



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2025**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 in person at Borough Hall, 1 School Street, Peapack, NJ and began at 7:02pm.

Mayor Corigliano called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk Nancy A. Bretzger read the Sunshine Notice "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2025 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 26, 2024, and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Mayor Corigliano asked the public to silence their cell phones and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mayor Corigliano, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Quartello, Councilman Silva, Councilwoman Sueta, Councilwoman Weible.

Absent: Council President Sweeney.

Also, present was John DeLuca, Esq, Borough Attorney (from Savo, Schalk), and Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk/ Administrator.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lynn Perry, 55 Main Street, asked if there was an update on the Library. Mayor Corigliano stated the Library Construction was in its last stages. He also explained that there have been some challenges and to expect it to re-open in the Spring/Early Summer.

OLD BUSINESS

Tennis Courts

Councilwoman Murphy said there were no significant updates on the Tennis Courts. Her and Councilman Quartello have been speaking with residents about the best location for them. Their research has led them to believe putting the pickleball courts by the old tennis courts, and the new tennis courts near the municipal building is the best option. Councilman Quartello said he spoke with Classic Turf and will speak to his point of contact the following day about pressing concerns. He believes working on tennis courts first is the priority, then working on pickleball afterwards would be the best option for the Borough. Mayor Corigliano agreed with their plan for the courts. Councilwoman Sueta stated her concerns with the courts, and hoped that Classic Turf could answer them. Both Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Quartello said they will look into the issue. Councilman Silva confirmed that the smaller of the baseball fields would be removed.

Geese

Councilwoman Murphy mentioned that the price of Geese Chasers increases with the addition of borough properties other than Liberty Park. She stated that with Geese Chasers we know what we will



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spend as a flat amount, and with Geese Police it's possible for the cost to go up due to adding of nested eggs. Councilman Quartello stated the budget had already expanded due to the cost increases, and that we can cancel membership with them should there not be suitable results. Mayor Corigliano stated that geese have been found dead in the state due to Avian Flu and it is very concerning. He explained that Avian Flu has not been transferred from goose to human, but has transferred to pets. Councilwoman Murphy explained that certain animals do get affected with it and that the state is working to make sure there are no issues within New Jersey. Peapack and Gladstone has not found any dead geese so we have not had any issues as of this moment, but Mayor Corigliano wanted the information to be relayed to the public.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

There was no discussion during this meeting.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Corigliano requested a motion for the approval of the Minutes from February 11, 2025. Councilwoman Murphy motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Weible. Said motion was carried with Councilman Quartello abstaining.

ORDINANCES

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1148-2025 AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Mayor Corigliano explained that this Ordinance is implemented yearly before the budget is adopted. Councilman Quartello moved to pass the ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that Ordinance 1148-2025 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on March 25, 2025 at 7:00pm or shortly thereafter.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1149-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XVII, TITLED "SEWERS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES SUBSECTION 1.27 TITLED "SEWER CHARGE"

Mayor Corigliano explained that this is regarding an increase in the sewer rates within the Borough. Councilman Quartello made a motion to pass this Ordinance, and was seconded by Councilman Silva. Roll Call was taken and the Ordinance was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that Ordinance 1149-2025 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on March 25, 2025 at 7:00pm or shortly thereafter.



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INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1150-2025 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER XXIII, "LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE AMENDING ARTICLE XIA, MU-AH MIXED USE – AFFORDABLE HOUSING ZONE
Mayor Corigliano explained that this Ordinance is relating to the uses in the MU-AH (Lackawanna Avenue) zone. A motion was made by Councilwoman Weible, and was seconded by Councilman Quartello. Roll Call was taken and passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that Ordinance 1150-2025 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on March 25, 2025 at 7:00pm or shortly thereafter.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1151-2025 *AN ORDINANCE OPTING INTO THE GARDEN STATE C-PACE PROGRAM TO FACILITATE THE FINANCING OF C-PACE PROJECTS*

Mayor Corigliano explained that this Ordinance is a revision to an Ordinance a few years before and how it works. A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, and was seconded by Councilman Quartello. Roll call was taken and passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that Ordinance 1151-2025 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on March 25, 2025 at 7:00pm or shortly thereafter.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1152-2025 *AN ORDINANCE TO SET THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR, BOROUGH COUNCIL MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES*

Mayor Corigliano explained that this Ordinance is the increase of payment to employees working within the borough. A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, and was seconded by Councilman Quartello. Roll call was taken and was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that Ordinance 1152-2025 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on March 25, 2025 at 7:00pm or shortly thereafter.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1153-2025 *AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PROTECTION OF TREES IN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE*

Mayor Corigliano explained that this Ordinance is a new Tree Ordinance that elaborates on tree removal and planting within the Borough. A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, and was seconded by Councilman Silva. Roll Call was taken and was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that Ordinance 1153-2025 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on March 25, 2025 at 7:00pm or shortly thereafter.



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RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 51-25 A RESOLUTION TO REFUND DEPOSIT MONIES HELD IN ESCROW TO THE 20TH CENTURY FOX FILM CORP.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-25 A RESOLUTION FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 2025 BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 53-25 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT STEPHANIE SOULIOS AS DEPUTY CLERK/DEPUTY REGISTRAR AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING LIAISON OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE

RESOLUTION NO. 54-25 A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY TO CONDUCT FIRE SERVICE "CERTIFIED" TRAINING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

RESOLUTION NO. 55-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A HIGHLANDS HOUSING GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 57-25 A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A INTERLOCAL SERVICE AGREEMENT MADE PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, ET SEQ. BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE AND BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO PROVIDE FOR THE JOINT USE OF BLOCK 29, LOT 31.01, IN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE AS THE DESIGNATED LOCATION FOR EMERGENCY DEBRIS REMOVAL

Mayor Corigliano spoke to the Council regarding the resolutions for this meeting. The Council had no issues regarding the resolutions, and Mayor Corigliano requested a motion for a consent vote. A motion was made by Councilman Quartello, and was seconded by Councilman Silva. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION NO. 56-25 PAYMENT OF CLAIMS (POSTED)

*Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: **\$330,284.98***

Mayor Corigliano asked if anyone had questions on the Bills List. Mayor Corigliano asked the Borough Clerk to read the total for the Bills List. Mayor Corigliano requested a motion to approve the Bills List. A motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy and seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said motion was passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There were no comments from Mayor Corigliano at this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Kelly, 172 Main Street, came to hear about the pickleball court decision. He was happy with the decision of where they would be placed, and thanked the Mayor & Council. He also asked about a dead tree on his property and the removal process. Councilwoman Murphy explained how the ordinance works in terms of dead trees. She also explained that the Environmental & Shade Tree Commission will get replacement trees to his property at no cost.



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ADJOURNMENT

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Quartello, seconded by Councilman Silva that this meeting be adjourned at 7:58 pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger
Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk