

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd, commented he was not in support of fireworks (23-95) being held on an annual basis due to the cost of the program.

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

CORRESPONDANCE:

1. OPD January 2023 report
2. Notice from BCUA re: 2022 BCUA Connection fee rebate \$2,746.33.

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

January 4, 2023 Sine Die; January 4, 2023 Reorganization; January 17, 2023 Work Session; January 21, 2023 Special Public; January 31, 2023 Regular Public; February 4, 2023 Budget; February 11, 2023 Budget; February 23, 2023 Special Public.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote, the minutes were approved.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kern, Staff
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: Tashjian 2-23-23 special meeting

CONSENT AGENDA:
RESOLUTIONS:

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| Resolution 23-76 | Approve payment of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$1,971,021.81. |
| Resolution 23-77 | Authorizing Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$8,967,450.00. |
| Resolution 23-78 | Annual cancel of NJ Transit significant sewer charge |
| Resolution 23-79 | Accept grant agreement with Bergen County Open Space Trust Fund in the amount of \$85,001.00 for Memorial Field |
| Resolution 23-80 | Accept grant agreement with NJ Historic Trust for preservation plan in the amount of \$34,858.00. |
| Resolution 23-81 | Authorize Borough Administrator to solicit RFP for Historical Architect |
| Resolution 23-82 | Approve Audio/Visual equipment capital purchase in the amount not to exceed \$29,993.00 |
| Resolution 23-83 | Accept resignation from Daniel Erben, DPW Laborer effective 2/14/23 and authorize separation payment in the amount of \$601.91. |
| Resolution 23-84 | Adoption of Land Use Pledge for Sustainable Jersey |
| Resolution 23-85 | Authorize Professional Service Agreement with Wielkottz and Company LLC as Borough Auditor |
| Resolution 23-86 | Authorize Professional Service Agreement with Hawkins, Delafield and Wood LLP as Bond Counsel |
| Resolution 23-87 | Authorize T & M Associates as Borough Planner |
| Resolution 23-88 | Appointment of Stephanie Biederman as Library Board of Trustee member to expire 12/31/27 |
| Resolution 23-89 | Supporting resolution for RevolutionNJ. |
| Resolution 23-90 | Appointment of Kevin Harris Borough Administrator and Rio Mena, Administrative Assistant to Borough Administrator to Bergen County Community Development Regional Committee |
| Resolution 23-91 | Appointment of Kevin Harris, Borough Administrator to Open Space Trust Municipal Park Improvement and Land Acquisition Program Regional Committee |
| Resolution 23-92 | Authorize waiver of significant sewer charge for 545 Birchtree Lane in the amount of \$71.70. |
| Resolution 23-93 | Appointment of Kevin Harris, Borough Administrator as Municipal Housing Liaison |
| Resolution 23-94 | Approve shared service contract for Health Services with Bergen County |
| Resolution 23-95 | Authorize contract with Garden State Fireworks for 2023 fireworks production in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. |
| Resolution 23-96 | Accept resignation from Gordon Kohles, DPW General Foreman effective 3/10/23 and authorize separation payment in the amount of \$102.52 |
| Resolution 23-97 | Authorize waiver of significant sewer charge for 96 Merritt Drive in the amount of \$160.03. |

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Tashjian 23-92

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Council President Schoenberg announced the UPSEU negotiation process has started. The St. Patrick's Day Luncheon is set for March 17th and there will be vegetarian option due to Lent. She reported the Fire Department submitted a federal grant application submitted for thermal imaging cameras. She requested the Oradell for All committee be added to the work session agenda for a discussion of combining with River Edge.

DPW

Councilman Roger Tashjian

Dave Atkinson, Borough Engineer provided a monthly report that included the upcoming meeting with the DEP for grant opportunities. He stated the Municipal Clerk should have received the invite. Mrs. Lyons stated she forwarded the e-vite to the Borough Administrator. He provided a summary of possible roads to be included in the 2023 road paving project.

Public Safety & Emergency Management

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

Councilman Carnevale stated the Public Safety Committee will be meeting on Feb 29th. The Chief reported that they have begun the process of hiring a new patrol officer. Councilman Carnevale stated the new electronic sign board will be installed in the next few weeks.

Ordinance

Councilman Robert Jannicelli

Adoption: Ordinance 23-2

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

The Municipal Clerk provided a description.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli stated the Borough is working on various open space grants for Grant, Hoffman and Memorial field in the upcoming months.

He reported that the special events committee met on February 6th. Topics included fundraising to pay for every other year of Fireworks Program. He reported a flyer will be issued shortly for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 1st.

Technology and Communication

Councilman Jonathan Kern

Councilman Kern provided a financial summary. Topics included the current collection rate and budget process. He stated the nature walk held by the Environmental Committee on Superbowl Sunday was a success. He stated the committee is planning for Planning for a clean up day in April.

Board of Health

Councilman Michael Staff

Councilman Staff stated he followed up on the flood insurance issue with the Risk Manager. He provided an update from the Library Board of Trustees. He stated they are working on an emergency preparedness plan and drills. He stated the Board of Health will be hosting an AED and CPR training shortly. Municipal Staff and Recreation Coaches will be asked to participate.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Didio reminded Council to completed the Elected Official seminar offered by the MEL by the deadline in May. She announced the. The NJ Motor Vehicle Commission will be in Oradell on April 25 & Oct 4 at the Swim Club Parking Lot. The information is posted the website. She announced the recent passing of Monsignor Hubba.

Borough Administrator's Report

Mr. Harris reported that monthly department head meetings will begin in March. He is working on some technology upgrades including attendance and agenda software. He stated the Borough is in the process of submitting for silver recertification for Sustainable Jersey.

Borough Attorney Report

Reported on the United Way project on Garden Place. He stated the legal documentation issue was resolved and therefore the project can move forward.

Old Business:

Councilman Carnevale asked the status of the meeting that was had with River Edge regarding DPAC.

Mayor Didio spoke on a proposed ordinance concerning puppy mills. She requested the municipal clerk circulate the ordinance that was discussed many years ago as well as this version so it can be discussed at the next work session.

New Business:

Council President Schoenberg stated she attended the Girl Scout Award Ceremony on Feb 26th and 30 Girl Scouts achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards.

Councilman Tashjian reported that in addition to the Motor Vehicle Commission the Borough is also hosting the Bergen County Clerk in June.

Public Comment:

Vincent Scaglione, 102 Beverly Road, spoke on recommendations of the Central Business District.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd. provided additional comments concerning the Central Business District as well as AED on the sports fields.

Sam Tripsas , 320 Maple Ave commented on restaurants in the Borough and the impact on adjacent properties.

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

On a motion made by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:44 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

Laura J. Lyons, CPM, RMC, RPPO
Municipal Clerk