



**MAYOR & COUNCIL**  
**THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 6, 2025**

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 in person at Borough Hall, 1 School Street, Peapack, NJ and began at 7:03pm.

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 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Quartello, Mayor Corigliano, Councilwoman Sueta, Council President Sweeney.

Absent: Councilman Silva and Councilwoman Weible.

Also, present was Steven K. Warner, Esq, Borough Attorney, Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk/ Administrator.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Ms. Lynn Perry, 59 Main Street, Peapack NJ, stated that she has seen people fishing in the pond at Liberty Park. She said she gently notified them that fishing is not allowed in the park, but they still continued to fish. Ms. Perry would like to know who she should call in this situation to if she should see it again.

Councilman Quartello said that fishing will be allowed in the pond once the Ordinance is changed.

Mayor Corigliano said that it is not officially allowed as of yet, so he advised Ms. Perry to call the police in this situation. Mayor Corigliano advised Ms. Perry to not handle the situation herself.

Council President Sweeney added further context to why fishing will be allowed in the near future. He stated there used to be swans in the pond, and that fishing hooks would have harmed them. Since the swans are no longer at the park in the pond, allowing fishing at the pond will encourage residents to be outside more often.

Ms. Regina Holleb, 6 Tiger Hill Drive, asked if there are any updates regarding the Library. Mayor Corigliano informed her that the roof work will be completed in the next 14 days and the air conditioning will be installed. Mayor Corigliano said job completion is expected by the end of May. He also said that the Library System will be coming in to reset the Library. The opening of the Library will most likely be 60 days later.



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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Tennis Courts**

Councilwoman Murphy noted that they are currently waiting on a bid from Classic Turf, and there are no other significant updates regarding the tennis courts. The quote should be received by the end of the week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Maintenance of Right-of-Way**

Councilwoman Murphy talked about the problem of the dying ash trees in town. The removal of the trees is becoming both expensive and overly burdensome. Councilwoman Murphy recommended issuing an ordinance for homeowners to be responsible for the clean-up of trees and shrubs right up to the road. Mayor Corigliano instructed Attorney Warner to develop a draft Ordinance for evaluation using models provided from neighboring towns.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

- Raffle License Application 01-2025 for Matheny School and Hospital, INC, for a 50/50 Raffle to be held on Saturday, June 7, 2025.

Ms. Bretzger confirmed that the paperwork for the raffle license was issued completely and correctly. Council provided their consent regarding the Raffle License Application for Matheny School and Hospital, INC.

- Facilities Usage Application from St. Luke's Church for Use of Liberty Park/ Gazebo on Sunday, June 8, 2025 for 9:30am Sunday Morning Worship Service.

Councilwoman Murphy asked if this event will interfere with Community Day or T-Ball. It was confirmed that the aforementioned event occurs the day before the church is requesting to use Liberty Park and the Gazebo. She also asked if there would be any janitorial fees or if the fees would be waived for the event. The Council provided their consent regarding the Facilities Usage Application for St. Luke's Church.

- Special Use Application for Afternoon Tea Fundraising Event for The Historical Society of the Somerset Hills, Sunday, September 14, 2025 from 12:30 to 4:00 pm at Blairsden.

Council provided their consent regarding the Special Use Application for the Afternoon Tea Fundraising Event for the Historical Society of Somerset Hills. There is a resolution for this event that will be voted upon later in the evening.





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- Special Use Application for Music in Somerset Hills- 70's Themed Gala, Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 5:00pm to 9:30pm at Blairsden.

Clarification regarding the date for this event was given, as the agenda lists the event incorrectly occurring on a Sunday. The event will be on **Saturday, October 4, 2025**. Music in Somerset Hills has requested a time change for the event, to occur from 6 to 10 pm. Ms. Nardone stated that she initially applied with 5pm as the starting time in order to allow for set up, but they would like to move it back an hour. Mr. Warner summarized the state noise ordinance, saying that lowered noise levels begin at 10pm, so this time change would not violate the noise ordinance. There is a resolution for this event that will be voted upon later in the evening. Mayor Corigliano asked if there were any comments from the public since the application is large. There were no comments from the public regarding the Special Use Application for Music in Somerset Hills.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Corigliano requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2025. Councilwoman Murphy motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said motion was carried to accept the minutes unanimously.

**ORDINANCES**

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

Mayor Corigliano stated that this ordinance is for the protection of trees in the Borough. Councilwoman Murphy moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said motion was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano asked if anyone from the public had any comments on this ordinance. Hearing none, Council President Sweeney moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said motion was passed unanimously. A motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Council President Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said ordinance was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that **Ordinance 1153-2025** is adopted, and shall be published by title only in the Bernardsville News in accordance with the law.

**PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 1154-2025 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AND APPROPRIATING \$876,510.00 IN THE GENERAL CAPITAL FUND, \$419,000.00 IN THE OPEN SPACE TRUST AND \$226, 800.00 IN THE SEWER CAPITAL FUND THEREFORE FROM VARIOUS FUNDS OF THE BOROUGH**



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Mayor Corigliano stated the ordinance is for improvements in and by the Borough, by using various funds of the Borough.

Councilwoman Murphy moved to open the public hearing, seconded by Council President Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano asked if anyone from the public had any comments on this ordinance. Hearing none, Council President Sweeney moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy.

A motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Council President Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said ordinance was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that **Ordinance 1154-2025** is adopted, and shall be published by title only in the Bernardsville News in accordance with the law.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1155-2025 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 31, SUBSECTION 17 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, TITLED "OFF-DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS," TO PERMIT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ENTITY TO OUTSOURCE THE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT OF OFF-DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR POLICE OFFICERS**

Mayor Corigliano provided a summary of the ordinance as stated by the title. Council President Sweeney added that this ordinance would include road jobs, directing traffic, construction, and pavement. These jobs are mostly paid by an outside contractor, not the Borough. This ordinance would allow for off-duty police officers to work for utility companies both in town, and in surrounding local towns.

Council President Sweeney moved to pass the ordinance to first reading, seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said motion passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that **Ordinance 1155-2025** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on May 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1156-2025 AN ORDINANCE DISBANDING THE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND REPEALING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 47 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE**

Mayor Corigliano summarized the ordinance to disband the Library Advisory Committee of the Borough. He stated that the Library System is contracted to the county, therefore, it is run according to the county's standard. Further, the Library Committee felt they were not playing an effective role in running the Library, and have requested to disband.

Mayor Corigliano noted that there is a group called the Friends of the Library, who has an active role with the Library. Next year, a council liaison will be appointed to the Library. Councilwoman Murphy moved to pass the ordinance to first reading, seconded by Councilman Quartello. Said motion passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano stated that **Ordinance 1156-**





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**2025** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on May 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mayor Corigliano spoke to the Council regarding the resolutions for this meeting. The Council decided on pulling R-93-25 & R-95-25, to be done as a separate vote from the other resolutions. Mayor Corigliano requested a motion for a consent vote for the following Resolutions: R-84-25, R-85-25, R-86-25, R-87-25, R-88-25, R-89-25, R-90-25, R-91-25, R-92-25, R-94-25, R-96-25, R-97-25, R-98-25. A motion was made by Councilman Quartello, and was seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously. Mayor Corigliano noted that the resolutions from the two events discussed earlier this evening (Afternoon Tea Fundraising Event for The Historical Society of the Somerset Hills & Music in Somerset Hills, 70's Themed Gala) is included in these resolutions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 84-25** *RESOLUTION TO REFUND LIENHOLDER FOR REDEMPTION OF LIEN #24-00005 ON BL 17 L 5*

**RESOLUTION NO.85-25** *RESOLUTION TO REFUND MONEY DUE TO OVERPAYMENT FOR PROPERTY TAXES ON BLOCK 1.01 LOT 2.03*

**RESOLUTION NO. 86-25** *RESOLUTION TO APPOINT GINO M. SCHIFANO, POLICE OFFICER, AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT*

**RESOLUTION NO. 87-25** *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DEPOSIT PAYMENT TO FIRE AND SAFETY SERVICES OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$601,617.63*

**RESOLUTION NO. 88-25** *RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE NJDCA GRANT FOR SHARED STREET SWEEPER*

**RESOLUTION NO. 89-25** *RESOLUTION TO REFUND LIENHOLDER FOR REDEMPTION OF LIEN #24-00004 ON BLOCK 15 LOT 3*

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-25** *RESOLUTION FOR MAYORAL APPOINTMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE FOR BRETT ANDREA TO THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-25** *RESOLUTION FOR MAYORAL APPOINTMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE FOR DAVID HOLLEB TO LUB AS ALTERNATE #4*

**RESOLUTION NO. 92-25** *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY (K8A) AWD*

**RESOLUTION NO. 94-25** *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR AN AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOMERSET HILLS, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 FROM 12:30PM TO 4:00PM, AT BLAIRSDEN, 30 BLAIRSDEN DRIVE, PEAPACK, NJ*

**RESOLUTION NO. 96-25** *RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONS (ANJEC) FOR POLLINATOR GARDEN WITH NATIVE PLANTS*



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**RESOLUTION NO. 97-25** *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION TO APPLY TO NJDEP FOR A NJ URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (CFMP) AND CONDUCT A MUNICIPAL TREE INVENTORY*

**RESOLUTION NO. 98-25** *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE AND NEW JERSEY STATE AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT EASEMENTS UNDER THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM*

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-25** *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR MUSIC IN SOMERSET HILLS, A 70'S THEMED GALA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025 FROM 6:00PM to 10:00PM, AT BLAIRSDEN, 30 BLAIR DRIVE, PEAPACK, NJ*

A motion was made by Councilman Quartello to approve the resolution with its amended times and corrected day of the week, and was seconded by Council President Sweeney. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 95-25** *RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FOR RECREATION'S 2025 SUMMER CAMP AND OTHER SUMMER PROGRAMS*

A motion was made by Council President Sweeney, and was seconded by Councilwoman Sueta. Councilwoman Murphy abstained. Said motion was passed.

**BILLS LIST**

**RESOLUTION NO.99-25** *PAYMENT OF CLAIMS (POSTED)*

*Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: **\$635,077.53***

Mayor Corigliano asked if anyone had any items from the Bills List that needed to be pulled for discussion. Ms. Bretzger read amount listed above. The council had no questions regarding the bills list.

A motion was made by Councilman Quartello, and was seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was passed unanimously.





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**MAYOR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Mayor Corigliano stated that there will be an ordinance forthcoming regarding the Right-of-Way discussion from earlier this evening.

Mayor Corigliano stated that the Borough Newsletter is in the mail, and should be received by residents soon. He hopes everyone enjoys the newsletter.

Council President Sweeney noted that the Police Awards have been rescheduled to the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. He also noted that on Saturday, May 10, from 9-11a.m. the P.B.A. is hosting coffee with a cop at Fair Mountain Coffee in Gladstone. He encouraged residents to stop by to say hi to the officers.

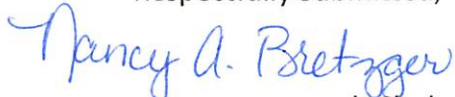
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Corigliano asked if anyone from the public had any comments. There were none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Quartello that this meeting be adjourned at 7:29 pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk