



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2018**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, December 18, 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 27, 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: Mayor Muller, Councilman Caminiti, Council President Corigliano, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilman Lemma, Councilman Smith

Not present: Councilman Simpson

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 222-18 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes – Personnel was read. Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

There was a recess taken at 7:15pm

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:30pm

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

Mayor Muller asked if any member of the public wish to speak about non-agenda items.

Councilman Simpson arrived at 7:33 p.m.

Leah Simpson – Gladstone – Ms. Simpson thinks that there should be better lighting for visibility around the Borough building. She thinks that it is dark outside when they leave basketball practice at night. Councilman Simpson noted that one of the lights is dim. The Council discussed where she would like to see added light.

The Mayor moved the agenda around so that Councilman Simpson's family could be part of the proclamation being presented to him for his service to the Borough.



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Proclamation for Councilman T. William Simpson – The Mayor read and presented a framed proclamation, thanking him for a job well done. Councilman Simpson said that this was a great honor serving the Borough.

Councilman Simpson departed at 7:38 p.m.

MINUTES

Mayor Muller asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Executive Session 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.

Mayor Muller asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Executive Session Meeting minutes of September 25, 2018. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed with Councilman Smith abstaining.

Mayor Muller asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of November 20, 2018. Councilman Lemma motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Muller asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Special Meeting on Liberty Park Improvements on November 27, 2018. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES

Mayor Muller asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1067-2018** – An Ordinance Appropriating Certain Monies Held by the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone for the Paving on Willow Avenue.

Councilman Lemma moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1067-2018** An Ordinance Appropriating Certain Monies Held by the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone for the Paving on Willow Avenue, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

The Mayor explained that the paving was scheduled for 2018 and this ordinance moves the money around so that it can be done in 2019.

Councilwoman Dietrich moved to close public comment for **Ordinance 1067-2018** An Ordinance Appropriating Certain Monies Held by the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone for the Paving on Willow Avenue, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was carried unanimously.

No one came forward.

Councilman Caminiti moved to Adopt **Ordinance 1067-2018** – An Ordinance Appropriating Certain Monies Held by the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone for the Paving on Willow Avenue, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was carried unanimously.



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OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Complex Roof – Solar, Energy Aggregation – Councilman Caminiti was going to present this but in deference to new Council members he would like to TABLE this update to the first meeting in January. Councilman Caminiti explained a little about the Energy Aggregation which could get a 10-25% discount to all members of the community that participate.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

There was no miscellaneous discussion.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 223-18 Resolution to Execute Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Bedminster for the Operation of a Shared Municipal Court was read. Motioned by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Mr. Tietjen noted that the agreement needs to include Bernardsville. Mr. Bruder noted that the resolution is subject to that modification. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 224-18 Resolution Appointing a Municipal Prosecutor for the Shared Court for the Year 2019 was read. Motioned by Councilman Lemma, seconded by Councilman Smith. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 225-18 Resolution Appointing a Municipal Defender for the Shared Court for the Year 2019 was read. Motioned by Council President Corigliano, seconded by Councilman Lemma. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 226-18 Resolution for Adjustment of Sewer Charges on Block 28, Lot 13 – Account #794-0 & #796-0 was read. Motioned by Councilwoman Dietrich, seconded by Councilman Smith. Councilwoman Dietrich and Mr. Tietjen looked into these charges and determined that they could be adjusted. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 227-18 Authorization for Matthew Conner to become a Riding Member of the Peapack & Gladstone Volunteer Fire Department was read. Motioned by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Councilman Smith congratulated Mr. Conner. Kingsley Hill, the OEM Coordinator, said the fire department will re-visit their recruitment process but he's encouraged by their efforts in the last eight months. He knows of two people who have expressed interest but it's a great deal of work to recruit. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 228-18 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$229,035.29. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman



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Dietrich. One item was pulled from the bills list to check that the amount to be paid to Ed Kerwin, the Borough Tax Assessor, are accurate. Said motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano gave a brief update. He deferred the budget meeting until January to discuss the 2019 budget because there are new Council members starting.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilwoman Dietrich discussed the agreement with Bedminster.

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti gave a shout out to Mr. Kappler for the work that he is doing for the footbridge at the former County DPW site. Councilman Caminiti noted that the next step is to work with the Trails Committee.

Councilman Caminiti noted that Carter van Dyke did a first pass on the public input from the two meetings for the park project.

Councilman Caminiti stated that there was also some movement on Matheny and the traffic counter. We are hoping to get a preliminary design for the traffic counter by the end of this year. He continued that Matheny is responsible for the design and building of the device.

Fire – Councilman Lemma stated he has nothing at this time.

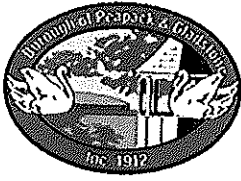
Police & Information Systems – Councilman Lemma stated that the two new officers are out on their own at this time. Officer In Charge Ferrante stated that there is nothing that needs to be done by the end of the year.

Roads & Transportation – Councilman Smith stated the final paving has been done at the Pacesetter homes. The road can be turned over to the Borough by the spring. It was asked if the Borough should start to salt and plow that road. Councilman Smith noted that he tried to get an update on Route 206 and Pottersville Rd. for the traffic light and turning lanes. A letter cannot be located that was sent to the DOT in 2016. The Mayor brought up Pacesetter and said paper is still in place on two drains at Rockabye Valley which is causing ponding. Council President Corigliano will reach out to Bill Ryden and contact the Home Owner's Association to determine what to do with these.

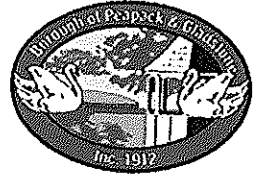
Zoning & Construction - The Mayor said that he had a resident call about some permits that go back a period of years could not be found. Councilman Lemma stated that the many Land Use Board minutes and resolutions are lost. Council President Corigliano noted that the Borough is using a records management company to sort through paperwork.

Legal – Mr. Bruder said that there are some pending litigation and OPRA requests.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Tietjen stated that the Borough will move to a time and attendance system during first quarter 2019. This will assist with DPW workers, police scheduling system, and the new NJ Leave Act. Mr. Tietjen also noted that Paystubs will be going on line next year.



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Mayor's Report – The Mayor stated that he attending an OSAC meeting last night. He stated that they have looked into a potential property for the Borough to purchase.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Kingsley Hill – Mr. Hill is President of the Fire Company and OEM Coordinator. He stated that he personally and from the department sincerely thanks the departing Council members and Mayor for their service to the town.

John Kappler – Holland Ave – Mr. Kappler is Chairman of the Environmental Commission. He wanted to add on about the footbridge crossing, noting that he will need a boundary survey for the property, Block 29, Lot 11. This will be necessary for the application that goes to the State. Mr. Kappler also stated that it has been fantastic working with the departing members of the Council.

The Mayor stated that the public comments portion of the meeting was now closed.

Proclamation for Councilman Donald Lemma – The Mayor read the proclamation for Councilman Lemma. Councilman Lemma stated that the three years have gone by very quickly. He thanked the residents and spoke about his time on the Council.

Proclamation for Mayor William C. Muller – Council President Corigliano explained that he has much respect for the Mayor. He and Councilwoman Dietrich read the proclamation for the Mayor with the Mayor's wife standing by. Council President Corigliano asked the Mayor's wife to unveil the picture of the Mayor on the wall of Mayors.

The Mayor spoke about his term and being all about taxes. He stated that he will miss the people that he works with on the Council. He noted that serving on the Borough Council is a family affair.

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 8:29 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk