

A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD VIA ZOOM, ON JUNE 22, 2021

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. The Annual Notice, which details the meetings dates for the year, has been sent to The Record and Ridgewood News, placed on the Municipal Bulletin Board and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

At roll call, the following were present:

Mayor Dianne Didio

Councilmembers:

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Roger Tashjian

Stephen Carnevale

Rob Jannicelli

Miriam Yu

Jonathan Kern

Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Laura J. Lyons

Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo, Esq.

Borough Engineer David Atkinson

Presentation- Lori Murray and Helen Atchontou of the YWCA presented an overview of the 21 Day Challenge

Proclamation – Juneteenth

Correspondence- May Police Report

Motion to File made by Councilman Tashjian second by Councilman Jannicelli

All in favor

Adoption of Minutes- April 27, 2021

Motion to approve by Councilwoman Schoenberg and seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

All in favor

Public Comment (Guidelines)

The meeting is now open to the public for agenda items only. Each speaker shall have one turn and not exceed 5 minutes. There will be another Public Comment at the conclusion of the meeting. Please identify yourself at the microphone and remain courteous.

Public Comment: *As per Resolution 21-82 (published March 30, 2021 in the Bergen Record) and DCL Local Finance Notice 2020-21 the Municipal Clerk shall enforce all public comment protocols outlined in both documents. Copies can be found at www.oradell.org.*

Paul Latsounas – 50 Beverly Road – various questions on several resolutions and clarification and explanations were provided.

Council President Schoenberg moved to close Public Comment. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Resolutions:

Resolution 21-130	Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,508,073.27
Resolution 21-131	Approve separation payment to Sgt Kahill upon his retirement in the amount of \$9,558.46
Resolution 21-132	Approve cancel sewer balance for various addresses in the total amount of \$51.61
Resolution 21-133	Approve tax over payment for various addresses to Corelogic in the total amount of \$9,298.18
Resolution 21-134	Approve excess water usage appeal for 502 Prospect Avenue in the amount of \$251.97
Resolution 21-135	Approve Maria Marte as PT Crossing Guard at \$18.47/hr.
Resolution 21-136	Approve annual ABC Liquor license renewal July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022
Resolution 21-137	Approve the employment of Eric Barker as FT DPW Laborer at pro-rated salary \$41,000
Resolution 21-138	Approve Award of Contract to 4 Clean up Inc for Prospect Avenue NJDOT Phase I and II in the amount not to exceed \$447,774.25
Resolution 21-139	Approve annual Community Development council representatives
Resolution 21-140	Approve municipal employee representatives for Community Development
Resolution 21-141	Approve Council representatives for Open Space regional committee (CD)
Resolution 21-142	Approve Borough Administrator to Open Space regional committee
Resolution 21-143	Authorize acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$50,950.00 for Oradell Police Dept for Body Worn Camera funding

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Yu.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None

Committee Reports:
Administration, Fire & Business Development

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Council President Schoenberg stated the Fire Dept is moving forward with the training agreement with Suez on the Reservoir. Next year's Fourth of July Parade will be the 125th center of the celebration of the OFD.

There is a meeting tomorrow night for the Oradell for All committee. Representatives from library will be present to discuss ways on how we can best serve our differently enabled residents at the library.

She stated that she is looking forward to the new Recreation Director moving forward with enhanced programming for Seniors.

The Admin committee delivered confirmed the nonunion salary recommendations. The salary ordinance is listed this evening.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

The Borough Engineer reported the 2021 road program started last week. He recapped various projects.

Councilman Tashjian welcomed to Eric Barker who was hired as a FT labor. He provided an outline of various initiatives concerning LESO and the auction this year.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale reported the Public Safety Committee met the end of May. The Chief provided updates on several items. He thanked Chief Wicker & our grant writers regarding the body worn cameras grant award. He reported that Sgt. Kahill will be retiring at the end of June. A formal recognition will be at the July public meeting. He stated that Mayor Didio swore in a new police officer Andrew Hartophilis,

The Planning Board met on June 1 and approved a soil moving permit.

