

A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON APRIL 25, 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF ORADELL BOROUGH HALL AT 7:30 PM.

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

Mayor called to order and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act was read.

Pledge of Allegiance was conducted

ROLL CALL

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

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Didio read a proclamation for National Autism Acceptance Month. She asked members of the Environmental Committee to join her at the podium to receive the Arbor Day proclamation. Mayor Didio also read proclamations for National Public Works Week and Municipal Clerks Week.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas asked for clarity on Resolutions 23-117 & 23-118. Responses were provided.

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

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. OPD March 2023 monthly report
2. BCUA Notice computation connection fee
3. Letter from Bergen County Board of Taxation re: 2023 taxable values

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

Councilman Carnevale asked for an explanation regarding the letter from Board of Taxation. The Municipal Clerk stated she will have the Tax Assessor provide an explanation.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg, the minutes of March 28, 2023 Public Meeting were approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTIONS:

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| Resolution 23-110 | Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$5,487,750.98 |
| Resolution 23-111 | Approve Close of Contract 2018/2019 NJDOT Project – Oradell Ave |
| Resolution 23-112 | Approve Change Order 1 and final 2018/2019 DOT Oradell Avenue decrease \$5,379.54 |
| Resolution 23-113 | Approve one year extension with BCUA for solid waste agreement |
| Resolution 23-114 | Appointment of Thomas Kelly to EDAC for a term to expire 12/31/23 |
| Resolution 23-115 | Endorse Bergen County Open Space Application for 2023 |
| Resolution 23-116 | Approve Joseph Sanzari Inc (Bergen County Co-Op vendor) to perform sanitary sewer lining and replacement on Marginal Road in the amount not to exceed \$209,956.00 |
| Resolution 23-117 | Authorizing award of non-advertised contract for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services. |
| Resolution 23-118 | Award of emergency contract to H.A Fernot Co. and payment for emergency repair to underground fuel tank |
| Resolution 23-119 | Approve various sewer appeals as per Ordinance 16-03 |
| Resolution 23-120 | Appoint Joseph Van Orden as FT DPW Laborer effective 5/16/23 at Step 1 CBA UPSEU and Wesley Kay as PT summer help effective 4-26-23 at \$17.50hr max 28hrs per week. |

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

INTRODUCTION OF 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Resolution 23-108 Introduction of the 2023 Municipal Budget in the total amount of \$19,576,601.34

Borough Administrator Harris provided an overview of the 2023 operating budget process. Councilman Kern as Finance Chair, also provided a report of the process.

On a motion made by Councilman Kern, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried unanimously of voice vote, the Budget was introduced by resolution 23-108.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

Resolution 23-109 Authorizing increase of Deferred School Taxes for Regional High School and Local School Tax

On a motion made by Councilman Kern, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried unanimously on voice vote, Resolution 23-109 was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

Ordinance 23-4 An Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a CAP Bank NJSA 40A:4-45

On a motion made by Councilman Carnevale, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and unanimously carried on voice vote, Ordinance 23-4 was Introduced.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Council President Tracy Schoenberg recapped the Fire Department's involvement with the homecoming procession for Sgt. David Solinas Jr. She stated that the Administration Committee is continuing the UPSEU contract negotiations.

She reported that the activities are heavily attended. Mayor Didio mentioned there is programs at Bergen Community College that are available to seniors and we can obtain the information to share.

DPW

Councilman Roger Tashjian

The Borough Engineer provided an update on the Memorial monument project and flagpoles. He stated the 2023 road program is moving forward. He outlined the DOT grant funding.

Councilman Tashjian reported the discussion items from the recent the DPW committee meeting. Staffing is a major concern. The clock at the Elizabeth Street Park has been fixed. He also outlined a shared service agreement with the Village of Ridgewood regarding Styrofoam collection.

Public Safety & Emergency Management

Councilman Stephen Carnevale reported the public safety commission conducted final rounds of interviews for a patrol position. A conditional offer was provided to a candidate and the process will move forward. Once the position is filled the department will be at full compliment. Councilman Carnevale commended the department on the logistical operations for Sgt. David Solinas' homecoming procession. He stated the department's first golf outing was successful. The outing raised funds to provide 2 graduating students, 1 from River Dell Regional High School and one from Bergen Catholic with a scholarship.

The officers will be conducting downtown safety checks and the chief mentioned that there will be zero tolerance for motorists that fail to yield for pedestrians in the crosswalks.

He also reported that from May 4th through May 12th, New Jersey Transit will be doing rail line repairs and New Milford Avenue will be closed.

