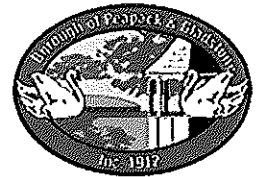




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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 7:02 p.m.

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, Councilman Caminiti, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilman Simpson, Councilman Smith

Absent: Council President Corigliano

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution No. 92-18** – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes – Personnel was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

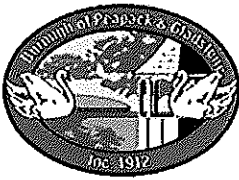
**PUBLIC COMMENTS – 5 MINUTES PER PERSON – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Tim Howes – 20 Hillcrest Ave., Gladstone – Mr. Howes stated that the website and PG Notify have been helpful. He would like to see agendas along with resolutions and other Council business online.

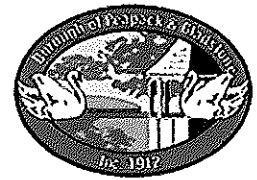
Ken Tiger – St. Charles Dr., Gladstone – Mr. Tiger stated that he had a power outage this morning and JCP&L was there within 45 minutes, but they also still have tree work that needs to be addressed.

**ORDINANCES**

Mayor Muller asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1054-2018** – An Ordinance to Set the Compensation of the Mayor, Borough Council Members, Department Heads and Municipal Employees, seconded by Councilman Smith. Said motion was carried unanimously.



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Councilman Smith moved to close the Public Hearing for Ordinance 1054-2018 An Ordinance to Set the Compensation of the Mayor, Borough Council Members, Department Heads and Municipal Employees, seconded by Councilman Simpson. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Smith moved to Adopt Ordinance 1054-2018 – An Ordinance to Set the Compensation of the Mayor, Borough Council Members, Department Heads and Municipal Employees, seconded by Councilman Simpson. Said motion was carried unanimously

Mayor Muller introduced Ordinance 1055-2018 – An Ordinance Appropriating Certain Monies Held by the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone for Improvements to Administrative Offices, Purchase of Police Equipment and DPW Equipment. Councilman Lemma moved to pass the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously. Mayor Muller stated that Ordinance 1055-2018 is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on May 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Parking Time Limits on Main Street – The Council discussed extending the time limit for parking on the west side of Main Street from Pottersville Road. The limit would go from twenty minutes to two hours. The Council concurred to change the time limits and asked that an ordinance be prepared for the next meeting.

The Board of Education is anticipating the adoption of School Board budget and the Borough's Board representatives encourage residents to attend tomorrow night's meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

Application for Facilities Usage from Valerie Pawlowski for use of the Gymnasium on June 9, 2018. The Council discussed that this conflicts with Community Day and also what the event actually involves. The Clerk was asked to contact Ms. Pawlowski to find out what the event entails as well as possibly changing it to another day.

Request to Hang Banner from Essex Fox Hounds from September 28 to October 15, 2018. There was discussion regarding this event. The Council gave consensus to allow them to hang the banner. A resolution will be on the next meeting for approval.

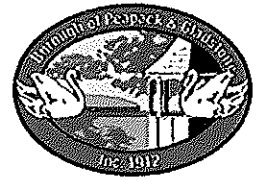
**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution No. 93-18** – Resolution Authorizing Salary Guide for the Year 2018 Pursuant to Borough Ordinance No. 1054 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No 94-18** Resolution for Adjustment of Sewer Charges on Block 16, Lot 1, Account #511-0 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Councilwoman



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Dietrich explained that the resident was ill and wasn't using the second-floor bathroom for a month so didn't realize that the water was running. Said motion was not approved with one yes vote (Councilwoman Dietrich) and four no votes (Councilman Caminiti, Councilman Lemma, Councilman Simpson and Councilman Smith).

**Resolution No 95-18** Resolution for Adjustment of Sewer Charges on Block 1, Lot 4.01, Account #932-0 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Council discussed that this involved a new property owner and a sprinkler system. Said motion was not approved with two yes votes (Councilwoman Dietrich and Councilman Smith) and three no votes (Councilman Caminiti, Councilman Lemma and Councilman Simpson).

**Resolution No. 96-18** Resolution Authorizing the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone to Make an Application for a 2018 Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions Open Space Stewardship Grant was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 97-18** Resolution Accepting a Retirement Letter from Ruth Spae, Technical Assistant to the Construction Department was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Simpson. Council expressed appreciation for her work. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 98-18** Resolution Appointing a Technical Assistant to the Construction Department was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Mayor Muller commented that the Borough has contracted with Bernardsville for construction personnel and will be better available to the public. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 99-18** Resolution Appointing a Professional Service Consultant for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone During the Year 2018 – Bond Counsel was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Simpson. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 100-18** Resolution Setting Forth Summer Hours for Borough Employees for 2018 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 101-18** Resolution to Appoint Christopher Tietjen as the Floodplain Administrator was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilman Smith. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 103-18** Resolution Authorizing Stipend to be Paid for the Officer in Charge (OIC) was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilman Smith. Said motion was passed unanimously.

#### **BILLS LIST**

**Resolution No. 104-18** Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$1,314,537.63 was read. Motioned by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Council discussed the Lakeland Bus Lines budget line item and how a preliminary approval of future expenditures will be required. Membership fee for Morris County Cooperative was discussed. Said motion was passed unanimously.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Finance** – Councilman Smith discussed last week's adoption of 2018 budget and the pending approval of bond counsel in order to get the ordinance written to address road paving.



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Sanitation & Sewer – Councilwoman Dietrich stated that there is going to be a meeting with Natirar to discuss increase in sewer usage.

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti discussed municipal building roof repair and setting up a possible solar power purchase agreement. Councilman Smith brought up tree removal behind the firehouse and design work upcoming at Liberty Park. Stream cleanup event last week was a success. The library project grant process is on hold for now.

Fire – Councilman Simpson stated that there were 32 events for the fire department, including two homes with high levels of carbon monoxide and two properties with trees on electrical wires. The First Aid squad's largest fundraiser of the year is scheduled for the upcoming weekend.

Police & Information Systems – Councilman Lemma discussed that they are interviewing candidates for opening of Police Officer and will bring in finalists for Council-wide interviews. He also stated that the PBA negotiations are in progress.

Roads & Transportation – Councilman Smith asked for Council concurrence on getting Borough Engineer to work on proposed sidewalk project. Councilman Smith will call the state to follow up on Pottersville Road and Rt. 206 intersection concerns.

Zoning & Construction – The Mayor explained the Borough's construction official is retiring at the end of June so the Borough is looking into shared service for construction department, maintaining the office in the municipal building to best serve the public.

Legal – No business discussed.

Administrator's Report – No business discussed.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Muller thanked the environmental commission for the stream cleanup event.

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

Peggy McFarland – Mendham Road, Gladstone – Ms. McFarland stated that the gender stereotyped comments were inappropriate concerning the hair salon parking when discussing the time limit parking on Main Street.

John Kappler, Environmental Commission – Mr. Kappler stated that there is what looks like a fiber optic cable being stretched to its limits near Lackawanna Ave. across the stream. The Council said they would have DPW take a look at this. Mayor Muller would like have a census taken of pole numbers that have unsightly wires or other gear and bring this to the attention of Communication Companies.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Not needed.

**Resolution No. 102-18** – Resolution Authorizing Agreement Between the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone and Fair Share Housing Center was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Councilman Simpson discussed that there could have been better



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communication with the residents concerning the agreement. Mayor Muller stated that he believed that in order to negotiate effectively details could not be conveyed. John Bruder answered questions concerning when the agreement would go into effect. Said motion was carried unanimously.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Simpson, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk