

BOROUGH of
**PEAPACK &
GLADSTONE**

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Office of the Borough Clerk/Administrator

October 23, 2023

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OCTOBER 24, 2023
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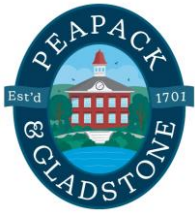
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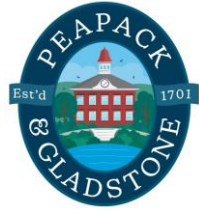
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**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
OCTOBER 24, 2023**



7:00 PM – REGULAR MEETING

**Location: Borough Hall Council Chambers, 1 School St., Peapack, NJ
& Virtually Via GOTO Meeting Conference System**

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. SUNSHINE NOTICE – Municipal Clerk reads the following statement:

“Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2023 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 8, 2022 and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken.”

3. FLAG SALUTE

4. ROLL CALL

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS: 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

It is the policy of the Borough Council that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to five (5) minutes per person. Comments may be made on any Non-Agenda subject pertaining to Borough issues. Comments pertaining to Public Hearings should be saved for that section of the agenda. No debating between residents. Comments should be addressed to Mayor and Council at the public microphone.

6. OLD BUSINESS

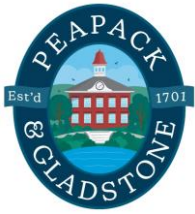
7. NEW BUSINESS

- Committee and Commission Rationalization Project

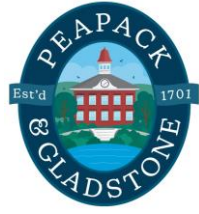
8. MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

- Facility Usage Somerset Hills Education Foundation for the use of Liberty Park on December 10, 2023 for a Holiday Pet Parade.

- Best Practices



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9. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes October 10, 2023

Executive Session Minutes October 10, 2023

10. ORDINANCE

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 1128-2023- *AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE VII, TITLED "WILDLIFE FEEDING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE*

11. RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 194-23 *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO HUNTING RIGHTS LICENSE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT*

RESOLUTION NO. 195-23 *RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANK D'AMORE AS FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE*

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12. BILLS LIST

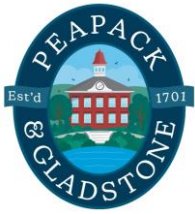
RESOLUTION NO. 197-23 *APPROVAL OF BILLS AS SIGNED AND LISTED ON THE BILL PAYMENT LIST TOTAL AMOUNT: \$749,117.83*

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

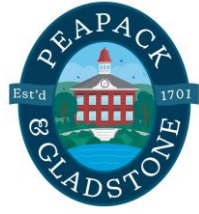
Mayor Corigliano & Councilman Quartello
Councilwoman Weible & Councilman Lemma
Councilwoman Murphy & Councilman Sweeney
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Councilman Quartello & Councilman Murphy
Mayor Corigliano
John Bruder, Borough Attorney
Nancy Bretzger
Mayor Corigliano

Finance
Sanitation & Sewer
Borough Property
Fire/First Aid Squad
Police
Roads & Transportation
Zoning & Construction
Legal
Administrator's Report
Mayor's Report

14. MAYOR'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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15. PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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16. ADJOURNMENT

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2023 AT 7:00PM**



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 10, 2023**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 virtually via GoTo Meeting and began at 7:01p.m.

Council President Sweeney called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk Nancy Bretzger read the Sunshine Notice "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2023 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 8, 2022 and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Council President Sweeney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated the following present: Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Quartello, Council President Sweeney, Councilwoman Weible

Mayor Corigliano was Absent.

Also present were: Mr. John Bruder, Esq., Borough Attorney, Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment

OLD BUSINESS

John Sweeney spoke on the Blue Ridge Sportsman Hunting Agreement and they picked a new piece of property to hunt on in lieu of Rock-a-bye Meadow. It was determined that the Rock-a-bye property was not good for hunting. It is too narrow. The new piece of property will be DPW property. The second issue was the use of ATV's to bring corn for the feeders and carry the deer out and they would repair any damage. He spoke with Brad Fagen and Brad does not have an issue with any of this. The current agreement will be modified to reflect these two items. The resolution will be on the next meeting's agenda to modify the agreement.

Councilman Lemma brought up the truck discussion that occurred at the meeting last week with regards to having a scale to weigh them. He did some research and the trucks that would be subject to this by law have the total weight imprinted on the truck. The resident at Overlook and Mendham Road reminded him that he had his fence thorn out twice.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Lemma stated the police department is having a coat drive this year. It begins today October 10th and will go to December 15th. They will be accepting coats, mitten, cold weather gear. The items can be dropped off at the PG Police Station.

Councilwoman Weible stated that she, Nancy and Brad were recently at the STAB meeting. As a result of one the grants, it will acquire the town to put in a substantial amount of money towards the STAB Sewer project in the amount of \$186,400. STAB is a shared project between Far Hills, Peapack and Bedminster. PG has a higher flow so our percentage will be higher.



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We will be getting between the two grants \$2.6M. This work needs to be done. There is more than enough in sewer to cover this.

Councilman Lemma stated that they will under spend this year's capital budget for sewer by 10s of thousands of dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

● **Eagle Scout Presentation**

Thomas Whittle, a resident of Peapack-Gladstone addressed the Council and stated that he is currently working to become an Eagle Scout. This will require completion of 21 required and elected merit badges and the most significant requirement is planning the development, management and completion of a project that benefits the community. He thanked Mayor Corigliano, Councilwoman Murphy and Mr. Fagen, DPW Director in assisting him with planning a project to refurbish the Scout Cabin in Liberty Park. His project will consist of activities on the outside and the inside of the building. Each of the six small rooms, 2 lofts and the large meeting space will be cleaned top to bottom. In addition, he will build a box to go around the electrical panel that can be locked. The wagon wheel chandelier will be restored as well. He estimates the total cost \$1,100 for materials, tools and supplies. He will be raising funds through a GoFundMe account. His goal is to have the project completed in time for Santa's arrival in December. He thanked the members of the Council and their support in his project.

The council discussed possible ideas for future use of the Cabin.

Councilwoman Murphy stated that Brad did get two quotes for bids for the tennis court. She forwarded them onto Bill Ryden for his opinion. Basically, the tennis court needs a complete over haul. One quote was for \$100,000 and the other was \$200,000. They discussed the funds coming out of a combination of Open Space and Recreation Trust Fund.

MINUTES

Mayor Corigliano asked for a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023, motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 26, 2023 made by Councilwoman Murphy; seconded by Councilman Quartello; roll call taken; said motion passed. Councilman Lemma abstained.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 188-23 *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATING JOSEPH J. MCCHESENEY TO BECOME A RIDING MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT* motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, Seconded by Councilman Lemma, roll call taken; said motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 189-23 *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BRETT FAGAN TO BE ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT* motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Lemma, roll call taken; said motion passed.



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RESOLUTION NO. 190-23 *RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH APGAR ASSOCIATES FOR SURVEYING SERVICES FOR SURVEY OF BLOCK 8, LOTS 2.06 & 2.11 (TUCKER PROPERTY)* motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich, roll call taken; said motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 191-23 *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION FOR KILIAN SCHLAGER TO BECOME A JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT* motion made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call taken; said motion passed.

BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION NO. 192-23 *Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: \$73,245.23* Motion made by Councilman Quartello, seconded by Councilwoman Weible, roll call vote take; said motion passed.

Discussion ensued on the cost of wrapping the lights with garland. Brad Fagen explained the cost.

Mayor's Executive Summary -None

No public comments.

At 7:25PM, President Council Sweeney made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, roll call taken; said motion passed.

Council came out of Executive Session at 7:47 and reopened meeting to the public, with no further business motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:53PM by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilwoman Weible.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk

BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

ORDINANCE NO. 1128-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER IV, ARTICLE VII, TITLED “WILDLIFE FEEDING” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone (hereinafter “Borough”) previously enacted Chapter IV, Article VII of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough to prohibit the feeding of wildlife on any public property owned or operated by the Borough in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough have determined a further need to prohibit actions including feeding or otherwise attracting free-roaming cats or feral animals on any property within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have determined that free-roaming cats and feral animals pose numerous dangers to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have further determined that some of the dangers posed by free-roaming cats and feral animals include an increased chance for injuries to residents or their domesticated pets; the spread of injury, disease or parasites to humans and other feral or wild animals; an increase in the population of the feral animals, as well as an increase in the nuisances to the residents caused by such feral animals; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone believes that it is in the best interests of the Borough and its residents to prohibit the feeding or attracting of free-roaming cats or feral animals in order to avoid the numerous dangers posed by such activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter IV, Article VII of the General Ordinances of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

§4-7.6 Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated

Feral Animals

Animals of any species living in an unsocialized or wild state.

Free-Roaming Cats

Cats which roam outdoors. They may be outdoor cats with an owner, stray cats, or feral cats.

Person

Any individual, corporation, partnership, organization or institution commonly recognized by law as a unit.

§ 4-7.7 Prohibited conduct.

No person shall feed or attract any feral animal or free-roaming cat on any property, whether public or private.

§ 4-7.8 Enforcement.

A.

This article shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone.

B.

Any person found to be in violation of this article shall be ordered to cease the feeding or attracting immediately.

§ 4-7.9 Exceptions.

Any duly licensed hunter in possession of a valid license during the lawful hunting season for a specific species of animal may feed or attract that species of wild or feral animals to be hunted, so long as such practice is permitted by and in a manner consistent with the hunting regulations then in effect as promulgated by the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, Fish & Wildlife Agency.

§ 4-7.10 Violations and penalties.

Any person who violates or fails or refuses to comply with this article shall be liable to a penalty of not less than \$25 per day, nor more than \$500 per day, for each day that the violation exists. Violations shall be prosecuted in the Municipal Court for the Borough.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon: (i) adoption; and (ii) publication in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Introduced: September 26, 2023

Adopted:

ATTEST:

NANCY A. BRETZGER
BOROUGH CLERK

MARK A. CORIGLIANO
MAYOR

BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

RESOLUTION NO. 194-23

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO HUNTING RIGHTS LICENSE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, this Amendment to Hunting Rights License and Indemnity Agreement as approved on September 26, 2023 ("Original Agreement"), is made by and between the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone (as the "Borough"), and Warren Blue Ridge Sportsman, an unincorporated association (singularly or collectively referred to as "Licensee" or "Hunting Group"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough and Hunting Group desire to amend the Original Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Original Agreement is amended as follows:

1. The Licensed Areas shall be modified to delete Rock-a-bye Meadow Preserve and insert the Department of Public Works yard located at 12 Brook Street, Peapack, New Jersey.
2. Section IV.1 - (Permitted Days and Hours) is amended to permit the use of ATVs for the limited purpose of transporting deer feed and deer carcasses to and from the Licensed Areas. Hunting group shall exercise care to cause no damage to the Licensed Areas and/or any other properties and to repair any damage caused by use of ATVs.
3. Section IV.1 - (Permitted Days and Hours) is amended to state "The Borough reserves the right to suspend or modify the Hunting Schedule, Licensed Areas and the use of ATVs at any time upon 24 hours' notice to the Licensee from the Borough Administrator."
4. Where the terms of this Amendment conflict with the Original Agreement, this Amendment shall control. Otherwise, the Original Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone, in the County of Somerset, and the State of New Jersey that the Original Agreement is amended as stated.

Introduced	Seconded	Borough Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
		Amy Dietrich				
		Donald Lemma				
		Jamie Murphy				
		Eric L. Quartello				
		John Sweeney				
		Jill Weible				

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE AT A MEETING OF SAID COUNCIL HELD ON OCTOBER 24, 2023.

NANCY A. BRETZGER
BOROUGH CLERK

MARK CORIGLIANO
MAYOR

RESOLUTION

BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 195-23

TITLE: RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANK D'AMORE AS FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE

WHEREAS, Borough employee Joseph Moschello tendered a letter of retirement effective October 27, 2020 leaving his position of Fire Subcode Official; and

WHEREAS, Frank D'Amore has been interviewed by the Construction Official and Administrator; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Construction Official and Administrator to hire Frank D'Amore as the Fire Subcode Official; and

WHEREAS, Frank D'Amore will work a minimum of 5 hours per week with additional time if needed to complete the necessary requirements of the position.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby authorize the hiring of Frank D'Amore at \$50.00 per hour with no Borough provided benefits effective October 26, 2023.

Introduced	Seconded	Borough Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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		Donald Lemma				
		Jamie Murphy				
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NANCY A. BRETZGER
BOROUGH CLERK

MARK A. CORIGLIANO
MAYOR

RESOLUTION

BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 196-23

TITLE: RESOLUTION AMENDING ARTICLE VI HOURS OF WORK, HOLIDAYS, VACATIONS, SICK LEAVE, HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS, SECTION 11 HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE OF THE PERSONNEL POLICIES OF THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 167-19 *A Resolution of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Amending and Adopting the Borough's Personnel Policies and Regulations Manual* on October 22, 2019 with updates from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council passed Resolutions #72-2017 and #73-2017 on March 28, 2017 both addressing retiree health benefits for qualifying employees; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council has determined it's in the best interests of the Borough and its employees to include retiree health benefits for those employees qualified to receive benefits from the Borough in its Personnel Policies and Regulations Manual.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey that Article VI Hours of Work Holidays, Vacations, Sick Leave, Hospitalization Insurance and Other Benefits, Section 11. Hospitalization and Medical Insurance of the Personnel Policies of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone be amended as follows:

11. Hospitalization and Medical Insurance

(d) Consistent with Council Resolution #72-2017-, all full-time employees hired before April 1, 2017, who retire from a New Jersey pension system on a service retirement, as defined below, or a disability retirement for those employees eligible under pension rules for a disability retirement or long-term disability insurance coverage, will be eligible for Borough-paid retiree medical and prescription benefits for themselves, their spouse, and any eligible dependent, but not dental benefits. Employees who retire on a service retirement must have, at the time of retirement, had at least 25 years of service in a New Jersey pension system and at least the last 15 years of employment with the Borough immediately prior to retirement. The Borough-paid retiree medical and prescription benefits will become supplemental to Medicare once the retiree and his/her spouse reach age 65. The Borough will also reimburse the retiree and his/her spouse for Medicare Part B charges. Elected officials and part-time employees are not eligible for retiree health benefits.

(e) Consistent with Council Resolution #73-2017, all full-time employees hired on or after April 1, 2017 shall not be eligible for Borough-provided retiree health benefits.

Introduced	Seconded	Borough Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 197-23

Payment of Claims (Posted)

WHEREAS, The Borough Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone has received bills to be paid as listed; and

WHEREAS, The Chief Financial Officer and the Borough Administrator have reviewed these bills and have certified that these bills represent goods and/or services received by the Borough, that these are authorized and budgeted expenditures and that sufficient funds are available to pay these bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone, in the County of Somerset and State of New Jersey hereby:

1. That these bills are hereby authorized for payment; and
2. That checks in the proper amounts are prepared and that necessary bookkeeping entries are made; and
3. That the proper Borough Officials are authorized to sign the checks.

Introduced	Seconded	Borough Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
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