that logistics are being worked out with the Village of Ridgewood.

2024 Budget Preparations

Mr. Harris reported that work sheets have been provided to the Department heads.

New Business:

Laura Lyons, Municipal Clerk discussed 2024 Meeting dates with the Council. Dates were approved and a memorializing resolution will be approved at the December meeting.

Public Comment:

Paul Latsounas, requested local banks be solicited for fund donations for Fireworks.

Motion to close public comment made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried on voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:43 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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