

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD IN PERSON, ON MAY 24, 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

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

Mayor Didio joined the meeting via zoom.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll call issued. Councilman Tashjian was absent all other member present.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas – 50 Beverly Rd inquired as to the author of resolution 22-136. He stated that he felt the name of the political leader in China needed to be added to resolution 22-137. Council President Schoenberg and Borough Administrator/Clerk Lyons provided explanatory comments regarding resolution 22-136.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilman Kern and carried on voice vote, the correspondence was filed.

- 1) OPD - May monthly report
- 2) Notice from NJDEP re: NFA Block 504 Lot 19
- 3) Notice from County re: 2022 taxable values
- 4) Letter of Appreciation from Library Board of Trustees re: 2022 budget funding
- 5) Letter from Cary Graham re: potholes

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

PROCLAMATION:

Council President Schoenberg issued two proclamation: National Gun Violence Awareness and June 2022 LGBTQ

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mrs. Lyons stated that the Public Hearing for the 2022 Open Space Application is part of the regulatory process that must occur for each application. Two ads have been placed in the newspaper, one legal ad and one display ad.

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Carnevale.

There were no public comments. Mrs. Lyons provided a synopsis of the project and indicated that the funding match would be part of the 2022 Capital Program. She indicated that the resolution concerning this application had been previously adopted.

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilman Carnevale the public hearing was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Yu requested to pull Resolution 22-136 for discussion.

Councilman Carnevale stated he also had a few comments pertaining to a few resolutions. He stated there were a few typos in resolution 22-132. He requested that 22-135 be pulled for further discussion as the last couple paragraphs needed to be redrafted. Councilman Carnevale indicated that 22-137 is an extremely complex global issue and the Borough does not have the resources for a staff member to research issues such as this. Mayor Didio stated that in the future any narrative provided by the NJ State League of Municipalities should be included with the resolution.

Mrs. Lyons indicated the process to list sample resolutions on agendas should be codified in the Admin Code. She listed all of the resolutions on the work session for discussion and no additional revisions were received. Therefore, she listed them on tonight's agenda.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, seconded by Councilwoman Yu and carried on voice the amended consent agenda was approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Tashjian

Abstain: None

RESOLUTIONS:

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| 22-126 | Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$6,163,697.71 |
| 22-127 | Approve disabled veteran tax overpayment to property owner Block 716 Lot 20 in the amount of \$806.53 |
| 22-128 | Approve disabled veteran overpayment to Corelogic Block 716 Lot 20 in the amount of \$3,456.55 |

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| 22-129 | Urging legislature to amend budget cap law to appropriate funds for increasing insurance costs |
| 22-130 | Approve excess user appeal for Block 806 Lot 44 in the amount of \$147.44 |
| 22-131 | Authorize Tax Collector to issue 2022-2023 estimated tax bills |
| 22-132 | Opposing A1294/S2103 and its impact on flood prone property |
| 22-133 | Endorse pending legislation concerning return of energy tax receipts to municipalities |
| 22-134 | Endorse assembly A3669 to provide 3-month reduction or suspension of tax on highway fuels |
| 22-135 | pulled |
| 22-136 | Support of OPRA reform |
| 22-137 | Condemn actions of China |
| 22-138 | Appointment of Glenn V. Freda as a Junior Member of the Oradell Volunteer Fire Dept. |

Resolution 22-135 was pulled for further discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Council President Schoenberg stated that the Admin Committee will be moving forward with salary recommendations to the non-union employees in June. In addition, she has finalized all supporting documentation requested a few months ago relating to the separation of the Admin/Clerk position and that will be discussed at the June work session. All proper notifications will be made.

She provided a monthly update of Fire Department activity. Year to date calls of 115. Swift water rescue and mutual aid calls were also utilized this month. She provided the summer grill safety information as submitted by the department. She announced the recruitment event was successful.

She announced the “Senior” Prom was held last Friday the 20th at Riverdell HS from 5-8 and 65 seniors attended. She provided an update on upcoming trips and events for seniors.

She announced that EDAC will be conducting a walking tour of the business community. She thanked Gina from Calabria for maintaining the social media accounts.

DPW

Councilman Roger Tashjian

The Borough Engineer reported on the sewer main break currently impacting Oradell Avenue. He provided an update and potential timeline as provided by Bergen County, owner of the line.

He reported that Prospect Avenue is completed. Mrs. Lyons confirmed the sewer bid has been advertised and the bid opening is scheduled for June 9, 2022. She also provided commentary on working with Bergen County to close out open grants from a prior staff member.

Public Safety

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

The Public Safety committee met before tonight's Mayor & Council meeting and Chief Wicker updated us on a number of operational and organizational items. He reminded the community that tomorrow the police department will be hosting a Coffee with a Cop event at Aroma Café.

He reported the Planning Board met on May 3rd and provided a summer of action items from their agenda.

He stated the Historical Committee last meetings primary focus was to recap and discuss the event hosted at Borough Hall.

It was an educational event which provided insights and information on the renovation of historical properties.

Councilman Carnevale mentioned that he had recommended a few minor edits to the tree ordinance that was recently passed. These edits are currently being reviewed by the Borough Attorney, Construction Official, DPW Superintendent and subcommittee.

Councilman Carnevale reported that he and Mayor attended the Eagle Scout Ceremony.

Ordinance

Councilman Robert Jannicelli

Adoption 22-5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 175 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL ENTITLED PEACE AND GOOD ORDER

The Borough Administrator provided a brief description of the ordinance.

Councilman Jannicelli moved Ordinance 22-5, be passed on final reading, and published in the Bergen Record on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, seconded by Councilman Carnevale.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu, Kern

Nays: None

Absent: Tashjian

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli met on May 12th. Various topics were discussed. There was consensus to incorporate Mini cheer into the Borough insurance. Councilman Jannicelli issued context and clarification to recent commentary about funding for local field improvements recently seen on social media.

Finance

Councilwoman Miriam Yu

Councilwoman Yu stated the collection rate is 97.32%. The prior year same period was 97.69%, She indicated there were 138 delinquent notices that were mailed out. The Borough received notification from FEMA that a payment of \$157,000 will be coming for a claim from the 2020 tropical storm.

The library board approved a 3% salary increase for staff. She asked Mrs. Lyons if there can be assistance in getting the library approved for picnic benches. Mrs. Lyons indicated she will ensure that whatever is needed to allow for the tables, it will be issued.

She issued an update on OPS Board of Education inclusive of Field Day, school play and Odyssey of the Mind. Councilman Kern had asked about the enrollment at OPS, Miriam reported that in 2021 there was an increase of about 43 students from the year prior bringing the total up to 790 but that actually is about the same level they had in 2011/12.

Technology and Communication

Councilman Jonathan Kern

Councilman Kern reported we are awaiting meeting dates from the current IT vendor to discuss transition. The Borough will be fast tracking and prioritizing objectives and goals for the rest of 2022 inclusive of cyber security needs. Mayor Didio asked for a meeting with the new IT vendor because there are a lot of concerns with cyber-attacks and there are various areas that she would like to speak about.

Board of Health met this month. Topics included liaisons to OEM committees and COVID Task Force (if it reconvenes). Another item was the resident request to abandon the live poultry ordinance. The Board discussed and the consensus was to maintain the current ordinance. Mayor Didio asked how many vacancies are on the board. Mrs. Lyons indicated she will look at the roster and let her know.

No applications are currently before the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

He reported the Arts Amble event is scheduled for June 12th. He thanked the volunteers for the flowers planted in the pots downtown.

Mayors Report

Mayor Didio issued the insurance report from the recent JIF meeting. Increases are expected due to workers compensation premiums. The MEL also experienced its second most expensive hurricane. Hurricane IDA will cost an estimated 8 million dollars against a budgeted 4 million dollars.

Borough Administrator's Report

Mrs. Lyons stated the Recreation Director confirmed that the Memorial Day posters will be put out on Friday.

Borough Attorney's Report-

No report

Old Business

Mrs. Lyons stated she is still waiting for a response from the Construction Official concerning the requirement of public bathrooms in order to obtain an outdoor dining permit.

Mayor Didio asked for a status update on the message board. Mrs. Lyons stated that vendors were onsite a few weeks ago to provide quotes. She will follow up with OEM to see if quotes were submitted. Mrs. Yu stated the Borough website has minutes uploaded however, newer sets have not been listed. Mrs. Lyons stated she is working on revisions and will submit drafts shortly. She provided a timeline on the capital budget for approval over the summer.

New Business:

Mrs. Lyons stated the Oradell Kids Foundation is looking to reinstate the 5K on Saturday, October 8. The governing body approved.

Councilwoman Yu mentioned that a resident brought to her attention a free tree seedling program. Council President Schoenberg stated the Environmental Committee has done that in the past.

Councilwoman Yu stated that the Borough of New Milford has fillable forms online for zoning permits. Mrs. Lyons stated she will have the CFO reach out to New Milford. Programs have been looked at in the past but there was an issue with the payment routing.

Public Comment:

Paul Latsounas 50 Beverly Rd. requested a resolution to prohibit underground parking.

Sam Tripsas – 327 Maple Avenue spoke on the Farmers Market and recent issues. Mrs. Lyons provided clarification to the process and comments. Councilman Kern stated that a meeting should be scheduled to resolve the issues. Mrs. Lyons stated that she was directed by the Council to have the Borough approve the applications internally so that appropriate documentation and insurance is posted.

On a motion made by Council President Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried on voice vote, public comment was closed

On a motion made by Council President Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli and carried on voice vote, the motion was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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