

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 FEBRUARY 25, 2020

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 the Municipal Bulletin Board and is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk.

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

Mayor Didio explained the governing body met in an earlier closed session whereby the meeting what called to order and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act was read.

At roll call, the following were present:

Mayor Dianne Didio

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Councilmembers:

Roger Tashjian

Stephen Carnevale

Rob Jannicelli

Tom Kelly

Miriam Yu

Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Laura J. Lyons

Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo, Esq.

Borough Engineer David Atkinson

Flag Salute:

Award/Presentation:

Sonia Velduis was presented with a certificate for winning Runner up in the Altice USA – Optimum Region – Middle School Annual Essay contest.

Correspondence

1. Notice of Public Hearing Borough of River Edge re: Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
2. Oradell Police Department – January 2020
3. Letter from BCUA regarding Recycling Enhancement Grant
4. Notice from NJDEP regarding DAM Inspection report
5. Notice from NJDEP – no further action letter regarding Block 506 Lot 8

On a motion made by Mr. Carnevale, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg and carried on voice vote, the correspondence was filed.

Public Comment

Paul Latsounas commented regarding the swap shop shed grant. He stated he wanted cherry trees planted at the new playground site. Mayor Didio responded that the Borough employs a certified tree expert to recommend species

Consent Agenda:

Resolutions:

- Resolution 20-66** Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$5,261,830.51
- Resolution 20-67** Approve budget transfers in the amount of \$26,000
- Resolution 20-68** Authorize treasure to cancel stale dated checks
- Resolution 20-69** Annual BAN (Bond Anticipation Notes) sale in the amount of \$5,657,400
- Resolution 20-70** Approve tax appeal for Block 807 Lot 3 in the amount of \$62,745.71
- Resolution 20-71** Approve tax overpayment to Block 1107 Lot 8 in the amount of \$3,217.83
- Resolution 20-72** approve tax sale certificate 19-00002 redemption in the amount of \$27,773.56
- Resolution 20-73** Approve tax sale certificate 19-00005 redemption in the amount of \$34,905.89
- Resolution 20-74** Approve Dedication by Rider for LEAD Trust Fund
- Resolution 20-75** Approve Sustainable Jersey Application for additional swap shop shed
- Resolution 20-76** Approve tax sale certificate 19-00007 redemption in the amount of \$142.94
- Resolution 20-77** Approve interlocal agreement with Bergen County for Blood Borne Pathogen Training 2020
- Resolution 20-78** Approve interlocal agreement with Bergen County for Animal Cruelty Services for 2020
- Resolution 20-79** Approve interlocal agreement with Bergen County Utility Authority for annual preparation of recycling tonnage report.
- Resolution 20-80** Authorize solicit bids for 2020 tree planting
- Resolution 20-81** Approve membership in Oradell Fire Department for Andrew Moran
- Resolution 20-82** Approve membership in Oradell Fire Department for Nicholas Moran
- Resolution 20-83** Support local cable franchising including non-monetary obligations
- Resolution 20-84** Approve OK Foundation / Fire Department for 2020 5K Fun Run/Walk
- Resolution 20-85** Approve Rachel Kugelmass to the Environmental Committee
- Resolution 20-86** Authorize the Mayor to sign MOU with UPSEU

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

Administration, Fire & Business Development

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Admin - Council President Schoenberg stated the Borough reached an agreement with UPSEU; she thanked everyone who helped. She welcomed Rebecca McGuire who will be joining the Administrators office.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee- Council President Schoenberg reported on March 11 from 12 – 2 pm is the St Patrick’s Day Luncheon. Flyers has been posted on Bulletin board & website.

Economic Development Advisory Committee – It was reported that a kick off meeting was held. The Green Team offered to partnering to launch “Buy Local Campaign” the 1st week of May which is Small Business Week.

Fire- Council President welcomed Andrew & Nick Moran. She thanked Oradell FD for their response to the “Oil Spill of 2020” where 600lbs of cooking oil which leaked from a disabled vehicle and went into the creek. Because of quick response, OFD was able to stop the spread & remediate the creek. Just approved at this meeting is the Oradell 5K co-sponsored by the OFD will beheld on Oct 10 & encourage everyone to register and or sponsor.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

The Borough Engineer commented that the 2020 Road Program bid was advertised last week. A pre-con for Oradell Avenue will be held in the upcoming weeks.

Councilman Tashjian stated the DPW committee met last week and discussed work order program. A tour with Tenafly DPW to check out their roads. They have done Micro-plaining, which when you put a very small layer of asphalt over the roads to extend the life.

Councilman Jannicelli asked when the bathrooms will be turned back on at DPAC. Councilman Tashjian responded that the weather is still questionable.

Police, Emergency Management, Planning & Historical

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

Police- Public Safety Committee met on 2/19. Chief provided an overview of police capital budget requests for 2020 including continued investment in pedestrian & traffic signage. Patrol Officers will continue to monitor street light outages and will work with the Clerks office to notify PSEG. There has been a struggle to connect with PSE&G on several items. We have done what they requested with every 2 weeks report. Progress has been made, although not enough. Tracy suggested inputting the outages in the system as well as emailing the contact we were given at PSEG. Mayor said if no response to send a certified letter. Councilman Carnevale offered to hand deliver it also.

Planning Board Committee - Next meeting is set for March 3 at 7:30pm

Historical Committee – The committee met last evening and was the 1st meeting since Feb 1st Historical Preservation Panel discussion which was a success. The committee is continuing to develop a draft Ordinance regarding Historical Commission which will be presented to Mayor & Council. There is no specific time as of yet.

The committee continues to work with Borough Officials on the Memorial Monument project. Forwarded an email to Tracy regarding Grants that they may want to pursue or investigate

Ordinance, Recreation & NMVAC

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

Ordinance – He questioned if the Historical Ordinance that Councilman Carnevale spoke of would go to the Ordinance Committee or Mayor & Council. The Borough Administrator responded that it would deviate from the normal procedure and go to Mayor & Council first to work out the particulars before it would go to the Ordinance Committee.

Tom Kelly suggested the abandon property ordinance be examined. Mayor Didio added the Property Maintenance ordinance as she has received a few complaints from residents regarding garbage.

Councilman Jannicelli asked that if there are any other ordinances to let him know so that he can add them to discussion at the next meeting.

Steve Carnevale mentioned that Ordinance should anticipate a recommendation coming from the Planning Board Committee.

The Borough Administrator added that its been discussed inviting a member of the Planning Board as well as the Borough Planner to come give insight at the next Ordinance meeting.

Councilman Kelly mentioned that the Zoning Board chairman suggested looking at the mixed-use parking requirements

Recreation: DPAC – Councilman Jannicelli mentioned that he drove by DPAC recently and saw the contractors were there working on the grading The weather hasn't been cooperative. He reported that the Sub Committee met to talk about the Grant playground.

Skating Pond – The Borough had prepared for the season but the weather was too warm for skating.

Score Boards – there was some feedback regarding location. The Borough Administrator is waiting for follow up from Patrick Crann to see if there's anything financially that Mayor & Council will have to make up as far as difference in cost.

Mayor Didio mentioned that as far as the Fee Ordinance that was put in place, she will be meeting with the River Edge Mayo on Thursday evening.

NMVAC- at the meeting last week (Monday) they sworn in a new EMT.

Finance/Insurance, Environmental, Zoning & Outreach:

Councilman Thomas Kelly

Finance - This is a busy time as to discuss Capital & Operating Budgets. Auditors & Tax Appeal Attorney will be coming in to discuss finances with in the next 2 months.

Insurance - Nothing to report.

Mayor encouraged everyone to complete the online JIF course. The Mayor , Council and Borough Administrator are required to complete to obtain the reduction in premium

Mayor also mentioned that the JIF award breakfast is on 3/10 & that Bergen County was the 2nd lowest rating in the state with incidents.

Environmental – The committee met recently. Mr. Kelly is happy to see a new member be appointed on the consent agenda this evening. Spring will be a busy time for the committee

Zoning – nothing to report

Outreach – working on a few collections. There is a bin in Borough Hall for St Joe’s care Center which goes to a shelter in Hackensack.

Board of Health, Library, OPTV:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu

Library: Discussed Construction Bond Application Grant which opens March 9 and is due April 6th. Application has a lot to be filled out by an Architect. So, this is something we need to keep in mind if we plan to proceed with it. Committee understands if \$60,000 is a lot & if there is something more pressing to do intown.

Friends of the Library is sponsoring a new program that offers original copies of LIFE magazine that dates back to 1936. There is only 1 available per date & is on a first come first serve basis.

Next month the library will be hosting the annual Makers Day event. It is on 3/21 from 10:30am – 3:00pm. Volunteers are still needed.

Board of Ed – 7 applications were received for the vacancy for Board of Ed seat. The Board interviewed 4 candidates. All had excellent credentials and the board was excited to see such enthusiasm from the community. VJ Castro was elected to the seat.

Dr. Anzul had his last meeting on the 12th. He reported that they currently have 764 students enrolled in OPS and has a 94.23% attendance rate.

Mayor was reminded and asked the Borough Administrator the status on after care for the summer camp. The Borough Admin responded that the Rec Director still needs to finalize with them.

Rob Jannicelli added that we need to look at getting the flyers out mid-January next year. Miriam.

IT Committee: great idea the Mayor had about developing a IT Committee. Councilwoman Yu was recently speaking with a resident who is in the IT field & has suggestions regarding the CLOUD.

Mayor Didio asked that a resolution be on for the next meeting allowing for no more than 5 members to the committee.

Mayor’s Report: - Mayor Didio reported that her meeting with NJ Transit had to be rescheduled. They were slated to discuss the station and the timing of the arms which have been causing a lot of traffic.

The Borough Administrator & Mayor met with the Mayors & Admins of Hillsdale, Emerson & Westwood regarding HIP transportation. This is a app based bus service to NYC. Hoping to launch in the next 2-3 weeks. There will be a PSA soon. They have had great success in other

towns & are looking to expand.

Mayor attended a meeting with New Milford and a group called AIR (Addicts in Recovery). Oradell PD already met with them. They are trying to arrange a tri-boro agreement where they come and do quarterly presentations to all 3 communities.

Stigma Free had their 1st meeting of the year last night. Tomorrow is 'Lime Out' at the Girls Senior Basketball game at 5pm. Also, they are working on coordinating the Red Bull fundraiser again this year.

May is Mental Health month and the focus is on mindfulness, health & wellness, yoga etc. 1 member of the committee agreed to do 2 talks for our Mayors Wellness Campaign which kicks off on March 16. There are lots of fun things planned. Flyers should be mailed out soon.

Administrator/Clerk's Report: Mrs. Lyons said there has been movement on some old projects – 1) Quotes were received from 3 vendors to do the construction in the Clerks office as well as the old Building Dept upstairs. 2) There was also quotes for a Building/Facility Assessment report. This will help us be able to assess out facilities to stay on top of repairs & plan for what may be coming. Once a report is received a copy will be given to Steve Depken as well as Mayor & Council. The plan is to have our inspectors go through the report & give their feedback.

Borough Attorney's Report:

No report

Old Business:

No report

New Business

Councilwoman Yu questioned a crosswalk at Church & Kinderkamack that the corners don't meet. Councilwoman Schoenberg said because there is a driveway . a crosswalk cannot be created/established.

Yu asked if it was necessary to still have a sign there since there is no crosswalk because it is confusing to many people. All responded that maybe this is a JIF or Oradell PD question.

Councilwoman Schoenberg mentioned Gov. Murphey had an address on budgets where there are a few items we need to pay attention to.

- School Aid
- \$ to support local government
- \$ to lead remediation to water supply
- Permit modernization of DCA. Need to watch with technology.
- Commuters – raising funding of NJ Transit

Councilman Tashjian asked the Borough Administrator about getting Motor Vehicle to come back to Oradell this year.

Public Comment:

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road commented on various issues including: 66 Kinderkamack (old Subaru dealership), Dumpster at DPAC, 465 New Milford Ave (Historical Preservation), Vaping.

Daniel Serong – 914 Oradell Ave introduced himself as a new resident & would love to be more involved in the town. He stated that he works in Cyber Security if he can help in any way.

Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Avenue, commented on Swap Shop & Eagle Scouts, Ordinance procedure, Borough Attorney responded & confirmed on the procedure. Steve Carnevale added some information regarding procedure

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

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

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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