

A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD VIA ZOOM, ON FEBRUARY 23, 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.

Flag Salute

At roll call, the following were present:

Mayor Dianne Didio

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Councilmembers:

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

Adoption on Minutes:

On a motion made by Council President Schoenberg, seconded by Councilwoman Yu the minutes of the Sine Die Meeting held January 5, 2021 were approved.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Kern

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Council President Schoenberg the minutes of the Reorganization Meeting held January 5, 2021 were approved.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Public Comment on Consent Agenda Only:

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Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road provided comments on several resolutions.

A motion to close public comment was made by Council President Schoenberg and second by Roger Tashjian. All in favor.

Consent Agenda:

Resolutions:

Resolution 21-62	Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$5,056,452.69
Resolution 21-63	Budget transfer in the amount of \$14,000
Resolution 21-64	Approving Annual electronic tax sale as per Division of Local Government Services
Resolution 21-65	Approve tax overpayment refund for Block 1106 Lot 17 in the amount of \$3,419.91
Resolution 21-66	Approval annual waiver of sanitary sewer fees to Hallmark Arms Condominium Association
Resolution 21-67	Approve sanitary sewer appeal for 97 Beechwood in amount of \$55.48
Resolution 21-68	Approve tax overpayment refund for Block 1401 Lot 6 in amount of \$5,154.38
Resolution 21-69	Approve BAN issuance of \$6,818,800
Resolution 21-70	Approve Henry Pobitkiewicz as Junior/ Aux member of Oradell Fire Department
Resolution 21-71	Approve membership to various volunteer committees

A motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried on voice vote, to approve the consent agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Correspondence

1. Follow up letter from 211 Morris Street re: Tree removal
2. Oradell Police Department – January 2021

A motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote, the correspondence was filed. All in favor

Administration, Fire & Business Development

Council President Tracy Schoenberg reminded everyone to please clear their fire hydrants from snow. She recommended an ordinance being considered addressing a program for people to adopt a hydrant. She reported that the Oradell Fire Department is forming a 125 Anniversary Committee. She stated work continues on the radio project upgrade and stated the County is taking a long period of time to bring Oradell onto the system.

She stated the revised employee handbook is underway. The Admin Committee will discuss non union increases once the recommendation memo is received. She also stated that the backlog of CCO inspections is being addressed as we have employed an inspector to assist the Construction Official.

She reported that EDAC held its first meeting of the year virtually and welcomed 2 new members Scott Breyer (a realtor in town) and Kim Calbi (owner of NJ Caffeine).

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee- She stated a joint meeting is scheduled for March 25 with members of Stigma Free, Senior & the former Outreach committee attending to address various topics.

She stated the Oradell for All committee held it's first meeting. Topics discussed included the United Way supportive housing development and the inclusive playground.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

The Borough Engineer reported the 2021 Road Program is being finalized for bidding process.

Councilman Tashjian stated the DPW committee didn't met this month however the Borough auction brought in much needed revenue.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale reported that the Public Safety Committee met on February 11, 2021 to discuss various items.

He reported that a memo was received from the Planning Board Attorney re: ordinance consistency with the Master Plan. An internal meeting will be held to address the recommendations.

Councilman Carnevale indicated the Historical committee continues to work on their proposal to develop a Historical Commission Ordinance.

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli asked for a status update on the third-party facility rental for recreation. Mrs. Lyons stated that she is trying to locate a sample from another municipality however it appears that most municipalities do not permit this activity.

Councilman Jannicelli commented that Recreation Committee met with the League Presidents. He reported that since Lacrosse cancelled their season a full refund for DPAC field time was refunded. He asked Ms. Lyons if she was aware that certain nets were being used by the general public even though they were purchased by the leagues. Mrs. Lyons confirmed she was unaware

about this practice and assured the Council that the Borough should provide the communal equipment.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu provided an update on the 2021 budget process. She reported that Oradell Public School has promoted Ms. Bozios to Superintendent.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern reported the Technology committee continues to work on various projects. He stated the cleanup day is scheduled for April 18th 2021 at Memorial Field.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Didio provided an update from the JIF meeting. She asked for an update on the upcoming food drives. She reported that Stigma Free committee is looking to host a book club event shortly.

Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Mrs. Lyons reported there will be a meeting for Mayors Wellness tomorrow morning. Resumes were received for Full Time Land Use Assistant and interviews will be set up shortly. She indicated the next issue of the newsletter will be issued in March.

Borough Attorney's Report:

No report

Old Business:

Council President Schoenberg congratulated the Green Team for being awarded Silver status in Sustainable Jersey. This will allow Oradell to be eligible for high amount grant funding. Mrs. Lyons added there are 2,900 entities in the state registered in the program. Only 155 are bronze level and 64 entities are Silver level.

Steve Carnevale commented that George Carter has been very helpful in getting pictures of all the soldiers killed in action. He will forward them to the Administrator when they are ready for the printing. Mayor Didio indicated that the posters will be placed on for the Memorial Day ceremony.

New Business:

Council President updated everyone about the TEAM NOAH sign fundraiser. Mayor Didio indicated that Borough Hall is lit up Blue because it is Noah's favorite color.

Council President Schoenberg summarized Governor Murphy presentation on the budget.

Public Comment:

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Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road requested the topics discussed in closed session. Mayor Didio responded that there was not session held this evening. He provided comments on various issues.

Sam Tripsas 327 Maple Ave asked for clarification regarding the potential ordinances recommended by the Planning Board attorney.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:13 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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