



**MAYOR & COUNCIL
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2023**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Monday March 14, 2023 at the Municipal Complex, 1 School Street, Peapack, New Jersey and virtually via GoTo Meetings and began at 7:02p.m.

Mayor Corigliano called the meeting to order. Borough Deputy Registrar Suzie Givone read the Sunshine Notice: "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2023 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 8, 2022 and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Mayor Corigliano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call indicated the following present: Councilwoman Dietrich, Councilwoman Murphy, Council President Sweeney, Councilwoman Weible and Mayor Corigliano.

Absent: Councilman Quartello and Councilman Lemma

Also present were: Mr. John Bruder, Esq., Borough Attorney and Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator, Deputy Registrar, Suzie Givone.

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

Salvatore Arpino, 28 Pottersville Road, asked if the Council could address the speeding issues on Pottersville Road. He would like them to facilitate permanent speed signs.

Mayor Corigliano stated this is a county road so Peapack has very little jurisdiction on that road.

Sgt. Scanlon pointed out that Holland Ave is a county road and they do have their sign out there. He thinks Mr. Arpino is looking for the council to purchase another permanent solar powered sign that could be placed on Pottersville Road.

Council President Sweeney wants to explore other options such as striping the road before they invest into a sign.

Councilwoman Murphy will talk to Chief Ferrante about this issue and see if we can put a temporary sign out or rotate the signs. We will try some other tactics first.

OLD BUSINESS

Virtual Meeting Session (GOTO meeting)- This was postponed due to not all the council members being present.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming DEP Flood Plain Management Ordinance. The ordinance will be introduced at a later meeting and it replaces an existing ordinance. It deals with flood plain management for the stream and the river that run through Peapack.



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The state has changed their laws regarding this so the Borough will need to update the ordinance to comply with these changes. Engineer Bill Ryden was on the phone and stated that he has no issues on the changes to the ordinance.

John Bruder stated that he agrees with Bill and does not see anything alarming. We are mandated to pass this. They will take a closer look at DEP's comments to make sure there are not any concerns. If we introduce it at the next meeting, there is still time to fit into DEP's timeline.

New website. Councilwoman Weible explained the reason for looking into a new website. The one we currently have is outdated. The backend is especially time consuming. It is practice to update your website every 5 to 7 years. The company we are looking at does websites for other municipalities in the area and their system is well vetted. This change will also help the public navigate the website easier.

The new website will be through SDL and as the Borough already have their construction and OPRA software, there should not be any problems integrating things.

Banking Relationship Change. In January the Finance Committee pursued exploring other Banking options and the Borough put out RFP's to 8 banks. Four banks responded and Councilman Eric Quartello complied the results. The Committee is down to two finalists and they will meet with these two and render a final recommendation.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS

Raffle License Application No. 02-2023 for Gill St. Bernards School for an On-Premises Basket Raffle to be held at the Mansion at Natirar on April 18, 2023

Consent from Council to issue this license.

MINUTES

Mayor Corigliano asked if there was a motion and second to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of March 14, 2023; Councilwoman Murphy made the motion seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich. Roll Call vote; said motion was passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE: This Ordinance was pulled and postponed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 1121-23 – AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL AMENDING THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE'S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 27 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION SECTION 27-1 to 27-5 TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION; TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R-65-23 AUTHORIZATION TO PAY UNUSED VACATION, KELLY AND COMPENSATION TIME TO KYLE MCCARTNEY

RESOLUTION NO. R-66-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JEREMY P. CONOVER TO BE ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER OF THE PEAPACK & GLADSTONE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



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RESOLUTION NO. R-67-23 RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WEBB APPRAISAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN APPRAISAL OF TUCKER PARCEL, BLOCK 8, LOTS 2.06 & 2.11 FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. R-68-23 RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORMAN. J GOLDBERG, INC. REAL ESTATE APPRAISER FOR THE PURPOSE OF AN APPRAISAL OF THE TUCKER PARCEL, BLOCK 8, LOTS 2.06 & 2.11 FOR THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. R-69-23 AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. R-70-23 RESOLUTION TO REFUND LIENHOLDER FOR REDEMPTION OF LIEN #21-00001 ON BLOCK 20 LOT 1.05

RESOLUTION NO. R-71-23 2023 RESOLUTION FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 2023 BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. R-72-23 GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSIONS' "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"

RESOLUTION NO. R-73-23 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION SAFE PASSAGE ST. PATRICK'S DAY DWI ENFORCEMENT MARCH 17-18, 2023

Consent Agenda for Resolution 65-73; motion made by Council President Sweeney; seconded by Councilwoman Dietrich; roll call taken, said motion passes unanimously.

BILLS LIST

RESOLUTION NO R-74-23 Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: **\$263,289.50** was read. Motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy; seconded by Council President Sweeney. Roll call vote, said motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor's Executive Summary

Mayor Corigliano reminded Councilwoman Murphy to follow up with the Chief regarding Pottersville Road speeding issues on behalf of the Roads Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – 3 MINUTES PER PERSON – AGENDA ITEMS

No members of the public came forward.

There being no other matters to be addressed by the Governing Body at this time, a motion was made by Councilwoman Murphy, seconded by Council President Sweeney that this meeting be adjourned at 7:36p.m. This motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk