

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 MAY 26, 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:

Mayor Didio advised that meeting moving forward will be hosted by ZOOM platform and will be located upstairs. She thanked OPTV for filming the Memorial Day services. The Budget is on the agenda for introduction and will be approved at the June public meeting. At this time there is no approved recreation sport practice. Mayor Didio reported that tomorrow the department of Education & Higher Education will release guidance on High School and Middle School outdoor graduations. They can be scheduled as of July 6.

She stated that outdoor gathering capacity was increased to 25 as per Executive Order. Guidance on outdoor dining should be issued next week.

Mayor Didio reported that tennis courts were allowed to be opened by the Governor last Friday and left to each municipality to approve separately. We are currently working on policy & procedures to get our courts open for singles play with restrictions set forth in the Governors orders.

A motion to amend the Consent Agenda to add Resolution 20-115 is needed. The Re-bid of the road program was taken last week and needs to be approved to move the project forward. The funds allocated for this project were set aside in the 2019 capital.

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.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road provided comment regarding drainage issue at the playground. The Borough Attorney responded.

On a motion made by Council President, seconded by Roger Tashjian public comment was closed.

Correspondence

None

2020 Municipal Budget

- Resolution 20-113** Introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget in the total amount of \$17,783,797.38
- Resolution 20-114** Authorizing increase of Deferred School Taxes for Regional High School and Local School Tax

On a motion made by Mr. Tashjian, seconded by Mr. Carnevale and carried on voice vote, the Municipal Budget Resolutions were approved.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- Ordinance 20-2** An Ordinance to exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to establish a Cap Bank NJSA 40A:4-45

On a motion made Mr. Jannicelli, seconded by Mr. Tashjian

Roll Call Vote:

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

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.

Resolutions:

- Resolution 20-109** Approve payments of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$7,638,132.15
- Resolution 20-110** Approve estimated tax bill for 2020
- Resolution 20-111** Approve tax overpayment refund to Block 1401 Lot 36 in the amount \$4,369.14
- Resolution 20-112** Approve Surplus items for public auction via Gov Deals
- Resolution 20-115** Approve 2020 Road Program to Smith Soudy in amount not to exceed \$579,953.95

Approve Consent Agenda as amended on a motion by Roger Tashjian, second by Steve Carnevale and carried on voice vote, Resolutions were approved.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Ordinance:

- Adoption 20-01** An ordinance providing for Salary Amendment for Police Chief and Police Lieutenant

On a motion made Mr. Jannicelli, seconded by Mr. Tashjian

Roll Call Vote:

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

Mayor Didio thanked the Beautification Committee on the fantastic job in the town wide planting. Mayor Didio acknowledged Boy Scout Alex Saldana. He has played taps at the Veterans home in Paramus for 49 nights in a row.

Council Updates:

Tracy Schoenberg – She thanked Alex Saldana and his parents for coming up from the shore early and Alex playing at each of the monuments for Memorial Day. Council President

Schoenberg asked the status of the Old Moe repairs. Mr. Oddo responded. She reminded the seniors that if they need assistance to call Borough Hall.

She encourage everyone to continue to shop local. This week Caffeine, Jay Dragon & Red Apple reopened.

She stated as chair of the Admin Committee she thanked all the Borough employees who have been working under very challenging circumstances all during working from home, alternate shifts etc. and still continue to provide the necessary services to our residents.

Roger Tashjian – The Borough Engineer provided an update on Oradell Avenue Improvement Project.

Councilman Tashjian expressed appreciation to the DPW. They are working on split shifts with no negative impact to the residents. He reported that the Recycling Center is open. Masks and social distancing are required.

Councilman Kelly asked about the Swap Shop. Mayor confirmed that the Swap Shop is still on hold.

Councilman Tashjian reminded everyone that the DPW does pick up metal on Mondays. Residents can call by the prior Friday to make an appointment.

Steve Carnevale – Public Safety met virtually last Tuesday. Chief Wicker and the entire Police Department continues to carry out their responsibilities in a very effective manner and for that we are very grateful for their professionalism and support for the Oradell community.

Rob Jannicelli -The NMVAC has been doing a tremendous job handling all calls, they are responding to COVID calls. They are well supplied & stocked with PPE so there is no concern at this time.

He inquired as to the progress on the drive-in night. The Borough Administrator responded that quotes are being firmed up and then announcements will be made.

Tom Kelly – He reiterated the budget timeline and is looking forward to the close out of the process next month. He reminded residents that Taxes are due June 1st

He stated the environmental committee has been busy with the town wide planting. He requested that the Farmers Market move forward so opening day can remain scheduled.

Miriam Yu – She reported the IT Committee is finalizing a survey which will be sent to out IT consultant.

She stated on May 4th the Library Board passed a Resolution to Furlough non-working part time employees until library's is ready to reopen. Effective today, if you have any outstanding books, DVD, or games, that need to be returned, any material that belongs to the Oradell Library can be returned in the book drop. Virtual programs continue to be available for all types of classes and fun programs, so visit the OPL website for updated information.

Admin/ Clerk – Mrs. Lyons stated that she is in contact with the OEM Coordinator on a daily basis.

Andy Oddo – nothing to report.

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

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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