

A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD VIA ZOOM AND IN PERSON ON OCTOBER 26, 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

At roll call, the following were present:
Mayor Dianne Didio

Councilmembers:
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

Proclamation: Family Court Awareness Month

Adoption of Minutes: On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli seconded by Councilwoman Yu the minutes of August 24, 2021 were approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu, Kern
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Schoenberg

Correspondence:

- 1) Notice from Bergen County Open Space – proposed 2021 funding
- 2) Letter from 497 Hensler re: Appreciation Police & Fire Departments
- 3) Notice from Bergen County Community Development re: award of grant Senior Center Air Filtration Improvements \$1,400.
- 4) Letter re: tree issue 58 Delford Avenue

5) Letter re: manhole cover 240 Sussex Street

Council President Schoenberg made a motion to file correspondence, seconded by Councilman Tashjian. All in favor

Public Comment (guidelines)

Borough Administrator Lyons added a resolution regarding temporary fences on specific streets in connection with leaf season. This resolution was first approved last November and will be an annual approval.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road made inquiry on various resolutions.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg public comment was closed. All in favor

Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS:

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| Resolution 21-184 | Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,774,317.40 |
| Resolution 21-185 | Approve emergency rental of vehicles for DPW in the amount of \$3,786.76 |
| Resolution 21-186 | Approve emergency service to Dutra Excavating and Sewer in the amount of \$5,200.00 |
| Resolution 21-187 | Approve 2021 Flu Vaccine Agreement with Bergen County |
| Resolution 21-188 | Approve contract with Bergen County Open Space for Hoffman Field Playground improvements. |
| Resolution 21-189 | Approve one year contract for Disposal of Leaves and Vegetative Waste to Environmental Renewal LLC |
| Resolution 21-190 | Approve rejection of Emergency Sewer repair contract and reauthorize bid |
| Resolution 21-191 | Approve Chapter 159 Insert Special Item of Revenue in 2021 Municipal Budget from ARF funding in the amount of \$30,000 for Hardware/Software Police Department |
| Resolution 21-192 | Award purchase of hardware/software to State Contract Vendor #40047 in the amount not to exceed \$30,000 |
| Resolution 21-193 | Approve rejection of RFQ for IT Consultant and authorize Borough Administrator to re issue document |
| Resolution 21-194 | Accept Letter of Retirement and issue separation payment to Lt. Richard Zdanowicz effective October 29, 2021 |
| Resolution 21-195 | Accepting the resignations of various crossing guards and appointments of new crossing guards |
| Resolution 21-196 | Acceptance of Municipal Alliance Grant for fiscal year 2023 |
| Resolution 21-197 | Tax overpayment to Block 113 Lot 5 in the amount of \$1,637.94 |
| Resolution 21-198 | Approve of Borough Employee handbook policies and procedures |
| Resolution 21-199 | Accept letter of resignation from Owen Scott Babington as DPW Laborer |
| Resolution 21-200 | |

Council President pulled resolution 21-198.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, seconded by Councilwoman Yu the consent agenda absent resolution 21-198 was approved.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Council President inquired as to the governing body could still make amendments to the Employee handbook if it was adopted this evening. Mrs. Lyons indicated that the Governing Body is permitted to make edits at any time so long the document is amended and approved at least every two years to achieve JIF compliance.

Councilman Carnevale confirmed receipt of his revisions.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg resolution 21-198 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

Mrs. Schoenberg reiterated the employee handbook approval procedure. She asked for the timeline regarding employee evaluations from the Borough Administrator.

She announced a new member of the Oradell For All committee. The committee is working hard to make plans for 2022 including a kickball for all league. This will be in partnership with a Girl Scout gold award project.

She reported that the EDAC committee recently lost a few local business owner members due to resignations. The committee is looking to replace these important members with local business owners.

She reported the Oradell Fire Dept 50/50 was very successful. The proceeds will be set aside for 125th anniversary celebrations next year. Councilwoman Schoenberg provided a summary of recent Fire Department initiatives.

Mrs. Lyons provided an update on the replacement senior bus.

Councilwoman Schoenberg provided a recap on recent grant applications. The Borough will be applying for a grant to replace the aged kitchen at the senior center.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

Councilman Tashjian announced leaf collection has started. He reminded residents to not put out branches as it can damage equipment.

Lotus woods have been de-snagged and the DPW will continue to work in the brooks and streams. He requested the Borough Engineer to look at the Oradell Avenue culvert and provide a report to the Council. Mrs. Lyons provided a report on the employment position.

The Borough Engineer provided a monthly report.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale-

Councilman Carnevale stated the Public Safety Committee will be meeting in early November.. The OEM committee is scheduled to meet on November 5 as a post Ida debrief. The historical committee did not meet. He stated that he submitted a draft tree removal proposal and after the subcommittee reviews, it will be moved to the Council for discussion.

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

Introduction 21-9

BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$950,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

The Borough Clerk provided a summary.

Councilman Jannicelli moved Ordinance 21-9 be passed on final reading and published in the Bergen Record on Saturday, October 30, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

He stated the Ordinance Committee met on October 21st and a few ordinances will be drafted and moved to the Council for consideration.

He provided a summary of the Recreation Committee agenda items from their October 14th meeting.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu –

The Borough Administrator provided an outline for the usage of the ARF funding. She reported that the library roof will need repairs and possible replacement.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern –

Councilman Kern reported that the RFQ submissions did not were not suitable for the Borough and will be rejected by resolution. The Borough Administrator will readvertise for solicitation.

No report from the Board of Health.

He stated the Zoning Board will continue to meet remotely.

He reported the corn stalks will installed on October 9th. There will be a Halloween event at the farmers market.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Didio reported the JIF dividend that will be authorized and forwarded to the Borough. The Jif is experiencing an increase in various premiums that will affect the members including the Borough in upcoming budget years.

Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Mrs. Lyons reported on the 2021 Best Practice Inventory. The Borough has more than enough points and therefore no state aid will be withheld. Mrs. Lyons announced that the Mayor asked the OPS students to draw cards for the veterans. The Boy Scouts will deliver them. She reported that the Borough received over 200 cards.

Borough Attorney's Report:

No public report

Old Business:

No report

New Business:

Councilwoman Schoenberg announced the clap out ceremony for retiring Lt. Richard Zdanowicz.

Public Comment:

Robert McConnell 415 Oradell Avenue provided supporting comments for a historical preservation commission ordinance.

Jim Lessersohn 524 Birchtree Lane commented on the connection between recent flooding and the need for a tree removal ordinance.

Michael Corso 731 Midland Rd reiterated the previous comments of Mr. Lessersohn. He also provided supporting comments on the Historical preservation commission ordinance.

Maggie Harrer 81 Prior Ct. spoke in support of the Historical Preservation commission.

Joanne Young 671 East Drive provided comments on the Blauvelt Mansion.

Carol Males 740 Lotus Ave spoke in support of the Historic Commission Ordinance.

Peter Traphagen 234 Kinderkamack Rd described his experience with restoring his property.

Bill Collins via Zoom 725 Woodland Avenue was not in favor of a Historical Commission form.

Jared Levine 796 Woodland Ave spoke on the Historical Committee vs Commission. He provided additional comments regarding flooding and the Hackensack Country Club.

Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Ave inquired about the release of water by Suez during the hurricane.

Jess May 789 Woodland Ave asked if the Borough made suggestions to Hackensack Golf Course to mitigate flooding. Mrs. Yu provided a summary of her visit to the property.

Neil Delatorre 805 Woodland Ave. provided commentary as a perspective of a board member of the club.

John Hanna 575 Blauvelt requested the storm drains be addressed.

Brian Halligan 810 Woodland Ave requested a representative from Hackensack Golf Club be present at a meeting.

Felicia Braun 204 Pyle St stated that Pyle Street was experiencing flooding along with other areas in town.

June Levine via Zoom 796 Woodland Ave provided information on recent research concerning the Hackensack Dam

Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Road provided comments concerning the flooding issue.

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg to close the public comment was approved. All in favor

On a motion made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli to adjourn the meeting was approved. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:46 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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