

A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD VIA ZOOM, ON MAY 25, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

2021 Municipal Budget

Resolution 21-109 - Adoption of 2021 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$18, 131, 507.29 – Public Hearing required

Resolution 20-110 - An Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank NJSA 40A:4-45

Public Hearing – Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Improvements to Grant Field \$56,3265.00 –

Resolution 21-111

Public Hearing – Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Oradell Railroad Station Preservation and Rehabilitation –

Resolution 21-112

Laura Lyons gave description regarding the reason for the decision to pull the Municipal Budget. The Borough is waiting on waiting on formal guidance regarding what expenditures are allowable under the plan

Motion to pull Resolution 21-109 & 21-110 made by Council President Schoenberg & second by Councilman Tashjian. All in favor

Motion to open for public comment made by Council President Schoenberg & seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

Public Comment on 2021 Municipal Budget

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road inquired as to the use of the American Rescue funding and how it relates to the budget. Mrs. Lyons issued a response.

Councilman Schoenberg moved to closed public comment on the 2021 Municipal Budget. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Adoption of Ordinance 21-4

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK NJSA 40A:4-45**

Public Comment on Ordinance:

No comments

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to pass Ordinance 21-4 on final reading and published in the Bergen Record on Sat May 29, 2021. Councilman Tashjian seconded.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTION 21-111:

Bergen County Space, Recreation, Floodplain protection, Farmland & Historic
Preservation Trust Fund – Improvements to Grant Field \$56,265.00

The Borough Administrator / Clerk gave explanation of projects & process of Public Hearings.

Council President Schoenberg made a motion to open discussions for Council Members as well as public, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas , 50 Beverly Road asked about the usage of the funding. The Borough Administrator further explained that this is strictly for funding for the field itself, not the playground.

Motion to close public comment made by Councilwoman Schoenberg and seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

All in Favor.

Councilwoman Schoenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 21-111, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC HEARING RESOLUTION 21-112:

Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund – Oradell Railroad Station Preservation and Rehabilitation

Borough Administrator / Clerk gave explanation on Resolution 21-112.

Councilman Tashjian made a motion to open discussions for Council Members as well as public, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli.

All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Rd provided comment on the project.

Council President made a motion to close public comment, seconded by Councilman Tashjian
All in favor.

The Borough Administrator indicated that she would share the email from the grant writer that explains the funding.

Councilwoman Schoenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 21-112, seconded by Councilwoman Yu.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Proclamations:

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month – May 2021

Police Week – May 9 – 15, 2021

Arbor Week – April 30, 2021

National Public Works Week – May 16 – 22, 2021

LGBTQ Pride Month – June 2021 (Pulled & changed to a flag raising event)

National Gun Violence Awareness Day – June 4, 2021

Correspondence:

1. Letter from Bergen County Bd of Taxation re: 2021 taxable values

2. April Police Report

3. Letter from NJ State Parole Board re: received res 21-106

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

Public Comment on Agenda Only: (Guidelines)

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Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Road inquired re: 21-116. Responses were provided.

Motion to close public comment made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Tashjian. All in favor.

Resolutions:

Resolution 21-113 Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$5,035,115.82

Resolution 21-114 Approve preparation of estimated tax bills 2021

Resolution 21-115 Approve re-establishment of fixed asset threshold limit of Borough property

Resolution 21-116 Approve items for auction on govdeals.com

Resolution 21-117 Approve renewal contract with Appraisal Services LLC for rolling assessment in the amount not to exceed \$247,500 for 5-year contract

Resolution 21-118 Approve construction management contract with Neglia Engineering for 2021 Road Program in an amount not to exceed \$38,660.00

Resolution 21-119 Approve close of contract with Smith Soudy for 2020 road program in the amount of \$53,975.89

Resolution 21-120 Approve two-year contract with BCUA for Solid Waste Marketing Program \$80.40/per ton

Resolution 21-121	Approve Liquor License extension to Susan Manchester Chapter 7 Trustee for CB Oradell LLC
Resolution 21-122	Approve membership of Jackson Platsky & Kelly Weber to Economic Development Advisory Committee
Resolution 21-123	Endorse Clean Communities “Bag Up” program awareness
Resolution 21-124	Authorize special emergency March 1, 2021 emergency sewer repair

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

Council President Schoenberg encouraged everyone if they can to support the Oradell Fire Dept. fundraiser and purchase the raffle books. She stated that there is training on Loretta Drive scheduled.

