

A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

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 Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call issued. All members were present except for the Borough Engineer.

PRESENTATION: Oradell Fire Department. James Koth presented an update of the “Old Moe” Historic Fire Engine repair and plans moving forward needed to finish the project. Borough Administrator Lyons stated she requested outstanding Bond Ordinance amounts from the CFO to see if the costs could be offset by previously funded capital.

On a motion made by Councilman Kern seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on unanimous voice vote to add to the Resolution 22-208 “Appointment of Sophia Verducci to Environmental Committee” to the consent agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (GUIDELINES)

Paul Latsounas - 50 Beverly Road - inquired about a warranty for the historic firetruck. Council President stated the program being discussed was a preventative maintenance plan to keep up with repairs etc. He also inquired about the Fey Place application. The Borough Administrator stated if plans are filed, they will be available in the building department.

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

Councilman Carnevale asked Mrs. Lyons to provide further explanation on the correspondence item listed as Verizon PT-10.

CORRESPONDANCE:

On a motion made by Council President Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on voice vote the correspondence was approved

- 1) OPD August monthly report
- 2) Site Plan Variance Notice RK Holding LLC
- 3) Notice of Hearing Borough of Emerson Municipal Land Use Board
- 4) Notice from Verizon re: PT-10 forms
- 5) Thank you notes from Maddolin and Rhen Family
- 6) Notice of Planning Board Application – Fey Place

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-194	Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$826,730.19
Resolution 22-195	Approve employment for substitute crossing guards
Resolution 22-196	Approve Arnold Park for regular membership of the Oradell Fire Dept.
Resolution 22-197	Approve Alan Moy for regular membership of the Oradell Fire Dept.
Resolution 22-198	Approve 2022-2023 Flu vaccination contract with Bergen County Health Services
Resolution 22-199	Authorize RFQ for 2023 Borough Auditor and Bond Counsel
Resolution 22-200	Approve Professional Services Contract rate for IT Consultant
Resolution 22-201	Approve State Contract Purchase for Police Dept for recordable telephone system in the amount not to exceed \$26,124.17
Resolution 22-202	Approve annual Halloween resolution – re: Prospect Avenue
Resolution 22-203	Bi-annual approval of State Contract Vendors for Borough Audit
Resolution 22-204	Support Legislation usage of development fees for local alternative transportation systems
Resolution 22-205	Approve purchase of equipment / vehicle for DPW from state contract in the amount not to exceed \$34,939.51
Resolution 22-206	Accept letter of retirement from Officer Joseph Lardinelli, OPD effective October 1, 2022
Resolution 22-207	Confirm Officer Hartophilis and Officer Stefano as permanent officers – OPD
Resolution 22-208	Appointment of Sophia Verducci to Environmental Committee

Resolution 22-204 was pulled from the consent agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Didio read a proclamation for 2022 Arbor Day

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Administration, Fire & Business Development**

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Mrs. Schoenberg said she had the Borough Administrator to circulate the current ordinance of the Administration code. She would like the code to be listed at an upcoming work session to discuss the revisions.

She provided an update on Senior Citizen Activities. The Borough will be hosting a class given by AAA in January. Seniors who take the class will be eligible for an insurance reduction. They are also looking to add a tech class 1-2 times a month for seniors which would also begin in the new year. Planning is underway for the Senior Holiday dinner on December 8th.

She provided a monthly update on the Fire Department. A total of 21 emergency calls for the month of August and 19 calls through today, giving a year-to-date total of 216 calls. The 125th Anniversary of the fire department will be celebrated on October 8th.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

Councilman Tashjian read the prepared updated provided by the Borough Engineer. Items include the War Memorial enhancement and NJ DOT grants.

DPW committee met this afternoon. Discussion items included rising fuel costs, replacement of broken signs, the Borough auction and the recent OSHA inspection.

Councilman Jannicelli question about the repair to the basketball court, and asked if this was the temporary fix? Councilman Tashjian responded that the lighting was in last years capital. The lights are being looked at prior to going out to bid.

Police, Emergency Management:

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

Councilman Carnevale reported the Public Safety Committee met on Aug 18th. Interviews were conducted for two positions. There were impressive candidates and finalists were selected. The Chief is completing the onboarding process of the two individuals with the anticipated swearing in ceremony for the October meeting. He inquired as to the sidewalk improvements to Grant Avenue.

He reported that the OEM coordinator is working to finalize quotes for an electronic sign board in Schirra park. He provided updates for the Planning Board and the Historical Committee. He noted that the Historical Committee met this past Monday and discussed upcoming educational sessions that could be held.

Ordinance:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

ADOPTION 22-8

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 270 OF
THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL
ENTITLED "TREES"**

Statement: Edits provide clarification to various sections such as approval required and requirements for Developers

Public Comment on Ordinance 22-8:

Eileen Jones, Grant Ave –asked if this Ordinance pertains to subcontractors coming onto the land. Councilman Carnevale explained that it addresses when an existing structure is taken down in its entirety or if there is an open lot.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd asked for clarification regarding the “public official”. Councilman Carnevale responded that the public officer is actually two individuals depending upon whether it’s a tree that on borough property or the tree is on private property. Mr. Latsounas suggested a member of the environmental committee be involved as well.

Councilman Jannicelli moved Ordinance 22-8, be passed on final reading, and published in the Bergen Record on Monday, October 3, 2022, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

ADOPTION 22-9

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 80 OF THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL TITLED
“OUTDOOR CAFES”**

Statement: Ordinances incorporate the changes made to the temporary resolution during the pandemic into the established ordinance to streamline the process and promote local business.

Public Comment on Ordinance 22-9:

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd –asked about umbrellas and wind. Council President Schoenberg confirmed that Property Maintenance will be the one to inspect the outdoor café structures.

Councilman Jannicelli moved Ordinance 22-9, be passed on final reading, and published in the Bergen Record on Monday, October 3, 2022, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent : None

Abstain: None

ADOPTION 22-10

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 254-7 (b) OF THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL REGARDING
LIMOUSINE LICENSE DURATION**

Statement: This revision changes the license period to January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Councilman Jannicelli moved Ordinance 22-10, be passed on final reading, and published in the Bergen Record on Monday, October 3, 2022, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli reported the Special Events committee will be meeting tomorrow night – next meeting is tomorrow night. He provided comments and a recap of Family Day. The next meeting will be to discuss and plan Halloween.

He stated the next Recreation meeting is October 13th.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu

Mrs. Yu provided an update from the Chief Financial Officer. Topics included the property tax collection rate, the upcoming tax sale, and increase of health benefits to municipalities.

She provided an update on the library HVAC repair. She stated they are working on compiling a survey for the community to gauge what services are preferred. She provided the information regarding the upcoming Arts Amble. She stated that the Board of Ed will be presenting plaques for longtime board members.

Technology and Communication:

Councilman Jonathan Kern

Mr. Kern stated the IT committee will meet Oct 3rd. The items discussed were multifactor authentication as well as the signing of an NDA for members. He thanked the recently resigned Joe Gothelf for getting the committee up and running. There was no meeting for the OPTV committee

The Board of Health met on the 12th. The first in-person meeting which will be televised will be in November. The board discussed practices and procedures such as the Board affirmed the decision to not revisit the chicken coop ordinance citing health concerns for the community. He also reported that municipalities will no longer be responsible for collecting marriage license fees. There will be a statewide program put in place that will set reimbursement for the marriage license fees moving forward.

He reported on the upcoming Zoning Board meeting agendas. He reminded everyone of upcoming events for the environmental committee.

Mayor's Report –

Mayor requested the Borough Administrator obtain an update of the Oradell Avenue Bridge study. She also stated there needs to be a meeting set up for the ad hoc committee on the zoning ordinances. She reported that the Borough applied for a regional grant application for flood mitigation to improve the health and quality of our drinking water. We partnered with New Milford and River Edge.

Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Mrs. Lyons asked for a voice vote to approve additional groups to host a special event. The Council approved.

Mrs. Lyons reported on upcoming improvements to railroad crossings. She provided the closure period and timings. She stated the Borough requested that NJ Transit provide notification to residents prior to the work. She reported that she was made aware the Borough successfully received the grant as applied from the NJ Historic Trust for the train station.

The borough was awarded the amount of the planning document grant at \$34,958.25.

She provided an update regarding upcoming election polling places. She stated the 2023 calendar theme needs to be selected. She suggested the theme should be 'Oradell's Natural Beauty' and their drawings could highlight parks, flora, greenscapes etc. Mayor and Council supported the recommendation.

Borough Attorney's Report:

Nothing further to report besides what was discussed in closed

Mayor asked for an update on Genther and the title process. The Borough Attorney reported that the process is almost complete.

Old Business:

Councilwoman Yu asked for an update on the closing out of open space grants. Mrs. Lyons stated that there will be a resolution on the October meeting to close out the projects.

Councilman Jannicelli asked why the Borough no longer rent the Senior Center. Mrs. Lyons provided a history on this topic and stated the Borough is prohibited due to grant agreements with the County.

New Business:

Councilman Carnevale asked if Glenn Schneider could be added to the agenda for the Oct 11th meeting? He is a former resident who approached him with an interesting idea regarding Schirra Park and some ideas on enhanced recognition to Wally Schirra.

Public Comment:

Each speaker shall have one turn and not to exceed 5 minutes. Please identify yourself at the microphone and remain courteous.

Eileen Jones, Grant Avenue asked Councilman Tashjian for clarification about sidewalks on Grant. Councilman Tashjian explained that grant money was awarded from the NJDOT to put sidewalks in on Grant Ave from the baseball field to Oradell Ave.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd asked the borough attorney if there was a closed session tonight. Mr. Oddo provided the topics.

Sam Tripsas - 327 Maple Ave - asked why the corn stalks can't be installed the same day as the 5K. Sam suggested moving the staging area to the Senior Center. Mayor agreed that would be a better idea.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 9: 36 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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