

A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON MARCH 28, 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF ORADELL BOROUGH HALL AT 7:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER- OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – ROLL CALL

Council President Schoenberg called the meeting to order and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act was read.

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dianne C. Didio- Absent
Tracy Schoenberg, Councilwoman- Present
Roger Tashjian, Councilman- Present
Stephen Carnevale, Councilman- Present
Rob Jannicelli, Councilman- Present
Jonathan Kern, Councilman- Present
Michael Staff, Councilman- Absent

PROCLAMATION:

A proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month 2023 was accepted by Book and Needle members.

CLOSED SESSION:

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried unanimously on voice vote the Council moved into closed session at 7:36 pm.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried unanimously on voice vote the Council moved into Public Session at 7:52 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried unanimously on voice vote, public comment was closed.

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. OPD February 2023 monthly report
2. Notice of Oradell Zoning Board of Adjustment 700-800 Kinderkamack Rd
3. DEP notice re: 255 Kinderkamack Road Classification Exception Area

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried unanimously on voice vote, the correspondence was filed.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli, the minutes of February 15, 2023 Work Session/ Special Public Meeting; February 28, 2023 Regular Public Meeting; March 14, 2023 Work Session were approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Staff

Abstain: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTIONS:

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| Resolution 23-98 | Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$4,250,994.11 |
| Resolution 23-99 | Amend 2023 Temporary Operating Budget in the amount of \$8,283,446.00 |
| Resolution 23-100 | Re-appoint Class 1 Special Officer Fred Abbas to a term expiring 12/31/23 |
| Resolution 23-101 | Accept letter of resignation from Nick Grillo, DPW Laborer effective March 24, 2023 |
| Resolution 23-102 | Appoint Simone Larin to EDAC to a term expiring 12/31/23 |
| Resolution 23-103 | Approve tax over payment refund for Block 504, Lot 46 in the amount of \$5,348.01 |
| Resolution 23-104 | Approve vehicle purchase for Fire Department in the amount not to exceed \$48,805.90 |
| Resolution 23-105 | Approve application as Eligible Organization to NJ Division of Fire Safety Firefighter Certification Program and designate signatory. |

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried unanimously on voice vote the consent agenda was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Staff

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Council President Tracy Schoenberg stated she will be meeting the Borough Administrator next week to finalize changes to the Admin Code ordinance in anticipation of Introduction at the April Public Meeting. She stated the Borough had the initial negotiations with the UPSEU and after a response from Labor Counsel another meeting will be scheduled. She reported the Fire Department responded to 11 calls during the month of March. She stated the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee met on February 2nd and various topics were discussed. New programming

will be added during the year and she summarized upcoming events including the Senior Prom sponsored by The River Dell Interact Club to be held tomorrow March 29th. She reported that 70 seniors attended the St. Patrick's Day luncheon and she thanked the Bergen County Players for inviting the Seniors to attend dress rehearsals.

DPW

Councilman Roger Tashjian

The Borough Engineer reported that each municipality will be required to update their storm water mapping January of 2024. The state is providing a \$25,000 grant to help municipalities offset the cost. The Engineer reported that the borough is in a good position with the status of mapping. He gave a brief description of the process and summarized the DEP's objectives the next round.

The Borough Engineer provided an update on the Memorial monument project. He stated permits should be submitted to the Building Dept to ensure the flag poles can be installed in the next 2-3 weeks.

Councilman Tashjian summarized the upcoming paving projects. Iroquois Street and Schirra Drive have been identified to be repaved. He stated the new sign board was installed and the electric service needs to be finished in order to go live. He reported since there was very little snow this winter the overtime line item budget is in good shape.

Councilman Carnevale requested that Poplar Road be inspected to ascertain when it can be paved.

Public Safety & Emergency Management

Councilman Stephen Carnevale reported the Police Department will be conducting a pedestrian safety initiative on Kinderkamack Rd in the downtown district mid-April. Two new push button pedestrian crossing signs on Kinderkamack Rd will be installed at Meyerhoff and Park Ave.

He reminded residents to sign up for OradellAlert to get the most up to date information. He provided an update on recent Planning Board actions and stated the Historical Committee will be discussing creating a mission statement.

Ordinance

Councilman Robert Jannicelli

**MOTION TO TABLE: Ordinance 23-3
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 240 OF
THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL
TITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" TO ALLOW
RESTAURANTS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE B-1
BUSINESS ZONE**

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilman Carnevale Ordinance 23-3 was tabled.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Staff

Abstain: None

He stated the Ordinance Committee will be meeting soon to discuss various topics. He stated he will provide an update on Recreation at the next meeting. He announced the details regarding the Easter Egg Hunt. The date is April 1st, if the rain date is to be utilized, alerts will be issued.

Technology and Communication

Councilman Jonathan Kern

Councilman Kern stated he met with the CFO & Administrator regarding the budget and wrap up council meeting has been scheduled. He stated the Environmental / Beautification Committee is planning an Earth Day Celebration on April 22 with a townwide clean up and Green Fair from 9am – 12pm. He stated OPTV held a zoom meeting on March 16th to discuss various topics.

Board of Health

Councilman Michael Staff- absent

The Municipal Clerk presented Councilman Staff's report. The Board of Health did not meet due to lack of quorum. An update on the AED device purchase and training was requested. The library met on March 8th. The details for the upcoming fundraiser Wine and Wonton on April 22nd were provided.

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Mayors Report:

Council President Schoenberg provided the Mayor's report. It was stated that most Bergen County municipalities are facing the same budget challenges as Oradell. The tentative increase listed about in the draft budget is \$280 per average assessed home compared to last year's \$101.00. There is a budget meeting is scheduled for Monday April 3rd. The Mayors Wellness Campaign kicked off this past Monday March 20th. All are welcome to join. The Lions Club Pancake Breakfast event was announced.

Borough Administrator's Report

Mr. Harris stated he and the Recreation Director met with members from M&T and Columbia Bank to discuss financial sponsorships for Borough events. He and the DPW Superintendent will be meeting with Emerson in reference to the borough's sewer lines that enter into Emerson.

Borough Attorney Report

No report

New Business:

Councilman Tashjian mentioned that he and Councilman Carnevale attended the ribbon cutting of a new business in town called the Modern Cakery.

Old Business:

None

Public Comment:

Paul Latsounas, a resident of Oradell provided comments on the 66 Kinderkamack Road property.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Carnevale and unanimously carried on voice vote the public comment was closed.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Kern, and carried on voice vote the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:43 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

Laura J. Lyons, CPM, RMC, RPPO
Municipal Clerk