

**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 30, 2018.**

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

Mayor Dianne Camelo Didio called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. and read Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act. At roll call, the following were present: Mayor Didio and Council members: Schoenberg, Rudman, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli and Kelly. Also present were Laura Lyons, Administrator/Clerk, Andrew Oddo, Esq., Borough Attorney and David Atkinson, Borough Engineer.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Councilman Andrew Rudman.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Councilman Rudman moved to adopt minutes of January 6, 2018 Sine Die meeting, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Rudman, Tashjian, Carnevale

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Jannicelli, Kelly

Councilman Rudman made a motion to approve meeting minutes from January 6, 2018 (Reorganization Meeting), seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor, none opposed.

Regarding minutes of January 16, 2018 Special Meeting, Mayor Didio suggested the following changes:

**Consent Agenda**

Councilman Carnevale inquired as to who performs the technical review of the engineer's proposals? Mrs. Lyons responded that she does, but in some cases, such as the fire department out-building, it ~~is was~~ also reviewed by other departments such as Fire Dept. Fire Department in the case of the outbuilding.

Councilman Rudman moved to adopt the revised minutes of January 16, 2018 Special Meeting, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor.

**Presentation:**

Councilman Rudman spoke about Officer Marc Fedorchak's achievements and Mayor Didio performed the Oath of Office. The officer was promoted to the position of Detective Sergeant.

Councilman Rudman spoke about Officer Mike Bartlett's achievements and Mayor Didio performed the Oath of Office. The officer was promoted to the position of Sergeant.

Chief William Wicker congratulated the two officers on their promotions.

**Public Comment:**

Mayor Didio opened the meeting to the public for agenda items only.

No member of the public came forward, therefore, Councilman Rudman made a motion to close public comment, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor.

**Correspondence:**

1. December Police Report
2. Notice from Zoning Board re: Bergen Catholic application hearing

Council President Schoenberg motion to file correspondence, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

All in favor.

**Consent Agenda:**

Upon motion by Councilman Rudman, seconded by Council President Schoenberg, it was

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-60: bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,763,625.32, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-61: authorization for continued repairs to Advanced Mechanical in the amount not to exceed \$20,000, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-62: authorization to solicit tree planting, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-63: shared service agreement with County of Bergen for preparation of Tonnage grant, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-64: Marc Fedorchak promotion to Detective Sergeant, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-65: Michael Bartlett promotion to Sergeant, be approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Rudman, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly

Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**Committee Reports:**

**Administration, Fire & Business Development**

*Council President Tracy Schoenberg*

Administration

Mrs. Lyons will follow up with labor counsel regarding UPSEU agreement and personnel handbook. Once handbook has been approved, employees will participate in training seminar.

February 20<sup>th</sup> – customer service training for Borough employees.

All employee evaluations have been completed. Admin committee will receive employee reviews by mid to end of February (for non-union employees) and consideration for merit based pay increases.

Dept. head meetings will be held twice a year. Grant writer will attend next dept. head meeting.

Fire

Fire Dept – agreement received by County regarding dive truck. Thanks to FF Terry Moran and FF Derek Kahill for their assistance.

Dive agreement also received from County.

Good Morning America reached out to the Borough about doing a public safety health segment. Mrs. Lyons will notify Mayor and Council if Borough is selected for filming the segment.

Seniors

Senior Van has arrived! It will go into use either this week or next.

Senior Summit II was very good. AARP representative spoke about moving forward with a livable community plan and how we can improve lives of seniors. SCAC (Senior Citizen Advisory Committee) will review AARP workbook which will help to guide the discussions for aging in place.

SCAC will be meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss and formulate a senior survey.

Looking to have a Senior Service Fair in spring/summer.

Business Development

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC) will draft a memo based on the 3 public charrette meetings and propose recommendations. They will also develop survey for business community and plan for quarterly Connect Oradell meetings.

**Police, Emergency Management & Regional School Funding**

*Councilman Andrew Rudman*

School funding appeal is still being decided by Appellate Court.  
Thanks to OEM Coordinator, Sgt. Kahill, for keeping everyone apprised with NIXLE.

Congratulations to Officers Fedorchak and Bartlett on their promotions.

**DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:**

*Councilman Roger Tashjian*

David Atkinson reported that the two road programs (2018 Road Improvement and Schaefer Ave. Phase 4) are out to bid.

He is hopeful to have a bid spec together for the Fire Dept out building by next week.

Councilman Tashjian reported that leaf season is officially over. Thank you to the crews for getting it done.

**Technology and Communication**

*Councilman Stephen Carnevale*

Create bylaws, standards and policies for OPTV. Looking forward to working with the group.

Historical Committee will be discussing 2018 objectives.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the third public charrette regarding Master Plan was held. Next public charrette will be held in March – date to be determined. The proposed plan will be discussed at that meeting. The proposed plan will be made available to the public prior to that meeting.

**Ordinance**

*Councilman Rob Jannicelli*

Ordinance

Ordinance committee will be meeting next week and will discuss any ordinances that were left over from 2017.

New Milford Ambulance Corps.

Attended New Milford Ambulance Corp's installation dinner. He received a plaque from the Corps in appreciation for the Borough's support.

NMVAC will utilize Borough resources such as OPTV, Borough billboard and newsletter to promote their services.

The Corps has 8 new students attending classes this year.

Recreation

Recreation – looking to restart Oradell Athletic Council. Open up dialogue between leagues to help facilitate field usage. Assigning point people from Rec Committee to assist in communication.

Special Events

Special Events – meeting scheduled for end of February and will report thereafter.

**Finance and Insurance:**

*Councilman Thomas Kelly*

Finance

Budget meetings commenced on January 27th and the Mayor and Council heard proposals from Fire, Library, Police, DPW. Additional budget meetings are scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup> to meet with other departments and Borough Auditor.

Borough of Oradell has AA rating from Standards and Poor. Quite an accomplishment. Real testament to CFO, Administrator, current governing body and former governing body.

Insurance

Met with Risk Manager recently for review.

Mayor Didio has been appointed as an executive board member to Bergen County JIF which will be a good resource for the Borough.

Shredding event for Oradell residents only is scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2018 from 9am – 1 pm.

Met with Environmental/Beautification Committee and thanked them for their hard work and enthusiasm. February 4<sup>th</sup> – nature walk at 1 pm around Oradell Reservoir.

Two grant proposals: wildlife interaction and natural resource inventory study.

Zoning Board needs additional members (2 alternates).

Bergen Catholic application has been deferred to March 19, 2018.

Board of Education

Met with the new interim president of St. Joe's.

Also attended recent OPS BOE meeting and saw presentation by 5<sup>th</sup> graders of Google Classroom.

Rotary Club is offering short term exchange program for Oradell teenagers (15-18 year olds).

Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers. 1 day/week for up to 2 hours to bring meals to needy individuals within the community.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Didio attended kickoff meeting for Sustainable Jersey. State is looking to form a "hub" in Bergen County for communities that have Sustainable Jersey programs. Many projects were discussed. Oradell will probably host a future meeting.

Mayor Didio commented on the beautiful 2018 calendar that featured drawings from OPS students on what they love about Oradell.

Bergen County purchased Emerson Golf Course. The County bonded \$8.5 million. Purchase price was \$7.825 million, so the County intends to make improvements to the course. Helpful in attracting businesses to the area. The property is now dedicated to open space which helps the Borough's COAH obligations.

County and owner of Blauvelt Mansion are subject to a non-disclosure agreement so neither party can publicly comment on their discussions. Mayor Didio has requested that the Borough be informed if talks break down and before any decisive actions are taken. If anyone sees any maintenance issues with the property, please let the Mayor know so she can personally reach out to Care One so that they can address.

Water Works facility is owned by the County. Rooves are being worked on because the site is on the National Historic Register. As such, if the building collapses, it must be rebuilt in its original form. So the County is taking preventative measures to ensure its safety.

County will be offering its Master Plan for County parks to the community for feedback. Should be available in the next few months.

Stigma Free Committee – Chair Julia Orlando will be teaching a Mental Health First Aid Class on February 21 and 22 from 4-8 pm. The training is free and open to anyone 18+ years old.

Real estate taxes and new IRS code, the Borough is continuing to monitor develops with Congressman Gottheimer's office looking at the proposal for charitable line items for municipal budgets. The program is being vetted by professionals. Once the Borough receives further update, information will be provided to residents.

Mayor Didio requested that all councilmembers take advantage of the JIF training.

**Administrator/Municipal Clerk's Report**

Thanks to Cindy Kirkpatrick for her efforts in coordinating the 2018 calendar. All positive feedback.

Enhancements to SDL portal so that public can print out their reports. Public can make reservations through the website and inspectors can insert their own comments and pass/fail. This will improve communication. Roll out is anticipated for mid-year.

Last year \$546,000 was identified as stale bond money that was re-appropriated for road improvement. This year \$550,000 was identified as stale bond money. Looking to use those monies for repairs, rehab, infrastructure improvements, playgrounds, etc. Checking with auditors to see how this can be effectuated, with an eye towards moving forward with ordinance introduction at the February public meeting, with adoption in March.

**Borough Attorney's report:**

At the next meeting, the Planner will most likely be present to discuss COAH plans.

**Old Business:**

Council President Schoenberg reported that shortly, more visible signage (i.e. pedestrian crossing, stop signs, etc.) will be more evident around town.

**New Business:**

Council President Schoenberg stated that Visage is offering a cut-a-thon from 10 am to 2 pm on Sunday to support River Dell Project Graduation.

Boy Scouts Fish Fry on February 24<sup>th</sup> at OPS.

Clean Energy program will discuss a program with Borough officials regarding lowering energy costs. The organization would assess resident's homes and advise of energy savings. More to come on this.

There is current legislation involving PSEG and there is a potential that rates could increase.

Mayor and Councilmembers Schoenberg and Kelly participated in a press conference with Congressman Gottheimer regarding Gateway Tunnel and trying to get funding for it.

Mayor Didio inquired as to PSEG's list of lights that are not working. Administrator/Clerk Lyons will follow up with her contact at PSEG as it's been at least a week since the list of lights were submitted.

Mayor Didio also asked that the Administrator/Clerk reach out to the County to find out the status of repaving Kinderkamack Road.

Councilman Tashjian also asked Mrs. Lyons to speak to PSEG rep about Oradell roads they intend to work on in 2018 and 2019. Mrs. Lyons will schedule a meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Jim Koth thanked the Governing Body for all they do. He congratulated the two officers (Fedorchak and Bartlett) that were promoted this evening. Employees pull the day to day weight of getting things done in town. Mr. Koth expressed his gratitude and thanked the Department of Public Works for all they do throughout town. Roads are plowed and salted. Trash is picked

up. Any problems are addressed. Congratulate Acting DPW Superintendent for achieving his license as Certified Public Works Manager. Mr. Koth thanks the town for investing in employees.

Councilman Rudman made a motion to close public comment, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor.

Councilman Rudman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:41 pm, the public meeting concluded.

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