

A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD, ON APRIL 19, 2022 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS 355 KINDERKAMACK ROAD ORADELL NJ 07649.

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.

The girls 4th Grade Travel Basketball Team led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll call was conducted at the budget meeting held immediately prior to the public meeting. All members were present.

2. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

Mayor Didio presented sports awards to the members of the 2022 Bergen Travel Basketball 4th Grade Girls Air Force Division.

Daniel Palazzo presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Council. He would like to conduct a toiletry drive for Mercy House in Hackensack. The Council approved the project.

ORADELL POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN:

Officer Destiny Armato- Resolution 22-104

Mayor stated Destiny Armato will be the first female officer for the Borough of Oradell. Resolution 22-104 was approved and the swearing in was conducted. Officer Armato stated she will make everyone proud and is excited be part of the organization.

Mayor Didio issued three Proclamations:

National Public Works Week

Police Week

Professional Municipal Clerk Week

Adoption of the 2022 Municipal Budget:

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Council President Schoenberg the public hearing on the 2022 Municipal Budget was opened.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

No public comment

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Council President Schoenberg and carried on voice vote the public hearing was closed.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 22-105

Amend the introduction budget

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote, resolution 22-105 was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 22-106

Authorize Self Examination of Municipal Budget

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote, resolution 22-106 was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Resolution 22-107

Approve 2022 Municipal Budget as amended \$18,998,492.38

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote resolution 22-107 was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Adoption Ordinance 22-2

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

Summary: This is an accounting mechanism that allows the budget to set aside a certain percentage to be used in future years to achieve levy cap threshold if needed. There is an expiration to the funding at which point the funding is cancelled. This an annual ordinance is

recommended by the Borough auditors.

No public comment.

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion that Ordinance 22-2, be passed on first reading and published in the Bergen Record on Monday, April 25, 2022, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Latsounas- 50 Beverly Rd – asked to amend Resolution 22-17 to contain language to include specific political leader of China.

Mayor asked the Borough Council if they would like to amend Resolution 22-17 based on Mr. Latsounas’ request. There was consensus on the Council to draft a separate resolution for the next meeting concerning China.

A motion to close public comment made by Councilman Tashjian, second by Councilwoman Schoenberg. All in favor

Councilman Carnevale pulled resolution 22-117 for further discussion. Mrs. Lyons indicated the circulated by the Bergen County Municipal Clerks Association as a template. She was unaware which municipality was the drafting agency. There was consensus to pull the resolution for future discussion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A motion to file correspondence was made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote.

1. Thank you note from Rohack family
2. Approval letter from NJDOT re: \$651,250.00 Prospect Avenue and Grant Avenue
3. Approval letter from NJ State Library return of surplus funds \$11,335
4. Oradell Police Report March 2022

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Tashjian questioned resolution 22-113 and asked the status of the re-bid of Emergency Sewer Repairs. Mrs. Lyons provided the timeline.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion to approve the consent agenda excluding resolution 22-117 was made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote.

Resolution 22-108	Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$4,327,340.67
Resolution 22-109	Issue credit to 800 Midland Road for tax overpayment in the amount of \$104.01
Resolution 22-110	Approve excess sewer appeal from 356 Grove Street in the in the amount of \$845.05
Resolution 22-111	Approve amendment to Chapter 48 for 1.5% health benefit contribution for PBA members as per collective bargaining agreement
Resolution 22-112	Approve PT Recreation employee Anthony Mellaci at \$20.00/hr effective April 1, 2022
Resolution 22-113	Approve emergency expenditure for sewer repair to Dutra excavating in the amount of \$16,400.00
Resolution 22-114	Approve professional services for IT Consulting to DTM Consulting LLC for remainder of 2022
Resolution 22-115	Approve application and grant contract for Prospect Avenue and Grant Avenue Improvements
Resolution 22-116	Supporting Bergen County Oradell Avenue Bridge Local Concept Development Study

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

After further discussion, a motion to approve resolution 22-117 as amended was made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Robert Jannicelli and carried on voice vote.

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

Council President Schoenberg provided a summary of the Fire Department activity for the prior month. An increase of swift water rescues was due to the flooding in New Milford. The department also provided mutual aid coverage for the ladder truck in River Edge as their truck was out of service for the entire month. The OFD will be hosting a recruiting event in June. She

also announced Chief Lomoriello will be ending his term this year as Chief and thanked him for his service.

An eye screening will be held on May 16th from 12:30-3:30 for Senior Citizens in borough hall.

She thanked Councilman Tashjian who covered Economic Development meeting. The committee is planning a Taste of Oradell event. This event may be part of Family Day. There was further discussion on the community gift card program that was presented at the work session earlier this month. The OEM Coordinator has made a subgroup for the RAVE system for local business and encouraged everyone to sign up.

Councilwoman Schoenberg provided details regarding the meeting she attended with Mayor Didio regarding flooding. Representatives including the County Executive, Sues and various OEM coordinators were present. Bergen County lost 2 million dollars' worth of construction equipment during the flood event. She reported that although Borough staff monitored the water level and were able to successfully move equipment, we did not receive formal notification from Suez in a timely fashion. This meeting was to implore Suez to notify impacted communities ahead of these events. She stated that the Board of Public Utilities will be contact as the group was made aware Suez "self regulates".

She reported on pending legislation that can affect municipalities as they issue OPRA requests. There are supporting resolutions circulating through municipalities and the Borough should review and consider approving. She also provided an update to with the Van Saun Mill study. There were two representatives from Collier Engineering speaking about the topic. The group will be reaching out to counterparts in Rockland County.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

Councilman Tashjian reported a DPW meeting was not held. He stated that Superintendent Nywening met with the Environmental Committee at the community garden site.

Borough Engineer Atkinson provided an update on Prospect Avenue construction.

Councilman Tashjian stated that the DPW is working daily to address and fill potholes. Parks Division is busy preparing the sites for spring planting and bathrooms at field houses have been opened for the season. The tree expert has started the tree inventory.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

Councilman Carnevale reported the Public Safety Committee met on April 12th. Chief Wicker addressed various issued concerning department operations. The annual Chief for a Day program will occur on Friday June 24, 2022. He thanked all Borough staff and volunteers that assisted with last week's flooding. Finally, he reported "Coffee with a Cop" will be held on May 25th from 9 am to Noon at Aroma Café.

The Planning Board did not meet this month due to no submitted applications. The next scheduled meeting is for Tuesday, May 3 at 7:30pm at Borough Hall.

The Historic Committee met on March 28th. Details are being finalized for the upcoming panel discussion on historical preservation. The event is scheduled for Saturday May 21 at 1pm at Borough Hall. The event will be recorded by OPTV.

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

ADOPTION

22-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 270 OF THE CODE OF ORADELL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING SHADE TREES AND SHRUBBERY

Summary: This ordinance will create a removal process on private property for applications submitted by developers.

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion that Ordinance 22-3, be passed on final reading and published in the Bergen Record on Monday, April 25, 2022, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ADOPTION

22-4

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 280-46 OF THE CODE OF ORADELL ENTITLED HANDICAPPED PARKING ON ROADWAYS

Summary: This ordinance will add two handicap parking spaces on Center Street.

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 22-4 be passed on final reading and published in the Monday, April 25, 2022 edition of the Bergen Record, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

INTRODUCTION

22-5

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 175 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL ENTITLED PEACE AND GOOD ORDER

Summary: This ordinance amends the chapter in regard to noise time limits.

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 22-5 be passed on first reading and published in the Monday, April 25, 2022 edition of the Bergen Record, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

He thanked the Little League organization for the two new sheds at Memorial Field and DPAC. Registration for the summer recreation program is open.

NMVAC held a meeting and committed to be present for the Battle LAX at River Dell on Sunday.

He reported the bench dedication for Mary Cioffi was a nice part of the Easter Egg Hunt. The next meeting of the Special Event Committee is April 21st.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu –

Councilwoman Yu reported that once the budget is approved the CFO will upload into the state portal. The Borough audit is underway.

She reported the Borough received the surplus refund from the Library Board of Trustees in the amount of \$11,000. She provided an update concerning library employment and the Local History Room will be renamed in George Carter's honor.

Mrs. Yu announced the Board of Education introduced the 2022/23 tentative budget at last month's meeting in March. The total operating budget is at 13.9 million. The budget will be adopted at the April 27 meeting. Odyssey of the Mind team placed second in the state tournament.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern –

Councilman Kern reported the IT committee met on Tuesday, the 29th of March to discuss appointing a new vendor. A formal recommendation to migrate services was achieved. A resolution was approved tonight to appoint DTM Consulting.

The Board of Health met on April 11th. The agenda discussion was enforcing the poultry and fowl ordinance provisions.

He provided a recap of the Zoning Board of Adjustment approvals this month.

He provided the list of events sponsored by the Environmental Committee for the next month.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Didio reminded Council about the MEL training. Once completed the Borough will receive \$250 credit per member. She inquired as to the status of the Financial Disclosure submissions. She reported the Borough received the Silver award for the safety program and will receive a check for \$750.00 shortly.

Administrator/Clerk's Report: Mrs. Lyons announced that newsletters issued in the mail. Residents should receive shortly.

Borough Attorney's Report:
No report

Old Business: Council President reported the Girl Scouts will be meeting this Friday at Borough Hall to begin their service project presented last month.

New Business: Councilman Carnvale inquired about the vehicle pursuit resolution submitted to the PSC. He requested it be listed on the work session for discussion. He also inquired as to the Veteran posters to be displayed for Memorial Day.

Councilman Jannicelli reported the lights at DPAC. He indicated that on at least one occasion they just turned off without being programmed to do so. Mrs. Lyons indicated she would investigate.

Mayor stated that the indoor dining authority should perhaps fall under the responsibility of the Building Official. The process should be streamlined to be business friendly.

Councilman Tashjian asked for clarification as to Chicken coops are not permitted. Mrs. Lyons provided historical background to the ordinance.

Council President Schoenberg announced the satellite County Clerk office will be in Borough Hall on June 9th from 10am – 2pm. Information is on the borough website.

Public Comment:

Paul Latsounas – 50 Beverly Rd provided commentary on resolution 22-117. He also stated that Suez should be communicating with Borough Officials sooner, to avoid flooding issues. He inquired as to the barrel disposal at 66 Kinderkamack Road.

Jared Levine – 796 Woodland Ave provided commentary regarding the lights being turned off at DPAC. He stated they went off for about 10 minutes and then came back on. He thanked everyone for reaching out during the last flooding event. He asked for further clarification regarding the joint flood meeting reported on by Council President Schoenberg. Mrs. Schoenberg provided responses to the inquiry.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

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