

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 AND VIA TELECONFERENCE ON APRIL 28, 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

At roll call, the following were present:

Mayor Dianne Didio

Council President Tracy Schoenberg- dialed in

Councilmembers:

Roger Tashjian – dialed in

Stephen Carnevale – dialed in

Rob Jannicelli – dialed in

Tom Kelly – dialed in

Miriam Yu – dialed in

Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Laura J. Lyons

Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo, Esq.

Borough Engineer David Atkinson – dialed in

Mayors Update: Earlier this evening we hosted a Virtual Town Hall meeting with Gottheimer & Lagana on issues related to COVID.

- As of 8pm this evening, the Borough has currently had 151 positive cases & lost 14 souls
- Reminder that Borough Hall remains closed to the public, although residents can pay taxes online at our website, mail or put in box attached to the back of the building.
- Gov. this afternoon signed an executive order allowing municipalities to extend the grace period of the May 1st payment to June 1st. If council approves Resolution, you will have an additional 20 days to pay your taxes. If Resolution is introduced & approved.
- Many residents have reached out offering to help our senior citizens during this time. If you would like to reach out and help please email TDuddie@oradell.org. If you're a senior and need help please call borough hall & leave a message for either Tina Duddie or Melissa Presta.
- Please continue to follow CDC guidelines. There have been concerns expressed about the community not always practicing social distancing. Social Distancing is the single most important thing to battle COVID.

Minutes: March 24, 2020

On a motion to file – Tracy Schoenberg – 2nd Roger Tashjian

Public Comment

The meeting is now open to the public. Each speaker shall have one turn and not exceed 5 minutes. Please identify yourself when recognized by the moderator and remain courteous.

Sam Tripsas –Commented of Resolution 20-102.

Mayor explained that Mr. Tripsas is only present because he is a member of OPTV. The building remains closed to the public.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road – various questions on resolutions & projects. Mayor Didio and the Borough Administrator provided responses. Requested a meeting with Mayor. Mayor will follow up.

On a motion made by Council President, seconded by Councilman Carnevale public comment was closed.

Correspondence

- 1. Thank you letter from Clair Beslow

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

Consent Agenda:

Agenda items listed will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these terms unless a member of the Council requests, in which event the item will be removed from the general order of business and considered in its sequence on the agenda.

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

Resolutions:

- Resolution 20-98** Approve payments of all bills & vouchers in the amount of \$2,198,027.43
- Resolution 20-99** Approve tax overpayment reimbursement of \$265.18 to Block 608 Lot 13
- Resolution 20-100** Approve support resolution to JIF bylaw revision
- Resolution 20-101** Approve option year extension with BCUA to expire May 31, 2021
- Resolution 20-102** Approve application person to person transfer Red Bank Buy Rite LLC
- Resolution 20-103** Approve grace period for tax payment till June 1
- Resolution 20-104** Approve furlough of Recreation Director

Amended Consent Agenda on a motion made by Mrs. Schoenberg, seconded by Mrs. Yu.
Approve Consent Agenda on a motion by Tracy Schoenberg, second by Roger Tashjian and carried on voice vote, Resolutions were approved.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Council Updates:

Tracy Schoenberg - thanked OFD for their service and for ensuring all are safe. Thanked Tina on her work on getting the Senior Match Program list & program started. She asked people to support local businesses. There will be a list of restaurants on the website to easily identify who is open. She stated that Small Business week has been postponed. She thanked River Dell High School Senior Jane Lombardi for her Porch Program. She has currently photographed 100 families. She also thanked Cheryl Ziller for sewing & donating masks and Kelly Weber for her daily broadcasts.

Roger Tashjian - Dave Atkinson (Borough Engineer) updated on Oradell Avenue paving project which will be from the bridge to Grant Avenue.

DPW is currently working on split shifts for everyone's safety. Compliment them for their jobs getting completed even on split shifts.

Steve Carnevale – Public Safety met last week and its very reassuring that our Police Dept continues to demonstrate a very high level of preparedness and on-going readiness in helping to keep our community safe during this crisis.

Tom Kelly reported the Environmental Committee is scheduled to meet tomorrow via zoom. They would like to discuss opening the Farmers Market, Recycling Center & the town wide planting.

Rob Jannicelli - Thanked New Milford Volunteer Ambulance Corp for all they are doing as they have been responding & taking care of Covid or potential Covid patients.

Summer Rec Camp – based on the times that we are facing the Borough unfortunately will not going to be able to have a Rec program this summer.

Miriam Yu – Library – reminder that the building has been closed as of March 13. Although Digital Library is available giving access to electronic books, audio books etc. The passes that are normally available for museum tours are now being used for free virtual tours of all 10 of our participating museums. Stay tuned to the library website for updates of free virtual programs. We are also happy to announce Mrs. Blakeslee has joined the library as the new youth service librarian.

Board of Ed – since school has moved to virtual learning its been challenging for everyone. But transitions are moving along.

IT – scheduled to meet tomorrow.

Andy Oddo – nothing to report for the public.

Rob Jannicelli – questioned if Little League would be able to get on the fields prior to lifting the Order to prepare fields. Mayor & Laura Lyons responded that would be discussed at the next Task Force meeting.

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

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:55 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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