He reported the Historical Committee is in the process of scheduling their next meeting. The Voorhees Cemetery project has been completed. The Council is continuing to evaluate the committee's proposal to create a commission.

Tree Ordinance sub committee update will try to have an updated version shortly

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

Adoption:

**ORDINANCE 21-5
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 240 OF THE ORADELL
BOROUGH CODE, ENTITLED “LAND DEVELOPMENT”, AND THE
ORADELL BOROUGH ZONING MAP AS THEY PERTAIN TO BLOCK
1401 LOTS 1.01 & 1.02**

Mayor Didio has recused herself as well as Council President Schoenberg as this pertains to the White Beeches property.

Public Comment on Ordinance 21-5:

Art Gallow questioned on comparison of original vs. the amendment. Borough Attorney gave explanation and gave further explanation on the Affordable Housing obligations.

Brian Capalbo 29 Beechwood Rd, Questioned the notice provision. Mrs. Lyons explained the legal requirements. He provided his opinion on the placement of the housing in the Borough.

Demetrios Econopouly 200 Beechwood Rd. Stated no supportive on affordable housing in this area of town.

Tom Belthoff 74 Beechwood Rd. – expressed concerns on Overlay District. The Borough Attorney gave explanation on various different questions.

The Borough Attorney explained the purpose of Public Comment and that it was time to move on.

Nick Ostuni 271 Beechwood Road supported the ordinance.

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to be passed Ordinance 21-5, seconded by Roger Tashjian

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu

Nays: Kern

Absent: None

Abstain: Schoenberg

Introduction:

**ORDINANCE 21-7
AN ORDINANCE TO FIX COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL, COUNTY OF
BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

No comments from public or council

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 21-6 passed on final reading & published in the Saturday, June 26, 2021 edition of the Bergen Record. Councilman Kern seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

He reported that the Recreation committee met earlier this month on the 10th.

The NMVAC meeting was moved to next week because of graduation.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu -provided an update on the tax collection rate. She updated the Council on Library operations. She spoke about the return of the library surplus funds.

She provided an update on OPS. Mayor congratulated the graduates and stated the sign will be affixed on the Borough Hall lawn shortly.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern – Tech committee looking into means of alternative services to utilize that fit our everyday needs. Tomorrow is the launch day training for our employees of our new website.

He reported the Board of Health discussed moving forward with the Westwood Animal Center Lyme Disease Program.

He stated the Environmental/ Beautification committee meetings continue. The Farmers Market continues throughout the season up until Thanksgiving. Arts amble was a successful event.

Mayor's Report

She reported that the numbers of vaccinated people are climbing.

She stated the Mayors Wellness Finale has been pushed to Thurs July 22nd from 7pm to 8pm at the Senior Center. Look forward to rewarding those who took the challenge.

The insurance claim has been submitted for the damage sustained to the building last month.

Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Fourth of July has been evolving every day. As details are finalized it will be posted to the website.

Mayor added that she attended the GIRL SCOUT award ceremony. She is very proud of the girls. She congratulated Councilman Jannicelli's daughter who was one of the recipients.

Borough Attorney's Report:

No report

Old Business:

Councilwoman Yu stated that she was glad to see the pedestrian flags reinstalled in town.

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

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Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Rd - Asked for closed session topics. The Borough Attorney responded that there was no closed session. He discussed various topics.

Jared Levine, 797 Woodland Ave - stated that he and his neighbors are concerned about Van Saun Mill Brook and trying to find out what they can do. He commented on the amount of trees that have fallen. Councilman Tashjian stated he will contact the DPW to see what can be done. The Borough Engineer confirmed that the creek does start at the Hackensack Golf Course.

A motion to close public comment made by Councilman Tashjian and seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg. All in favor All in favor.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Tashjian and seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:23 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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