

**A SPECIAL 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 JUNE 12, 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. Notice of this meeting via the May 18, 2018 Notice has been sent to the Record and posted on two municipal bulletin boards.

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

During the agenda work session, a motion was made by Mrs. Schoenberg and seconded by Mr. Tashjian to suspend the work session and convene a special meeting. Present at the meeting were:

Mayor Dianne Didio

Councilmembers:

Tracy Schoenberg

Roger Tashjian

Stephen Carnevale

Rob Jannicelli

Tom Kelly

Miriam Yu

Interim Administrator Katie Chen

Deputy Borough Clerk Cindy Kirkpatrick

Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo

Borough Engineer David Atkinson

**Public Comment:**

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, asked for clarification on bond ordinance 18-04. Mrs. Chen explained that the ordinance includes purchase of new fire truck, replacement of DPAC turf field, 2019 road program. The playground improvements are coming out of the reappropriated ordinance.

Mr. Latsounas commented that larger items seemed to get approved quicker than smaller items. Mayor Didio reminded the resident that budget discussions take place months before a bond ordinance is introduced so these discussions have already been discussed and planned among council.

\$130,000 is earmarked for Hagler Playground.

Grant Ave. Playground is \$60,000, but 50/50 matching with county.

**Public Hearing**

Mayor Didio briefly described the project relating to the grant application for improvement to Grant Park Playground.

She explained that the Borough of Oradell is requesting \$30,000.00 in funding from Bergen County's Trust Fund Municipal Park Improvement Program in order to install additional playground equipment, including ADA-compliant equipment, within Grant Park's current playground. The additional equipment will accommodate two major groups: children between the ages of two and five and children with disabilities. A specific area for toddlers will be created within the Grant Park Playground and additional ADA-compliant equipment will be installed alongside the existing playground. The total cost of the project is \$60,000.00.

Councilman Tashjian noted that playground equipment is a competitive market. He suggested that it might be better to get away from state contract and go out for public bid.

Mayor Didio asked for any further comment from council or from the public. Hearing none, the meeting continued with the introduction of bond ordinance 18-04.

**Ordinance**

Ordinance 18-04 is ready for introduction.

Deputy Borough Clerk read the ordinance into record by title only:

**BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$1,649,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,371,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY.**

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-04 upon first reading, to be published in the Record on Friday, June 15, 2018. Council President Schoenberg seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

After roll call, Councilman Tashjian commented that he has a fundamentally hard time with bonding for more money than is being retired from debt. He would rather take the same amount that is being retired and take the difference from surplus. He called the action "fiscally

irresponsible” despite the fact that all of the items that are being sought in the bond are needed by the Borough. Adding to his concerns is the possibility of a future recession.

Mayor Didio responded that the number is actually conservative and, in addition, based on her conversation with the CFO, the Borough will regenerate its surplus by the end of the year. The Mayor added that debt is rolling off and we will be in a better position next year.

Councilman Carnevale stated that he feels the council is being fiscally responsible with its approach.

Council President Schoenberg agreed with Mr. Carnevale. She reminded everyone about the losses in revenue from Emerson Golf Course and the cell tower revenue. All of the departments have “tightened their belts”. Critical items such as roads and playgrounds need to be addressed. There are finance opportunities such as BCIA. She feels that council is as fiscally responsible as possible, especially dealing with a significant drop in revenue and critical purchases and infrastructure.

Councilman Tashjian wants the public to know that the governing body is mindful of purchases and that there will be opportunity throughout the year to make (budgetary) corrections.

**Consent Agenda**

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

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-138: revised council committees and liaisons, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-139: appointments to Community Outreach Committee, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-140: appointment of PO Joseph Maino as Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-141: Sean Hogan’s Eagle Scout project, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-142: sewer appeal for Block 211 Lot 17, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-143: authorization that the Treasurer’s Office cancel stale dated checks, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-144: appointment of Tracy Schoenberg as primary and Steve Carnevale as alternate to Bergen Community Development Regional Committee, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-145: appointment of Laura Lyons as primary and Cindy Kirkpatrick as alternate to Bergen Community Development Regional Committee, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-146: appointment of Tracy Schoenberg as primary and Steve Carnevale as alternate to Open Space CD Regional Committee, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-147: appointment of Laura Lyons as representative on Open Space Trust Municipal Park Improvement and Land Acquisition Program Regional Committee, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-148: matching grant of \$30,000 from the County Trust Fund to fund the Oradell Grant Park Playground ADA Improvement Project, be approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Council President Schoenberg made a motion to adjourn out of special public and return to work session, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

Affirmation by council.

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Cindy Kirkpatrick, RMC  
Deputy Borough Clerk