

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 OCTOBER 23, 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 7:40 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
Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo, Esq.
Borough Engineer David Atkinson

Flag Salute:

Adoption of Minutes: Upon motion by Council President Schoenberg, seconded by Councilman Carnevale, the minutes of October 9, 2018 were adopted. All in favor.

Presentation: Mayor Didio presented Patrick Fletcher, Superintendent of River Dell Regional School District, with a plaque in gratitude of his cooperation and support to the Borough, especially during the mold situation when Borough Hall was closed.

Public Comments:

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, questioned certain resolutions that deal with tax appeals. Mr. Oddo and Mayor Didio explained that the refund is due to tax appeal settlements.

Mrs. Lyons noted that two resolutions are being added to the consent agenda: one deals with separation payment with a DPW employee who resigned and the other awards project management to Neglia for Fire Dept Outbuilding and DPAC turf replacement project.

Mayor requested that moving forward, public comment be placed after correspondence and before consent agenda.

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

Correspondence:

Upon motion by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Council President Schoenberg, with all in favor, the following correspondence will be filed:

1. Oradell Police Department – September
2. Notice of Application Borough of Haworth Zoning Board of Adjustment – St. Gabriel Syrian Church
3. Notice from Scott King Oradell Planning Board – Ord. 18-13 approval from Planning Board
4. Notice unrestricted action re: 280 Kinderkamack Rd.

Consent Agenda:

Councilman Tashjian made a motion, seconded by Council President Schoenberg, to amend the Consent Agenda to include Resolution 18-210 (separation payment with G. Rizzo, DPW laborer) and Resolution 18-211 (awarding project management to Neglia Engineering for Fire Dept Outbuilding and DPAC turf replacement).

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-197: bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,504,872.70, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-198: stipulation of settlement for 296 Kinderkamack Rd. in an amount not to exceed \$18,460.56, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-199: stipulation of settlement for 813 Schirra Dr. in an amount not to exceed \$9,893.87, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-200: stipulation of settlement for 325 Grove St. in an amount not to exceed \$3,691.86, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-201: stipulation of settlement for 680 Kinderkamack Rd. in an amount not to exceed \$22,484.19, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-202: stipulation of settlement for 350 Kinderkamack Rd. in an amount not to exceed \$5,887.00, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-203: appointment of Dan Nywening as A/B operator UST for the Borough of Oradell effective September 14, 2018, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-204: 2018 non union merit increases, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-205: resignation of Frank Prezioso as Fire Inspector, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-206: surplus items for auction, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-207: Thermal Dynamic as maintenance vendor for Oradell Public Library HVAC, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-208: OPTV candidate filming policy, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-209: appointment of Ken Baumann and Maria Suarez to Stigma Free Committee, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-210: separation payment for Genesis Rizzo, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-211: project management contract with Neglia Engineering for Fire Dept. outbuilding and DPAC turf, 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

Council President Schoenberg commented the outbuilding project will commence in the spring. She stated the department will be hosting a Poker Night on December 1st with proceeds to benefit historic fire engine.

Seniors

She stated leaf raking and snow shoveling program has been created at River Dell HS. People can register at the Borough Clerk's office.

She reported that Congressman Gottheimer met with seniors today and the December 12th senior holiday dinner will be at River Dell High School.

Business Development

EDAC will sponsor an Open House on November 1st at 7 pm at Borough Hall. Business owners are invited to attend and ask any questions they may have regarding the proposed Master Plan.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:

Councilman Roger Tashjian

Dave Atkinson, Borough Engineer, advised that he reached out to the County regarding intersection at Oradell Ave. and Summit Ave. The County will perform another traffic count soon.

He also reported for the Forest Ave./Soldier Hill intersection, the County is in the process of doing final analysis and then set up a meeting with Oradell, Paramus and Emerson to discuss further.

There was a pre-con meeting with vendor of Fire Dept outbuilding.

Councilman Tashjian reported that roads are being reviewed for 2019 road improvement project. Roads that are being considered are: Wildwood, Battel, with the option of Sherwood and Greentree Lane.

He stated that the Swap Shop will be managed by Beautification/Environmental Committee. Liability coverage will be explored through the JIF.

Electronics collection should be reintroduced to the residents by January 1st.

