

A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON OCTOBER 24, 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF ORADELL BOROUGH HALL 355 KINDERKAMACK RD ORADELL NJ 07649

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-Absent

Jonathan Kern, Councilman

Michael Staff, Councilman -Absent

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas asked for clarification and asked questions on various resolutions listed.

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

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. OPD September 2023 monthly report
2. Legal Notice, Ordinance Borough of Haworth

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTIONS:

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| Resolution 23-196 | Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$4,085,755.56 |
| Resolution 23-197 | Approve over payment refund to Block 1501 Lot 2 in the amount of \$22,732.63 |
| Resolution 23-198 | Approve over payment refund to Block 406 Lot 11 in the amount of \$15,793.37 |
| Resolution 23-199 | Authorizing and accepting a deed restriction regarding 505-515 Kinderkamack Road |
| Resolution 23-200 | Authorizing submission of application to the NJDOT Safe Routes to School |
| Resolution 23-201 | Authorizing the submission of application to Sustainable Jersey PSEF Energy Efficient Partnership Grant |
| Resolution 23-202 | Authorization application for Grant from DCA in the amount of \$500,000 for acquisition of property located at 644 Center Street |
| Resolution 23-203 | Rejection of bids for FY 2023 Capital Road Program – Various Roads |

Resolution 23-204	Appointment of Brian Sherlock as Alternate Member of Zoning Board of Adjustment
Resolution 23-205	Award EOC equipment to Visual Sound in the amount not to exceed \$16,482.61
Resolution 23-206	Approve 2024 Fireworks Contract to Garden State Fireworks in an amount not to exceed \$20,000
Resolution 23-207	Approve 2023 Auction of Borough Vehicles/ Equipment
Resolution 23-208	Approve reimbursement to Rob Monaco 238 Prospect for damage due to Prospect Avenue Road Improvement in the amount of \$139.68
Resolution 23-209	2024 ARPA Firefighter PPE Grant
Resolution 23-210	Approve repairs to Fire Truck Ladder in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 to Campbell Supply Company
Resolution 23-211	Approve annual payment to PWI LLC in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 for C-2 Sewer License.

Councilman Carnevale asked for clarification on Resolutions 23-197, 198 and 199. He requested for backup on these types of items in the future.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli, Staff

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Admin – Council President Schoenberg stated that UPSEU contract negotiations continue.

Seniors She reported that staff from legislative district 38 office attended a meeting to assist the seniors apply for Senior Freeze and other tax abatement programs. She stated the specialized flu vaccine clinic was held. She asked Mr. Harris for the county contract be examined for next year to see if one clinic can be provided that has both vaccines.

Fire Dept She congratulated the six members of the department that graduated from the Fire Academy. As of October 10th, there had been 229 calls for the year. She reported that Chief Kaplan will be finishing his term at the end of this year. Santa Sunday will be held on December 17th. She thanked all the volunteers who took time during their day to go over to our elementary school for Fire Prevention Week.

DPW

Councilman Roger Tashjian

Councilman Tashjian reported leaf pickup has started. Councilman Kern asked for an update on the styrofoam agreement. Mr. Harris confirmed the contract was sent, however a signed agreement has not been received. He stated he will follow up with Ridgewood.

The Borough Engineer stated a few amendments were made to the Safe Routes to School Grant application.

Councilman Tashjian provided an update to Phase 1 PSEG project underway in town. He stated the BPU did not extend the project, therefore PSEG is going to continue to work nonstop through the winter.

Public Safety & Emergency Management

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

Public Safety

Councilman Carnevale stated the committee will be meeting tomorrow evening. He will provide an update at the joint meeting in November. The Borough's Labor Attorney is currently working with the PBA's attorney updating the current contract based upon the newly agreed upon terms. He stated the Chief of Police wanted to remind residents of two important vehicle parking restrictions: 1) The borough does not allow parking in the street from the hours of 2am to 5am. Residents can utilize the online overnight parking permission portal for occasional parking requests. 2), There is an ordinance that prohibits the parking of commercial vehicles in residential driveways during the overnight.

Planning Board He stated the board held its regular meeting on Tuesday, Oct 3rd. An application was presented for a major subdivision. That application has been carried over to the November meeting which is scheduled for November 6th at 7:30pm because November 7 is Election Day. Work continues on a revised sign ordinance that will be circulated next month to members of the Governing Body.

Historical Committee –The Historical Committee hosted an educational event on undertaking construction projects for older homes & buildings. he thanked the Mayor and Council President for their attendance at the event. He stated OPTV will be broadcasting the event shortly for those who could not attend.

The Voorhees Cemetery project has now been completed. In addition to a new historical marker, each of the grave sites has a plaque with the complete epitaph that originally appeared on the gravestones of the deceased. He thanked Joanne Young for leading the effort on this project along with a number of other people who provided support. He also thanked the DPW for installing both the historical marker and the gravestone plaques.

On Friday, November 10th the borough will be hosting a ceremony at Memorial Field at the Memorial Field War Monument in honor of Veterans Day. The program will begin at 11am and all are invited.

Ordinance

Councilman Robert Jannicelli

Mayor Didio read Councilman Jannicelli's report in his absence. The Recreation Committee met on Oct 12th and the Special Events met on Oct 18th. Mr. Harris attended the Special Events meeting on the 18th and reported that they discussed fundraising opportunities. The committee discussed options for vendors that paid for Family Day however due to weather was ultimately cancelled. After discussion it was decided to refund the vendors who paid for the event. It was announced that the committee's suggestion was to have Mayor Didio serve as the Grand Marshall at the 4th of July Parade. Mayor Didio thanked them for the suggestion but stated the choice would be made by next year's Governing Body.

Mayor Didio the Halloween Dance is scheduled for Friday, October 27th at OPS. 6-7:30-Kindergarten thru 2nd grade & 7:45 – 9:15 for 3rd thru 6th grade. On Sunday, October 29th there is a Trunk or Treat for toddlers to 4 year olds at 10:30am at the Swim Club Parking Lot.

Finance, Technology and Communication

Councilman Jonathan Kern

Finance

Councilman Kern stated that both operating and capital budgets are complete for 2023. He stated the CFO will start compiling reports on Borough communication vendors to best streamline the billing and operations. He reported on JIF increases for 2024.

Zoning –He reported the Board of Adjustment met on Oct 16th. He reported that the newly appointed member was sworn in at the meeting.

Environmental – He thanked Kathy Drury for putting up the Corn Stalks in the rain. He announced the Farmers Market is through November 19th and the farmer will be taking orders for fresh turkeys. A couple members of the committee will be attending the Sustainable Jersey luncheon on November 14 at the League of Municipalities to receive their silver recertification.

Board of Health

Municipal Clerk Lyons read Councilman Michael Staff's report

Board of Health

The Board met on Oct 16th. The new food insecurity program that was started earlier this year was a success with three boxes of fresh produce from the farmers market were delivered to residents. An opioid overdose program is being established. The Borough provide access to Narcan & fentanyl strips is being developed. AED training classes will be announced shortly.

Library

BCCLS presented to the library board on 10/11. He noted that the BCCLS program has consistently held 2-3% increase for the past several years. The library delivered its audit report, and he shared his copy with the CFO as it has never been sent to the Borough in prior years. Councilman Staff expressed that this will be a standard practice moving forward. The library treasurer reported a balance in excess of \$278,000 in the library account at the time of the meeting. Councilman Staff requested the board start preparing for the 2024 budget and share the borough's expected 20% increases.

Mayors Report: thanked the DPW for their assistance with the Gold Award project of the pollinator garden at the Train Station. Mayor Didio would like Film Ready New Jersey to be scheduled at an upcoming meeting. They can provide guidance at revising the current filming ordinance to provide for financial benefits to the Borough.

Borough Administrator's Report: Mr. Harris reported that the borough successfully submit the paperwork for the DCA legislative grant in the amount of \$500,000 for the land acquisition. He reported that he and the Borough Attorney are in the process of preparing and beginning the negotiation for the renewal of the lease for the Oradell Swim Club. Budget worksheets will be going out to department heads for their operating budget requests for 2024.

Borough Attorney Report: reported closed session topics: personnel; purchase of real estate and contract negotiations regarding the PBA and UPSEU.

Old Business: Councilman Carnevale asked for confirmation for the holiday celebrations. Mayor Didio stated the Borough may be getting a tree donation which will allow us to have the tree lighting at Schirra Park. The Menorah Lighting is scheduled for Monday, December 11 at 6:30pm Mr. Harris stated he will speak with the Recreation Director to confirm those dates and times are accurate. Council President asked that he also confirm the Senior Holiday Dinner date. Council President Schoenberg stated the Director for Habitat for Humanity reached out and asked to be scheduled for the November meeting to present to the Council.. Council President Schoenberg asked for an update regarding the United Way project. Mayor Didio commented that her last communications with Tom Toronto an application with the Zoning Board would be submitted in the Fall. Mayor Didio stated she will follow up and invite him to the November meeting. Council President Schoenberg spoke on the need to improve the kitchen at the Senior Center. There have been several different private grants applications which were unsuccessful however another application has been submitted though the county Community Block Development grant program.

New Business:

The County is sponsoring a trunk or treat and touch-a-truck from 2-4 on Sunday afternoon, the 29th in the rear of Bergen New Bridge Medical Center.

Mr. Harris stated the Borough has completed the 2023 Best Practice Work Sheet. The Borough achieved enough points that no state aid will be withheld.

Public Comment:

Paul Latsounas asked what the closed session was at our last meeting. Borough Attorney stated: property acquisitions negotiations of PBA & USPEU union contracts. He recommended the tree in Schirra park not be cut down. He stated he observed non electric cars parking in the charging parking spots. Mayor Didio asked him to report these incidents to the Police in real time.

Christopher Stern Oradell Little League President spoke on the conditions of the ball fields and the need to repairs and attention. Council President Schoenberg asked Mr. Baumann, Recreation Director to attend the next meeting to provide an update on the Open Space Grants.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg 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 8:50 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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