

REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD, ON FEBRUARY 15, 2022

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 Municipal 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

ROLL CALL – Municipal Clerk

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. (virtual)

Borough Engineer David Atkinson

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT RECOGNITION: Katherine Beattie – 35 years. Mayor Didio presented a plaque to Ms. Beattie and thanked her for her dedication and extensive service to the Borough.

2022 BUDGET PRESENTATION: Library

Jim Lessersohn presented the 2022 budget request to the Council. Handouts were provided. Mr. Lessersohn highlighted a comparison study conducted with an adjacent community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Joint Meeting 12-14-21

Councilman Jannicelli requested minor changes to the minutes.

Motion to approve with the minor correction made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: None
Abstain: Schoenberg, Kern

PUBLIC COMMENT (GUIDELINES)

The meeting is now open to the public for Agenda items only. Each speaker shall have one turn and not exceed 5 minutes. There will be another Public Comment at the conclusion of the meeting. Please identify yourself at the microphone & remain courteous.

Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Rd asked questions and asked for clarity on resolution 22-76. He provided commentary as to the usage of the field house. He also inquired about resolution 22-79 and the Sustainable Jersey program. He inquired if the program provides for grants to conduct traffic studies. Council President provided an overview of the program and stated traffic studies do not fall under this program. Mrs. Lyons indicated she can furnish Mr. Latsounas with printouts from their website that identifies what type grants are provided.

Motion to close Public Comment made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, second by Councilman Tashjian. All in favor

CORRESPONDENCE:

Motion to file Correspondence made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli. All in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Agenda items listed will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussions of those terms unless a member of the Council or a citizen request, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its sequence on the agenda. All resolutions are posted in accordance with statutory provisions.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-72	Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,405,690.09
Resolution 22-73	Approve annual waiver to Hallmark Arms Condominium Association for excess sewer usage vacation of charges
Resolution 22-74	Approve tax overpayment for Block 1304 Lot 6 in the amount of \$3,625.72
Resolution 22-75	Approve declaration of emergency expenditures for Resto Corp. for \$47,248.40 for damage to Borough buildings during Hurricane Ida.
Resolution 22-76	Approve declaration of emergency purchase for Fire Alarm System at DPAC field house in the amount of \$6,800.00
Resolution 22-77	Annual BAN sale authorizing issuance in the amount of \$7,265,500
Resolution 22-78	Approve proposal from Borough Planner for Land Use Ordinance review and recommendation in the amount not to exceed \$15,000
Resolution 22-79	Approve application to Sustainable Jersey for technical assistance

Resolution 22-80	Approve membership to EDAC committee for Rotary member assignment of Mary Lang for a term that will expire 12/31/22
Resolution 22-81	Approve capital purchase from 2021 capital budget for Camera equipment and wiring for OPTV in the amount not to exceed \$22,7298.95
Resolution 22-82	Approve annual resolution to establish approved State Contract Vendors
Resolution 22-83	Approve interlocal contract with Bergen County Health Services for Bloodborne Pathogen training (two-year contract)
Resolution 22-84	Approve interlocal contract with Bergen County Health Services for Public Health Services in an annual amount not to exceed \$39,295.00

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Yu.

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 stated that the Fire department responded to twenty-six emergency calls in January and responded to an 11-alarm fire at a chemical plant in Passaic on January 15th. Thanked the members who served in the terribly cold temperatures. They also have conducted their required annual blood borne pathogen training and CBA Training. They took advantage of the cold temperatures to do ice-rescue drills.

Councilman Tashjian reported there is one truck currently out of service. The Borough is looking into the cause of the issue but preliminary information reflects vendor neglect. He congratulated Chuck May on his sixty years of service.

Mrs. Schoenberg announced the first Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting will take place within the next few weeks. The Borough is moving forward with the St Patrick's Day luncheon In person Yoga has been reintroduced at the center. The Borough will be working on an AARP grant to rehab a walking trail. We unfortunately did not receive the T-mobile grant providing for funding to renovate the senior center kitchen. The Borough is happy to announce the Senior Holiday dinner will be held this year in December.

Mrs. Schoenberg announced that they received the nonunion salary recommendations and will review and submit a final recommendation memo to effectuate the increases. She asked that the Admin code be listed on the next work session agenda to discuss. It has been a few years since it was reviewed. There are many areas that need updating.

She reported that although the discussion item on the agenda is to discuss the Administrators position it would have to be pulled. Mrs. Lyons stated that she was unaware it was to remain on the agenda as she had not received the required RICE notice. Mrs. Schoenberg confirmed that in

addition to Rice Notice issue, the Council had not fully reviewed the memo submitted by Mrs Lyons. Mayor Didio requested the discussion item be listed on the March 8th work session agenda. Mrs. Lyons stated that she had submitted the requested memo by the deadline. Mrs. Schoenberg confirmed. Mrs. Schoenberg asked the council to please review the memo prior to the work session.

She reported this Thursday, she, the Mayor, and the chair of EDAC, Amy Singer, will be meeting with Joanne from Bergen County Economic Development office. They have a new program that is rolling out in March called 'Size Up'. We are hoping to position Oradell to be in a position to be the first municipality to take advantage of this program which will come into the community & help our business owners grow their business, expand their social media presence. She thanked the Deputy Clerk Melissa Presta for putting together a great flyer with all the names of our businesses. She reported the committee is developing a survey about what business owners want and what the community would like to see.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

Mr. Tashjian provided an update on Prospect Avenue. The DPW has used 953 tons of salt over eleven events so far. The three new pick-up trucks are ordered, and we are anticipating a May delivery. The offices are back in the DPW building. The new LED stop signs are anticipated to be installed on Grant in Oradell (1st & Grant, Soldier Hill & Prospect). The one on Prospect won't be installed until all the construction is done. We are currently looking at options for the Schirra sign. Ross will be attending a welding class.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale-

Councilman Carnevale reported that, Chief Wicker continues to keep the committee apprised of all key activity and issues as it pertains to the department. The committee members and the Borough administrator will be meeting with the Chief on February 22nd to conduct interviews for the open patrol officer position as well as review information pertaining to the Lieutenant promotion process.

No report for OEM. Planning Board did not hold a February meeting and the Historical Committee will hold their meeting later in the year.

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

ADOPTION

22-1

**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL, COUNTY OF
BERGEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

The Borough Administrator provided a brief description on the ordinances.

Councilman Carnevale asked for clarification on the salary ordinance ranges. Mrs. Lyons

explained that there would be another opportunity to amend this ordinance once the non union increases are decided.

Rob Jannicelli moved Ordinance 22-1, be passed on final reading and published in the Bergen Record on Saturday, February 19, 2022, seconded by Councilman Carnevale.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli stated the Ordinance Committee has established a monthly meeting schedule for the year. However if an ordinance does not require a meeting the drafting and revisions can be done via email. a email.

He reported that a February rec meeting was not held. He reported on updates for the senior programming. He discussed briefly the skating pond and that a previously filed report by the Borough engineer is being reviewed. He reported the Recreation Director is finalizing staffing and programming for the Summer program. He is hoping the flyer for the program is finalized shortly and the next meeting is scheduled for March 10th.

Mr. Jannicelli reported the first meeting of the Special Events committee is scheduled for this week.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu –

Gave comparative first quarter tax collection rate from this year to last year. The Borough's first installment payments on large tax court judgements are scheduled for this year. The Borough has received recommendations from our tax professionals as to how much to set aside this year to replenish the fund. Mrs. Yu commented on usage of ARF program funds.

Mrs. Yu reported that the the library has been re-opened full to the public. There are no time or capacity restrictions, however, for everyone's safety, they are asking patrons to continue to wear masks and maintain social distances. In addition, tutoring is not yet permitted. Makers Day event will be held in person this year on Saturday, March 26.

Mrs. Yu provided an update for OPS Board of Education. She reported that the summer exploration program is scheduled for this year.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern –

Mr, Kern stated that the tech committee is waiting for dates from the possible vendor for an interview. Mrs. Lyons indicated she needs dates from Mr. Kern to present to the vendor.

He reported that the Board of Health met and spoke about a Chick coop ordinance that was adopted years ago but needs enforcement.

He reported that OPTV held their first meeting. Items discussed were closed captioning and 5g.

He stated the zoning board will meeting tomorrow evening. He provided an update on the initiatives and programs scheduled by the Environmental committee.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Didio reported that on Feb 8th, the BC League of Municipality Mayors had a presentation with the DEP to speak about local climate resilience. They spoke about how the climate changes and how it impacts all of us. The DEP is trying to address those impacts through state policies. There was also a representative from the FAA. They spoke about the increased air traffic over our communities. A lot of the conversation was about an alternated route over Route 17, and what was learned in this conversation was that this alternate route is of the pilot's discretion. Only .5% of pilots are choosing this alternate route. The Pascack Valley Mayors has sent a letter to Teterboro Airport Noise Abatement Committee requesting representation on that committee.

Administrator/Clerk's Report: Mrs. Lyons stated that in the packets, the backup materials for the little league shed were included. After a brief discussion the Mayor & Council approved the locations of the two sheds.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Borough Attorney's Report:

No public report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Right of Way application from Altice. The Borough Engineer had no objections. Mayor Didio asked for the specific location of the box. The Borough Engineer stated he will confirm and send out a color map with the location denoted.

Public Comment:

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Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Ave requested a traffic study for the 66 Kinderkamack application. He asked for the second no parking sign to be re-installed on Berkshire

Jared Levine, 796 Woodland Avenue requested the nature of the closed session topics. The Borough Attorney provided the response of storm water management. He further stated that this was regarding potential litigation not pending.

Comment from ZOOM attendee regarding increase of car break ins. Councilman Carnevale responded that the OPD sent out an alert to remind everyone to lock their cars and to not leave key fobs in the vehicle. This increase in stolen vehicles is affecting most Bergen County municipalities. to take their key fobs with them. He further explained that this is happening in a

lot of neighborhoods around us. Councilman Carnevale explained the new statute in effect January 1st prohibiting police from engaging in vehicle pursuits in connection with stolen vehicles. Councilman Carnevale and Council President Schoenberg stated the Oradell Police Depart work tirelessly to recover these vehicles.

A motion to close public comment made by Councilman Tashjian and seconded by Councilman Jannicelli. All in favor

The Borough Administrator provided an update to Paul Latsounas concerning his request to hav the metal storage drums removed from 66 Kinderkamack Road.

A motion to adjourn into closed session the meeting was made by Councilman Tashjian and seconded by Councilman Jannicelli. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:57pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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