



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2018**

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 7:01pm.

Mayor Muller called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk Nancy A. Bretzger read the Sunshine Notice "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2017 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 22, 2016, and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Mayor Muller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated the following present:

Present: Mayor Muller, Council President Corigliano, Councilman Caminiti, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilman Smith

Absent: Councilman Simpson

Also present were: Mr. Randy Bahr, Acting Administrator, Christopher Tietjen, Assistant Administrator, Mr. John Bruder, Esq., Borough Attorney and Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution No. 27-18** – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes – Administration – Litigation was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Corigliano. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:31pm

**PROCLAMATION FOR LOU PALMA, FORMER BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER**

The Mayor read a proclamation honoring Lou Palma for his 20 years of service to the Somerset Hills School District as a school board member.

Mr. Palma thanked everyone for the support that they have given him over the years.

Mrs. Mindy Hoppee -7 Ridge Road Gladstone – Mrs. Hoppee stated that she wanted to say thank you to her friend and colleague publicly. She said that it has been a pleasure working with Mr. Palma, that she has learned from him and will miss him on the school board.

Mr. Palma thanked the people of Peapack and Gladstone for entrusting him with their children. He stated that it has been an honored serving our community for the past 20 years.

Councilman Simpson joined the meeting at 7:39pm.



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

Mr. Tiger – St. Johns Drive, Gladstone – He stated that he wanted to thank the Council for opening up the pond for skating. He asked if there were restricted hours for skating, he stated he is asking this question because there may be some residents that would like to skate at night. Mayor Muller stated that the Borough is an ad hoc situation at this time. He explained that the Borough is in the process of setting up procedures to follow in order to open the pond for skating. Councilman Simpson stated that we are following the state recommendations.

Cort Corbin - 241 Main Street – He wanted to say thank you it was great seeing the residents out there skating.

**ORDINANCES**

Council President Corigliano introduced Ordinance 1050-2018 – An Ordinance Amending Portions of Chapter XXIII, Article IV, Titled “Land Development Ordinance” of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Permitting a Residential Housing Community on Certain Lands in the ORL and RR-5 Zoning Districts. Council President Corigliano moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilman Smith. Said motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Muller stated that Ordinance 1050-2018 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on February 13, 2018 at 7:30pm or shortly thereafter.

Councilman Lemma introduced Ordinance 1051-2018 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter XI Building and Housing – Subchapter VII – Residential Rental Code- Section 11-7.6.20 Request for Inspections. Councilman Lemma moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Muller stated that Ordinance 1051-2018 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on February 13, 2018 at 7:30pm or shortly thereafter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Muller asked Council President Corigliano about the beekeeping requirements. Council President Corigliano explained that the beekeeping regulations is on the Land Use Board’s next meeting agenda. He stated that the Council will have to act on it if the Land Use Board makes a recommendation to us. He stated that some residents have concerns regarding beekeeping in residential areas.

Mayor Muller asked for a consensus from the Council for Administration to work on a written protocol on the use of the pond for skating purposes. Councilman Simpson asked if he can be on the committee. The Mayor said yes. The Council concurred that a written procedure should be crafted.



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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 28-18** – Agreement with Suplee, Clooney and Company for Administrator Services was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No 29-18** Approving Use of Borough Hall to Environmental Committee for Well Water Testing Pickup on January 27, 2018 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Simpson. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No 30-18** Resolution Urging the Governor to Pass Assembly Bill No. 536 – Provides PERS or PFRS Member whom Continues to be Volunteer Firefighter After Retirement with Employer from Whom Member Retires has Bona Fide Severance from Employment for Compliance with NJ Regulations and Internal Revenue Code was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Council President Simpson. Said motion was passed.

**Resolution No. 31-18** Authorization to Pay Accumulated Leave to Gregory Skinner (Retired) was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

Application for Facilities Usage of Gym by the Knights of Columbus.

The Council discussed the use of the Gym by the Knights of Columbus for their hoops competition. The Council agreed to allow the Knights of Columbus to use the gym.

**BILLS LIST**

**Resolution No. 32-18** Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$302,157.93 was read. Motioned by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

No one came forward

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Smith motioned to reconvene in Executive Session, Resolution No. 27-18 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes –Administration - Litigation; seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Executive Session reconvened at 8:12pm

The public portion of the meeting was opened again at 9:15pm.



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There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich, that this meeting be adjourned at 9:17pm. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Nancy A. Bretzger*  
Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk