

**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 OCTOBER 27, 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

Rob Jannicelli (Via Zoom)

Councilmembers:

Council President Tracy Schoenberg

Roger Tashjian

Stephen Carnevale

Tom Kelly

Miriam Yu

Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Laura J. Lyons

Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo, Esq.

Borough Engineer David Atkinson

**Flag Salute**

**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 for clarification on Ordinance 20-4.

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

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Correspondence**

1. OPD monthly report September 2020
2. River Edge- Adoption of amendment to the Borough's 2020 housing element and fair share plan
3. River Edge – notice of public hearing 2020 periodic reexamination of master plan

**Motion to File Correspondence** made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg

**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.

- 20-177 Approve payment of all bulls and vouchers in the amount of \$4,217,327.73
- 20-178 Approve tax overpayment to Wells Fargo in the amount of \$11,084.42
- 20-179 Approve tax overpayment to Block 806 Lot 11 in the amount of \$5,929.01
- 20-180 Approve tax overpayment to Corelogic Real Estate Services in the amount of \$13,547.55
- 20-181 Approve tax refund from tax settlement for Block 411 Lot 15 in the amount of \$1,358.78
- 20-182 Approve 2019 Audit and authorize to sign group affidavit for general comments and recommendations
- 20-183 Approve agreement with Bergen County to utilize County trunked radio system for (10) ten years.
- 20-184 Authorize purchase of radio equipment for First Responders in an amount not to exceed \$563,402.38 utilizing 2020 Capital Improvement Plan and Assistance to firefighters grant program
- 20-185 Approve settlement with ESSI LLC in the amount of \$2,422.44
- 20-186 Approve annual community development council representatives
- 20-187 Approve municipal employee representatives for Community Development
- 20-188 Approve Council representative for Open Space regional committees (CD)
- 20-189 Approve Borough Administrator to Open Space Regional committee
- 20-190 Accept resignation of Sarah Jacob as CMR
- 20-191 Approve employment of Mary Fetske as HR Officer / Admin Assistant to CFO with pro-rated salary for 2020 of \$45,000
- 20-192 Approve employment of J. Segrario Mena as CMR / Admin Assistant to Borough Administrator with pro-rated salary for 2020 of \$48,000

**Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda** made by Roger Tashjian, seconded by Tracy Schoenberg

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Council Reports:**

**Council President Tracy Schoenberg** – She reported that the salary ordinance for non union employees will be introduced this evening. The next meeting the ordinance and supporting resolution will be approved. The Borough learned this week a new representative from Millennium (Grant Writers) will be assigned.

The Fire Department will not be hosting the annual inspection reception due to COVID. They will be arranging for the council something in small groups. She acknowledged the members who worked hard on the AFG grant. The Borough was able to fast track the purchasing of new radios with the funds.

The Senior Van is operating with COVID protocols. The Borough is also providing rides to voter drop boxes for any senior that needs to drop off a ballot.

She reported the Bergen County Small Business grant has been expanded. She encouraged all business owners to apply by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

She reported the Oradell COVID Task Force approved extending our outdoor dining until November 30, 2020.

**Councilman Roger Tashjian** –

The Borough Engineer reported he is working with the Road Paving Contractors on the remaining items. Councilman Tashjian stated the Borough of Paramus and Oradell are in talks to cooperatively pave Spring Valley Road.

20201 roads that being looked at are: Bergen Blvd, Demarest, Maple & Spring Valley. In addition, the lower Borough Hall lot will be analyzed as well as repairing portions of the Fire House lot.

He reported leaf season has started and reiterated that branches and sticks cannot be put out as it damages the equipment. He reported that the skating pond has been prepped for skating should the winter be cold enough. The Mayor indicated that the task force has met and created protocols.

Councilman Tashjian requested permission for residents of specific ( main roads) be allowed to install temporary fencing to create a barrier for leaves. Mr. Oddo indicated the Council can pass a resolution with the necessary information. Mrs. Lyons indicated she will have it listed for a special meeting in November.

**Councilman Stephen Carnevale** –

He reported the Chief is watching the recent legislation regarding the body cameras. It might be a state requirement. The speed sign on Sunset has been installed. He reminded residents of the overnight parking provisions.

He commented that the next meeting in November 2, 2020.

He requested that the membership of the historical committee be increased due to interest in the community.

**Rob Jannicelli-**

*Ordinance – first reading*

**20-04**

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX COMPENSATION OF CERTAN EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL, COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

On a motion made by Councilman Jannicelli, seconded by Councilman Tashjian to approve Ordinance 20-04.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

He reported that DPAC is scheduled to have Fall grooming on November 5th. The fencing for the new playground was installed last week. Councilman Jannicelli requested the Mayor to assist with an issue with the NMVAC. He asked Mrs. Lyons for a report regarding Special Events.

**Councilman Thomas Kelly**

Councilman Kelly provided a status report after his meeting with the CFO. He stated the shredding event in October was successful. He thanked all the volunteers from the Farmers market.

**Councilwoman Miriam Yu**

Councilwoman Yu stated the committee met to discuss the website. They are vetting out a few vendors & should have a contract to review shortly. She provided an update on the library reopening plan. She announced the longevity teacher awards provided by OPS recently.

**Mayor** – Mayor Didio reported the MEL just approved the revised personal manual and employee handbook. There will be a webinar for municipal attorney's and municipal managers to go over the new handbook. She mentioned the Elected Official training program and encourage everyone to participate. It will be online this year. There is a \$250 credit for each that complete the program.

**Laura Lyons -Admin/ Clerk** – Mrs. Lyons commented that everyone should have received their ballots in the mail. There are 18 ballot boxes located within the county. She provided a synopsis of the election procedure for Election Day. She provided a brief description on the Best Practice Worksheet and reported that the Borough scored 24 out of the 29 questions. Therefore, no state aid will be withheld.

She stated that the Deputy Clerk has been working on the 2021 Calendar.

**Borough Attorney Andrew Oddo** – nothing to report.

**Old Business –**

The Council inquired as to the request regarding front yard library boxes. Mrs. Lyons provided the update to close out the request. They also inquired as to Halloween protocols. Mrs. Lyons confirmed the Borough will not be closing Prospect Avenue and encouraged residents to familiarize themselves with the CDC guidelines and make informed decisions. Mayor Didio announced they are looking for alternative parking solutions for renters at the DPW.

**New Business –**

Councilman Kelly inquired as to the length of the fire siren. Councilwoman Schoenberg explained this is still needed by the Fire Department.

**Public Comment –**

Mark Alleman at 665 Ellen Place -thanked OPTV for candidate videos. He asked for clarification on the LESO program.

Paul Latunous – 50 Beverly Road spoke against the PSEG proposed plant. He asked what topics were discussed in closed session. He asked for a copy of the new Recreation Director job description.

Sam Tripsas – 327 Maple Ave stated that the fire alarm is a part of the community as well as the sounds from NJ Transit train.

Motion to close public comment made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilwoman Schoenberg

All in favor

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

All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT - 8:57pm**

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