



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 4, 2018**

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 7:00 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 Smith

Absent: Councilman Lemma, Councilman Simpson

Also present were: Christopher Tietjen, Administrator, Mr. John Bruder, Esq., Borough Attorney, Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk, Councilwoman Elect Jamie Murphy, Councilman Elect John Sweeney

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Resolution No. 207-18** – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes – Contract Negotiations – Sewer Transmission Agreement – Nelson Farmland Preservation was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

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

Ken Tiger – St. Johns Drive, Gladstone – Mr. Tiger stated he has two things. The first is regarding St. Johns Drive. There was a tree that came down on the road and it left everyone on the road unsafe. Mr. Tiger stated that St. John's said that they are selling and should be signed mid-December but Mr. Tiger had thought this was going to get sold years ago. There is apparently a caretaker there but he has a very small truck. Mr. Tiger stated that he is concerned with the way the Council took on Kingsley Hill at the last meeting for taking the 5-ton truck out to a car show without permission. He noted that if we needed an emergency vehicle, the only truck that could make it would be the five ton. He feels that the truck is necessary for the town. It was asked if he called the owners of St. John's Drive to complain, and Mr. Tiger stated that he and/or his neighbor called in the fallen tree. A resident was able to push the tree to get by so that he could get out to get to work, but there are other trees that are rotten and could fall. He would like if the town could call the Sisters and get this fixed but he doesn't know if this can be done. He said that this is a bad situation but that he wants to make the point that the truck is needed. Council President Corigliano stated that the Council is limited with what they are able to do concerning the issues with the private road, St. John's Drive. He stated that the Council has to act on behalf of all the



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residents by being fiscally prudent and if we're in a position where we have to rely solely on the five ton to access St. John's Drive then that's a problem.

John Bruder, Borough Attorney, arrived at 7:40 p.m.

The Mayor asked if Mr. Bruder could write a request to the law firm representing the Sisters. Mr. Bruder will look into what authority we have but can at least put in an appeal because of the public safety concern. The Zoning Official was researching the property owners' rights on the road. Mr. Tiger stated that he has not been successful getting the residents together to address this.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business at this time.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

The Mayor stated that there is a request from Melissa Banks, Branch Manager of the Peapack & Gladstone Library, to announce programs and events on sandwich boards on Main Street in front of Liberty Park. Council discussed this and decided that the sandwich boards can only go up on the park side of the street. The Council gave consensus.

Request from BaM Productions for Special Use Permit for Este Lauder Fashion Photo & Video Shoot at 30 Blair Drive December 5-7, 2018. There was discussion about the purpose of this type of permit and the fees. The Council consented to this permit.

Open space update from Beth Davisson – Beth was not here. The Mayor noted that Beth is our Open Space Consultant and has been proactive in finding properties. He gave Greg Morris a shout out for identifying properties for farmland preservation.

**RESOLUTIONS**

The following Resolutions 210-18, 212-18, 213-18, 214-18, 215-18, 216-18, 218-18 and 219-18 are being considered as a consent agenda. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously. The Mayor asked for a motion to act on the consent agenda. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 210-18** Resolution for Open Public Meetings of the Mayor & Council for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone for 2019

**Resolution No. 212-18** Resolution Appointing Nancy A. Bretzger as Assistant Administrator for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone

**Resolution No. 213-18** Resolution Appointing a Temporary Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone



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- Resolution No. 214-18** Resolution for Authorization to Increase Salary – Christopher Tietjen  
**Resolution No. 215-18** Resolution to Appoint Scott Bowerbank as a Borough Department of Public Works Laborer in the Amount of \$36,000.00  
**Resolution No. 216-18** Resolution to Appoint Matthew Conner as a Borough Department of Public Works Laborer in the Amount of \$38,000.00  
**Resolution No. 218-18** Authorizing Borough Police Department to Participate in Somerset County End of Year DWI Enforcement Grant  
**Resolution No. 219-18** Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue in the 2018 Budget for the Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement Grant Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 (Chapter 159, P.L. 1948)

**Resolution No. 208-18** – Resolution to Require all Employees of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone to Sign up for Direct Deposit was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 209-18** Resolution to Extend the Award of Contract for the Paving of Willow Avenue to April 15, 2019 was read. Motion was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilman Smith. Mr. Tietjen noted that the State has agreed to extend funding for this work. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 211-18** Resolution Setting the 2019 Holiday Schedule for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**Resolution No. 217-18** Resolution to Enter Into an Agreement with Apgar Associates for Surveying & Engineering Services for Footbridge Site on Block 29, Lots 1 & 11 – Holland Road and Railroad Avenue was TABLED.

**Resolution No. 220-18** Mayor Appointments for the Environmental Committee for the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was read. Andrew Goode will be filling a vacancy. Jamie Murphy is stepping down in order to fulfill her new Council position and another member is resigning. Motion was made by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

**BILLS LIST**

**Resolution No. 221-18** Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$1,372,187.28 was read. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Council President Corigliano. Said motion was passed unanimously.

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

Steve Greary – 15 Jackson Avenue – Mr. Greary asked about benefit payments made to Borough retirees and what the expenses and liabilities are. The Mayor noted that Councilman Smith is the Chairman of the Human Resources committee. Councilman Smith explained retirement health benefits and what the Borough pays. Councilman Smith stated that up until April 2017, the Borough provided fully paid health insurance benefits for retirees. Employees already on payroll before April 2017 were vested into that program. Retirement benefits are an unfunded liability. Council President Corigliano noted that pensions are a funded liability and money is set aside annually for employees. Council voted to discontinue lifetime medical benefits for staff because the costs are untenable.



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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 Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Nancy A. Bretzger*

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk