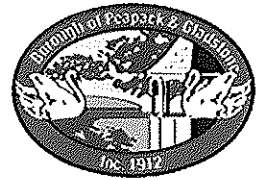




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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and began at 7:03 p.m.

Council President Corigliano called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk Nancy A. Bretzger read the Sunshine Notice "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2019 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 13, 2018, and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Council President Corigliano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated the following present: Councilman Caminiti, Council President Corigliano, Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Smith, Councilman Sweeney

Absent: Mayor Skinner

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution No. 129-19 – Authorization for Executive Session for Certified Specified Purposes – Contract Negotiations – Affordable Housing – Liberty Park Design and Construction Management was read. Motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Public Meeting reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

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

Council President Corigliano asked if any member of the Public wishes to speak about non-agenda items.

Ken Tiger – St. Johns Drive, Gladstone – Mr. Tiger asked if we have any type of ordinance to limit noise such as lawn mowers on Sunday early evenings. He is bothered by his neighbor always cutting his grass at that time. Councilman Smith stated that Council did discuss a nuisance ordinance a few years ago. Council President Corigliano stated that there is no ordinance that addresses this for homeowners, there is for contractors including landscapers.

Al Thomas - Membership Executive for Patriots Path Council of the Boy Scouts – Mr. Thomas is asking each of the 25 towns that the Council supports if there are any restrictions on their activities such as traveling archery range, traveling bb range, and model rocket launch. These are fun activities that draw families and potential members into Scouting. The activities are interpreted by some towns as firearms and are therefore not allowed. In addition, he is asking if these specific activities would be allowed on both private and public properties. Council President Corigliano stated that he was involved in Cub Scouts and thinks it's a great endeavor. Councilman Sweeney stated that he doesn't believe that there



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are restrictions on private property and for public property there is a facilities usage application that needs to be submitted. The application would need to include safety assurances. Komline Park would be most suitable for these activities. Council President Corigliano suggested that maybe the Borough could put information about membership activities on the Borough website.

Sally Sillo - 164 Main St., Peapack – Ms. Sillo stated that the geese are out of control. She googled that each goose eats 4 lbs. of grass a day and poops 3 lbs. a day and there are between 30 and 40 right now at the park. They are causing environmental havoc on this park and are coming on her lawn and she asked what the Borough is doing about them. Councilman Smith stated that the Borough is looking at measures to take during the renovations of the park to help keep the permanent geese out of the park. He continued that the Borough has started looking into the design phase of the park renovations and the actual work will begin in the Spring. Councilman Caminiti noted that the Borough can't prevent the homeowner from putting what they would like at their home but has to be careful what they spray on public property. Council is very aware that the geese are a problem. Councilman Smith said that the Borough could revisit the cost of geese police, or look into an alternative because they were pricey.

MINUTES

Council President Corigliano asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of June 25, 2019. Councilman Smith motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Council President Corigliano asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Special Meeting minutes of July 19, 2019. Councilman Caminiti motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed, with Council President Corigliano and Councilwoman Murphy abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS

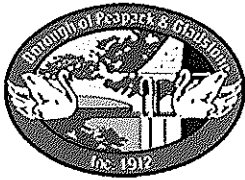
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Bargaining Update – Councilman Smith stated that there is an initial bargaining session tomorrow with the Borough's DPW.

Holland Ave. Park and putting on the ROSI – Councilman Smith asked if anyone have any objections to the DPW removing some rails from the fence so that the residents can access and enjoy the park. Council discussed that this was a good idea.

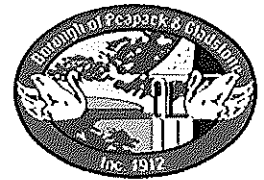
NEW BUSINESS

CERT Team Ordinance for the Borough –

Councilman Sweeney asked Kingsley Hill, the OEM Coordinator, to come forward to speak about this ordinance. Mr. Hill said that the Borough is organizing a CERT team with volunteers that help when there are emergencies in town, such as helping to run shelters. He noted that FEMA has a website with information about CERT teams. It promotes volunteerism and allows residents a chance to contribute. He stated that there is no real obligation of the town except for a workman's comp obligation when they are serving the Borough. Training is free. He continued that they are not meant to go in harm's way. Mr. Hill stated that he would like to see this approved to give the First Responders in town more hands to



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help out. Council discussed if forming this team requires an ordinance. Mr. Bruder stated that the Borough probably should use an ordinance to create the cert team and a resolution to appoint the members. Mr. Bruder recommended reaching out to the risk manager, which Mr. Tietjen will do.

