

A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON OCTOBER 25, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call issued. All members were present

PRESENTATION: Evan Khoo presented his Eagle Scout project. He proposed a care collection.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas inquired about Resolution 22-213 & 22-217. Mrs. Lyons provided responses.

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

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. OPD September monthly report
2. Site Plan Variance Notice RK Holding
3. Thank you for condolence – Depken Family

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-211	Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$903,354.90
Resolution 22-212	Approve separation payment for Stefani Stokes in the amount of \$473.43
Resolution 22-213	Approve solicitation for Borough Planner 2023
Resolution 22-214	Approve items declared as surplus for Borough Auction
Resolution 22-215	Authorize purchase of vehicle from HGAC Coop in amount NTE \$300,278.00
Resolution 22-216	Opposing NYC Congestion pricing plan adopted by State of NY
Resolution 22-217	Approve close out of contracts with Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Flood Plain Protection, and Historic Preservation
Resolution 22-218	Approve interlocal contracts with County of Bergen for ADA curb ramp program and road resurfacing for Oradell Avenue (Kinderkamack Rd – Forest Ave)
Add Resolution 22-219	Appointment of full-time certified Tax Collector/CFO Assistant.

Mayor re-opened public comment on the added resolution.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road inquired to the reason for the hiring of a full-time tax collector. Mayor Didio explained there was a resignation recently and the Borough had to backfill positions.

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Mrs. Schoenberg stated that the upcoming increases to the State health benefit plan have stalled UPSEU negotiations until more information is received. There will be an update at the November meeting in regard to the search firm that the borough has hired for the Administrator's position.

She announced the Veteran Dinner will be held on November 11th is the Veteran Dinner. There is also another Senior Luncheon on November 21st and we encourage all Oradell Seniors to attend.

She provided the October Fire Department report. 23 calls in September and 15 calls in October, giving a year-to-date total of 235 calls. The department thanked all that attended the 5K race followed by a block party to celebrate the department's 125th Anniversary.

DPW

Councilman Roger Tashjian

No report from the Borough Engineer.

Councilman Tashjian reported that leaf pick up has started. He stated that although the trucks have been ordered it will be at least 9 months to receive them.

Public Safety & Emergency Management

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

Mr. Carnevale welcomed the two police officers that were sworn in at the last Mayor & Council meeting. He stated the OEM coordinator has finished off the borough wide emergency service communications upgrade with final installs of radio equipment at the Oradell Police Dept.

He reported the Planning board heard an application for a development project proposed for Fey Place. However, it was determined that the application was not complete and therefore it was discussed what was needed from the applicant before the November meeting.

Ordinance

Councilman Robert Jannicelli

Introduction:

Ordinance 22-11

An Ordinance rejecting the dedication of Fey Place

The Borough Attorney gave a brief description.

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 22-11 be passed on first reading and published in the Monday, October 31 edition of the Bergen Record, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

He provided an update regarding recreation department activity. He stated the pickle ball project is moving along.

He reported on the upcoming Halloween special event. Discussion ensued regarding moving the tree lighting to Schirra park.

Finance

Councilwoman Miriam Yu

Mrs. Yu stated the annual Best Practice worksheets have been completed and submitted resulting in not having a reduction in any state aid withheld. Other items were shared court contracts, hiring in the Finance office and the 2023 operating budget process.

She provided an update on OPS board of Education capital projects.

Technology and Communication

Councilman Jonathan Kern

The IT Committee met and discussed cloud-based software, multifactor authentication and establishing cyber security protocols.

He stated the Zoning Board application for 66 Kinderkamack has been postponed due to conflicts in scheduling by the applicant's attorney. There was 1 residential application that was discussed (741 Ridgewood Ave). It was granted approval to extend their variance application out another year. There was a lengthy discussion regarding RK Holding which is 40 Kinderkamack Rd.

He commended the environmental/beautification committee for the fall décor around town. The fall into the arts event was successful/

Mayors Report:

Mayor Didio reported there will be no annual dividend from the Bergen County JIF due to various increases this year.

Borough Administrator's Report

She requested another resolution be approved tonight for the Technical Assistant position in the Building Dept.

Open to Public Comment to approve Resolution 22-220.

No comments

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

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Carnevale and carried on a voice vote resolution 22-220 was approved

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Mrs. Lyons then mentioned that the county has officially approved the relocation of polling place district 1. These voters will now go to the Senior Center to vote. All appropriate notification and signage will be made.

Borough Attorney Report

No report

Old Business:

Council President commented that Mrs. Lyons had sent out to everyone the existing admin code and asked council to review and send her revisions. She would like this listed on the November 22nd agenda.

New Business:

Councilwoman Yu mentioned she has noticed every morning there is a NJ Transit bus that parks at the corner of Kinderkamack & Church Street that impedes on the view of people in the cross walk. Mayor said that we should reach out to our rep at NJ Transit. Councilman Carnevale suggested letting the Police Chief so that they can send an officer down.

Public Comment:

Nick Besink, 177 Country Club Dr. inquired about various IT issues. Mrs. Lyons provided responses and indicated she would follow up with appropriate staff members.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd. asked the Borough attorney for closed session items.

Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Ave -reported on Farmers Market.

Bill McGoey, 654 Park Avenue -requested for speed bumps for Park Avenue and on one side of the street parking due to congestion from the playhouse.

Eileen Jones, Grant Ave questioned sidewalks on Grant Avenue. The Borough Engineer provided responses.

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 9: 25 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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