



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



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, October 9, 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, Council President Corigliano, Councilman Caminiti, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilman Smith

Absent: Councilman Simpson

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 181-18 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes – Personnel was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Simpson arrived at 7:34 p.m.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

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

Tom Dill – Pfizer Drive, Gladstone – Mr. Dill asked about Bedminster owing funds to the school board. The Mayor stated that this does not have any impact on what we are paying and that one board member stated to him that there should be an agreement soon but won't indicate what that will involve. Mr. Dill also asked about the farm land assessment on Trump National in Bedminster and if this gets a break on school tax payment.

MINUTES

Mayor Muller asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of September 11, 2018. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed with Councilman Smith abstaining.



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Mayor Muller asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Special Meeting – Liberty Park Improvements minutes of September 13, 2018. Councilman Lemma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed with Councilman Smith abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

Council President Corigliano stated that the Marijuana Committee believes that it is premature to take action on an ordinance for sales, production and distribution because the state is looking to put a statute in place. Council President Corigliano instead wrote a letter with the committee to send to the legislatures on the state level that encourages the state to do two things. One is to allow towns that allow marijuana production and dispensaries to charge a 5% excise tax to cover their costs and more importantly to include an opt-in clause. If a town doesn't take action they will not allow the production or selling of marijuana. Council President Corigliano feels that this can handle our issues in this municipality for now, and until the State legislates the matter. The letter will be mailed out tomorrow. Council President Corigliano stated that Colorado has done a very good job of handling the marijuana legalization but he is concerned that New Jersey won't handle it as well. The Mayor asked if someone makes a LUB application for a dispensary if the state legalizes it are we required to approve it. Council discussed that they will need to stay updated on when the state may act and determine from residents how they want to proceed so that they can act quickly.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 182-18 – Resolution to Increase Agreement Amount with Suplee, Clooney and Company was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Council President Corigliano noted that this is to prepare for the affordable housing compliance meeting in January. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 183-18 Resolution Urging the State Legislature to Extend the 2% CAP on Police and Fire Arbitration Contract Awards was read. Motion was made by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 184-18 Resolution Authorizing to Sponsor Flu Shot Clinic for Borough Employees, Emergency Personnel and Police Personnel was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 185-18 Resolution to Refund Lienholder for Redemption of Lien #00039 on Block 26, Lot 19 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 186-18 Resolution To Authorize Use of Gymnasium for the Peapack-Gladstone Woman's Club for 'Candidates Night 2018' was read. Motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed with Councilman Lemma abstaining.

Resolution No. 187-18 Resolution-Accepting a Resignation Letter from Michael Madalone, DPW Worker was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Councilwoman Dietrich stated that JCP&L gave a presentation for residents on storm preparedness but no one attended. The presentation is on the website and has some valuable information. She thanked Rob Walton for his time.

Councilman Caminiti stated that the Cars and Coffee event put on by the Fire Department was a success and everyone worked hard.

Mayor Muller noted that the borough has an ordinance that states feeding wild animals is prohibited and wanted to know why we feed the swans. Councilman Smith noted that two of the swans have wings that are pinned and so it is humane to feed them.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 188-18 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$1,276,559.73 was read. Council President Corigliano noted that the planned outdoor movie night is scheduled to be paid out of the Recreation trust fund and he is concerned about the high cost. Council discussed how the recreation commission is currently set up and Mr. Tietjen brought up that the recreation funding can be set up as a utility. Councilman Smith defended the cost of algae control in the pond. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Simpson. Said motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

No one came forward.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Muller stated that there was no need to go back into Executive Session at this time.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Simpson, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk