

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Council Chambers
February 8, 2022, 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

5:00 P.M. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – SPECIAL PRESENTATION– Life Safety Building

Resolution No: 22-02-103: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by the Borough Clerk at 5:11 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber, Mayor LaBarbiera

Also Present: Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin, Giblin & Gannaio Firm Associate Brian Giblin, Jr., Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi

Absent: None

RECESS TO COUNCILCHAMBERS 5:45 PM

Open 6:08 PM

BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:

- a. Bruno Associates – January 2022 Grant Report
- b. Request received from g4 Productions to hold their annual Go the Distance For Autism Charity Bike Ride/Run on Sunday June 5th, 2022 starting at Bergen Community College from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **Approved.**
- c. Request received from Flip Circus to hold big top circus in the parking of the Garden State Plaza during the month of March 2022. **Approved.**
- d. Correspondence received from Guy Picone advising his retirement date is scheduled to April 1, 2022.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger Concerns regarding the Environmental Commission vacancies. The roster will be reviewed.

Mayor LaBarbiera appoints Joe Vergona, Chip Philobosian and Rob Vorhees to the Planning Board

Councilman Vartolone No report

Councilman Antonio Acknowledges the passing of Frank Ohlendorf.

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Councilman Kaiser Discusses Golf Course fees. Suggests appointing Rich Lambert to the Golf Commission. Chief Ehrenberg advised that body cameras are being purchased without costing the Borough any money as the confiscated narcotics fund is being used.

Mayor LaBarbiera appoints Rich Lambert to the Golf Commission

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman Antonio

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

Councilman DiPiazza Tables Resolution 22-02-122, which is a proposal from Boswell Engineering, as Alaimo group is now the Borough Engineer.

Motion: Councilman DiPiazza

Second: Councilman Antonio

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

Mayor LaBarbiera suggests sending out RFPs for the Engineering project. Mr. Giblin advises that is not necessary since we do have a Borough Engineer.

Mr. DiPiazza asks to table Resolution No. 22-02-123 regarding former Administrator Joseph D'Arco's vacation payout and have the Borough Engineer review his contract.

Motion: Councilman DiPiazza

Second: Councilman Kaiser

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

Councilwoman Bellinger believes the Council should be consistent and table Resolution No. 22-02-124 authorizing Guy Picone's vacation payout as well.

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger

Second: Councilman Kaiser

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

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Councilman DiPiazza wants to make sure the Borough Attorney gets the resolutions prior to the meeting so he can review them. There was a resolution on tonight's agenda with several blanks on it.

Councilwoman Weber- No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Citizens are welcome to address the Mayor and Council on any governmental item of concern to them, whether or not it is scheduled on the agenda. Comments will be made at the public portion of tonight's Public Meeting in the Council Chambers. 6:27 PM

Nancy Vasile – Asks Mr. Kaiser about golf course rates being raised. Ms. Vasile believes the rates are being raised too much. They were raised last year as well. Ms. Vasile inquires about how to get on the Golf Commission. She has filled out the online form several times and has never been acknowledged. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that the Clerk distributes all applications to the Governing Body and he believes everyone should be acknowledged.

Alan Brundage/Andy Tarabocchia – on behalf of Little League Baseball. The gentleman would like to ask the town to assist in providing labor to help make repairs. They are willing to fund the project. Mayor LaBarbiera assures Mr. Brundage that the Borough will do anything it can to help. Councilman Vartolone inquires about the repairs that were supposed to be made to the field house and if there are any fees owed. Mr. Brundage advises that there was payment made and also donation.

RESOLUTION No. 22-02-104: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- e. Litigation - Tax Appeals
- f. Closed Session Minutes
- g. Contracts

Motion: Councilman Antonio

Second: Councilman Vartolone

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

Rich Lambert - Thank you to the Council for the Golf Commission appointment. Mr. Lambert believes the Borough owns the field house that was previously being discussed.

7:26 PM

Councilwoman Bellinger and Councilman Vartolone exit the meeting at 7:26 PM

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ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 2022-06: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER A460, FEES, §A460-21, GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUBS, OF THE APPENDIX OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS (GOLF FEES)

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Vartolone, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain:

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger

Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 2022-01: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-54 CREATING NEW TITLE AND UPDATING JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY SCALE (Public Health Supv Asst)

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment: None

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Vartolone

Motion carries 4-0

ORDINANCE 2022-03: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART II, GENERAL LEGISLATION, CHAPTER 229 AND APPENDIX A460-19, FEES, LAND USE, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilman DiPiazza

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Explanation by Councilman DiPiazza

Open to Public for Comment: None

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Vartolone

Motion carries 4-0

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ORDINANCE 2022-04: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2021-24 AND FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