There was a successful event for Oradell For All on May 27th. There will be a joint event coming soon with a few different entities. It will be posted on the website when the details are finalized.

The Senior Center is reopening some activities. Due to Covid restrictions this is a gradual process. The Borough is also exploring a partnership with YWCA of Northern NJ to expand the Senior Access for programming.

Councilwoman Schoenberg thanked Amy Singer and Mike Gallucci of EDAC. They are taking polls of businesses in the community and they are speaking with residents to move projects forward.

Council President Schoenberg stated the Borough is finally moving forward with electronic purchase order system. The Borough Administrator commented that Edmunds can sustain the requisition process electronically. Mrs. Lyons stated that a deadline has been provided to the CFO.

Councilwoman Schoenberg provided an update on the plans for 4th of July.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

Councilman Tashjian reported that a DPW meeting on May 17th. The DPW roster is down 3 laborers. The Borough is actively looking for summer assistance

He provided a recap on DPAC repairs, LESO program, and partnerships with the Environmental committee and signage dedication at the DPW building. The Borough Engineer reported on a few ongoing projects.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale-

Councilman Carnevale reported the Public Safety Committee is meeting tomorrow. He provide an update in June.

He stated the Planning Board met on May 4th . he stated the next meeting is scheduled for June 1st via zoom.

He inquired with the Borough administrator as to the panel that will be scheduled for an upcoming meeting. Mrs. Lyons responded that invitations have been issued and is awaiting responses.

He commented that he attended the Troop 36 Eagle Scout award ceremony this past weekend. He presented certificates on the Mayor's behalf and issued congratulations to the scouts.

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

Adoption:

ORDINANCE 21-6

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE RETROFITTING OF EXISTING STORM DRAIN INLETS WHICH ARE IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH REPAVING, REPAIRING, RECONSTRUCTION, OR RESURFACING OR ALTERATIONS OF FACILITIES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY, TO PREVENT THE DISCHARGE OF SOLIDS AND FLOATABLE (SUCH AS PLASTIC BOTTLES, CANS, FOOD WRAPPERS AND OTHER LITTER) TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM(S) OPERATED BY THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY SO AS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE TO COMPLY.

No comments from public or council

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 21-6 passed on final reading & published in the Saturday, May 29, 2021 edition of the Bergen Record. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion. Councilwoman Schoenberg seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None
Abstain: None

He reported that the Recreation Committee met May 6th. He asked for an update on the scoreboard project. The Borough Administrator stated the PO is complete. He stated the Lacrosse Battle Lax was this past weekend. He thanked Dan & the DPW for helping and being so responsive. He thanked the Administrator for helping getting the Swim Club Parking lot for the event.

He stated interviews are scheduled next week for PT Recreation Director applicants.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu reported that the tax collection rate remains strong.

She provided an overview of Library programming and operations. She stated that Ms. Bozios has been appointed the Superintendent of the Oradell Public School. The board is conducting an applicant search for a new Assistant Principal.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern reported the Tech committee met early this month to discuss various topics. He reported that OPTV has moved to an HD channel currently broadcast on 2128 of Vios. He provided a recap of Board of Health topics. He announced the ArtAmble event.

Mayor's Report

Last JIF meeting was May 20th 2021. Mayor Didio announced the Memorial Day program for next Monday.

Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Ms. Lyons announced the Primary Election date and hours. Original polling places are to be used; they are listed on the sample ballot. She stated the work session for June has been moved from June 8 to June 15.

Borough Attorney's Report:

No report

Old Business:

Councilman Carnevale stated the Borough is working with the Borough Planner on ordinance recommendations from the adoption of the Master Plan.

Councilwoman Yu announced the launch date of the new website design.

New Business:

Councilman Carnevale provided an update Vorhees Cemetery. There is an opportunity to work with a vendor that has a lot of experience in rehabbing gravestones. The project would cost approximately \$4,000. Mrs. Lyons explained funding is contained in the 2021 municipal budget. Council provided consensus to move forward.

Councilwoman Yu inquired about pedestrian safety on Argyle Avenue.

Public Comment:

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Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Rd commented on various

Mr. Sam Tripsas 327 Maple Ave questioned he Borough Engineer regarding Maple Avenue paving.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 9: 33 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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