Banning of Single Use Plastic Bags and Styrofoam Within the Borough –

Councilwoman Murphy wants Council to consider adopting a policy of limiting single use plastic bags and Styrofoam containers. This would ban straws and containers made from Styrofoam and plastic used for take-out from restaurants. Council discussed the need for reducing waste. Councilwoman Dietrich asked who would enforce the ordinance and suggested speaking with Lucy at the Health Department to see what their experience is with this. Mr. Tietjen stated that he can get some sample ordinances from other towns. Councilman Sweeney asked if we know where Trenton is on this issue because he hates to create ordinances that are pre-empted by the State. Council supports looking into this further.

Councilman Sweeney brought up the background check ordinance and said that it only applies to employees, not volunteers, and the ordinance needs to be reworked.

Councilwoman Murphy brought up the gas consumption of police vehicles. She had noted in a previous meeting that in the winter the gas consumption was higher and has looked into the average use over the last few years. She would like to set a goal to increase the miles per gallon for the police cars. Councilman Sweeney noted that the miles per gallon go down when they are sitting on 206 and running the radar gun and idling. He thinks that with police cars you don't go by mileage so much as number of years in service because the cars do idle so much when on duty. Councilwoman Murphy wants to see more control on the idling in the parking lot in order to save money and protect the environment.

ORDINANCES

Council President Corigliano asked for a motion and second to open the Public Hearing for **Ordinance 1076-2019 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property By the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, Which Property is Identified as Block 26, Lot 42.11 in the Borough.**

Councilman Caminiti moved to open the hearing for Public Comment for **Ordinance 1076-2019 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property By the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, Which Property is Identified as Block 26, Lot 42.11 in the Borough,** seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was carried unanimously.

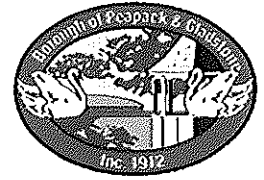
Councilman Sweeney noted that this property is the Lime Kiln property, which is expected to be donated to the town. No one came forward.

Councilman Smith moved to close public comment for **Ordinance 1076-2019 An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property By the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, Which Property is Identified as Block 26, Lot 42.11 in the Borough,** seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Councilman Sweeney moved to Adopt **Ordinance 1076-2019 – An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Real Property By the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone, Which Property is Identified as Block 26, Lot 42.11,** seconded by Councilman Caminiti. Mr. Bruder explained some issues that Somerset



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County has with the Somerset Hills Historical Society concerning safety on the property, one being the need for fencing. He noted that the Council could approve the acquisition of the property but that the actual acquisition could take place at a later date. Councilman Caminiti thanked Councilwoman Dietrich for all of her hard work. Councilwoman Dietrich acknowledged the Historic Preservation Commission and Chairperson Pat Delaney who worked on this for the past five years. Said motion was carried unanimously.

Council President Corigliano introduced **Ordinance 1077-2019** – An Ordinance Appropriating Certain Monies Held by the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone for the Purchase of Office Furniture. Mr. Tietjen explained what this was for and that it would reorganize the offices and bring construction and zoning upstairs for one-stop shopping for the residents. Councilman Caminiti moved to introduce the Ordinance at first reading, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy.

Councilman Corigliano stated that **Ordinance 1077-2019** is introduced and shall be published in summary in the Bernardsville News and the Public Hearing for said Ordinance shall be held on August 20, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

RESOLUTIONS

Councilman Corigliano polled the Council and confirmed that if **Resolutions 130-19, 131-19, 132-19, 133-19, 134-19 and 138-19** could be voted as a consent agenda. Motion to approve these was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Councilman Smith. Said motion was passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 130-19 Approval to Submit a Grant Application and Execute a Grant Contract with the NJDOT for Safe Streets to Transit 2020 for Holland Avenue Sidewalk (SST-2020-Holland Avenue Sidewalk-00044).

Resolution No. 131-19 Resolution to Appoint an Alternate Public Defender for the Shared Court in 2019.

Resolution No. 132-19 Resolution for Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit.

Resolution No. 133-19 Approving an Alcoholic Beverage Commission Social Affairs Permits from St. Luke's Episcopal Church for Events to be Held on September 8, 2019 and September 21, 2019.

Resolution No. 134-19 Resolution to Extend the Grace Period on the 2019 Third Quarter Tax Installment.

Resolution No. 138-19 Authorization to Apply to NJ State Agency for Surplus Property.

Resolution No. 135-19 Authorization to Execute Amended Settlement Agreement and Release as to COAH Fees with Hamilton Farms Golf Club, LLC, HF Cottages, LLC and HF Development, LLC (Collectively "HFGC") was read. Motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Mr. Bruder explained the agreement and the amount that was still owed to the Borough. Said motion was passed unanimously.



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Resolution No. 136-19 Resolution to Appoint Special Officer Class II Michael Calafiore to the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone Police Department was read. Motioned by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilwoman Murphy. Councilman Sweeney stated that he wanted this to be put on agenda and went over his background and noted that he would be interested in a full-time position. He noted that a Class II gets paid on an hourly basis and he will be part time. The Borough, based on population, can have two Class II officers. The start date is important because the Borough is down one officer who is required to serve the County. Said motion was passed unanimously.

BILLS LIST

Resolution No. 137-19 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List in the amount of \$1,328,287.18. Councilman Caminiti asked about one of the bills to Zurich Insurance for \$2,402. This was related to a cybercrime that occurred five years ago. Councilwoman Murphy asked about the summer recreation cost at FunPlex. Motion to approve was made by Councilman Caminiti, seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Said motion was passed unanimously.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Finance – Council President Corigliano noted that Mary Robinson retired and we wished her well as she departed. There is a dinner for her in September. Randy Bahr has taken over as acting CFO.

Sanitation & Sewer – Councilwoman Murphy stated there is nothing to report at this time

Borough Property – Councilman Caminiti stated there are two items. One is an update on the government energy aggregation for which there should be paperwork at the next meeting. He is also exploring whether the government ordinance to do this allows us to work on emergency outages. He wants to pursue a backup plan for power supply to the residents. Second, he stated that the Scout cabin is looking very good and he gave a shout out to the DPW. He suggested an event to introduce it to the public for use. There was discussion regarding tying this in with the upcoming Art In the Park event. Councilman Smith noted that other improvements to the cabin should include a local telephone line for 911 and a fire alarm system. Councilman Caminiti also stated that he wants to make sure that the necessary repairs to the tennis courts are scheduled.

Fire – Councilman Smith stated that at the next meeting he is anticipating a discussion on the Fire Department's request for the rescue vehicle. He asked Council to send any questions to him or Jamie by August 13th to give them time to review.

Police – Councilman Sweeney stated that he forwarded an email to everyone regarding the pricing of the promotional exam. He would like to have a contract at the next meeting to move forward in order to get the testing done. The testing would be a combined exam for chief and sergeant. He also brought up that in the course of reviewing the application for hiring the Class II he was uncomfortable with several of the questions on it and he has asked John Bruder to review it.

Roads & Transportation – Councilwoman Dietrich thanked Mr. Tietjen for the Safe Street Grant application for Holland Ave. sidewalks. She said there was a pre-construction meeting scheduled on Thursday for paving of Trimmer Lane, Louise Lane and Tiger Hill Drive and they will discuss timing, which will hopefully take place in August. She asked for an update on Highland Avenue and Mr. Tietjen



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responded that Mr. Ryden, Borough Engineer is still waiting as it is in the State's pipeline. Mr. Tietjen stated that he has submitted everything needed and that he is following up weekly to get fast resolution.

Zoning & Construction – Council President Corigliano stated that there was no report from the Mayor.

Legal – Mr. Bruder stated there is nothing to report at this time.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Tietjen stated that he is working with the department heads and employees on job descriptions.

Council President Corigliano recapped the actions items from the meeting. He stated that he has two items to follow up on from the executive session. He noted that Mr. Tietjen is going to work on the document pertaining to work on the park. Councilman Caminiti is working on geese remediation measures. Councilman Sweeney is going to look into a couple of matters and also arrange for the new Special to meet with the Council and Councilwoman Murphy is going to speak with the Health Department regarding plastics.

Mayor's Report – There was no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Council President Corigliano asked the Public if anyone wanted to come forward to speak on Agenda Items Only.

John Kappler – Holland Ave. – Mr. Kappler asked if there is a formal process for design considerations during the pond design phase. Council discussed that there will be additional opportunities for feedback on options such as benches and lighting.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilman Sweeney, seconded by Councilman Caminiti, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk