

A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON MAY 23, 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF ORADELL BOROUGH HALL

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

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

ROLL CALL

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

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Didio presented proclamations for June 2023 LGBTQ , National Gun Violence Awareness and EMS Week 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment

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

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. OPD April 2023 monthly report
2. Letter from Alexandra Astiphan re: Prospect Avenue
3. Letter from Site Remediation Group re: 444 Kinderkamack Road

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

April 11, 2023 and April 25, 2023

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg, the minutes of April 11, 2023 were adopted and April 25, 2023 were adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg, the minutes of April 25, 2023 were adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: (Budget Amendment)

Katie Chen, CFO and the Borough Auditor, Jim Cerullo presented the 2023 budget for adoption.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg, Resolution 23-121 to Amend the 2023 Introduced Budget was adopted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Kern

PUBLIC HEARING ON MUNICIPAL BUDGET

No public comments

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

ADOPTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli, the approve Resolution 23-122 as amended was adopted.

Resolution 23-122 Adoption of the 2023 Municipal Budget in the total amount of
\$19,601,601.34

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE:

Ordinance 23-4 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABISH A CAP BANK
NJSA 40A:4-45

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas asked what exceptions are allowed from the CAP Bank. The borough auditor provided a response.

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

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg, Ordinance 23-4 was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC HEARING

2023 APPLICATION TO BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION,
FLOODPLAIN, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND

Project Locations:

- Memorial Field – 343 Prospect Ave, Oradell, NJ 07649
- Hoffman Field – 491 New Milford Ave, Oradell, NJ 07649
- Douglas Parcels Athletic Complex – 900 E Ridgewood Ave, Oradell, NJ 07649

The Borough of Oradell is seeking to implement improvements at the following locations: Memorial Field, Hoffman Field, and the North and South Fields of the Doug Parcels Athletic Complex (DPAC). These sites utilize pole and netting systems to protect residents from foul balls during soccer, baseball, and softball games. At Memorial Field, the existing pole and netting system will be lengthened and heightened. At Hoffman Field, a new pole and netting system will be installed. Finally, at DPAC, existing netting will be repaired.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTIONS:

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| Resolution 23-123 | Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$4,952,178.93 |
| Resolution 23-124 | Authorize employment for part time/seasonal summer help |
| Resolution 23-125 | Annual appointment of municipal representative for BC Community Development Regional Committee. |
| Resolution 23-126 | Authorize inclusion in Bergen County Community Development Program |
| Resolution 23-127 | Authorizing execution of agreement in the Bergen County Community Development |
| Resolution 23-128 | Accept resignation of Peter Carlson as Crossing Guard effective April 28, 2023 |

Resolution 23-129	Support of Bill S3739/A5402 Affordable Housing
Resolution 23-130	Appointment of Joanne Whitney as member of the Board of Health
Resolution 23-131	Approve Fire Mutual Aid Agreement between participating Bergen County Municipalities
Resolution 23-132	Authorize employment of Jack Clarke as FT DPW Laborer at Step One CBA UPSEU
Resolution 23-133	Approve Authorize to bid and approve Neglia for Engineering services for various projects.
Resolution 23-134	Approve Estimated 3 rd Quarter tax bills
Resolution 23-135	Approve refund of \$82.52 for excess sewer fee due from appeal approval
Resolution 23-136	Approval of Agreement with Borough of River Edge for Recreation Programs

Councilman Staff requested to amend Resolution 23-132 to change the start date to May 30th. Borough Attorney recommended pulling Resolution 23-136 as River Edge has not adopted the resolution.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Council President Tracy Schoenberg stated that negotiations with the UPSEU continue and the Admin code should be ready to introduce at the next meeting. She asked the Administrator to provide an update on the senior van purchase. After some discussion as to approve the out of state vendor, there was consensus to approve Resolution 23-136.

Council President Schoenberg made a motion to approve Resolution 23-136 authorizing the Borough of Oradell to join TIPPS Coop Purchasing Group and Resolution 23-137 to approve the purchase of a Senior Van in the amount of \$120,300.00, second by Councilman Carnevale.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilwoman Schoenberg reported the recent senior trip to PNC was a success. She thanked Care One for covering the cost for the transportation costs and refreshments and looks forward to a continued partnership. Regularly scheduled classes continue and she reported that the Stigma

Free Committee will be attending the next meeting for a presentation. Councilwoman Schoenberg reported the fire department had 87 calls to date. She asked the Administrator for an update on the water damage at the fire house.

DPW

Councilman Roger Tashjian

The Borough Engineer reported that bids will be out in June for the four upcoming projects. He reported the monument on Memorial Field is almost complete.