Explanation by Councilman Kaiser

Open to Public for Comment: None

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Vartolone

Motion carries 4-0

ORDINANCE 2022-05: ORDINANCE CREATING NEW TITLE AND UPDATING JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY SCALE (Secretary, Planning/Zoning Level 3)

Motion: Councilman Antonio

Second: Councilman Kaiser

Explanation by Councilman Antonio

Open to Public for Comment: None

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Vartolone

Motion carries 4-0

NON-CONSENT:

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-108: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY TO SETTLE TAX APPEALS CAPTIONED: Paramus Park Shopping Center LP v. Borough of Paramus Block 5204, Lot 1 Docket Nos. 013347-2013; 002443-2014 Paramus Park v. Borough of Paramus Block 5004, Lot 6; Block 5203, Lots 2 and 3; Block 5204, Lot 1; Block 5303, Lot 4 Docket Nos. 008416-2014; 000485-2015; 006255-2018 Paramus Park % Genl. Growth Prop. v. Borough of Paramus Block 5004, Lot 6; Block 5203, Lots 2 and 3; Block 5204, Lot 1; Block 5303, Lot 4 Docket Nos. 007485-2018; 007809-2019; 008638-2020; 008261-2021 GS Portfolio Holdings, LLC v. Borough of Paramus Block 5203, Lot 1 Docket Nos. 006108-2017; 003966-2018; 007807-2019; 000346-2020; 008635-2020; **008249-2021 AS NEGOTIATED BY ATTORNEY**

Motion: Councilman DiPiazza

Second: Councilman Antonio

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Vartolone

Motion carries 4-0

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-109: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY TO SETTLE 2020 AND 2021 TAX APPEAL CAPTIONED: Marks Realty, LLC A. Marks v. Borough of Paramus Docket Nos. 009381-2020 and 008761-2021

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Second: Councilman Antonio

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Vartolone

Motion carries 4-0

A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM NUMBERS 14 AND 15

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-105: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-106: RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-107: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TO APPLY FOR THE 2021 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-110: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 390 FARVIEW AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-111: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 829 ARBOR ROAD, IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-112: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Levin Properties)

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-113: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (750 Paramus LLC)

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-114: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 6802 LOT 6.01 TRYSTONE CAPITAL ASSETS LLC

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-115: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-116: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH BERGEN RISK MANAGERS, INC.

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-117: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE ALLENDALE AMBULANCE CORPS FOR THE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THEIR FLEET OF VEHICLES

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RESOLUTION NO 22-02-118: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF LEASE FOR MOTORIZED GOLF CART RENTALS WITH KLBL, INC. D/B/A VIC GERARD GOLF CARS

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-119: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-120: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT TELEPHONE SYSTEM BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE BOROUGH OF MAYWOOD

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-121: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND HOLY NAME MEDICAL CENTER OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR PROVISION OF DRUG TESTING SERVICES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-122: TABLED AT MEETING

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-123: TABLED AT MEETING

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-124: TABLED AT MEETING

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-125: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PANTALEO BELGIOVINE TO THE POSITION OF TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL HHS INSPECTOR STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$35.24 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-126: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA VANVALKENBURGH TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR/ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$60,000.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-127: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MEYER TO THE POSITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISOR ASSISTANT STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$52,724.67 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-128: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH LENKIEWICZ TO THE POSITION OF ON CALL CUSTODIAN FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$28.63 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-129: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TRACY COLASURDO TO THE POSITION OF CLERICAL SENIOR OFFICE CLERK STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$42,440.11 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-130: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DEVIN MONOHAN TO THE POSITION OF SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$19.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-131: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF NELSON URIBE-VARGAS TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME BUILDING MAINTENANCE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS- BUILDING & GROUNDS DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$15.44 PER HOUR

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RESOLUTION NO 22-02- 132: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF ROBERT J. MITCHELL TO EMT STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$24.53 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-133: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF HADAR C. MARESKY TO EMT STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$24.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-134: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF AMI NAKAMURA TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME LIBRARIAN TRAINEE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$20.13 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-135: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF CHRISTOPHER KELESHIAN FROM THE POSITION OF PART TIME LABORER FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-136: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF ERIKA DRAGONETTI FROM THE POSITION OF PART TIME LIBRARIAN FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO 22-02-137: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF SHAFEQ ZARIF FROM THE POSITION OF SENIOR OFFICE CLERK FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL COURT

APPLICATIONS:

RAFFLES

Paramus Catholic Regional High School Parents' Council

File #854

Motion: Councilman DiPiazza

Second: Councilman Antonio

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Vartolone

Motion carries 4-0

ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 PM

APPROVED: APRIL 6, 2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK