

A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD VIA ZOOM, ON MARCH 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 explained the governing body met in an earlier closed session whereby the meeting what called to order and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act was read.

Flag Salute – lead by Councilwoman Yu

At roll call, the following were present:
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

Mayor Dianne Didio, was present for closed – but absent for public

Proclamations: Proclamations were presented to: Michael Maron & Janet Atwater

Adoption on Minutes: On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli the minutes of the regular Meeting January 26, 2021 and Special Public Meeting February 9, 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: (Guidelines)

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

Motion to close Public Comment was made by Roger Tashjian and second by Miriam Yu. All in favor

On a motion made by Councilwoman Yu seconded by Councilman Carnevale, public comment session was closed. All in favor

Correspondence:

On a motion by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli the correspondence was filed. All in favor.

Consent Agenda:

Resolutions:

Resolution 21-72	Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,386,298.79
Resolution 21-73	Approve annual exemption for NJ Transit excess sewer charge
Resolution 21-74	Approving budget transfers in the amount of \$180,000
Resolution 21-75	Approve separation payment for Tyler Coss Y Leon in the amount of \$3,313.51
Resolution 21-76	Approve tax appeal litigation settlement for Block 905 Lot 2 in the amount of \$568,911.75 as per terms of agreement
Resolution 21-77	Approve tax appeal litigation settlement for Block 905 Lot 2 in the amount of \$933,220.70 as per terms of agreement
Resolution 21-78	Approve Community Development Block Grant for air filtration system for Senior Building in the amount of \$1,400.00
Resolution 21-79	Approve various excess sewer appeals
Resolution 21-80	Approve membership for EDAC and Oradell for All
Resolution 21-81	Approve extension of resolution 20-208 until June 30,2021 re: remote meetings
Resolution 21-82	Approve revised Green Team resolution
Resolution 21-83	Approve temporary outdoor eating for 2021 and waive permit fees
Resolution 21-84	Declare solidarity with the Asian and Asian-American community
Resolution 21-85	Urge legislators to revise Senate Bill 3454
Resolution 21-86	Approve R. Bob and J. Flanagan to prepare and transcribe land use minutes in accordance with UPSEU contract
Resolution 21-87	Approve application to Sustainable Jersey in the amount of \$2000
Resolution 21-88	Approve compensation to non-union and union accruals (2020 vacation) to reserve for accumulated absences.

A motion to add resolutions 21-87 and 21-88 to the consent agenda was made by Rob Jannicelli & seconded by Miriam Yu. All in favor.

On a motion made Councilwoman Yu resolution 21-84 was pulled for separate discussion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilwoman Yu issued comment on resolution 21-84. On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli resolution 21-84 was approved.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

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 commented that the Admin Committee will close out the non-union increase recommendations shortly. She commented that the Oradell for All met this month and had invited several guests from other municipalities to share their experiences.

The Borough is looking to allow programming at the Senior Building given the recent changes to covid protocols. Councilwoman Schoenberg announced that in place of the monthly EDAC meeting several of the members will be attending the Oradell Avenue Bridge Study meeting. She mentioned that Congressman Gottheimer has provided his support for the AFG grant. She also asked for a moment of silence for the Firefighter who lost his life while battling the recent fire in Spring Valley NY.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

The Borough Engineer reported the Borough received eight bids for the 2021 road paving project. The bid totals were favorable and after review, the Borough can award at an upcoming meeting. Councilman Tashjian inquired as to the start date of Prospect Avenue. Mr. Atkinson provided details on the timeline. Councilman Tashjian reported that the DPW committee met on March 16th. He provided an update on various projects.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale reported that the PSC will be meeting shortly. He stated that there are no applications before the Planning Board therefore the next meeting will be April 6, 2021. He stated the Historical Committee is finalizing their proposed Historic Commission ordinance. Once drafted it will be presented to the Governing Body at an upcoming work session.

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

Introduction:

**ORDINANCE 21-2
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 266 OF THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF ORADELL CONCERNING TOWING AND STORAGE
SERVICES**

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 21-2 passed on first reading & published in the Saturday, March 27, 2021 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

**ORDINANCE 21-3
AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL COUNTY OF
BERGEN STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING CHAPTER 240 OF THE
BOROUGH CODE ENTITLES "LAND USE"**

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 21-3 passed on first reading & published in the Saturday, March 27, 2021 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

He reported that the Grant Avenue playground equipment will be installed shortly. He requested that light towers be moved to DPAC to enhance the lighting at night games. Mr. Jannicelli inquired if some of the leagues are providing communal equipment for the Borough. Mrs. Lyons stated that she was unaware if directives were given to the leagues however the Borough should be providing the equipment for the general public, she will assure proper budgeting be allotted to purchase the equipment. He stated that the Easter Bunny event will be at the Senior Center on March 27, 2021.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu reported the Borough tax rate collection hold at 99%. The Borough is awaiting direction on what the American Rescue funding plan will allow. Councilwoman Yu provided an update on the Library and OPS functions.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern stated the Technology committee met and discussed various items. He stated the community clean up is scheduled for April 18 2021.

Mayor's Report (given by Borough Administrator - Laura Lyons)

Borough Administrator Lyons provided Mayor Didio's report. She stated the JIF notified all its participants that there will be an increase for the Workers Comp premium in 2022. The JIF also distributed the safety awards unilaterally among all municipalities. The Borough received \$1,000 for 2021. She conducted ribbon cutting ceremonies at Green Joy and Colourloft recently. The Borough is working on posters to display on Memorial Day of soldiers who were killed while serving. We were notified that instead of doing the normal Gold & Silver award, they are doing it a little more equitable. So, the municipality will receive \$1,000. Mrs. Lyons indicated that all the information for the Mayors Wellness will be included in the newsletter that is out for print.

Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Mrs. Lyons reported that she is finalizing details for upcoming food drives with her staff. She also stated that due to COVID the summer recreational camp will not be held this year. The protocols required for staff and attendees are quite restrictive and the Borough prefers to only hold the camp with it is safe for staff and participants.

Borough Attorney's Report:

No report

Old Business:

Councilman Carnevale stated the Historical Committee is working on a proposal to restore the epitaphs at the Voorhees Cemetery.

New Business:

Councilwoman Schoenberg provided commentary and a recap of the front yard library permitted use. Mrs. Lyons stated that the section of the code was reviewed today and further clarification is needed.

Mr. Oddo, Borough Attorney concurred with the previous statements concerning the code. He stated that although there may be a lot of support for a permitted use but unless it is in stated in the code it will not be permitted.

Public Comment:

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Mr. Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Road commented on various topics.

Mr. Joshua Ashkinazi 364 Chapin Ct commented on the front yard library structure. Mr. Oddo provided responses.

Mr. John Ahern, 16 William Court expressed concern with PSEG temporary leased lot at the swim club. He indicated they have recorded footage of the alarms going off and he will email them to Mrs. Lyons. Mrs. Lyons said she will look into the matter.

Ms. Cynthia Roberts Sherlock 262 John Street expressed concern regarding the Tennis Courts.

Ms. Tina Musich and Nathan Leonard 669 Lotus Avenue asked for further clarification on the definition of structure. Borough officials provided a response. Jared Levine, 796 Woodland Avenue questioned the format of Council meetings. Council President Schoenberg provided responses.

Mr. David DelCorral 640 Cooper Avenue commented on the Summer Recreation Program.

Mr. Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Avenue expressed concerns regarding the paving on Maple Avenue.

Mrs. Anne Sullivan, 505 Birchtree Lane expressed frustration with the tree removal process on private property.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:34 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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