Councilman Tashjian reported that the crossing LED lights are up at Park & Kinderkamack and Kinderkamack & Meyerhoff. A book drop at the DPW is being explored and lights at the basketball courts are being replaced.

Public Safety & Emergency Management

Councilman Stephen Carnevale reported the downtown pedestrian initiative seemed to have been very impactful. Upcoming events are : LEAD Graduation on May 31, Chief for the Day on June 2, Bergen Catholic HS Mass & Graduation on June 1 & June 3rd, River Dell Graduation on June 22 and Fourth of July Parade on July 4. He reported that PBA Contract negotiations have begun.

Councilman Carnevale provided an update from Joe Gothelf regarding the April 30th rain fall.

No applications were heard by the Planning Board although soil movement application thresholds were discussed.

Councilman Carnevale stated the Historical Committee- met and continued to plan the agenda for an educational session planned for October. He stated their mission statement has been finalized and he met with Borough Planner Caroline Reiter to begin discussions regarding potential updates to the Boroughs current Ordinance for signs & awnings.

Ordinance

Councilman Robert Jannicelli

Introduction:

23-5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 240 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL TITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" TO ALLOW RESTAURANTS OF A CERTAIN SIZE AND UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AS PERMITTED USE IN THE B-1 AND B-3 BUSINESS ZONES

The borough administrator gave brief description. On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote Ordinance 23-5 was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Introduction: 23-6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 235
OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL
TITLED "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS"

Borough Administrator gave brief description. On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote Ordinance 23-6 was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli reported the Ordinance Committee discussed the signs & awning section of the code. Limiting truck traffic on specific street was also discussed.

He provided an overview of the Egg Hunt. He spoke on the upcoming summer rec program. He stated A resident has reached out with intentions to run a Tennis Social. This would be for Tennis & Pickle Ball groups and held on Sunday, June 25th. He stated he is hoping the Recreation Director will be moving forward with the open space grants soon as he knows there were some issues with potential vendors.

He provided a summary for upcoming special events as well Memorial Day remaining as a wreath laying ceremony instead of a parade. He mentioned the Committee recommended the 4th of July program be mailed out. The Municipal Clerk stated there were issues in the past concerning the timing of the program in the mail versus finalizing the lineup. She suggested that a postcard could be mailed out with pertinent information to inform the residents.

Technology and Communication

Councilman Jonathan Kern provided a recap of the Municipal Budget process and Capital Budget meeting will begin shortly. The IT committee is looking at a potential cyber security grant. He announced there are two openings on the Zoning Board. He stated the Environmental and Beautification Committees are busy with the opening of the Farmers Market and the Arts Fest on June 11th. He congratulated OPTV for receiving the JAG Award.

Board of Health

Councilman Michael Staff reported The Local Historical Room at the Library was officially dedicated to George Carter. He stated the library roof should be included in capital budget discussions and recommended that Solar panels be examined which would also add to our Green Initiative for Sustainable Jersey.

Councilman Staff reported the American Red Cross Blood Drive is to be held on June 15 at the Senior Center. He stated AED's are on backorder.

Councilman Staff asked the Borough Administrator if a COI for the Swim Club has been received. Mr. Harris stated he would have to follow up as it has not been produced as of today.

Mayors Report: Mayor reported on the dedication of the NMVAC building in New Milford and the dedication of the George Carter History Room at the Library. She congratulated the Eagle Scouts who were awarded the Court of Honor. She announced the Pride Flag Raising is on June 5th.

Borough Administrator's Report:

Mr. Harris reported negotiations on the UPSEU contract continue. Councilman Carnevale asked for an update on summer hours. Mr. Harris stated the summer hours analysis is not complete as the complexity with various groups of employees must be equitable. Councilman Carnevale also asked about the project at Schirra Park & where we are.

Borough Attorney Report

No report

Old Business:

Mayor reported the specifics on the Memorial Day wreath laying. Councilman Tashjian provided updated information regarding the Fire House water damage. Councilman Carnevale spoke on the DPAC fund & suggested creating a new sinking fund. Councilwoman Schoenberg inquired about the plaques for the Eagle Scouts and Gold Award recipients. She recommended the ordinance committee re-examine the abandoned property ordinance. She stated a meeting will be held shortly with a Habitat for Humanity representative about potential future projects in Oradell.

New Business:

Mayor Didio reported a request for murals in the Senior center. She stated this could potentially be a partnership with the art dept River Dell HS.

Public Comment:

Sheila Sterling thanked the Borough for approving the additional funding for the Library.

Paul Latsounas questioned portions of Ordinance 23-5. He asked for an explanation regarding Daniels Law.

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

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

Closed Session Topics:

Contract Negotiations and Real Estate

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:21 pm, the public meeting adjourned into Closed.

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