



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 13, 2018**

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, March 13, 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 2018 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 28, 2017, 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 Simpson

Absent: Councilman Smith

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution No. 61-18** – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes – Personnel – Gill St. Bernard's Litigation was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35p.m.

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

Peggy McFarland, 50 Mendham Road, Gladstone – Ms. McFarland wanted to just say that for the last storm I got all of the notifications that were sent out and I appreciated that effort.

Ken Tiger – St. Johns Drive, Gladstone – Thought Kingsley Hill's updates were great. Thanked Paul Morris with the police who he believed went above and beyond his duties; went out of his way; and was fantastic. Also, the people from Ohio were great along Mosle Road. He complained about JCP&L for pulling the Ohio crew off of the repair, which should have been a ten minute job. He feels that JCP&L let the town down and they should be told about it. He stated that Mosle Road has remained without power two or three times when the rest of the borough has been restored. Council President Corigliano stated that there are members of the Council that are incensed over JCP&L's work, including vegetation management. A formal address will be made to JCP&L in reference to this.



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**MINUTES**

Mayor Muller asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of February 27, 2018. Councilman Smith motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Caminiti moved to table the minutes from the Executive Session of February 27, 2018. Councilman Caminiti motioned to table the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich with revisions in content to minutes. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**ORDINANCES**

Mayor Muller stated that the Public Hearing for Ordinance Number 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 is postponed to the April 10, 2018 Mayor & Council meeting.

Mayor Muller asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance 1052-2018 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter XVII, Titled “Sewers” of the Revised General Ordinances Subsection 1.27 Titled “Sewer Charge”.

Councilman Smith moved to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1052-2018** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter XVII, Titled “Sewers” of the Revised General Ordinances Subsection 1.27 Titled “Sewer Charge”, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Lemma explained the ordinance and the decrease in the fixed portion of sewer fees.

Mayor Muller asked for any comments from the audience.

No one came forward.

Councilman Simpson moved to close the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1052-2018** – An Ordinance Amending Chapter XVII, Titled “Sewers” of the Revised General Ordinances Subsection 1.27 Titled “Sewer Charge”, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Lemma moved to adopt Ordinance 1052-2018 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter XVII, Titled “Sewers” of the Revised General Ordinances, Subsection 1.27 Titled “Sewer Charge”, seconded by Councilman Simpson. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Muller introduced Ordinance 1053-2018 – Calendar Year 2018 – Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5.14). Councilman Smith moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Muller stated that Ordinance 1053-2018 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on April 10, 2018 at 7:30p.m. or shortly thereafter.



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Councilman Corigliano explained that the ordinance allows us to exceed the budget by up to 1% over the cap. This also allows us to establish a cap bank. This is insurance if something unanticipated occurs during the year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 62-18** – Resolution Approving an Alcoholic Beverage Commission Social Affairs Permit from Gill St. Bernards for an Event to be Held on April 28, 2018 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed with Councilman Lemma abstaining.

**Resolution No. 63-18** Resolution for Budget Transfers for Year 2017 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilman Smith. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 64-18** Resolution for Amendment to the 2018 Temporary Budget was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 65-18** Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County St. Patrick's Day DWI Safe Passage Grant was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 66-18** Authorization for Aiden Dolan to Become a Junior Fireman of the Peapack & Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Simpson. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 67-18** Resolution to Refund Lienholder for Redemption of Lien #00038 on Block 1, Lot 8 was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 68-18** Self Examination of Budget Resolution was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilman Smith. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 69-18** 2018 Budget Introduction was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Simpson. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 70-18** Resolution to Appoint Elizabeth Ann Peterson as Part Time Deputy Clerk/Assistant to the Administrator was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 71-18** Resolution Appointing an "Officer-In-Charge" of the Peapack & Gladstone Police Department was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

Application for Facilities Usage of Baseball/Softball Fields from Somerset Hills Little League for Softball. Mayor Muller explained that an application was received in the Clerk's office. Councilman Simpson said this is something that is approved every year around this time. This application was tabled to the next meeting so more information could be obtained.



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Application for Facilities Usage of Fire House for Republican Committee Meeting. Mayor Muller stated that this application has been withdrawn.

Mayor Muller explained that he received an email from JCP&L. The company will clean up equipment debris including poles, transformers, wires and other associated electrical equipment and will conduct circuit sweeps to ensure there is no other storm related damage. Cleanup of tree debris is the responsibility of the property owner.

Mayor Muller asked the Administrator Christopher Tietjen about an email that he received from a resident regarding a Borough tree that had fallen on their shed. Mr. Tietjen explained that the homeowner can file a tort claim with the borough but under Title 59 the borough is protected from any liability.

Mayor Muller also stated that a meeting is scheduled for a post OEM debriefing of what happened during the storm on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Muller stated that he spoke with the new Business Administrator at the Somerset Hills school district. He was told there is a reduction in the headcount of borough students from 335.5 in 2017 to 320 in 2018. If the information is correct, there will be a significant cost savings to the borough.

Mayor Muller asked Borough Administrator Christopher Tietjen what response PSE&G has received from residents regarding installation of gas mains on various streets. Mr. Tietjen stated that PSE&G has received six applications from residents who live on Willow Street and no applications from residents who live on Holland Avenue.

Council President Corigliano asked if advanced notice is given to residents where road resurfacing is scheduled in case they would like to have gas lines installed. Councilman Smith stated they are usually notified right beforehand but this year he would like to get out notifications earlier.

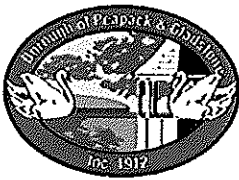
**BILLS LIST**

**Resolution No. 72-18** Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$160,385.91 was read. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

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

Kingsley Hill – 13 Brookside Drive – He stated that the Mayor and Council need to appoint a flood plain administrator to be in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program for the purposes of FEMA.

He said he now has a kid in elementary school and has attended several Board of Ed meetings. He brought up the budget and whether any Council members go to Board of Education meetings. The residents elect the school board representatives and freeholders. John explained that it is the taxpayers that need to attend those meetings.



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Public Meeting reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Lemma, that this meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy A. Bretzger".

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk