

**A REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ORADELL BOROUGH HALL, 355 KINDERKAMACK ROAD, ORADELL, NEW JERSEY, ON JANUARY 29, 2019**

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. The Annual Notice, which details the meetings dates for the year, has been sent to The Record and Ridgewood News, placed on two Municipal Bulletin Boards and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

**1. CALL TO ORDER- OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – ROLL CALL**

Mayor Dianne Camelo Didio called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

At roll call, the following were present:

Mayor Dianne Didio

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Councilmembers:

Roger Tashjian

Stephen Carnevale

Tom Kelly

Miriam Yu

Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Laura J. Lyons

Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo, Esq.

Borough Engineer David Atkinson

Absent:

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

**Flag Salute:**

**Adoption of Minutes:** Upon motion by Councilwoman Schoenberg and seconded by Councilman Tashjian, the minutes of November 27, 2018; Sine Die of January 6, 2019 and Reorganization January 6, 2019 were adopted.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kelly, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

**Proclamation:** Mayor Didio read a proclamation for School Choice Week

**Correspondence:**

Upon motion by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg, with all in favor, the following correspondence will be filed:

1. Letter re: Senate President Sweeney Economic and Fiscal Policy Plan
2. Letter from Life Scout Graydon Nichols re: thank you for assistance in Eagle Scout project
3. December Oradell Police Department report
4. Handout from Lou Esler from 1/22 meeting
5. Donation from 861 Battel in name of Ray Eckel to Shade Tree Trust

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kelly, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

**Public Comments:**

No member from the public came forward.

**Consent Agenda:**

Upon motion by Councilman Carnevale and seconded by Councilman Tashjian, the Consent Agenda was amended as follows:

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #19-68: approve to solicit bids for 2019 road improvement project be approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kelly, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

Upon motion by Councilman Tashjian and seconded by Carnevale, the *amended* Consent Agenda was approved as follows:

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| <b>Resolution 19-53</b> | Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$ 4,046,636.06              |
| <b>Resolution 19-54</b> | Approve Tax Court Settlement with PSEG in the amount of \$453,474.17                    |
| <b>Resolution 19-55</b> | Approve tax settlement refund to Block 1313 Lot 10 in the amount of \$982.61            |
| <b>Resolution 19-56</b> | Approve tax settlement for Block 1201 Lot 18 in the amount of \$5,887.00                |
| <b>Resolution 19-57</b> | Authorize payroll and pension service contract to ADS in the annual amount of \$10,000. |
| <b>Resolution 19-58</b> | Accept resignation from Susan Monahan as Technical Assistant to Building Department     |
| <b>Resolution 19-59</b> | Approve solicitor permit fee waiver to Oradell Lions Club                               |

<b>Resolution 19-60</b>	Accept resignation from Leo Cuttone as Senior Bus Driver
<b>Resolution 19-61</b>	Approve rejection of bids for Garbage and Recycling Collection and Disposal
<b>Resolution 19-62</b>	Approve revised usage fee schedule for Oradell Senior Center
<b>Resolution 19-63</b>	Request commitment from Suez North America to replace lead service lines
<b>Resolution 19-64</b>	Approve purchase of vehicle and equipment from State Contract for Oradell Fire Department
<b>Resolution 19-65</b>	Approve membership of Paul Trass to Oradell Fire Department
<b>Resolution 19-66</b>	Approve Borough of Oradell Mutual Aid Resolution for Bergen County Police Chief's Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force
<b>Resolution 19-67</b>	Appointment of Coordinator for Oradell Emergency Telephone System

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kelly, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

**Committee Reports:**

**Administration, Fire & Business Development**

*Council President Tracy Schoenberg*

Administration

Council President Schoenberg reminded the Council to provide comments on the Administrative Code so that the ordinance can be revised and introduced at an upcoming meeting.

Fire

Mrs. Schoenberg thanked the Mayor and Council for appointing Paul Trass this evening.

Business Development

Mrs. Schoenberg announced that the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting of Shop Oradell ( formerly EDAC) will be with the Police Department. 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter will be the Fire Official.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

A meeting was held to review the survey results. The Borough is in process of adding trips, classes and lectures which were areas of interest in the survey. We are also finalizing the hiring of a new driver for the van.

**DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:***Councilman Roger Tashjian*

Dave Atkinson, Borough Engineer, reported the Borough will be taking bids for the 2019 Road improvement program in February. He is also working with the Recreation Director on the punch list to close out the DPAC turf project

Mr. Tashjian stated that leaf season is officially over. He commented because of the ongoing wet/rainy/snow season the ground water is exceptionally high therefore the ponding of water is seen throughout the town and to exercise caution. The hook lift truck will be delivered next week and the Borough will be accepting certain kinds of Styrofoam for recycling shortly. He also stated that people should use the recycling app available to view the schedule.

**Police, Emergency Management, Regional School Funding, Technology & Communication***Councilman Stephen Carnevale**Regional School Funding*

No report

*Public Safety Committee*

The committee met with Chief Wicker on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Various topics were discussed including: Management of overtime, overnight parking, mandated training, background checks for coaches and the pedestrian flag program. Councilman Kelly stated he spoke with the coordinate for Westwood and she will be attending the February Public Meeting to present the program. Mayor Didio stated the owner of the Iron Horse restaurant commented to the Pascack Valley Mayors that the program has improved the dangerous intersection in Westwood.

*Historical Committee*

Mr. Carnevale stated the committee held their first meeting and set objectives for the year. They inquired as to the status of repairs at the Train Station. Mayor Didio stated that she requested a copy of the pending grant application and the list of completed repairs from Mrs. Lyons indicated she will circulate a copies to both Mayor Dido and Councilman Carnevale.

*Planning Board*

He reported that Planning Board will be meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the various ordinances and determine if they are consistent with the Master Plan. If the ordinances are deemed consistent they will be referred back to the Council for adoption on February 12, 2019. If the ordinances are approved, the Borough will have protection from builder remedy lawsuits until 2025 when the Fair Share housing plan will be to be revisited.

**Ordinance***Councilman Rob Jannicelli**Ordinances*

In the absence of Councilman Jannicelli, Councilman Tashjian stated that Ordinance stated that

Ordinance 19-07 is ready for first reading. This ordinance deals with a placement of garbage cans

The Borough Clerk read the ordinance into record by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 196 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL ENTITLED "MAINTENANCE STANDARDS**

Councilman Tashjian made a motion to approve Ordinance 19-07 upon first reading, to be published in the Record on Friday, February 1, 2019. Councilwoman Schoenberg seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Kelly, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Jannicelli

Abstain: None

**Finance and Insurance:**

*Councilman Thomas Kelly*

*Finance*

Councilman Kelly stated the annual budget presentations have started, there will be at least one more meeting for departments. After which, the council will meet with the Borough financial professionals and make final decisions prior to the introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

*Environmental*

Mr. Kelly reported there will be a walk around the Reservoir this weekend guided by a representative from the Sierra Club. The committee is finalizing the Coyote presentation to be held March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Blauvelt Museum. The Farmers Market planning is underway.

*Zoning Board*

He stated the Zoning Board held their reorganization meeting and positions have been filled. Mayor Didio asked Mr. Kelly to look into getting a copy of 2018 annual report from the Board.

*Outreach Committee*

He stated the committee will be working with the Borough of River Edge as they have an established outreach committee.

**Board of Health, Library, Municipal Drug Alliance:**

*Councilwoman Miriam Yu*

*Board of Health*

Councilwoman Yu reported that the Board of Health was working on creating an anti e-ci and vaping ordinance. The monthly health consultations continue and the revised schedule is up on the website.

Library

Mrs. Yu announced the River Walk Mr. Kelly spoke about is co-sponsored with the Friends of Library.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Didio asked if the Councilmembers could respond back to the Borough Administrator with their rankings for the Borough Planner RFQ so that interviews can be set up. She also asked to confirm the date of the dedication for the water filling station at Memorial Field.

**Administrator/Clerk's Report:**

Mrs. Lyons recapped the process for the 2019 Municipal Budget. She also stated that the minor improvements to Borough Hall has started and it is the objective to complete in the upcoming months.

**Borough Attorney's Report:**

No report

**Public Comment:**

Maggie Harrer, 81 Prior court inquired as to the status of the Historic element of the Master Plan approved a few years ago. She was told the element was "missing". Mrs. Lyons confirmed that the plan was adopted by the Planning Board and Mr. Depken has requested a certified copy from the Borough Planner be sent to his office for inclusion into the file.

Mr. Carnevale confirmed that the Historic Element is a part of the Master Plan. He reiterated that the Master Plan is a compilation of many elements not just one document.

Mayor Ed Mignone of River Edge spoke as he represented himself, Council President Ellen Busteded, Councilman Joseph Gautier, Rec Director Carolyn Baldanza and members of the Recreation Commission. He spoke about a resolution passed by the Borough of River Edge to object to the passage of Oradell's ordinance 18-14 establishing a recreation participation fee.

He requested the Council reconsider this ordinance and the collection of the fees as it will have consequences on the families of the children that participate in the leagues both in River Edge and Oradell.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd., inquired about having the video of the February 2010 planning board meeting uploaded to determine the outcome of the plan.

He also inquired as to the Burgis representative who toured the municipality with the Fair Share housing group to determine zoning for affordable housing.

Ellen Busteed, River Edge Council President spoke regarding Ordinance 18-14. She indicated They were also joined by Councilwoman Mary Davis. She stated participate registration statistics for various leagues.

Joe Gautier, Councilman River Edge spoke regarding Ordinance 18-14. Mr. Gautier read into the record River Edge Resolution 19-81 Resolution opposing Oradell Ordinance 18-14.

Mr. and Mrs. Keck, 730 Woodland Avenue spoke about a drainage issue on their property.

Mr. Paul Latsounas, spoke again regarding his objection to pre-existing conditions that would create hardships such as the Kecks.

Councilman Tashjian responded to Mr. Keck. Mayor Didio suggested that the Borough Engineer and she meet with the Kecks on their property to see if a solution can be achieved acceptable to both parties.

Mary Davis, Councilwoman River Edge, spoke in opposition to Oradell Ordinance 18-14.

Sebu Idiculla President of River Dell Lacrosse expressed his concern with Ordinance 18-14. He outlined issues with process and communication. He stated the communities need to work together to make the programs successful for the participants.

Mayor Didio outlined that the Ordinance was under discussion for quite some time. It was published in advance of the adoption however she stated she will listen to all comments this evening and it will be further discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Council President Schoenberg expressed concern regarding the process of communication.

Mr. James Boyle, Van Antwerp, President of River Dell Soccer spoke regarding Ordinance 18-14. He opposed the change in fee schedule and disparity between the two communities. He asked for continued discussion.

Ken Krautheim, President River Edge Recreation Commission opposed Oradell Ordinance 18-14. He mentioned that some of the leagues might split if this ordinance is upheld.

Carolyn Baldanza, River Edge Recreation Director spoke in opposition of Oradell Ordinance 18-14.

Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Avenue, spoke about the Fair Share Housing Agreement and if the town could rescind the agreement.

Mr. Oddo replied that if legislation was passed on the State level that changed requirements it would supersede the agreement but otherwise the agreement should remain in good faith.

Linda Besink, County Club Drive spoke in favor of Ordinance 18-14 and indicated that River Edge has not finically standing in the discussion.

Robert Bertinger – River Edge resident spoke in opposition of Ordinance 18-14 and indicated the communities should be united. He suggested the re-establishment of the Oradell Athletic Council.

Mayor Didio stated she has been trying to have the Athletic Council revitalized for many months and it will be prioritized.

Nick Besink, Country Club Drive spoke about the River Dell Regional School funding inequity pointing out that River Edge benefits tremendously from the current financial equation and that Oradell Council has to do what is best for this town.

Michael Valente 653 Park Avenue Oradell, commented on the regional school funding formula.

Mayor Didio explained and recounted the history on the funding formula issue correcting Mr. Valente's statements.

Mayor Mignone commented, that River Dell leagues pays field usage fees.

Carolyn Baldanza explained the difference in how fees are collected River Edge vs Oradell.

Councilman Carnevale stated a lot of discussion and thought went into drafting this ordinance.

Seeing no further member of the public, Councilman Tashjian made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Councilman Carnevale. All in favor.

Councilman Tashjian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg

All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:46 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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