

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 NOVEMBER 27, 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 8:01 p.m. and read Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

At roll call, the following were present:
Mayor Dianne Didio

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

Absent:
Council President Schoenberg

Flag Salute:

Adoption of Minutes: Upon motion by Councilman Tashjian and seconded by Councilman Carnevale, the minutes of September 25, 2018 and October 23, 2018 were adopted.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Presentation: Mayor Didio stated that she accepted an award for Oradell while attending the League of Municipalities. It was for Best Print Media (Class B Municipality) for the 2018 calendar. The calendar incorporated the artwork of children from OPS.

Correspondence:

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

1. Thank you letter from Oradell Public Library for donation
2. Letter from DEP classification exception area – Liberty Subaru
3. Notice of Zoning Board Appeal 800 River Dell Road
4. Notification and Public Outreach 444 Kinderkamack Road
5. October 2018 Oradell Monthly report
6. DEP Flood Hazard Verification Approval Bergen Catholic

Before opening the meeting to the public, Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to table Ordinance 18-15 through 18-21. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

Mayor Didio stated that the reason that the ordinances were tabled is that the council needs more time to consider these ordinances.

Councilman Tashjian made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli, to amend the Consent Agenda to include Resolution 18-228 (resolution approving issuance of 2018/2019 liquor license for Cool Beans).

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

Public Comments:

No member from the public came forward.

Consent Agenda:

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

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-212: bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,504,872.70, be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: Tashjian

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

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-213: budget transfers in the amount of \$149,315.00, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-214: tax refund payment to 325 Grove St. in an amount not to exceed \$3,691.85, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-215: municipal alliance funding 2019, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-216: additional \$6,750 for lacrosse line installation of DPAC field, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-217: emergency paving for Tilcon for PSEG road work in the amount not to exceed \$42,000, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-218: option year 2 to Westphal carting for 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$405,756, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-219: appointment of Alec Wasserman to Oradell Fire Department, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-220: authorization of Borough Administrator to solicit RFQ for Borough Planner, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-221: endorsement of 2018 Housing Element and Fair share Plan, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-222: 2019 meeting dates of Mayor and Council, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-223: Neglia Engineering to design specification for 2019 Road Improvement program in an amount not to exceed \$45,720, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-224: Neglia Engineering to prepare monument renderings in an amount not to exceed \$2,200, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-225: agreement with Bergen County for snow plowing county roads, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-226: agreement with North West Bergen County Utilities Authority for Sewer Jetting services as needed, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-227: agreement with North West Bergen County Utilities Authority for TV Inspection services as needed, be approved.

RESOLVED, that (made part hereof) Resolution #18-228: Liquor license renewal for Cool Beans through June 30, 2019, be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

Committee Reports:

Administration, Fire & Business Development

Mayor Didio reported in Council President Tracy Schoenberg's absence

Administration

A timeframe for non-union employee raises was provided.

Council President Schoenberg asked the Admin Committee to provide comments on the Administrative Code which she hopes to discuss at the December 11th meeting.

Fire

The Mayor congratulated Alec Wasserman, the newest member of the Fire Dept., who was appointed this evening.

She stated Poker Night at the Oradell Fire Dept. is scheduled for December 1st. In addition, a purchase order for fire truck has been signed and will take approximately 18 months before it is delivered.

The Oradell Fire Dept. will be installing new chief on January 5th.

There have been 35 calls in November. A total of 282 fire calls for the year.

Business Development

It was announced that EDAC will be adding 2 or 3 more local business owners to the committee.

A meeting is planned between Mayor, Council President and North Jersey Community Foundation to discuss bringing art events to the Borough.

Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

A survey will be available at Senior Holiday Dinner.

DPW & Engineering and Shared Service:*Councilman Roger Tashjian*

Dave Atkinson, Borough Engineer, is analyzing improvements with the pathways at DPAC and playgrounds. Mayor Didio said that she was contacted by Eagle Scouts who are willing to take on projects toward their award and asked the engineer to advise her if he feels there is anything the scouts could do.

He reported the DPAC turf has been removed and field has been graded. Completion of project estimated in 2-3 weeks. He stated the fence has met its useful life and the Borough needs to consider replacing or improving the fence. Ideally, it would be best to replace the fence prior to the field opening. Cost of new fence approximates \$50,000.

Mayor thanked the engineer for following up with the County regarding various outstanding issues.

Councilman Tashjian explained that Resolution 18-217 relates to pipeline work that was done on Martin Ave. and Atlantic Ave. that permitted Tilcon to pave from the crest of the road to the curb. Mrs. Lyons added that paving is necessary to ensure health, safety and welfare of residents.

The councilman reminded the public to download the recycle coach app.

Mr. Tashjian stated as of December 1st, residents can recycle electronics during DPW business hours.

Councilman Tashjian wished a speedy recovery to the DPW employee who is out of work as a result of surgery.

Mayor Didio requested that the Administrator/Clerk send a tree report to the homeowner who requested it.

Councilman Tashjian asked that residents please be patient regarding leaf collection as the leaves fell late in the season.

Mr. Tashjian reported the pond on Oradell Ave. has about 2' of muck in 50% of the pond preventing DPW from cutting the weeds. Mayor Didio spoke of the benefits of special material (interlocking sheets) that can be placed over the pond and people can skate on it, but the downside is that it is very expensive.

Councilman Tashjian requested that a resolution be drafted for the next meeting appointing Mr. Nywening as Air Quality Compliance individual.

He stated that bathrooms are getting abused at Memorial Field. DPW recommends that bathrooms be kept locked, except when events are held at the field. Mr. Atkinson said there are locks that can be controlled by time. Councilman Jannicelli also suggested installing cameras. Mrs. Lyons said she is speaking to the police chief and DPW Superintendent about using cameras as a deterrent. cameras. Mayor Didio said she may know of a business who can donate

cameras.

Councilman Tashjian was happy to report that tomorrow the Borough will be receiving a loader through the LESO program.

Clothing boxes should be installed shortly after contract is reviewed by Borough Attorney. Mrs. Lyons stated that the Borough and Police Dept. receive revenue from the boxes.

Councilman Tashjian that this is the 11th anniversary of the death of DPW employee, Doug Van Valen. He unfortunately passed away from an on the job injury.

Councilman Tashjian clarified that DPW will be collecting leaves until final pick up. The leaf schedule is just a guide. DPW surveys the town and has more leaf pickup than what is reflected on the schedule.

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

Councilman Stephen Carnevale

Regional School Funding

Councilman Carnevale stated that Oradell's petition to the New Jersey Supreme Court regarding River Dell tax inequity matter was denied. Therefore, we will look toward making legislative changes since the judicial avenue has been exhausted. Council President Schoenberg approached Senate President Sweeney at the league conference and let him know that legislature has ignored this situation too long and Oradell would like to have a voice in the legislative process.

Public Safety Committee

The committee met with Chief Wicker on November 1st. Councilman Carnevale reported that Chief Wicker does not feel the police dept has the resources to manage the background checks for coaches, so recreation should continue managing the program and police will provide assistance.

Mr. Carnevale reported that Chief Wicker does not feel that pedestrian flags are effective, especially at busier intersections and other solutions should be considered. Councilman Kelly does not see a downside to using pedestrian flags and requested that Public Safety continue their discussions on the matter.

Historical Committee

Mr. Carnevale stated that the committee is working on a proposal for a Historical Commission.

He added the committee unanimously feels that the WWI plaque should not be removed from its present location.

A member of the historical committee would like to contribute to the cost of the flags at the refurbished memorial site on Memorial Field. Mrs. Lyons will contact the chair of the Historical Committee and advise when the Mayor and Council will meet to discuss the renderings for the so they have an opportunity to voice their opinion at the meeting.

Mayor Didio suggested that veterans be contacted as well and notified of the meeting.

OPTV

Councilman Carnevale stated that some microphones need to be replaced.

Planning Board

He reported that Master Plan discussions will take place on December 4th and broadcast on OPTV. Planning Board intends to vote on the adoption of the Master Plan at the meeting.

Ordinance

Councilman Rob Jannicelli

Ordinances

Councilman Jannicelli stated that Ordinance 18-14 is ready for final reading. This ordinance deals with a participation fee for Oradell recreation sports on borough facilities.

Borough Clerk read the ordinance into record by title only:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RECREATION PARTICIPATION PERMIT REQUIREMENT

Councilman Jannicelli made a motion to approve Ordinance 18-14 upon final reading, to be published in the Record on Friday, November 30, 2018. Councilman Tashjian seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tashjian, Carnevale, Jannicelli, Kelly, Yu

Nays: None

Absent: Schoenberg

Abstain: None

He stated two ordinances that will be discussed and adopted next year. They include prohibition on vaping on school grounds and garbage/refuse removal placement.

Ambulance

First Aid event for Boy Scouts will be held on Friday, November 30th at 7:30 pm at OPS. Mr. Jannicelli reported the Ambulance Corps. will provide their services.

Recreation

Mr. Jannicelli stated that the DPAC project is almost complete. Fencing will be discussed and completed.

He stated the Recreation Committee recommended reflective lighting in the pathways behind DPAC. The Borough Engineer will look into other options and restrictions.

Councilman Jannicelli was happy to hear that the engineer is exploring options for the water pooling and drainage issue at DPAC.

It was reported the dog park grant money will be reappropriated to upgrading playground at Memorial Field. Columbia Bank agreed to donate \$25,000 to the playground.

Special Events

Mr. Jannicelli stated the Christmas Tree lighting will be held on December 2nd in front of Borough Hall and the Menorah Lighting is December 6th.

Councilmen Jannicelli and Carnevale will meet with the Administrator and Police Chief to discuss a procedure to handle background checks and those individuals who are disqualified.

Finance and Insurance:

Councilman Thomas Kelly

Finance

Councilman Kelly stated that department heads are formulating their requests for capital and operating budgets for 2019.

Insurance

He stated that the Borough will be receiving an annual dividend from JIF.

Environmental

Mr. Kelly reported that corn stalks were removed and holiday decorations will be going up shortly.

Councilman Kelly suggested pairing Styrofoam collection with confidential shredding.

He stated a Nature Walk on January 1st and Super Bowl Sunday around the reservoir.

He stated the Green Team will present a coyote program on March 7th at the Blauvelt Museum.

Zoning Board

He thanked the zoning board volunteers for their hard work and service as they consider various applications.

Outreach Committee

He stated that the food and coat drive was a big success. Rotary is also having a drive this weekend with collection at Volk Leber Funeral Home.

OPS

Mr. Kelly reported that the PTA hosted a Meet the Candidates night on Thursday, November 1st and it was a successful turnout.

Board of Health, Library, Municipal Drug Alliance:

Councilwoman Miriam Yu

Board of Health

Councilwoman Yu reported that the Board of Health was happy that the ordinance passed regarding banning the sale of recreational marijuana.

Mrs. Yu reminded the public that the Health Dept. offers free health screening for seniors.

Mrs. Yu asked that the Board of Health page on the Borough website be updated with current information including minutes.

Library

Mrs. Yu reported the temperature at the library is still spotty, especially on the first floor.

Mrs. Yu announced upcoming events at the library.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Didio attended Hackathon at River Dell High School. She said it was very impressive to see what the students invented in such a short period of time.

The Mayor attended the Girl Scout Award ceremony over the weekend. Among the award recipients was Kristen Guarino who received her Gold Award for building a library for the Garfield Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor Didio would like to reapportion the 2019 committee liaisons and asked that council get back to her within the next couple of weeks to advise of their requests. Mrs. Lyons will recirculate the resolution that established 2018 committee liaisons so council has a reference.

Council President will be attending a round table discussion with NJ Senate President Steve Sweeney tomorrow to discuss economic and fiscal policy.

Stigma Free held their last meeting of the year last night. The committee has grown throughout the year and has accomplished quite a lot raising awareness on mental health issues that affect the community.

Administrator/Clerk's Report:

Mrs. Lyons reported that she attended a symposium at Drew University in which Governor Murphy spoke about shared services. There are 7,000 shared service agreements on file with the state from various NJ municipalities.

Mrs. Lyons stated she signed a phone system contract in October and a kickoff meeting was held with phone vendor.

Borough Attorney's Report:

Mr. Oddo stated that his legal matters were discussed in closed session and he has nothing further to report.

Public Comment:

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Rd., inquired about ordinance 18-17 (which was pulled) and the amount of units on an acre on Fey Place. He thought it was 6 units, but Mr. Carnevale confirmed 8 units pursuant to the agreement with Fair Share. Mr. Latsounas stated that the street extends across New Milford Ave. and was zoned Conservation/Recreation. He wanted to know if that parcel is privately owned. The borough attorney believes that it is.

The resident inquired as to whether the Master Plan considered the area north of Oradell Ave. on the east side of Kinderkamack Road as 3 stories. Mr. Carnevale confirmed that is the case.

Regarding vehicles on Elm Street, Mr. Latsounas is in favor of restricting trucks and big vehicles from accessing the road and the bridge.

Lorraine Bogert, Wanamaker Ave., said the Mayor and Council should do a study regarding the pooling of water by Commander Black before they do any kind of work there. She said the area is susceptible to black ice.

Sam Tripsas, 327 Maple Ave., reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones to minimize interference.

Mr. Tripsas said that Mr. Vierling, the former historian, advised him that Ellsworth Kelly was part of the Ghost Army in WWII who built inflatable tanks and trucks and that Mr. Kelly's reputation was known far and wide.

Mayor Didio was reminded that there was past discussion about putting up a marker or ceremonial placard in front of Frank Vierling's house (corner of Maple Ave. and Ridgwood Ave.). Administrator Lyons will look into the matter.

Councilman Tashjian said that DPW committee spoke about installing a lighted holiday ornament at the corner of Kinderkamack Rd. and Oradell Ave.

Mr. Tripsas said that many businesses are starting to rim their windows with LED lights and he fears that Oradell businesses might want to do the same unless an ordinance prohibits it. He urged the Mayor and Council to consider drafting an ordinance.

Seeing no further member of the public, Councilman Tashjian made a motion to close to the public, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli. All in favor.

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

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:46 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

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