

**A JOINT 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 DECEMBER 15, 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 via Zoom:

Mayor Dianne Didio

Councilmembers:

Council President 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**

**Discussion Items:**

1. Alex Saldana – Eagle Scout Project  
Presentation on a collection of items to donate to the Veterans Home in Paramus
2. Tom Toronto – United Way Supportive Housing  
Council were all in support of this project & will be having Resolution on for Sine Die to approve this project and allow public to comment if they have questions.
3. “Opening a business in Oradell” process  
Conversation ensued about how the Borough needs to upgrade the website to assist local businesses and potential businesses in Oradell.

**Motion to convene Regular Public Meeting:** made by Councilwoman Schoenberg, seconded by Rob Jannicelli

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**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 topics discussed in closed session. Mayor Didio confirmed that there was no closed session tonight. He had several questions regarding resolutions.

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Rob Jannicelli public comment was closed. All in Favor

**Minutes Approval:** 8-25-20

Councilwoman Yu abstained from vote as she was absent at the 8-25 meeting.

Motion to approve made by Tracy Schoenberg and seconded by Rob Jannicelli. All in favor on voice vote.

**Correspondance:**

1. Not Further Action Letter NJDEP Block 310 Lot 10

On a motion to file correspondence made by Roger Tashjian, seconded by Rob Jannicelli. All in favor on voice vote.

**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.

- 20-215 Approve payment of all bills and vouchers in the amount of \$3,899,220.89
- 20-216 Approve tax court judgement Block 807 Lot 3 in the amount of \$50,139.58
- 20-217 Approve tax court judgement Block 403 Lot 14 in the amount of \$7,227.82
- 20-218 Approve tax court judgement Block 807 Lot 3 in the amount of \$9,606.13
- 20-219 Approve tax court judgement Block 605 Lot 15 in the amount of \$2,113.70
- 20-220 Approve renewal of public sector purchasing coop for Verizon products and plans
- 20-221 Support Drive Sober of Get Pulled Over 2020 Year End Holiday crackdown grant for DUI enforcement
- 20-222 Approve 2021 meeting dates of Mayor & Council
- 20-223 Approve Richard Ryen as member of the Oradell Fire Dept.
- 20-224 Approve Victor Buccos as member of the Oradell Fire Dept.
- 20-225 Supporting resolution denouncing recent Antisemitism Acts
- 20-226 Approve new format of JIF tort claim
- 20-227 Approve Tina Duddie title change to FT Assistant to Recreation and Finance Dept at pro-rated salary of \$46,181.00
- 20-228 Approve purchase of certain goods from ESCNJ coop in the amount of \$51,028.57 for Grant Playground
- 20-229 2020 Budget Transfers
- 20-230 Chapter 159 Special item of revenue into 2020 budget Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over
- 20-231 Approve 2020 tax appeal judgements various properties
- 20-232 Approve refund to Block 1201 Lot 23 due to tax judgement \$7,675.61
- 20-233 Chapter 159 Special item of revenue into 2020 budget BC Cares Act \$24,570.38

20-234 Chapter 159 Special item of revenue into 2020 budget FEMA COVID  
\$73,711.14

On a motion to approve the consent agenda made by Tracy Schoenberg, seconded by Roger Tashjian.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**Council Reports**

**Council President Tracy Schoenberg –**

Council President inquired as to the status of the revision of the employee handbook. Mrs. Lyons indicated her the new HR employee is working on a draft to send to the Labor Counsel. She stated that Fire Department has moved all meetings to a virtual platform. To date there have been 323 calls this year. This Sunday is Santa Sunday. The Seniors are currently being polled to ascertain their interest in Zoom exercise classes.

**Councilman Roger Tashjian –**

The Borough Engineer did not have a report at this time.

Councilman Tashjian thanked Mr. Atkinson for all the work this year. He inquired about purchasing air filters for the Borough buildings. The task force will be reviewing. He stated leaf season will be ending soon as well as garbage is cancelled for Thursday due to the upcoming snow storm.

**Stephen Carnevale –**

He stated the Public Safety Committee met on Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. The Chief reported on a many items including the upcoming PBA toy drive, recently enacted legislation and the department budgets. The Planning Board met on December 1<sup>st</sup> and two soil moving applications were approved.

**Rob Jannicelli-**

*Ordinance – Adoption*

20-05 ESTABLISH STORM WATER ORDINANCE IN THE  
BOROUGH OF ORADELL COUNTY OF BERGEN NEW  
JERSEY

Borough Engineer Dave Atkinson provided description of Ordinance.

**Public Comment:**

Paul Latonus, 50 Beverly Rd asked the Borough Engineer about the water run off of the businesses to the residents and asked if this will relieve that. Dave Atkinson commented that this Ordinance is a state mandated ordinance which we have to adopt.

Motion to approve made by Rob Jannicelli, seconded by Tracy Schoenberg

20-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 170-17 OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL CONCERNING  
THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Motion to approve made by Rob Jannicelli, seconded by Tracy Schoenberg

20-07 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 92-13 OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL CONCERNING  
THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Motion to approve made by Rob Jannicelli, seconded by Tracy Schoenberg

*Ordinance – Introduction*

20-08 AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CHAPTER 280-39 OF THE  
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL ENTITLED  
PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES

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

*Recreation* – Councilman Jannicelli reported that in 2021 the Borough should examine upgrades to the Grant Avenue ball field. This is the first exposure to recreation facilities for the younger aged children and families and it is time to work on the field. He also inquired about a few items that were discussed at the Recreation Committee meeting. Mrs. Lyons provided clarification as a few items were miscommunicated. Mr. Jannicelli stated the protocols for skating in town if weather permits.

**Councilman Thomas Kelly** – Councilman Kelly reported that the annual budgets are in good shape and the overall budget is on point to remain within parameters. He expressed his sincere appreciation to all those he worked with over the years and would welcome any appointments to board or committees to remain active.

**Miriam Yu** – Councilwoman Yu provided an update regarding OPS Board of Education and Board of Health operations. She also indicated the contract with Westwood Animal Hospital for the Dog Lyme Vaccine has been renewed and vouchers will be available for pickup by appointment at Borough Hall.

**Mayor** – Mayor Didio provided an update on the storm preparations. She also thanked Sgt. Derek Kahill, OEM Coordinator for all his hard work this year and stated that his award from Congressman Gottheimer is well deserved.

**Laura Lyons -Admin/ Clerk** – Mrs. Lyons thanked all the Borough employees for their dedicated work during this challenging year. She will be working with the Zoom account manager to upgrade the account to incorporate the webinar feature for the duration of the remote

operations. Mrs. Lyons also stated that the Borough will be able to apply for FEMA reimbursement for the August storm Hurricane Iasiah.

**Andy Oddo** – nothing to report.

**Old Business** – Borough Administrator Lyons reported that the 2021 Calendar will be mailed shortly. Councilman Tashjian stated that there will be no parking on streets during the storm event.

**New Business** – None

**Public Comments**

Paul Latsounas, 50 Beverly Road inquired about the LESO program and garbage refuse in dumpsters located in the Borough.

Jonathan Kern- Councilman Elect- introduced himself and stated he is looking forward to working with the Council and serving the Borough.

Motion to close public comment made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Jannicelli.

All in favor

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

All in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT – 9:03 pm**

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