

**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 JUNE 26, 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 8:00 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  
Miriam Yu

Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Laura J. Lyons  
Substitute Borough Attorney Sandro Polledri, Esq.  
Borough Engineer David Atkinson

**Flag Salute:** Led by Councilwoman Miriam Yu

**Adoption of Minutes:**

Council President Schoenberg moved to adopt minutes of May 22, 2018 regular public meeting, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Councilman Tashjian moved to adopt minutes of June 12, 2018 special meeting, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Public Comment:**

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, questioned bond ordinance 18-04. Specifically, the DOT grant-in-aid funding. Mrs. Lyons explained that is the DOT funding for Oradell Ave. road improvement.

Mr. Latsounas also asked about posting ordinances to the website, even before they are introduced. Mrs. Lyons will ask Mr. Oddo, the Borough Attorney, to review this request.

Upon motion by Council President Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Tashjian, public comment was closed. All in favor.

**Correspondence:**

Upon motion by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Carnevale, the following correspondence shall be filed:

1. May 22, 2018 letter from Congressman Josh Gottheimer re: School Breakfast Program.
2. May 25, 2018 letter from Allen Blehl re: ban on single-use, non-compostable plastic bags, straws and disposable coffee cups.
3. May 29, 2018 letter from Senator Cory A. Booker re: support of Community Development Block Grant program.
4. Oradell Police Department monthly report for May 2018.
5. June 1, 2018 letter from PS&S re: 451 New Milford Ave.
6. Millennium Strategies May monthly activity memo.
7. June 5, 2018 letter from Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent of Schools, re: graduation commencement ceremony.
8. June 5, 2018 letter from BCUA re: 2018 BCUA Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant
9. June 7, 2018 letter from Freeholder Clerk Lara Rodriguez re: ordinance 18-13 and resolution 573-18
10. Thank you note from the family of James D. Snedeker

Before considering the resolutions on the Consent Agenda, Mayor Didio announced that Resolutions 18-153, 18-154 and 18-155 were being removed from consideration from tonight's Consent Agenda.

**Consent Agenda:**

Upon motion by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Council President Schoenberg, the Consent Agenda, *as amended*, was approved as follows:

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-150: bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,621,745.71, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-151: annual audit, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-152: tax refund for Block 1406, Lot 6, in the amount of \$4,602.86, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-156: employment of Christina Duddie as Confidential Full Time Administrative Assistant for a salary of \$39,500 per annum, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-157: employment of various individuals to assist Recreation Dept. with summer camp, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-158: Trevor Oberlander, Victor Buccos and Tyler Cossyleon as members in the Oradell Fire Dept, be approved.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Committee Reports:**

**Administration, Fire & Business Development**

*Council President Tracy Schoenberg*

Fire

Three new junior members have joined the department (resolution was on Consent Agenda tonight) as a result of their open house recruitment. She indicated the Department is working on estimates for outbuilding. They are also finalizing plans for fire truck. She stated that the building may need various doors replaced. Councilwoman Schoenberg reported on potential eagle scout projects

1) replacing or installing smoke detectors for seniors - Kelly Weber, chair of SCAC, will include information in her flyer to seniors; 2) hydrant mark outs.

Administration

The committee was able to meet briefly tonight. Mrs. Schoenberg stated will send her recommendations to full Mayor and Council regarding non-union merit based pay increases.

Grants

Councilwoman Schoenberg reported that our grant writer professionals have increased the submittals for Oradell. Norah, our grant writer, has been tremendously effective and proactive. Borough was advised of grants such as PetSmart, Complete Streets, Rehab Train Station, etc.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

Mayor attended the spring luncheon. The Mayor would like to find a better way to get the word out to all seniors so that there might be a better turnout.

Mrs. Schoenberg agreed that better communication is needed for our seniors.

A SCAC committee member generously offered to lead a seminar regarding Parenting Adult Children for those dealing with aging parents.

Kelly Weber, Chair of SCAC, has met with OPTV to discuss ways that the cable station can perhaps help seniors. One idea was filming a Seniorcize class which might pique the interest of seniors who may want to participate in the class.

Business Development

EDAC (Economic Development Advisory Committee) Face Book page should launch this week and the hope is to connect with River Dell Business Group. EDAC is still looking for more Oradell businesses to join.

She reported that there are two bills in NJ Assembly and are waiting to be put on agenda for General Session voting. One bill allows for municipalities who have the maximum amount of liquor licenses to permit restaurants to offer beer and wine to eligible patrons. Councilwoman Schoenberg asked for this to be listed on the next agenda.

Mayor Didio asked that the agenda be restructured so as to add Councilwoman Yu's liaisons and consolidate Mr. Carnevale's reports (Police, Emergency Management & Regional School Funding and Technology & Communication).

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

*Councilman Stephen Carnevale*

The councilman stated that he looks forward to working with Public Safety committee.

He thanked all first responders, including NJ Transit police, that assisted in the tragic event that involved a fellow resident. He thanked them for handling the difficult situation.

*Regional School Funding*

Appellate Court decision received regarding tax formula funding for school. The decision did not favor Oradell. He indicated that our Special Counsel will be meeting with the Governing Body shortly.

*Planning Board*

Continued discussion of Master Plan will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Council recently approved the Fair Share Housing agreement that will affect the final draft of the master plan. There *may be* a motion to adopt the Plan at that meeting.

*OPTV*

Councilman Carnevale reported that broadcasting policies and procedures will be drafted shortly.

*Historical Committee*

Historical preservation remains important goal for the committee. He reported that a previous capital budget included maintenance of WWI monument

Councilman Carnevale reported that the committee was concerned with keeping the WWI monument area green space if the monument is moved to another location.

The agreement with Fair Share Housing, in part, deals with central business district (Westervelt up to Saw Mill Lane). The overlay (to allow for potential development of affordable housing) is on the east side of Kinderkamack up to Oradell Ave., the agreement is to allow for one floor of residential above retail. North of Oradell to Saw Mill would allow for 2 stories above ground floor for residential. West side of Kinderkamack along entire zone would allow for 2 stories above ground floor of retail.

Mayor Didio thought that the overlay zone ends at Chase Bank. Councilman Carnevale read it differently which is why he reached out to Mr. Oddo for clarification.

Mayor Didio asked Mrs. Lyons to reach out to Mr. Oddo upon his return so that he can provide clarification.

**DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:**

*Councilman Roger Tashjian*

Dave Atkinson, Borough Engineer reported that 2018 road program is complete, with the exception of some minor punchlist items. In addition the Schaefer Ave – Phase 4 is also complete, with the exception of some minor punchlist items.

He stated there is a meeting scheduled later this week with DEP to discuss skating pond. He also met with the County ADA officer regarding ramps that need to be upgraded on Kinderkamack Rd. and also Soldier Hill Rd.

Councilman Tashjian would like to see the ADA ramps addressed prior to County working on the county roads (Kinderkamack and Soldier Hill). He implored the engineer to do whatever he can to get a contractor in to improve the ramps. Mr. Atkinson explained that most of the contractors are booked up during the summer months. The County works with a contractor and there is set pricing. If the Borough contracts with a contractor at a higher price, the Borough picks up the differential in the price. Alternatively, the engineer suggested contacting the County to put the project off until the ramps can be upgraded, but the problem is that it is unknown as to when they will reschedule the project. The engineer will try to do his best but cannot make any promises.

Upon the completion of the engineer's report, Councilman Tashjian welcomed Councilwoman Yu to the DPW Committee.

Councilman Tashjian stated Ash tree borer is not currently an issue in Oradell, however, ash trees are getting infected statewide. DPW is taking proactive steps by replacing affected trees.

Councilman Tashjian asked Mrs. Lyons to locate road opening ordinance, specifically, what utilities must pay. The councilman also asked the Administrator/Clerk to coordinate a meeting with PSEG to discuss 2019 road improvement project.

Regarding DOT program, Councilman Tashjian suggested changing the start of project from bridge to Demarest as opposed to Kinderkamack to Grove, because bridge to Demarest is in worse condition. Mr. Atkinson said that typically it is just a request to DOT which he can take care of. The councilman suggested that Mr. Atkinson speak to Dan Nywening, Acting DPW Superintendent if he has any questions.

Councilman Tashjian welcomed Mrs. Lyons back. He appreciates the work that she has done on the garbage bid. Mrs. Lyons will send the proposed bid to Mr. Oddo for review. Once approved, a resolution authorizing proceeding with the garbage bid can be placed on the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the intent of a bid opening in September and a contract start date of January 2019.

Councilman Tashjian added that currently the schedule provides for trucks in town 5 days/week, however, the goal is to minimize collection to 3 days/week, still keeping 2x week collection schedule.

### **Ordinance**

*Councilman Rob Jannicelli*

### **Ordinance**

Councilman Jannicelli stated that Ordinance 18-04 is ready for final reading.

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 final reading, to be published in the Record on Friday, June 29, 2018. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion.

### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli stated that Ordinance 18-05 is ready for introduction.

Borough Clerk read the ordinance into record by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 280-43 OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL CONCERNING  
TIME LIMIT PARKING**

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-05 upon first reading, to be published in the Record on Friday, June 29, 2018. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli stated that Ordinance 18-06 is ready for introduction.

Borough Clerk read the ordinance into record by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 200 OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL CONCERNING  
RETAIL BUSINESSES**

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-06 upon first reading, to be published in the Record on Friday, June 29, 2018. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Ambulance**

Nothing to report.

**Special Events**

Councilman Jannicelli outlined the schedule for the two day events.

Recreation

Councilman Jannicelli stated that the Recreation Committee will be meeting next Thursday. He also updated the Council on the summer camp registrants.

**Finance and Insurance:**

*Councilman Thomas Kelly*

Finance

Councilman Kelly indicated that the Capital budget was approved at tonight's meeting (bond ordinance 18-04). Overall, the audit went very well with just a couple of auditing comments.

There will be a finance meeting in September to discuss financing needs for 2019.

Environmental/Beautification

He stated the Farmers Market in full swing. Every Sunday from 10 am to 3 pm.

Councilman Kelly attended the Eagle Scout Court of Honor and said it made him proud to be part of this community. The dedication of the leaders and scouts are impressive.

He thanked the DPW for watering plants around town.

Zoning Board

He reported the Bergen Catholic application continues before the Board. Next meeting is July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Outreach Committee

Committee intends to reach out to residents who are 85+. Police officers said they are getting calls from children out of town that are requesting welfare checks on their parents who live in Oradell.

The committee will be setting up a meeting with Red Cross representatives.

**Board of Health, Library, Municipal Drug Alliance:**

*Councilwoman Miriam Yu*

Board of Health

Councilwoman Yu spoke about the use of electronic cigarettes is increasing statewide. The Board asked the governing body to consider passing an ordinance regarding restrictions of sale and use of vape/electronic cigarettes. Mayor Didio has resource material that she can provide to the councilwoman. Councilwoman Yu is also expecting resource documents from County.



She reported on the restrictions regarding dog/cat trust fund. Due to the restrictions there is money in the fund that cannot be used. Mayor Didio added that unfortunately the restrictions are statutory. She suggested that various Boards of Health, from several communities, petition the legislature to make changes. Mrs. Lyons will provide a vendor history to Mrs. Yu so she knows what the Borough does spend the trust fund money on.

Lisa Nassor was appointed as Health Inspector.

### Library

Mrs. Yu reached out to Mr. Oddo for clarification and the attorney referred her to the Borough's Risk Manager, Gerard Quinn regarding insurance requirements for volunteers conducting programming. The understanding is that if the guests are volunteers, then the Borough's insurance would cover the volunteer performer. Mrs. Yu is waiting to hear back from Mr. Quinn. It appears that the volunteer would need to complete a Hold Harmless.

Mrs. Lyons will reach out to Mr. Quinn for clarification so that a formal policy can be established.

June 21<sup>st</sup> the library hosted a summer reading kickoff party sponsored by the Book and Needle Club. The library also hosted a STEM creative building workshop for children aged 8-11. The library continues to provide programming for people of all ages.

### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Didio reported that Mayor's Wellness finale was last night. She unfortunately could not attend but thanked Council President Schoenberg for being there. The town lost over 430 pounds. Mayor thanked Melissa Presta and HNH Fitness for making the program the wonderful success that it is.

Mayor Didio reported that she hosted an event on Saturday with seven other mayors from the Pascack Valley region. An organization called "The United Taste of America" coordinated the meeting that welcomed a couple of Syrian refugees into the Mayor's home and they prepared traditional Syrian foods. Everyone shared personal stories of their families coming to America. It was a very nice evening.

Mayor Didio asked for a moment of silent for the borough resident who died last Wednesday. She thanked the Oradell community for the support and appreciates living in such a supportive community.

### Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Mrs. Lyons reported that she set up a department head meeting this week so she can be updated as she was out on FMLA.

Labor counsel will be giving harassment training to staff members and managers will be receiving another seminar in August required by JIF.

Swim Club will host movie night in August.

Mayor Didio asked if Stigma Free could host movie for kids, i.e. Inside Out, and hand out green lighted necklaces, etc. Mrs. Lyons will follow up on this request.

Administrator/Clerk Lyons said that Melissa Presta is looking into a program that could send out email blasts to those who sign up. The blasts would provide information such as Borough news, emergency information, newsletters, etc.

**Old Business:**

Councilman Jannicelli said Oradell Kids Foundation is looking to replace basketball rims and netting at Memorial Field. He will coordinate with DPW and Patrick Crann.

Mayor Didio asked Mrs. Lyons to schedule a meeting with the County with respect to Water Works facility.

Mr. Atkinson will follow up with County regarding traffic studies on Forest and Oradell Ave. and Forest and Soldier Hill Rd.

There is a sign on Pyle (at the bottom of Mackay) that is really good because it draws the attention of the driver. Councilman Carnevale said that public safety committee discussed putting up more signs like this around town.

**New Business:**

Council President Schoenberg mentioned that there is a Go Fund Me page set up for those who would like to support the Lubben family.

She also reminded the public that there is a Mental Health/First Aid Course. Stigma Free has offered it in the past.

Mayor Didio said that a resident reached out to her and suggested setting up a group for men to discuss their challenges.

Council President Schoenberg said that New Jersey is looking at a budget crisis leading to a potential state shutdown. Local services may be impacted.

**Public Comment:**

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, is saddened about the personal tragedy that occurred last week.

Paul spoke to the wine shop owner on Kinderkamack who is trying to keep his parking lot clean of litter. The owner is requesting a garbage can/dumpster from the town. Paul wanted to pass

the request along. Additionally, there is a resident in the area who places his garbage can on the street for pickup, but stores along Kinderkamack also dispose of their garbage as well. Mayor Didio said that businesses must contract with private contractors for garbage collection.

Mr. Latsounas asked if benches could be power washed and painted. Mayor Didio said that it sounds like an Eagle Scout project.

Mr. Latsounas said he was happy that the no posting sign was put up at the bus shelter outside of Borough Hall, but two more signs are needed at the train station.

The resident asked if there was any other action the Borough could take on the ash tree rather than cutting them down. Councilman Tashjian responded that there is a 20-year treatment, however, it is better to replace the trees.

Mr. Latsounas asked Council President Schoenberg to explain the new grant opportunity involving a dog park. She explained that the new grant would provide payment of the Borough's portion of the proposed dog park. The two other choices that Mr. Latsounas suggested are not viable due to wetlands.

Regarding refillable water fountains, it is possible that the charges can go through Clean Communities. Mrs. Lyons will check with Katie Chen, CFO.

Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Ave., asked if the WWI stone will definitely be relocated. Councilman Carnevale said that it should be taken into consideration not to move it, but the understanding is that if it is to be moved, that there be a commitment by the town to keep the space as green space. Mrs. Lyons added that it is just in the beginning stages of thinking about whether or not to move it and if it is moved, landscaping renderings must be reviewed. Mr. Tripsas said that he read about how in the 1920's, the Mayor at the time went through a lot of trouble with the railroad company to have the monument placed there.

Mr. Tripsas said that he is in favor of a restaurant in town but does it necessarily have to have a liquor license? He said BYOB restaurants work well. Mrs. Schoenberg replied that for the type of restaurant that the town wants, the profit for BYOB doesn't justify the investment that has to be made. Mr. Tripsas said from the patron's vantage point, a BYOB is much more cost friendly and may cause patrons to eat out more because it is less expensive. He always thought that the abandoned gas station (on Kinderkamack Rd.) would be a perfect location for a restaurant.

Mr. Tripsas asked for clarification on Ordinance 18-06. Mr. Jannicelli replied that the ordinance permits certain businesses to remain open on Sundays. This ordinance has been under review in committee even prior to the June application of an urgent care facility that was before the Planning Board.

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

All in favor.

Councilman Tashjian made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council President Schoenberg.

All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:25 pm, the public meeting concluded.

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