

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 APRIL 24, 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 7:30 p.m. and read Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

At roll call, the following were present:
Mayor Dianne Didio

Councilmembers:
Tracy Schoenberg
Roger Tashjian
Stephen Carnevale
Rob Jannicelli
Tom Kelly

Administrator/Clerk Laura Lyons
Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo
Borough Engineer David Atkinson

Absent:
Councilman Rudman

Flag Salute: Led by Councilman Rob Jannicelli

Adoption of Minutes:

Council President Schoenberg moved to adopt minutes of March 27, 2018 regular public meeting, seconded by Councilman Carnevale.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly
Nays: None
Absent: Rudman
Abstain: None

Presentation:

Burbio representatives explained the Burbio application. A Burbio “button” has been inserted on the Borough’s homepage. Burbio is a free website and app that puts all Oradell school, government, library and community events in one place. With Burbio, you can select calendars

to follow, create a personalized event feed, sync events to Google or iPhone calendars instantly and get notified when things change.

Free for nonprofits to have presence on Burbio.

Correspondence included a letter from Tax Administrator Robert Layton. The correspondence stated that the 2018 taxable values have been computed at a ratio of 94.42% for the Borough of Oradell. Mayor Didio asked for clarification because with the rolling assessment shouldn't it be at 100%?

Tax Assessor James Anzevino approached the public microphone and explained that the 94.42% is strictly a county ratio and not a ratio for tax appeals. Tax appeals will be at 100%. The County's 94.42% ratio takes prior year sales and compares against current assessments.

Regarding Oradell's rolling assessment, the first year, every home in Oradell was inspected. The State says that over the next 4 years, 100% of the homes must be inspected. Therefore, for the next 4 years, 25% of homes will be inspected each year.

Deadline to file tax appeal with the County is May 1st.

Mayor Didio opened the meeting to the public.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, questioned Resolution 18-117 (Tax Sale redemption certificate release Block 807 Lot 1). He asked if the property owners were delinquent paying their taxes. Mayor responded in the affirmative. Mr. Latsounas wanted to know if interest was charged. Mayor responded in the affirmative.

Regarding Resolution 18-122 (Request NJ Transit to install 5 bus shelters in Borough of Oradell at various locations), Mr. Latsounas requested signs be installed regarding no posting of bills. Administrator/Clerk Lyons responded that the signs are on order. Mr. Latsounas further stated that if benches are located at the site of the future bus shelters, those benches should be reused at playgrounds, etc.

Council President Schoenberg moved to close public comment, seconded by Councilman Tashjian. All in favor.

Correspondence:

Upon motion by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Kelly, and upon unanimous consent, the following correspondence shall be filed:

1. NFA from DEP re: Block 703 Lot1
2. Letter from Borough of Paramus re: various county intersections safety
3. March Oradell Police monthly report
4. Letter from Robert Layton BC Tax Administrator re: revaluation level

2018 Municipal Budget Adoption

Katie Chen, CMFO and Jim Cerullo (Borough Auditor), joined the Mayor and Council to answer any questions that they, or the public, might have regarding the budget.

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

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-114: authorization of self-examination of municipal budget, be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Rudman

Abstain: None

Upon motion by Council President Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Kelly, the meeting was opened to the public. All in favor.

There were no questions from the governing body or members of the public, therefore, upon motion by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Council President Schoenberg, and upon unanimous consent, the meeting was closed to the public.

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

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-115: adoption of the Municipal Budget in the total amount of \$16,682,930.15, be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Rudman

Abstain: None

Ordinance

Councilman Jannicelli stated that Ordinance 18-03 is ready for final reading.

Borough Clerk read the ordinance into record by title only:

An ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-03 upon final reading, to be published in the Record on Friday, April 27, 2018. Council President Schoenberg seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Rudman

Abstain: None

Mayor Didio thanked all who assisted in preparing the budget.

The estimated tax rate resolution will probably be listed in the next month or so. Waiting for county to finalize their numbers.

At the May 8th work session, the capital budget will be discussed.

Councilman Tashjian stated that a lot of residents prepaid 1st and 2nd quarter taxes and, therefore, may forget about 3rd quarter taxes which are due August 1st. Administrator/Clerk Lyons responded that estimated tax bills are usually sent June/July. Mr. Cerullo suggested that the estimated tax rate resolution contain language reminding residents of the August 1st due date.

As there were no further questions for the CMFO and Borough Auditor, they departed the meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Upon motion by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Carnevale, it was

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-116: bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,182,370.11, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-117: tax sale redemption certificate release Block 807 Lot 1, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-118: affirming Borough's civil right policy, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-119: public emergency paving with Tilcon for PSEG work in the amount of \$122,000, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-120: UPSEU contract (1/1/17-12/31/19) and authorization for Mayor and Clerk to sign document, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-121: adoption of revised employee handbook/manual, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-122: request that NJ Transit install 5 bus shelters in Borough of Oradell at various locations, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-123: stipulation of settlement for Block 108 Lot 14 in the amount of \$467.23, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-124: appointment of Thomas Weimer to Environmental/Beautification Committee, be approved.
approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Rudman

Abstain: None

Regarding Resolution 18-119, Councilman Tashjian explained that PSEG gave short notice that they will be working on Atlantic St. doing a pipe change on Thursday. The good news is that Atlantic was slated for a future road improvement project, but now we can split the cost with PSEG. PSEG will patch the road upon completion of the pipe job, however, the rest of the street will probably not be paved until October or November or even next spring, depending on how the road settles.

Upon completion of Atlantic, PSEG will turn their attention to Oradell Ave. (between Prospect to Chapin).

Councilman Tashjian said that roadwork will also be done on Lotus Ave. from Prospect to Kinderkamack as a part of the 2018 Road Improvement project.

We have a great partnership with PSEG. The councilman thanked Administrator/Clerk Lyons for facilitating the meetings and bettering our relationship with the utility company.

Council President Schoenberg mentioned that PSEG is appearing before BPU tomorrow to get a 5 year furtherance of the Energy Strong project at approximately \$1 billion.

Mr. Atkinson spoke with PSEG today. If, during 2019, if the borough paves a road that PSEG later needs to work on, PSEG said they will repave that road from curb to curb.

Committee Reports:

Administration, Fire & Business Development

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Administration

Upon tonight's adoption of Resolution 18-120, authorization to approve UPSEU contract (term 1/1/17-12/31/19) was finalized.

Within next couple of weeks, hope to revise Admin Code and merit based pay for non-union employees.

The Borough is a recipient of a grant to refurbish WWI monument (Oradell Ave. across from the train station).

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Senior Van policy is currently being worked on.

Senior Van was unveiled at the Senior Center last week.

Leo our senior van driver is fantastic, however, we are looking to hire a second van driver who possesses CDL.

Special thanks to Chair of SCAC, Kelly Weber. Kelly speaks at the Senior Social Club and also promotes Oradell senior activities through her business flyer.

Fire

Two fires recently – sincere gratitude to all responders.

Administrator/Clerk said that the Fire Dept. outhouse could be a reality by this summer.

Firetruck committee is committed to getting the best possible truck with amenities for the budgeted price.

Business Development

Bergen for Business is a new service provided by the County' economic development. Each Bergen County municipality will have their own presence on the website.

Vacant properties can be listed on the website.

EDAC (Economic Development Advisory Committee) would like to meet with business owners and commercial property owners. Facilitate communication.

New FaceBook page for EDAC will be created.

Congratulations to Calabria Pizza on their 3rd year anniversary. They are a valuable member of the community. Much appreciation for their generosity.

Police, Emergency Management & Regional School Funding

Councilman Andrew Rudman

In Councilman Rudman's absence, Mayor Didio reported that still no word on the Appellate Division's decision regarding school funding.

Oradell Public Library did a phenomenal job at Fat Saturday fundraiser. Music was outstanding and the event was a success.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

5 bus shelters were chosen (Trenton design) to be installed along Kinderkamack Rd. NJ Transit will install.

Trying to figure out best use of salvaging DPW vehicles. More discussions to come on this.

DPW Committee spoke about emergent vs. non-emergent use of overtime.

The councilman asked if DPW could assist putting up the Stigma Free green ribbons in May. Mayor Didio replied in the negative since there are many organizations in town that request to hang ribbons and past practice has always been that it is the organization's responsibility to hang the ribbons as we do not have enough manpower.

DPW is starting to do spring clean up around town.

Dave Atkinson reported:

Preconstruction meetings were held last week for 1) 2018 road program; and 2) Schaefer Ave. – Phase 4. Road program should begin on or around April 30th. Notice will be provided to affected homeowners and there will be a notice posted on the borough's website.

Schaefer Ave. will begin on or around May 7th.

Roads will be open during construction, but closed during milling and paving. Police will be onsite to help with traffic.

Potholes are being plugged – main roads, secondary roads, tertiary roads.

Wildwood Ave. most likely will be included in 2019 road program. Not confirmed yet. Councilman Tashjian will look at puddling at Wildwood/Prospect.

Mayor Didio mentioned that Carolina Ct. should also be looked at for inclusion in the 2019 road program.

The engineer stated that the recent rainfall was extensive. A lot of water fell in a short amount of time. If stream channel can't get water drained fast enough, it ends up collecting and affecting residents. Mayor asked that the situation concerning a resident who complained of water run off from an adjacent property (she sent a copy of the letter to the engineer and administrator) be looked into. Administrator Lyons asked Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Depken to speak to the golf club to find out about their policy regarding water runoff so that a response could be sent to the resident.

Mr. Atkinson contacted County representative regarding intersections, i.e. Forest/Oradell; Oradell/Summit; Forest/Soldier Hill. He is requesting meeting with the County.

Mayor Didio also mentioned another letter she received concerning discharge of sump pump. The resident opposes the idea that the sump pump is causing deterioration of the street paving at the intersection (Woodland/Prospect). Mayor Didio would like this matter looked into and discussed further at the work session.

Regarding library HVAC system – the engineer said that he spoke to the contractor and all appears to be operational with the system.

Technology and Communication

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

Master Plan Public Meeting tomorrow at 7:30 pm 2nd floor meeting room. Draft of the plan is available on the Borough website. Email address is available to submit comments on the plan. OPTV will broadcast the meeting.

Identifying best practices regarding OPTV in terms of putting together a policy document.

OPTV looking for volunteers.

Recently Oradell hosted Sustainable Jersey meeting with several municipalities in attendance. Environmental concerns were discussed. It was an insightful meeting. He thanked all who coordinated and participated.

Strategic meeting with OPS was well attended and enlightening.

Historical committee meeting – although nothing new to report, it is always a pleasure to learn about the rich history of Oradell.

Ordinance

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

Ordinance

Ordinance Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday.

Ambulance

The councilman will review the ambulance report.

Plans were put in place a while ago for the Ambulance Corps. to attend Earth Day celebration (April 29th). A lacrosse tournament was also scheduled for the same day. There were concerns regarding coverage for both events, but the ambulance corps. will be able to provide sufficient coverage for both events.

Burbio will be a great resource in terms of scheduling events in town to avoid conflicts.

Recreation

OK Kids looking to move toddler area to the back of the playground (Memorial Field). They also discussed basketball rims, netting and resurfacing.

Councilman Kelly advised that an Eagle Scout is looking to do a project at the field that includes handball court.

Council President Schoenberg suggested anyone interested should take a look at Old Tappan, Harrington Park and Norwood basketball courts to get ideas of different surface material.

Patrick Crann has 3D renderings for Hagler Park improvements. He will attend the capital budget meeting.

Special Events

April 29th – Earth Day event. 11 am to 5 pm.

Suggested posting Earth Day event at lacrosse tournament.

Councilman Tashjian inquired as to status of field usage fees. Councilman Jannicelli responded that the matter will be discussed at the next recreation meeting. Mr. Oddo will provide information regarding field usage fees.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilman Thomas Kelly

Finance

Budget adopted tonight and capital budget will be discussed at May 8th work session.

Insurance

The Borough received gold award for safety. Gerard Quinn, Risk Manager, will be invited to the next public meeting (May 22nd) to present the safety award plaque.

Environmental/Beautification

Welcome to Tom Weimer who was appointed to the committee tonight.

Earth Day there will be seedlings and fun activities for the children.

May 6th – town wide plantings. 105 pots need to be planted.

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

Community Clean Up on June 9th. A shredding truck will also be available.

Eagle Scout project to upgrade access to Memorial Field picnic area. Pathway for strollers and wheelchair. More to come.

Sustainable Jersey – Oradell is hosting regional hub meeting on April 11th and televised on OPTV.

Zoning Board

Zoning Board – Bergen Catholic application continues before the Board on May 21st.

Board of Education

OPS adopted school budget coming in under 2% cap.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Didio reported that JIF has proposed a MEL cyber risk program. If compliant, then there are incentives for a lower deductible.

Mayor's Wellness Campaign – nutrition event at the senior center at 6 pm tomorrow.

Caffeine will be brewing coffee for the volunteers on May 6th who are helping with the planting.

Sticks Up for Stigma Free - May 4th River Dell HS Girls Lacrosse Varsity 4:15pm and JV at 6 pm.

May 10th – Stigma Free is hosting the Impact of Technology on Mental Health at River Dell HS Library at 7:30 pm.

Administrator/Clerk report:

Request from Keller Williams Annual Dog Rescue on May 10th at Hague Park. Council agreed to the request.

Bergen SWAN would like to hold an event in September for reading at Hague Park. The event has been rescheduled to September. Further info to come at a later date.

For the past two years, the Memorial Day parade was cancelled due to inclement weather. This year we will have a wreath laying ceremony at various sites: Rossi, Memorial and WWI monument (by the train station). Melissa will be working on the specifics.

Laura Lyons will be leaving for 8 weeks (starting tomorrow) for the birth of her second son. During her absence, clerk questions should be directed to Deputy Borough Clerk Cindy Kirkpatrick and Katie Chen, CMFO, will handle Administrator's responsibilities.

Borough Attorney's report:

Continuing to work on COAH with Borough Planner, Joe Burgis. Hoping to receive comments from Fair Share Housing Group by next Mayor and Council meeting to discuss in closed session.

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Councilman Kelly thanked Mayor and Council for approving Resolution 118-12 establishing the Community Outreach committee. Looking for volunteers. The purpose of the committee is to help those residents in need.

Thursday, May 31st to have kickoff meeting for committee.

Mayor Didio suggested pulling representative from SCAC, Stigma Free, etc. Those volunteers may be a good resource.

Council President Schoenberg said she was a witness to a horrific incident at the mall today. There are people who are in crisis among us. It is important to remove the stigma of mental illness. Prayers go out to the family of the young man who felt hopeless.

Public Comment:

Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Ave., said OPTV will tape a Stigma Free show on Friday. OPTV will air the Will Craig interview. Mr. Craig is related to the Blauvelt family. He found a treasure trove of items and heirlooms from the Blauvelt family.

25' flagpole will be installed by historic train station.

Sean Hogan, Eagle Scout, will present his project to the Beautification/Environmental Committee next week.

Mr. Tripsas recalled the time many years ago when there was discussion to convert the land now known as "Hague Park" into a development for homes. He is glad that it remains a park to this day.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, stated that back in March 2017, he received notice from Brinkerhoff Environmental Services that they were going to be performing clean up services at the former Liberty Subaru site. By following up with the environmental company, he learned that the site is currently under contract but at this point no one knows who bought the site or how it will be developed.

Businesses should be held responsible for cleaning up frontage and parking lots.

Regarding Hagler Park playground (at DPAC), the resident drew a sketch of his idea for the park including ADA compliant activities. He would like to review the plan with Borough officials.

Mayor suggested that Mr. Latsounas share his plan with the Borough Engineer and Councilman Jannicelli.

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

All in favor.

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

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 pm, the public meeting concluded.

Cindy Kirkpatrick
Deputy Borough Clerk