

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 SEPTEMBER 22, 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, 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 (Via Zoom)

Councilmembers:

Roger Tashjian

Stephen Carnevale

Rob Jannicelli

Tom Kelly

Miriam Yu

Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Laura J. Lyons

Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo, Esq.

Borough Engineer David Atkinson

Flag Salute

Minutes: 7-14-2020

Motion to approve by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Resolution Added to Consent Agenda

20-176 Authorizing the Submission of an application to the NJ DOT –
Transportation for Alternatives Set-Aside Program 2020 for the
Oradell Railroad Station restoration project

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.

20-168 Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of
\$4,719,322.37

20-169 Appointment of Derrick Delgado to Oradell Volunteer Fire Dept.

20-170 Appointment of Pedro Casasola to Oradell Volunteer Fire Dept.

20-171 Authorize 2020-2021 renewal for Liquor License to Charlie Browns

20-172 Approve tax overpayment to Block 709 Lot 2 in the amount of \$3,381.48

- 20-173 Approving excess water usage appeal for 701 Neill Court in the amount of \$253.77
- 20-174 Approve return to work stipulations for M. Sbarbaro
- 20-175 Approve appointment to Environmental Committee of Brittany Figueroa
- 20-176 Authorizing the Submission for NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Program 2020 for the Oradell Railroad Station Restoration Project

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

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 asked questions & received explanations on funding as it pertains to 20-168. Also asked what stipulations meant related to Resolution 20-174.

Mark Alleman, 665 Ellen Place stated he would hold his comment for Ordinance discussion.

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

Correspondence

1. OPD monthly report August 2020
2. NFA letter DEP B 218 L 5
3. Borough of Haworth re-exam of master plan

Motion to File Correspondence made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Approve Consent Agenda -

Councilman Carnevale asked for explanations on 20-176. Administrator Lyons provided response.

Councilwoman asked for an explanation on 20-173. Administrator Lyons provided a response

Tom Kelly commented that he was happy to see another volunteer being appointed to Environmental Committee.

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda made by Roger Tashjian, seconded by Rob Jannicelli

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Council Updates:

Tracy Schoenberg – Councilwoman Schoenberg indicated that the Non – Union Merit Base salaries are being reviewed. She encouraged people to patron and support all local businesses. The Borough is developing proper protocols for seniors to utilize the Senior Van to drop off their ballot. Councilwoman Schoenberg thanked everyone who supported the Luke is powerful campaign. The link will be posted on the website.

Roger Tashjian – Councilman Tashjian requested an Engineering update. David Atkinson reported a punch list has been provided to the road contractor to complete. Councilman Tashjian reported the DPW committee recently met and discussed various issues including: charging stations, Hagler Playground fencing. He also requested the Council consider discontinuing the DPW rental lot as the Borough needs more to park equipment. Mayor Didio asked for this issue to be listed on the next Work Session agenda.

Steve Carnevale – Councilman Carnevale reported that the Public Safety Committee met on September 10, 2020. He stated the Borough purchased a blinking speed sign for Grant Avenue to slow down traffic entering from Sunset Avenue. He reported the COVID task force determined to not reinstate the pedestrian flag program. He stated the next Planning Board meeting is scheduled as a ZOOM meeting. The Historical Committee met on September 28, 2020.

Rob Jannicelli-

Ordinance – Commented on his position on the Ordinance which is on for 2nd reading tonight. And supports it.

Ordinance:

20-03 ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AND REAPPROPRIATING \$528,056.25 THEREFORE, CONSTITUTING PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS OF THE BOROUGH HERETOFORE ISSUED.

Public Comment on Ordinance 20-03

Paul Latounas, 50 Beverly Road asked what funding is being used for the ordinance. Mrs. Lyons explained the ordinance inclusive of the process and funding.

Mark Alleman – 665 Ellen Place - Opposes the playground in Ordinance 20-3. He asked for the amount of the cost of improvements. He requested the Council to reconsider the funding of this ordinance.

Councilman Kelly outlined his concerns with funding another playground.

Councilman Carnevale stated financially this is a strategic move.

Adopted on a motion made Mr. Jannicelli, seconded by Mr. Tashjian

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Schoenberg, Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Yu

Nays: Kelly

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli stated the recreation committee met on 9-3-20. He stated the committee is working on an ordinance revision to include third party tennis court rentals. He stated the NMVAC recently added more members. He announced the upcoming outdoor production of the Bergen County Players and the Drive In Movie events.

Thomas Kelly –Councilman Kelly complimented the new playground. He suggested that the Beautification help spruce up the playground. Mayor Didio suggested a count take it on as a project. He stated that the Capital budget was approved this evening and it was helpful to have prior funding be available for re-appropriation thus avoiding the need to bond this year. He stated November 16 there will be a tax sale. Councilman Kelly welcomed the new member to the Environmental Committee and announced the cornstalks will be put up on October 3rd. He stated there are a few applications coming down the pipeline for Zoning board.

Miriam Yu –

Councilwoman stated the Borough is looking to migrate the website to a new vendor shortly. She stated that OPTV has reached out to Bergen County Players to broadcast performances. She indicated that discussions on re-opening the library has been put on hold until October. She said she will be attending an Outreach committee soon to discuss the additional nursing contract for 2021

Mayor – Mayor Didio commented on the recent Verizon outage. She stated this was statewide not just a local issue. She thanked Sara Griffin for bringing the Brass Quartet in the NY Philharmonic to Oradell. Bergen County will be resuming their mobile testing. Vote by mail ballots will be sent out by Bergen County shortly. They are sending them out alphabetically by municipality. Drop Boxes have been placed in 18 different municipalities. The list of locations is posted to the Borough website. She thanked the community for their support & help for Luke and his family who greatly need prayers.

Laura Lyons -Admin/ Clerk – Mrs. Lyons stated to call the Clerk's Office to reserve a spot for the upcoming Drive in theatre. The flyer is on the website.

Andy Oddo – nothing to report.

Old Business -

Mayor Didio asked for the NJ Power Plant sample resolution & back up information to be listed on the work session agenda for discussion

New Business –

Mrs. Lyons indicated a resident requested putting a book box in her front yard. Councilman Carnevale raised concern with COVID and exposure due to touching. Council asked for task force to weigh in with recommendation.

Public Comment –

Paul Latsounas commented on several items including NJ Power Plant and closed session topics.

Mark Alleman at 665 Ellen Place - wanted to thank the Council, staff, professionals & volunteers for their hard work.

Sam Tripsas, Maple Avenue asked Andrew Oddo what will be discussed in closed tonight. Andrew Oddo responded that was an update on the White Beeches litigation. Mr. Tripsas suggested that parking spots be re-installed in front of River Dell Florist. Administrator Lyons commented that the Chief & Traffic Officer didn't support allowing the 2 parking spots be added in front of River Dell due to safety concerns and that's why it was never discussed further. Councilman Tashjian asked Councilman Carnevale to confirm with the county.

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

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

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