

**Borough of Paramus  
Mayor and Council Public Meeting  
February 23, 2021, 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

Any member of the public may email a question or matter of discussion to;  
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**The Public May Participate In The Mayor And Council Meeting By Telephone:**

**Phone Number** 866-390-1828

**Participation Access Code:** 3083465

**Resolution No: 21-02-140:** Notification of meetings as required by "The Open Public Meetings Act." Read by the Borough Clerk at 7:02 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by Borough Administrator Joseph D'Arco

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber, Mayor LaBarbiera

Also Present: Borough Administrator Joseph D'Arco, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Attorney Daniel Lagana, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi

Absent: None

\*Councilmembers Bellinger and Weber are present via phone conference\*

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Today is the last day to register for spring softball. The Board of Education is going to petition the state to move the primary election from June to July, and they want to deny access to using schools. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that the Clerk has looked into several locations other than schools and has moved several polling places already. There are no other locations that can be moved.

Councilman DiPiazza inquires about Resolution 21-02-166 that was added to the agenda. Mr. D'Arco responds about the resolution regarding the library grant.

Councilman Vartolone No report

Councilman Verile No report

Councilwoman Bellinger (read by Council woman Tedesco-Santos) reports 2,913 total positive COVID-19 cases. The Health Department will be transitioning to new leadership. The Board of Health is still applying for vaccines and will hope that the state distributes some to Paramus.

Councilwoman Weber Shade Tree has been involved in a lot of snow removal and have removed limited trees when the weather permitted. They would like to make a presentation at the next Council meeting regarding a new bucket truck. Mr. D'Arco advises that it is in the capital budget.

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:** We've had a cold month and 44 inches of snow. DPW, Shade Tree and first responders performed better than surrounding communities. They are doing an outstanding job. Mayor LaBarbiera takes offense when our DPW and Shade Tree is challenged.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Mayor and Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes- January 5, 2021

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carries 6-0**

Mayor LaBarbiera commends the Governing Body for adopting the ordinance regarding recreational marijuana use.

- b. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- January 19, 2021

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Vartolone

Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carries 6-0**

**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. 7:20 PM

Bill Holzmann – would like to clarify statements made at the Board of Education meeting regarding taking voting out of schools. Mr. Holzmann is grateful for the relationship with the Borough and appreciates moving voting out of two schools. The concern for the primary is having to utilize remote learning that day. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that if the Borough could have moved voting out of schools we would have already. Mr. Holzmann acknowledges.

**ORDINANCES:**

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**ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE 2021-07:** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND, CHAPTER A460, FEES, CHAPTER A460-21, GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUBS, OF THE APPENDIX OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carries 6-0**

**ORDINANCE 2021-10:** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 259, GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUBS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Verile

Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carries 6-0**

Council agree to add the non-consent resolutions to the consent agenda.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-142:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-143:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO JUDGEMENT FOR 100% EXEMPTION (St. Marks Syrian Orthodox Cathedral)

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-144:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO JUDGEMENT FOR 100% EXEMPTION (Fidelity Cemetery Association)

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-145:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO JUDGEMENT FOR 100% EXEMPTION (Fidelity Cemetery Association)

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-146:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-147:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

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**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-148:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY BOSWELL ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000.00 FOR SERVICES ASSISTING BOROUGH IN NJDEP STORMWATER REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-149:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY BOSWELL ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00 FOR SERVICES ASSISTING BOROUGH IN TIER A MUNICIPAL STORMWATER PERMITTING

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-150:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS TO FURNISH AND DELIVER ELECTRONIC CREDIT/DEBIT CARD AND PAYMENT SERVICES FOR PARAMUS GOLF COURSE

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-151:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF TREE PRESERVATION DEPOSIT FROM SHADE TREE ESCROW ACCOUNT T-22-56-286-850-802 TO THE FOLLOWING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION (BONARDI BROTHERS)

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-152:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF TREE PRESERVATION DEPOSIT FROM SHADE TREE ESCROW ACCOUNT T-22-56-286-850-802 TO THE FOLLOWING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION (VICTOR POALASIN)

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-153:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL POSITIONS FOR PARAMUS RECREATION 2021 WINTER STAFF

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-154:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DILLON SCHNEELOCH AS A MEMBER FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE RESERVES

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-155:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALFRED J. DEROSA II TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$17.82 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-156:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL BELLINA TO THE POSITION OF MECHANIC STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW – MECHANICAL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$39,421.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-157:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN SOODSMA TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR 1 GRADE 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT– COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$14.22 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-158:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF CHRISTOPHER ULRICH FROM THE POSITION OF GREENS EQUIPMENT TECHNICIAN FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-159:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP UP OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE POSITION OF PATROL OFFICER STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$103,820.00 PER YEAR

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**RESOLUTION NO 21-01-160:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF MATTHEW MITCHELL TO THE POSITION OF SUPERVISING LIBRARIAN – ADULT SERVICES FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$89,762.66 PER YEAR

**RESOLUTION NO 21-01-161:** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF MARTIN BARRY FROM THE POSITION OF BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT

**RESOLUTION NO 21-01-162:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ENRICA DEGENNARO TO THE POSITION OF FINANCE SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS FINANCE DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$36,757.95 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-163:** RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF MOBIN SHEIKH FROM THE POSITION OF APPLICATION SPECIALIST FOR THE PARAMUS IT DEPARTMENT TO FINANCE SENIOR ACCOUNT CLERK STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS FINANCE DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$36,757.95 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-164:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING VARIOUS PERSONNEL AS ASSISTANT OUTREACH COORDINATORS FOR THE PARAMUS BOARD OF HEALTH FOR A GRANT AWARDED BY TH NJ DEPT HEALTH TITLED "STRENGTHENING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH CAPACITY"

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-165:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH NEW PRINCE CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

**RESOLUTION NO 21-02-166:** RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY'S NEW JERSEY LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION BOND ACT PROGRAM.

**APPLICATIONS:**

**RAFFLES**

Valley Hospital Auxiliary

File # 812

Paramus Scholarship Show Fund

File # 813

Consent Agenda

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Vartolone

Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**Motion Carries 6-0**

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:26 PM**

APPROVED: APRIL 13, 2021

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:  
**ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK**