

**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 27, 2018.**

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 7:37 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, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli and Kelly. Also present were Laura Lyons, Administrator/Clerk, Andrew Oddo, Esq., Borough Attorney. Absent: Councilmember Rudman, Borough Engineer David Atkinson.

**Flag Salute:** Led by Councilman Stephen Carnevale.

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Councilman Tashjian moved to adopt minutes of January 30, 2018 regular public meeting, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor, none opposed.

Councilman Tashjian moved to adopt minutes from February 13, 2018 special public meeting, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor, none opposed.

**Public Comment:**

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

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, asked for clarification regarding Ordinance 18-02. Mrs. Lyons explained that the ordinance gives the Borough the opportunity to make improvements at any Borough owned facilities. This ordinance re-appropriates funds so it can be used for the desired improvements. Mr. Latsounas hopes that some money can be appropriated towards a water fountain at Hoffman Field.

Mr. Latsounas requested clarification of Resolution 18-71 (Authorize Cancel of \$56,125 from Ordinance 09-08 entitled improvements to Sanitary Sewer System). Mrs. Lyons responded that the Borough bonded for the sanitary sewer improvement project. Now that the project is complete, the resolution is a mechanism to allow the money to be removed from the debt roll.

**Consent Agenda:**

Mrs. Lyons asked council to consider amending the Consent Agenda to include Resolution 18-82, appointment of Emmanuel Dimotakis as Alternate #2 (term expiration 12/31/18) to Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Councilman Tashjian made a motion to include Resolution 18-82 to the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor.

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

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-69: bills and vouchers in the amount of \$5,126,932.82, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-70: annual approval of Bond Anticipation Note sale to be conducted March 27, 2018 in the amount of \$9,037,400, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-71: authorize cancel of \$56,125 from Ordinance 09-08 entitled improvements to Sanitary Sewer System, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-72: temporary capital budget for re-appropriated bond ordinances in the amount of \$212,187, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-73: annual sewer appeal to Hallmark Arms Condominium Association for excess water usage, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-74: annual sewer appeal to NJ Transit for excess water usage, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-75: veteran's tax status for Block 512 Lot 12, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-76: approval of Bergen County Police Chief's Association Mutual Aid Plan and Rapid Deployment Force, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-77: appointment of Derek Kahill OEM coordinator as coordinator of Emergency Telephone System, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-78: resignation of Scott Pordon as Fire Inspector, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-79: appointment of Steven Kochik as Borough Fire Official until 12/31/18, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-80: Neglia Engineering to conduct feasibility study of Oradell Skating Pond in an amount not to exceed \$3,600, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-81: rejection of sole bid for Fire Department prefab garage and authorize Administrator to re-advertise the solicitation of bids, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-82: appointment of Emmanuel Dimotakis as Alternate Member #2 of the Zoning Board of Adjustment (term expiration date 12/31/18), be approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Rudman

Abstain: None

**Committee Reports:**

**Administration, Fire & Business Development**

*Council President Tracy Schoenberg*

Administration

UPSEU contract negotiated and awaiting signatures.

Customer Service training was a success.

Fire

Thank you to Kidde who donated 50 CO detectors to the Borough.

FEMA grant application in the amount of \$450,000 was submitted for the purpose of switching to tri-band radio system.

County dive truck is now at the Fire Dept.

As a result of bid opening for Fire Dept. Out Building, the sole bidder far exceeded the budgeted amount. Will go out to bid again.

Business Development

EDAC (Economic Development Advisory Committee) will provide Planning Board with their comments on Master Plan. The intent is to include their comments in the initial draft of Master Plan.

EDAC will also meet with commercial property owners to get feedback doing business in town.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Working on senior survey and policy for senior van.

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

*Councilman Andrew Rudman*

In the councilman's absence, Council President Schoenberg reported that on March 12<sup>th</sup>, public safety will be meeting with key players to discuss school safety.

**DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:**

*Councilman Roger Tashjian*

2018 Road Improvement bid opening resulted in 13 bidders with anticipated March public award.

Councilman Tashjian requested bid spec so he can verify roads that were included in project.

Mayor Didio would like confirmation from County as to what roads they expect to work on this year. Mrs. Lyons will reach out to the borough engineer to see if he can touch base with the County and find out. Mrs. Lyons believes work will be done on Kinderkamack Road between Soldier Hill Rd. and the border of Emerson.

Councilman Tashjian reported that the DPW road team has been filling in potholes and thanked them for their efforts.

There was a bid opening for hook lift truck that resulted in a sole bidder.

Ongoing talks with waste collectors. Thought is to have garbage pick up 2x week (town wide) and recycling 1x week. Just a proposal for now.

The councilman would like to speak to the Administrator/Clerk about going out to bid now based on the proposed revised garbage collection dates. The Borough has another option year with its current waste collector. Councilman Tashjian would like to compare pricing between the proposed 2x week collection schedule vs the remaining option year.

Businesses in town can privately contract with the Borough's waste collector for garbage pickup. Mayor would like a flyer sent to Oradell businesses so they are aware of the option.

Bus shelter locations are being decided by County and their engineer.

**Technology and Communication**

*Councilman Stephen Carnevale*

OPTV can be viewed not only on cable tv, but also via live stream on the Borough's website ([www.oradell.org](http://www.oradell.org)).

OPTV is working on a show called Meet Your Oradell Neighbor. Suggestions are welcome from the public.

OPTV also has video bulletin board so if a committee needs to spread the word. Please contact OPTV.

OPTV is looking for volunteers.

Next regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Board is March 6, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

The next Master Plan public charrette is **tentatively** scheduled for April 7, 2018. Date and time still need to be confirmed. Planning Board would like to release the initial draft of the Master Plan to the public at least two weeks prior to the public charrette.

Councilman Carnevale will follow up directly with Administrator/Clerk Lyons regarding discussion items from Historic Committee.

Mayor Didio stated that she met a young man from Maine whose grandmother was related to Blauvelt daughter. In cleaning out his grandmother's home, he found a treasure trove of history regarding Blauvelt Mansion and had the wherewithal to contact Oradell's archivists so that these items could be preserved.

### **Ordinance**

*Councilman Rob Jannicelli*

### **Ordinance**

Ordinance 18-02 is ready for introduction.

Borough Clerk read the ordinance into record by title only:

Ordinance providing for improvement of buildings and playgrounds in and by the Borough of Oradell in the County of Bergen, New Jersey and appropriating \$316,580 therefor constituting proceeds of obligations of the Borough heretofore issued.

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-02 upon first reading, to be published in the Record on Friday, March 2, 2018. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Rudman

Abstain: None

Mrs. Lyons will provide ordinance committee and borough attorney with model ordinances for future ordinances to be reviewed.

### **Recreation**

Recreation – met with leagues: Little League, Lacrosse and Soccer to discuss head count, field usage, number of participants, etc. There is already a lot of open communication between the head of these leagues.

Despite the open communication, there is still a need for an online uniform field scheduling

system.

Lights at DPAC – when the lights go out, the field gets very dark. Lighting should be left on for a few minutes to allow players to get off field safely.

Conversely, it is a waste of energy if lights are left on when there is inclement weather.

Mrs. Lyons will follow up with Patrick Crann, Recreation Director, to see if he contacted lighting company.

Recently, tree fell on third base dugout at DPAC. Tree removed, but netting needs to be fixed.

Special Events

Special Events – meeting scheduled for tomorrow.

Ambulance

They may be interested in utilizing OPTV to spread their message.

Mayor Didio encouraged council to reach out to one another if they are unable to attend their respective committee meetings.

**Finance and Insurance:**

*Councilman Thomas Kelly*

Finance

There have been budget meetings for the past couple of months and a few more to come. On schedule to introduce preliminary budget next month.

Insurance

Reminder for Mayor and Council and Administrator to complete their training program with JIF. The Borough receives a credit for each member that completes the program.

Environmental/Beautification

Committee can always use additional members.

Annual nature walk was held on Super bowl Sunday. It was a successful walk around the reservoir.

Shredding event is scheduled for March 17, 2018 from 9-1 at DPW.

Farmer's Market is scheduled to start every Sunday starting June 3, 2018 – November.

Spring planting May 5<sup>th</sup> – volunteers should meet behind Borough Hall at 9 am.

Library is hosting Annual Maker's Day on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm.

Sustainable Jersey - at the last Mayor and Council meeting, the 2018 Green Team was established.

Formulating hub to share ideas with surrounding communities.

NJ Clean Energy – Oradell is targeting September to host a clean energy forum.

Zoning Board

Bergen Catholic application will be heard on March 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Board of Education

Attended OPS BOE meeting. Administration is in the process of formulating a long-term district strategic plan. Reaching out to broad group of community members for shared vision for the district, identifying strengths and challenges along with goals. Meeting has been scheduled for March 7, 2018 in school auditorium with subsequent meetings to be scheduled for April, May and June.

Due to recent flu epidemic, each classroom has been thoroughly cleaned. In January, there was greater than 95% attendance rate.

At the BOE meeting, Richard, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, gave presentation regarding the school's outreach programs.

On another note, Meals on Wheels still looking for volunteers for one day a month.

For teens and high school students, there is still time to participate in the Rotary's summer exchange program.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Didio reported the library is having a fundraiser on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Fat Saturday. Proceeds to benefit children's educational resources and other library initiatives.

The Mayor will provide Administrator/Clerk Lyons with contact info for Burbio, a calendar program that pulls from the different calendars within a municipality so that an individual can access all of the events within the municipality. The Mayor asked Mrs. Lyons to coordinate a meeting with Burbio to see if they would be a good fit with Oradell.

On Friday, Mayor Didio will be reading to a kindergarten class at OPS for Read Across America.

On March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, Mayor Didio and Mayor Birkner (of Westwood) are co-hosting an Open House at the Westwood Community Center regarding Moms Demand Action in response to the school tragedy in Parkland, FL.

**Administrator/Municipal Clerk's Report**

Customer Service training for borough employees was a success. The program was well attended and very interactive. The Administrator is seeking feedback about the program from the department heads.

Melissa (in the Clerk's office) is working hard coordinating an Earth Day event on April 29<sup>th</sup> (rain date May 6<sup>th</sup>). The Mayor's Wellness Campaign is scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> --- theme is Get Fit Oradell.

Patrick Crann, Recreation Director, is putting together summer rec program. Administrator/Clerk would like registration form to be complete within next couple of weeks so families can plan ahead.

**Borough Attorney's report:**

The attorney and the planner continue to work on affordable housing plan. Conference scheduled with Special Master in early March.

**Old Business:**

Councilman Kelly asked about utilizing parking spots behind post office. The Mayor responded that requests have been made to the post office about the spots, but they have not been willing to open the spots. Mayor Didio suggested reaching out to Risk Manager to obtain a certificate of insurance which may allay any fears that the post office has in terms of liability. Mrs. Lyons will reach out to the Risk Manager.

Mrs. Lyons will contact Congressman Gottheimer's office to follow up regarding his discussions with the post masters as it pertains to the many complaints Oradell residents have expressed concerning their mail service.

Council President Schoenberg also asked that there be follow up regarding the rusty mailbox on Grove St.

**New Business:**

Nothing to report.

**Public Comment:**

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, thanked the DPW for doing a great job filling in potholes on Beverly, Argyle and Berkshire.

Brick pavers are really deteriorating at library. Mrs. Lyons explained that the money that was re-appropriated this evening is a good example of how a portion can be used to fix the pavers at the library.



The resident commented that he has received mail at his home meant for others, so he concurs with the comments regarding poor delivery service.

Parking stripes in the public lot by the post office (Veldran Ave.) need to be repainted because they are faint and can hardly be seen.

Dan Nywening is doing an excellent job and he should not be removed or demoted from his job unless there is something that went terribly wrong. Mr. Latsounas is unaware of any such problem.

There was an ad posted on a bus shelter in violation of the Borough's ordinance. Mr. Latsounas left the posting with the Borough Administrator/Clerk.

Mr. Latsounas inquired as to whether the \$527,000 (combination of resolution 18-72 and ordinance 18-02) is in the budget? Mrs. Lyons responded that it is not in the budget, but rather monies from an old bond ordinances that are being re-appropriated to a new bond ordinance.

Mr. Latsounas feels that if the money is not in the budget, then it is taxpayer money and should be placed in an emergency fund or to reduce taxes.

Ted L'Estrange, 6 Geoffrey Ct., Otisville, NY, spoke about forced organ harvesting in China. He stated that China's hospitals transplant between 60,000 and 100,000 vital human body organs each year, despite not having an organ donation program. Tens of thousands of "prisoners of conscience" are being killed for their organs. Forced organ harvesting in China has been going on for over 18 years, but still there is relative silence on the subject.

Councilman Carnevale made a motion to close public comment, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

All in favor.

Councilman Tashjian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Carnevale.

All in favor.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:45 pm, the public meeting concluded.

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