The councilman encouraged residents to download the “Recycle Coach” app that is located on the Borough’s website as there is a lot of information contained on the app.

Councilman Tashjian said that drainage has to be looked at especially at DPAC. Mr. Atkinson will look into and provide his comments.

The councilman thanked Administrator/Clerk Lyons for moving along with the hiring of DPW laborer.

Police, Emergency Management, Regional School Funding, Technology & Communication

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

Regional School Funding

Councilman Carnevale stated we are still waiting to hear from the NJ Supreme Court on whether or not they will hear Oradell’s appeal on school funding.

Public Safety Committee

He reported the next meeting of the committee will be on Thursday, November 5th.

Historical Committee

The committee is working on a proposal for a Historical Preservation Commission in conjunction with the Master Plan. The committee would like to give presentation to the Mayor and Council at some point in the future.

Mrs. Lyons said that she hopes to present renderings for Memorial Plaza at the November 27th meeting. When the WWI monument is transferred to Memorial Plaza, the intent is to keep the current area green (and not pave). The WWI monument is currently located on Oradell Ave. across from the train station.

OPTV

Councilman Carnevale stated the new board is being installed and control room needs to be reconfigured. He stated some replacement microphones may need to be purchased.

Planning Board

He commented the goal is to provide updated Master Plan to the public by October 25th and vote on the Plan on November 5th.

Planning Board is also working on Housing Element of Master Plan which needs to be consistent with Fair Share Housing agreement.

Ordinance

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

Ordinances

Councilman Jannicelli stated that Ordinance 18-12 is ready for final reading.

Borough Clerk read the ordinance into record by title only:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCES OF THE
BOROUGH OF ORADELL BANNING CERTAIN WATER
DISCHARGES INTO THE BOROUGH STREETS**

Mayor Didio opened the meeting to the public.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road, said that this ordinance should not apply to those residents who have pre-existing conditions. Mayor Didio replied that this ordinance was designed to prevent pooling of water that damages the roads and creates cracks in the pavement. The ordinance is designed to prevent hazardous conditions. Mr. Oddo explained this ordinance relates to sump pump discharge only.

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-12 upon final reading, to be published in the Record on Friday, October 26, 2018. Council President Schoenberg seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilman Jannicelli stated that Ordinance 18-14 is ready for introduction.

Borough Clerk read the ordinance into record by title only:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RECREATION PARTICIPATION PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Mrs. Lyons explained that this ordinance refers to an annual fee to participate in Borough recreation programs. The moneys collected will go towards improving and maintaining recreation facilities. Moneys will go into a recreation fund (separate than the DPAC fund), not designated for any one particular field or playground, but as a general fund to improve or maintain recreation fields.

Councilman Kelly asked for a spreadsheet detailing the monthly balances of the DPAC trust fund from its inception which will be helpful for budgeting purposes.

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-14 upon first reading, to be published in the Record on Friday, October 26, 2018. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Ambulance

He stated the NMVAC received \$14,000 grant for CPR machines. They will set up stations for boy scout event on November 16th.

Recreation

Girl Scout Marisa Schoenberg gave presentation for Special Needs Basketball Clinic as her Silver Awards project. Recreation Committee was in favor of her suggestion.

He stated River Dell Football would like to do fundraising in order to replace scoreboard.

He reported that the Halloween Party is on Friday, which is the same night as the Wizards game.

The Borough is trying to set up a meeting with Columbia Bank to discuss sponsorships. Mayor Didio would like to participate in the meeting once it has been scheduled.

He stated there is concern regarding skating pond. The removal of weeds before the first freeze will be difficult. In addition, there is mud on the south side of the pond.

He stated Family Day was a huge success and much appreciation goes to Melissa Presta and the volunteers.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilman Thomas Kelly

Finance

Councilman Kelly stated that he met with bond counsel and auditors and discussed financial plans for 2019.

Councilman Kelly requested revised budget expense report to reflect items that were paid in advance. Mrs. Lyons said a new report will be forthcoming.

Regarding insurance, Mayor Didio reported that the Borough will be receiving a dividend check from JIF in the approximate amount of \$14,000.

Environmental

He stated that the last day of Farmers Market is Sunday, November 18th.

He thanked the Boys Scout and Colin Mooney for the Swap Shop.

He commented that the corn stalks looks beautiful.

Zoning

He stated that public comment is welcome on the Bergen Catholic application.

Outreach

There will be speakers and lectures next year for the Outreach Committee.

OPS

He stated that the PTA is hosting a Meet the Candidates night on Thursday, November 1st.

Board of Health, Library, Municipal Drug Alliance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu

Councilwoman Yu reported that library held a fundraiser that was a huge success.

She commented the Friends of the Library will sponsor several upcoming events:

November 5th – Battle of Gettysburg

Discussion of movie “Sixth Sense”

Mahjong classes are ongoing

Spanish classes are offered for free

Morning and evening book clubs

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Didio thanked Cathy Kelly for hosting Stigma Free table at Family Day.

She stated that Stigma Free did a book club discussion at River Edge library and also a Green Out at football game against Paramus.

There will be a spaghetti dinner for veterans on November 12th.

She reminded Mrs. Lyons that the Girl Scouts would like to be present for water fountain installation at Memorial Field.

Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Mrs. Lyons reminded everyone that Election Day is November 6th and polls are open from 6 am to 8 pm.

The next meeting of the governing body will be a joint meeting (Work and Public) to be held on November 27th at 7:30 pm.

Borough Attorney's Report:

Nothing further to report.

Public Comment:

George Carter, 767 Park Ave., does not like the procedure of passing ordinances because it does not give the public enough time to familiarize themselves with the ordinance before it is passed. He suggested that ordinances be available (in hard copy) to the public prior to their introduction and there should be more opportunity for the public to discuss forthcoming ordinances at work sessions.

Mrs. Lyons explained that once ordinances are introduced, they are available via hard copy at the Clerk's office. She stated that the ordinance committee decides on which ordinances to present to the Mayor and Council for consideration. Mr. Oddo added that the statute provides for public comment during the second reading of the ordinance. Councilman Jannicelli said that, going forward, he will include in his report (on behalf of ordinance committee) ordinances that the committee are considering.

Mr. Cater inquired as to the source of the water at the skating pond. Mr. Jannicelli responded that water is pumped in. The problem last year was that the pump was broken. Mayor Didio added that there are DEP regulations that prevent damming and direction of water flow.

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd., asked the Mayor and Council to consider an ordinance preventing businesses from directing their runoff into the property of private residences.

He stated there should be a camera at DPAC so police can monitor 24/7.

Reis Ave. and Waite Pl. should be included on the 2019 road improvement.

With the impending opening of the new ShopRite in New Milford, trucks should be banned on Elm St. in order to preserve Elm St. bridge. Council President said there are already weight constraints. Mrs. Latsounas wants all trucks to be banned, not just the ones that are prohibited via the weight limitation.

The resident suggested that there needs to be a better FAR formula in order to prevent overbuilding. Councilman Carnevale replied that is the intent of what is being proposed by the Planning Board.

Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Ave., asked if the Borough is planning any events on November 11th (Armistice Day) which is also the 100th anniversary of WWI. Mrs. Lyons replied that the County may be having an event on that day, but Oradell will be celebrating the veterans on Veterans Day (November 12th). Mr. Tripsas said it would be a shame to relocate the WWI memorial across from the train station.

Mr. Tripsas thanked the governing body for permitting electronics recycling at DPW next year.

Colin Mooney's Eagle Scout project (Swap Shop) is a terrific idea.

Mr. Tripsas inquired as to when the proposed (revised) Master Plan will be available to the public. Councilman Carnevale responded that the goal is by October 26th.

Zachary Bart, Interstate Waste Services, is committed to providing a good response the next time the Borough goes out for waste collection bid. Mrs. Lyons stated that the Mayor and Council rejected the bidder's response to the most current waste collection bid. As a result, she was authorized to go out to rebid.

Council President Schoenberg made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Councilman Tashjian.

All in favor.

Councilman Tashjian reported that DPW has been, and will continue, to collect leaves. He asked the public for patience for this late leaf collection. The reality is that many of the leaves have not fallen yet.

The councilman thanked the Police Dept. for their work on active shooter training.

Councilman Kelly suggested crosswalk safety flag program. He said that Rotary would like to sponsor.

Nick Besink updated the governing body about the audio/visual problems of late. The problem existed on the part of Cablevision due to faulty transmitters.

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

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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