



**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE,  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 16, 2024**

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The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Peapack & Gladstone was held on Tuesday July 16, 2024 via GOTO Meeting platform and began at 7:00PM.

Mayor Corigliano called the meeting to order. Borough Clerk Nancy Bretzger read the Sunshine Notice "Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Adequate notice of 2024 Meeting Dates was published in the Courier News and Bernardsville News on December 5, 2023 and posted at the Municipal Complex and the Borough Library. Action may be taken."

Mayor Corigliano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Corigliano asked for a Moment of Silence for Fire Chief Corey Comperatore who was killed over the past weekend in Butler, PA by a bullet intended to assassinate former President Trump.

Roll Call indicated the following present: Councilwoman Murphy, Councilman Quartello, Councilman Silva, Councilwoman Sueta, Council President Sweeney, Councilwoman Weible and Mayor Corigliano

Also present were: Nancy A. Bretzger, Borough Clerk/Administrator, Steven Warner, Esq., Borough Attorney.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Noone came forward

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Geese Update: Councilman Quartello stated that it appears that the geese are gone, but he would like to make it clear to the residents of the Borough that the USDA did not step in and removed the geese. It is suspected that someone removed the geese and this is a Federal crime which is being investigated. He also stated that we are continuing to implement non-lethal measures to dissuade the geese from returning, including the commercial version of Flock Free with Invisidye which was recommended by the APL and additional strobe lights. Riparian buffer restoration will be executed if the geese do not return, which will be known sometime in August.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- SADC Project, Councilwoman Murphy explained that the AG Committee met and discussed possible properties to approach with Farmland Preservation. She stated that there is one property that is adjacent to the property that the Borough purchased from Nelson for School House Park along Willow Ave. She said that the current owners of the property have been approached and are interested in preserving this land. Councilwoman Murphy stated that we have monies with the States PIG grant that would go towards this purchase and would lower the cost to the Borough from the Open Space fund. The Mayor & Council discussed and there was a consensus for the AG Committee to move forward exploring this purchase.



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**MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION/APPROVALS**

**MINUTES**

Councilwoman Weible made a motion; seconded by Councilman Silva to approve the Executive Session minutes; roll call taken; said motion passed with Councilwoman Murphy and Councilman Quartello abstained.

Council President Sweeney made a motion; seconded by Councilman Quartello to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from the June 18, 2024 Council meetings, roll call taken; motion passed with Councilwoman Murphy abstained.

**ORDINANCE**

Public Hearing for Ordinance 1142-2024 An Ordinance to Amend Chapter XXIII, "Land Development Ordinance" of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Peapack and Gladstone Creating the Senior Living Campus Zone has been posted to the Tuesday, August 13, 2024 Mayor & Council meeting at 7:00PM.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 134-24 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION FROM ABIGAIL SORGE FROM THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION AND AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 135-24 RESOLUTION FOR MAYORAL APPOINTMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE TO THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION AND AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 136-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GRIFFITH ALLIED TRUCKING LLC TO SUPPLY GASOLINE FOR ALL BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE'S VEHICLES**

**RESOLUTION NO. 137-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENT OF DANIELA CORDERO FROM INTERIM MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR TO MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE SHARED MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BEDMINISTER, THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK AND GLADSTONE, THE BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 138-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRACTED DRIVING FOR THE JULY NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT MOBILIZATION JULY 1 – JULY 22, 2024**

**RESOLUTION NO. 139-24 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN SOMERSET COUNTY DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ENFORCEMENT JULY 3 - JULY, 7, 2024 FROM 6:00PM TO MIDNIGHT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 140-24 RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE GRACE PERIOD ON THE 2024 THIRD QUARTER TAX INSTALLMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 141-24 RESOLUTION FOR RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION**





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*LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025-GLADSTONE WINE & LIQUORS*

**RESOLUTION NO. 142-24** *RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE MOSLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (MA-2025 -MOSLE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - 00568)*

**RESOLUTION NO. 143-24** *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF SALARY FOR EDWIN BADGER, DPW & CONSTRUCTION TO AN HOURLY RATE OF \$32.00*

**RESOLUTION NO. 144-24** *RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM RIVERVIEW PAVING, INC. FOR MILLING AND PAVING WORK ON BRYNWOOD COURT, SAINT BERNARDS ROAD, AND EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO DIFFERET SECTIONS OF MOSLE ROAD*

**RESOLUTION NO. 145-24** *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW CASE 2024 4x1 BUCKET FROM GT MID ATLANTIC*

**RESOLUTION NO. 146-24** *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP BODY FROM REED SYSTEMS, LTD*

**RESOLUTION NO. 147-24** *RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL TO REDUCE SEWER BILL CHARGES FOR BLOCK 4, LOT 17, ACCOUNT #200-0*

Motion made by Councilwoman Murphy to accept Resolutions R-134-24 to R-142-24 and R-144-24 to R-147-24; seconded by Councilman Quartello, roll call taken; said motion passes unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 143-24** *RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF SALARY FOR EDWIN BADGER, DPW & CONSTRUCTION TO AN HOURLY RATE OF \$32.00*

Motion made by Councilman Quartello to approve Resolution R-143-24; seconded by Councilwoman Murphy roll call taken, said motion passes with Councilman Sweeney abstaining.

**RESOLUTION NO. 148-24** *RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF A PIERCE ALL ALUMINUM ENFORCER CAB AND CUSTOM BODY FIRE TRUCK FROM FIRE AND SAFETY SERVICES OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NJ FOR \$1,001,916.80 (NET OF PREPAYMENT DISCOUNT) FOR THE BOROUGH OF PEAPACK & GLADSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT*

Motion made by Councilman Quartello to approve Resolution R-148-24; seconded by Councilman Silva. Mayor Corigliano explained that Fire & Safety Inc. has given us a substantial discount on the Fire Truck if we prepay the cost. Mayor Corigliano explained the structure of the deal, that we would be paying \$250,000.00 by July 31<sup>st</sup> and then we would pay an additional \$601,617.63 in May of 2025 this funding would consist of another \$250,000.00 from Capital, potential income from the sale of the Sarah Kay lot and the remaining funding from fund balance. By doing this we would receive a \$133,573.37 discount on the cost. The Council concurred with this payment plan, so that the Borough would receive this discount. Roll call was taken, said motion passes unanimously.



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**BILLS LIST**

**RESOLUTION NO 149-24.** *Approval of Bills as signed and listed on the Bill Payment List Total Amount: \$252,767.32*

Motion made by Council President Sweeney; seconded by Councilman Quartello to approve the Bills List, roll call taken; said motion passes unanimously.

**Council Reports**

Borough Clerk/Administrator Nancy Bretzger stated that the Library would be closing on July 27<sup>th</sup> for renovations. They will be packing up the Library during the week of July 29 and renovations will begin by August 5<sup>th</sup>. The residents will be able to order books through the app and pick up and drop off at the Clarence Dillon Library in Bedminster. Any resident can also use any Somerset County Library Branch throughout the County during the renovations. They will be looking for alternative places to hold some of their programs for the residents. Residents will be able to check the Somerset County Library for any announcements for any programs that they will still be running during the renovations.

Mayor Corigliano stated that himself and Councilman Sweeney toured the new Hotel at Natirar. He stated that the hotel is beautifully executed and will be a great addition to the area. The Mayor also stated that Councilman Silva worked on applying for a DOT grant for the Borough and thanked him for his work that was done in this regard. Mayor Corigliano also explained that himself and Councilwoman Weible were looking to see if the residents had any interest in a Community Wellness Program. He said that he has only heard from three (3) people and they were hoping for at least 20 so the program will not go forward, but a potential alternate health group will be explored.

**Mayor's Executive Summary**

None

**Public Comment**

MaryLynn Schiavi – 106 Waverly Rd, Long Valley, NJ 07853 – Ms. Schiavi asked for clarification regarding the application for the contract and that she requested this information by doing an OPRA and has not received what she was requesting. Borough Attorney, Steve Warner explained to her that she was provided with all documentation that was requested on her OPRA. Councilwoman Murphy stated that the application was filed on our behalf by the USDA and that all we have is the contract. Ms. Schiavi also said that she was looking for a biologist report and also wanted to know if a biologist assessment would be done on a yearly basis.

Jacquelyn Braun – 63 Main Street, Peapack, NJ – Ms. Braun thanked the Mayor for the moment of silence at the beginning of the meeting. She then asked the Council on its ongoing contract with the USDA and if we were obligated to continue the contract.





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Shiela Carter – 1 Ridge Rd., Gladstone, NJ – Ms. Carter stated that she is very upset that the Mayor & Council has not been transparent regarding the geese, she feels that she has not been made aware of what was happening. Councilman Quartello stated that he is happy to provide her with an update after the meeting and that the Mayor & Council has been completely transparent regarding the geese as he has been reporting on this subject for months.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. R-150-24 AUTHORIZATION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED PURPOSES:** •Contract Negotiations, PBA Retirement Sick Time

Motion made by Council President Sweeney; seconded by Councilwoman Murphy, roll call taken; said motion passed unanimously.

With no further business, Councilwoman Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm, seconded by Council President Sweeney, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy Bretzger, Borough Clerk