

A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON JANUARY 31, 2023 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF ORADELL BOROUGH HALL

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 led by the Girl Scouts and roll call issued. All members were present. Council President Schoenberg and Councilman Tashjian participated by zoom..

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dianne C. Didio
Tracy Schoenberg, Councilwoman
Roger Tashjian, Councilman
Stephen Carnevale, Councilman
Rob Jannicelli, Councilman
Jonathan Kern, Councilman
Michael Staff, Councilman

PRESENTATION: The Girl Scouts presented a comprehensive report prepared on the analysis of accessibility of borough sidewalks. Mayor Didio commended the scouts on the professional quality of the presentation. David Atkinson, Borough Engineer stated that he would like a copy of the presentation to outline where any improvements can be made.

PROMOTION: Resolution 23-54 Promotion of Sergeant Joseph Maino

Chief Wicker provided background on Sgt. Maino career accomplishments. Mayor Didio issued the oath of office Sgt. Maino.

PRESENTATIONS: :

A Plaque of Appreciation was issued to Sgt. John Campbell upon his retirement from the Oradell Police Department after 25 years. Chief Wicker provided commentary regarding Sgt. Campbell's contribution to the Borough.

A plaque of appreciation was provided to Sam Tripsas of the Beautification/Environmental Committee for his dedication to the Borough over so many years.

Mayor Didio presented a proclamation to the River Dell Interact Club for their volunteerism and participation in the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd, provided his opinion on amendments to various resolution. Mayor Didio responded that the Borough must adhere to all state statutes regarding public purchasing.

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

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. OPD December monthly report
2. Letter from Diane Monticone re: senior exercise via ZOOM
3. Notice from Oradell Planning Board re: Block 119 Lots 9.01, 9.02, 9.03, 9.04, 9.05, and 9.06.
4. Notice from Oradell Zoning Board re Block 103 Lot 1
5. Letter from BCUA re: Executive Order #23

Councilman Carnevale inquired as to item #2. The Municipal Clerk indicated this request was already addressed by the Recreation Director.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:**RESOLUTIONS:**

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| Resolution 23-55 | Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$3,529,732.37 |
| Resolution 23-56 | Annual cancel of Hallmark Arms significant sewer charge |
| Resolution 23-57 | Accept letter of resignation and separation payment from Sgt. John Campbell in the amount of \$35,965.60 for 2022 and \$38,180.88 for 2023 |
| Resolution 23-58 | Accept letter of resignation and separation payment for Jack Clarke in the amount of \$2,047.75 |
| Resolution 23-59 | Authorize employment of Nick Grillo and Ariel Espinal as FT DPW Laborer for annual salary pro-rated \$42,000 effective 2/1/23 |
| Resolution 23-60 | Appointment of Kevin Harris as Purchasing Agent for the Borough of Oradell |
| Resolution 23-61 | Appointment of Kevin Harris as Public Agency Compliance Officer (PACO) for the Borough of Oradell |
| Resolution 23-62 | Approve Shared Service with BCUA for preparation of Annual Tonnage Report |
| Resolution 23-63 | Declaration of Public Emergency and waive road opening fees for PSEG to pave Hague and Francis Courts |
| Resolution 23-64 | Declaration of national shortage for public purchasing for borough vehicles |
| Resolution 23-65 | Annual establishment of Green Team |
| Resolution 23-66 | Annual establishment of Creative Bergen Team |
| Resolution 23-67 | Acceptance of Arts Grant in the amount of \$4,930 by Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs and authorize Mayor Didio to sign agreement. |
| Resolution 23-68 | Application to Sustainable Jersey for \$10,000 grant to create rain garden. |
| Resolution 23-69 | Application to Sustainable Jersey for \$2,000 grant for new downspouts planters at Memorial Field. |

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Mayor Didio issued the Administration report on behalf of Council President Schoenberg. She stated there is a new technology class being offered to Seniors. She thanked the girl scouts and Michael Starr for their accessibility report and acknowledged the work put into the project. Mayor Didio also provided a summary of the Fire Department calls and activity for the past month.

DPW

Councilman Roger Tashjian

The Borough Engineer reported the 2023 road program is in the planning stage and bidding will commence shortly. In addition, there are a few DOT grants that will start as well. Mayor Didio asked Mr. Atkinson to reach out to the engineers supervising the Oradell Avenue bridge project for an update.

Councilman Tashjian there are many “double” utility poles around the Borough. He stated the Borough might have an ordinance that governed the remove and potential fines relating to this issue. He welcomed the two new DPW employees and he reported that all three trucks ordered in 2022 have been delivered to the Borough.

Public Safety & Emergency Management

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

The Public Safety Committee met on January 12th. The 2023 police budget and ongoing updates on thefts and burglaries were some of the topics.

Councilman Carnevale stated the electronic sign board has been ordered and should be delivered in about 8 weeks. He stated the Planning Board held their reorganization meeting this month as well as the Historic Committee outlining their goals and priorities for the year.

Ordinance

Councilman Robert Jannicelli

Introduction:

Ordinance 23-1

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE
BOROUGH OF ORADELL COUNTY OF BERGEN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO CREATE THE
POSITION OF QUALIFIED PURCHASING AGENT**

The Municipal Clerk provided a description.

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 23-1 be passed on first reading and published in the Monday, February 6 edition of the Bergen Record, seconded by Councilman Kern.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg, Tashjian

Abstain: None

Introduction:

Ordinance 23-2

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES
AND STANDARDS REGARDING DEPLOYMENT
OF SMALL FACILITIES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-
WAY IN THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL**

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The Municipal Clerk provided a description.

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 23-2 be passed on first reading and published in the Monday, February 6 edition of the Bergen Record, seconded by Councilman Kern.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg, Tashjian

Abstain: None

Introduction:

Ordinance 23-3

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 240 OF
THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL
TITLED "LAND DEVELOPMENT" TO ALLOW
RESTAURANTS AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE B-
A BUSINESS ZONE**

The Municipal Clerk provided a description. The Borough Attorney provided additional details.

Councilman Jannicelli moved that Ordinance 23-3 be passed on first reading and published in the Monday, February 6 edition of the Bergen Record, seconded by Councilman Kern.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern, Staff

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg, Tashjian

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli asked the Municipal Clerk if there were ordinances from last year that needed to be addressed. Councilman Carnevale stated there were ordinance recommendations from the Master Plan to be reviewed.

He provided a recap from the first Recreation meeting. Pickle Ball will be starting up again in the Spring. He stated a meeting was held on January 24th between River Edge and Oradell to discuss the DPAC fund.

He provided an overview from the Special Event meeting. Mayor Didio stated there are a few suggestions for Grand Marshal for the 4th of July parade. Mayor Didio announced the Borough

was awarded an Open Space Grant from Bergen County to support drainage improvements, lawn & restoration, and new safety netting at Memorial Field.

Technology and Communication

Councilman Jonathan Kern

Councilman Kern stated he will be meeting with the CFO on a monthly basis to for financial updates. He stated the IT vendor has implemented new spam filtering system to the Borough email. He stated there are two vacancies on the Zoning Board . He suggested anyone interested in serving to fill out the necessary forms and submit to the Mayor. He reported that Katherine Drury was selected as the chair of environmental/beautification committee. He provided an overview of the committee upcoming action items.

Board of Health

Councilman Michael Staff

Councilman Staff stated the Board of Health was unable to meet since they did not have a quorum. He attended the re-organization of the Library Board of Trustees. New members were sworn in and officers selected. The Library Volunteer Breakfast is scheduled for March 4th at 9am and Makers Day will be March 24th . He stated that EDAC will be meeting in February. Mayor Didio stated she was made aware of an insurance program that has been implemented in neighboring towns concerning a community rating system. This is a voluntary program through the National Flood Insurance Program. There are significant credits for flood insurance if a community participates. She stated she will forward the information to Councilman Staff and suggested he speak with the risk manager.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Didio reported there is a budget meeting scheduled for Feb 4th. The second meeting is February 11th. She welcomed Mr. Harris to the Borough of Oradell.

Borough Administrator's Report

Mr. Harris did not have a formal report but spoke about how he is looking forward to being in Oradell, contributing, and learning from everyone.

Councilman Jannicelli asked the Municipal Clerk the status of the Recreation Vehicle. Mrs. Lyons responded that the Recreation Director and CFO has spoken about this issue and since the price of vehicles have increased additional monies will have to be set aside in order fund a vehicle.

Borough Attorney Report

No report

New Business:

The Municipal Clerk summarized the two requests for approval from Council on upcoming events. The Council approved both requests. These include a "Wine and Wonton" event at the Library and the annual Oradell 5K.

Old Business:

None

Public Comment:

Tom Kelly , 840 Midland Rd. commended all the Interact Club members for the their community participation. The club partners with the Rotary club on many projects and activities. He thanked Sam Tripsas for his dedication and willingness to go above and beyond for the Borough.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd. thanked Sam Tripsas for his service. He had questioned Ordinance 23-3. He asked the Borough Attorney for closed session topics.

Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Ave thanked the Mayor & Council for the plaque and kind words.

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

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, and carried on voice vote the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:22 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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