He stated that there was no Planning Board meeting held in April. He summarized the Historical Committee's recent meeting. Item's being supporting the Revolution NJ Initiative, planning an educational session to be held on Sunday October 22 here at Borough Hall. He stated grave markers and historic site sign for the Vorhees Cemetery are due to be delivered the week of June 12. Mayor Didio suggested holding a ribbon cutting.

Ordinance

Mayor Didio provided the reports on behalf of Councilman Robert Jannicelli. She reported the Ordinance Committee held their meeting on April 5th. Topic covered were: conditional uses for restaurants major vs minor and the possibility of a curbing and sidewalk ordinance for inspection.

He stated that recreation met on March 29. Pickle Ball nets were put out the end of last month. The fence at DPAC that had been damaged by a fallen tree has been fixed. He stated the Egg Hunt was a success.

Technology and Communication

Councilman Jonathan Kern reported the upcoming revision to the admin code will include the migration of the Technology committee from a council committee to an advisory committee. He stated the committee is discussing items such incorporating cloud-based platforms to the Borough and cyber security insurance parameters for compliancy.

He announced the Environmental / Beautification Committee held a Green Fair and Clean-up on

April 22nd. The event was a success and over 40 people attended.

June 11 is scheduled for Oradell's Art Fest and May 13th is Oradell Planting Day. Farmers Market planning is underway.

OPTV met Feb 20 and electrical work is needed. The Committee is looking to organize the studio area and paint.

Board of Health

Councilman Michael Staff reported the Library Event "Wine & Wontons" was a huge success. He stated the Borough is working on ways to lower our Cybersecurity premium. He stated the EDAC Gift Program is almost ready to launch. He asked for any businesses interested in being included to reach out to Clerks Office. He summarized a drug fatality reported he received from Bergen County as reported to the Board of Health.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Didio commented and spoke with the Borough Engineer regarding the new JIF requirements regarding Storm Water management. She reminded applicable official that the Financial Disclosures are due by the end of this month.

Borough Administrator's Report

During the last week, the CFO & himself met with all department heads to go over their budgets for the upcoming year. He said they are preparing for upcoming negotiations for the UPSEU & PD contracts. He stated the Sustainable Jersey submissions has been completed. He stated the Borough is trying to retain the silver status.

Borough Attorney Report

No report

Old Business:

Councilman Kern asked about the Farmers market and liquor being permitted. The Municipal Clerk reported she will have the item listed on the work session with the parameters.

Councilman Carnevale asked about the letters to be sent to businesses regarding weeds on their sidewalks. The Municipal Clerk stated the Administrator's assistant has the file and is responsible.

New Business:

The Municipal Clerk stated the Environmental/Beautification committee presented a request for a banner promoting Art Fest as well as residents to host the Holi function at Hague park. Council provided approving consensus for both items.

Borough Administrator Harris summarized the need for resolution 23-121 and requested the Council add for consideration and approval.

Resolution 23-121

Approve shared service agreement with Ridgewood for Polystyrene packing recycling services.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Kern and unanimously approved on voice vote, Resolution 23-121 was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

Council President Schoenberg asked to have Sgt Solinas's name added to the monument War memorial. Mayor Didio confirmed it has already been added. Councilman Carnevale asked that a poster also be made. The Municipal Clerk stated the Administrator's assistant has the file and is responsible for the project.

Public Comment:

Sheila Sterling President of the Library Board of Trustees thank the attendees of the Wine and Wonton fundraiser. She summarized the disbursement of the funds. She requested the Council reconsider including the \$25,000 increase to their operating budget this year.

James Lessersohn added commentary to the previous speaker. He stated the board felt the increase is a modest request. He stated that the employees of the library are entitled to an increase of 4% for their hard work and cost of living. He asked questions to the Administrator regarding salary increases for nonunion employees. The Municipal Clerk summarized how this process was done in the past. Mr. Lessersohn stated moving forward the amount to be used for increases should be enumerated better in the budget document.

Paul Latsounas asked for an update on the litigation for 66 Kinderkamack Rd. The Borough Attorney mentioned that the newly appointed law firm has requested an extension. Mr. Latsounas . He inquired as to an agreement with River Edge . The Borough Attorney responded that a contract is being drafted. Mr. Latsounas asked for clarification of the CAP bank ordinance. The Municipal Clerk responded the auditor will be present on May 23rd to answer questions during the public comment of the ordinance.

Sam Tripsas mentioned that on Saturday April 29, they will be unveiling the murals at the gas station at 10am.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:11 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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