

A WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF ORADELL BOROUGH HALL 355 KINDERKAMACK RD

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.

ROLL CALL

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

PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Didio presented a proclamation as September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

PRESENTATION:

- 1) Bergen County Players- Michael Smith from the Bergen County Players requested permission to change the sign outside the building. He stated as the zoning laws are prescribed the Players would have put in an application to the Zoning Board. The Mayor and Council discussed options. Mayor Didio requested the Borough Attorney to look into the issue and provide feedback for a solution.
- 2) Little Library – Mr. Harris stated that there was a letter in the packet from the Rotary seeking permission to donate a little library structure at the Train Station. The Council agreed to the concept as long as the location of the library would be conducive with the Historic building provisions and DOT regulations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Farmers Market Mr. Harris stated the Borough received a request from the farmer to reduce the hours of the Farmers Market by one hour. Katherine Drury from the Environmental Committee spoke on the time adjustment. She suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed so that requests for vendors and market operations can be approved by the committee. Councilman Carnevale stated a position should be created for a seasonal PT position to oversee the market.

Combined Holiday Lighting Event –Mr. Harris stated the Special Events committee requested the combining of the Holiday Tree Lighting and the Menorah lighting. Discussion included logistics inclusive of lighting requirements and issues with the current tree. Mayor Didio stated that until the tree issue can be resolved it should remain here at Borough Hall. She also mentioned that the Menorah is also here at Borough Hall. She stated it should be determined what is needed to move the site to Schirra Park. Councilman Carnevale stated that perhaps in years when the holidays are closer together, the ceremony can be

combined. Mayor Didio suggested closing Kinderkamack to allow for more room for attendees.

Food Truck Participation – Holiday Lighting Event –Mr. Harris stated the Special Events Committee suggested having a coffee and dessert vendor at the Tree Lighting / Menorah Lighting. There was consensus of the governing body to keep the refreshments in house as opposed to having attendees pay for them with a vendor.

ROW Application – Councilman Tashjian stated that PSEG is about to undertake a very large project in town that will affect paving close to 40 roads. He stated PSEG is requesting a waiver of the Right of Way permit fees with the condition that some of the affected roads will be paved curb to curb. The council was in support of this request and a resolution at the next public meeting would be listed on the agenda. It was stated that notice to the residents should go out in a timely manner to allow for the opportunity to complete sidewalk, curb and/or driveway concrete repairs.

Employee Vacancy – Mr. Harris stated the posting for DPW laborer is listed on the Borough and League of Municipality Websites.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Carnevale stated he was frustrated with the timing of paving notices that were sent out for Grant Avenue. He stated there was not enough time for residents to complete concrete work prior to the paving. Mr. Harris stated future notices will now include more information and details. Ms. Lyons explained that when the notices were sent years prior, the Borough was reliant on the Borough engineer providing the information to include. Councilman Carnevale asked Mr. Harris to ensure any upcoming notices be sent out in a timely manner and that they be listed on the Borough website and sign board.

Mr. Harris was asked for a status on the shared service agreement with Village of Ridgewood for Styrofoam Recycling. Kevin Harris reported that he has communicated with the Village Manager and Village Clerk and a resolution is to be listed on the next agenda for the Village for approval.

Councilman Tashjian spoke about rear yard garbage pickup for Senior and disabled residents. It was stated that anyone who fits the criteria should contact the Recreation/Senior Department to be added to the list.

Councilman Staff asked Mr. Harris if the Senior Bus on the road providing service. Mr. Harris stated that all the equipment was installed in the vehicle, and he believed it was on the road in recent days. Mr. Staff asked if the Senior Bus is in working order. Mr. Harris stated that there was a significant repair that had to be made with the rear air conditioning unit. Mr. Staff asked if this was covered by warranty. Mr. Harris indicated the repair is covered.

Mr. Harris stated that the Borough Attorney on amending the current lease of the Oradell Swim Club to include insurance provisions that need to be outlined in the document.

Mr. Harris stated the Girls of Oradell Athletic League (GOAL) has been approved to be listed on the Borough's insurance plan. Councilman Jannicelli said there needs to be a clear policy with steps outlined when a new league is created and added to the policy.

He announced that Family Day is scheduled for Saturday Sept 23rd

Councilman Tashjian stated the Borough is working on two shared services for DPW services, one with Demerest and one with Haworth. He requested they be listed on the Public Meeting of September 26th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Tashjian stated he was able to negotiate an optimal rate for the Borough to deposit funds in a CD at Affinity Credit Union. He requested that the corresponding resolution be listed on the Public Meeting of September 26th.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kanar Kolman, requested that sports programs do not schedule games/practices on Sunday to ensure children can attend Sunday School.

Paul Latsounas spoke on the upcoming Affordable Housing hearing and asked if the court proceedings can be televised. Mr. Oddo stated that the Borough supports this request and will file the necessary request with the court for consideration.

Sam Tripsas commented that the large painting of town being moved to the second floor was a nice addition. He stated more people will be able to see it. He stated that the Farmers Market is a busy event and needs a lot of help from volunteers. He was not in support of creating a PT position.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:06 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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