

A JOINT PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD VIA ZOOM, ON JULY 13, 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.

Mayor Didio: “Notice of this meeting was published in the official newspaper and prominently posted in Borough Hall and filed with the Municipal Clerk in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Pledge of Allegiance – Lead by Sgt Derek Kahill

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: Retirement of Derek Kahill
Jessica Valdes 2021 Teacher of the Year – St Joseph’s School

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 & remain courteous.

Public Comment: As per Resolution 21-81 (published March 30, 2021 in the Bergen Record) and DCA 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.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to close Public Comment made by Councilwoman Schoenberg seconded by Councilman Jannicelli. All in favor

Agenda items will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of those terms unless a member of the Council requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its sequence on the agenda.

RESOLUTIONS:

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| Resolution 21-144 | Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$1,005,176.92 |
| Resolution 21-145 | Approve renewal membership in Bergen County Joint Insurance Fund for three (3) years |
| Resolution 21-146 | Approve 2021 salary amount for Non Union Employees |
| Resolution 21-147 | Approve 2021 compensation for Public Works Industries LLC in the amount of \$4,000 |
| Resolution 21-148 | Approve solicitations of RFP's for IT services and Bid Emergency Sewer Repairs for the Borough of Oradell. |
| Resolution 21-149 | Approve construction management for Neglia Engineering for NJDOT Prospect Avenue Phase I & II in the amount not to exceed \$33,450.00 |
| Resolution 21-150 | Approve appointment of Karen Bonuck to Beautification/Environmental Committee |
| Resolution 21-151 | Approve expenditure for emergency paving of Beverly Road in the amount not to exceed \$20,000 |
| Resolution 21-152 | Approve grant application to NJDOT for Prospect Avenue Phase II |

Councilwoman Schoenberg made a motion to add 2 Resolutions and make a change to Resolution 21-148 seconded by Councilman Carnevale. All in favor

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| Resolution 21-153 | Amend MOU to Gov Deals |
| Resolution 21-154 | Approve encroachment into the Borough Rite a Way to Taylor Ave. |

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

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

She stated that was pleased to see the completion to the non-union salary increase process. She stated that the Fire Department met last night. The agreement with Suez for training on the reservoir has been executed. She wished Chuck May, a long-time member of the FD and former council member a speedy recovery as he has been in the hospital. Please also keep Jeff Kaplan in your thoughts. He has been part of the very elite NJ Task Force that has been deployed to Florida for search and recovery. She reported that the FD has gone on 153 calls.

Oradell For All committee is on a summer hiatus but plans for upcoming events are still underway.

Senior Citizens activities continue to come back online. We are looking forward to expanding in areas that are allowable under COVID restrictions.

She stated the EDAC committee is meeting tomorrow night. They are exploring going door to door downtown to speak to the business owners. This will be to gauge how the Borough can better support the small business.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

The Borough Engineer reported on a few ongoing projects and spoke of the issues at Borough Hall due to the last rain events.

He stated the DPW Committee met today. He reminded building owners along Kinderkamack that the weeds are the responsibility of the owners. The Borough Administrator stated the letters will be going out shortly. He stated as an open item regarding the brook– those brooks that are on private property remain the responsibility of the owners. The only way the town gets involved is if there is a full blockage. He stated, the DPW does walk the brook once a month and does the best they can. Mayor Didio asked if there is a fact sheet for the homeowners. The Borough Engineer added that the DEP regulates the water courses.

He stated the Borough auction recently closed and raised about \$60,000 from excess equipment.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale-

The Public Safety Committee has not had the opportunity to meet since the end of May.

He stated there was no planning board this month due to lack of applications.

He stated the Historical Committee met on June 29th to continue discussions on a number topic. The primary focus was the proposal to form a Historical Commission. He asked the Borough Administrator the status of setting up the panelist from other communities. Mrs. Lyons stated she met with the Administrators of Old Tappan & Park Ridge at her managers meeting They were going to reach out to their group and see if anyone wanted to participate in one of our meetings to give their prospective.

He stated he is hopeful to have an updated draft for the proposed tree ordinance on the next agenda meeting.

Also, the Borough will be meeting with Borough Planner to continue discussions around the recommendations we received from the planning board regarding changes to our existing Ordinances and other matters related to the Downtown area.

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

Adoption:

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 21-7 passed on final reading & published in the Saturday, July 17th edition of the Bergen Record. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

The meeting held last Thursday was the new PT Recreation Director first meeting. Various topics were discussed. Councilman Jannicelli stated they are examining capital projects to be included in this year's presentation. He stated the next meeting of the NMVAC is Monday.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu - On July 1 the Borough received the first half of the ARP funding in the amount of \$425,000. The second half of this should be received 12 months from then in July 2022. The funds must be incumbered but end of 2024 and all costs must be paid by 2026. There are rules of what the funds can and can't be used for. We will be working with our CFO to drill down on what it all means and how we can exactly use this money.

She reported on the new website design and launch. She thanked Melissa Presta for so much hard work on this project.

There was no update on the library as they do not meet until tomorrow.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern –

Technology is having ongoing discussion regarding the needs of the Borough for expanded services. OPTV, BOH and Zoning did not meet this month.

The Borough is looking for a new vendor for honey and tea.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Didio reported the Oradell Avenue Bridge study is still ongoing. She encouraged everyone to visit the Bridge website, there is a survey for everyone to do.

She announced the Port Authority is still looking for people to sit on their advisory committee. Committee was launched in July of 2019 with the objective of providing input to the facility managers on operations, customer service issues and community impacts from operations. Members meet every 2 months either in person or via zoom and serve for a 2-year term. Applications to sit on this council must be received by July 30, 2021. Additional information is available at their website www.panynj.gov/pavtac

She stated the newsletter will be mailed out in the next week or so.

Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Mrs. Lyons expressed frustration with PSEG and their non responsiveness to participating in a meeting with the Borough to discuss various issues.

She stated she had a positive meeting onsite at the train station with a representative from the NJ Historic Trust. She is hopeful for a favorable award. Awards will be made on or about Sept 29.

Borough Attorney's Report:

No report

Old Business:

Councilman Carnevale requested for the Veteran Posters be put back up.

Councilman Tashjian asked Councilman Jannicelli regarding the DPAC usage fees.

Councilwoman Schoenberg stated the YWCA will be launching the 21-day challenge in September. She thanked Melissa Presta & all the Department head that were a part of the Fourth of July Parade.

Mayor Didio added that the Mayors Wellness Campaign finale is Thursday, the 22nd at 7pm.

New Business:

Councilman Tashjian mentioned that there was a great article in the Record on June 25th on 5G antennas. He gave a summary and what we need to be prepared for.

Public Comment:

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Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Rd – spoke on various topics

Mr. Sam Tripsas 327 Maple Ave – asked about posting on the website of all zoning applications. Councilwoman Yu mentioned that they are all listed there under Agenda.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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