

**Borough of Paramus  
Mayor and Council Public Meeting  
Work Session held in Caucus Room  
March 3, 2020, 6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

(Subject to change pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-8(d) – this agenda is tentative to the extent known at time of posting)

**Work Session**

**Resolution No: 20-03-146:** Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by the Borough Clerk at 6:04 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** led by

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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

Absent: Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Weber

**BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:**

- a. Request received from Yavneh Academy to hold their 15<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Fun Run on Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at the Garden State Plaza from 8AM- 10:30AM.  
**Approved.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Bellinger discusses progress on the Senior Center expansion.

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Rec Commission donated money to a foundation and received two very nice letters. Next week there will be police interviews.

Councilman Vartolone Shade Tree – sidewalk contractor will begin soon, weather permitting. There were nine additional Ash trees cut since last meeting. The crews are continuing tree trimming and service requests. Mr. Vartolone attended PJBL meeting and discussed needs at the fields. There are a few items to be addressed at the complex. The Recreation Supervisor has a lapsed certification due to the state cutting the program. Mr. Vartolone has helped her network.

Councilman Verile Rescue had 36 calls for the month. Fourth of July Committee sent out fundraising emails for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event this year. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that the committee should be very mindful of their budget this year as businesses are not as eager to donate anymore.

**Councilwoman Weber enters the meeting at 6:16 PM**

Councilwoman Weber No report

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** The weight loss challenge began last night. Mayor LaBarbiera spoke with the Borough Engineer regarding the bike lanes. The residents seemed to be upset regarding

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parking. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that in connection with the Borough Engineer it was realized that parking is not permitted on Midland Avenue anyway. There will be a survey sent to residents that live on Midland Avenue.

William ? – Paramus – submitted a resolution draft regarding gun laws. This resolution would limit the existing gun laws and establish that Paramus would not accept any more from the Governor. William believes that there are enough gun laws on the books right now and it wouldn't be necessary to add more. He believes many people already own guns and it would be unfair to go back and make it a crime now. He believes many gun laws are a violation of 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights. Councilman Vartolone is in support of this. Mayor LaBarbiera worries about the unintended consequence on the Police Department.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Golf course grant was approved for the add on and the engineer will be working on it. The Children's Library grant is being submitted. The architect has been working on the designs. There is also fundraising being done to match the grant by Friends of the Library. There is still an elderly resident who would like a list of projects to fund from her estate. She would like to remain anonymous. The fund will be named only after she passes.

**Councilman DiPiazza enters the meeting at 6:32 PM**

Mayor LaBarbiera inquires again about the resolution regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights. Councilman Vartolone and resident William ?(SPELLING) discuss. Mayor LaBarbiera believes we have to comply with the law and is concerned with the term "sanctuary". He does not want to give the impression that those who do not wish to comply with gun laws can come to Paramus and be exempt.

Councilman DiPiazza report – the Library won a reading award.

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE 2020-05:** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 311, NUDITY ON STATE-OWNED LANDS, OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger                      Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

**Motion Carries 6-0**

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**NON-CONSENT:**

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-148:** AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-149:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH PSE&G, A PUBLIC UTILITY OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-150:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 14 IN THE AMOUNT OF (\$21,850.70) FOR THE ADDING OF TWO TRENCH DRAINS AND VARIOUS SITE CHANGES FOR THE PARAMUS SENIOR CENTER EXPANSION

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-151:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Syms Inc.)

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-152:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Fonder Realty Corp)

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-153:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR THE SHELTER DEVELOPMENT, LLC, BLOCK 4610 LOT 1.01 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER (PAES-2334)

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-154:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A MAINTENANCE GUARANTEE FOR 60 SOUTH MAIN STREET LLC, BLOCK 2502 LOT 9 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER (PAES-2542)

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-155:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR CITY PROPERTY USA NJ, LLC, BLOCK 5107, LOT 2 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER (PAES-2670)

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-156:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 67 DEMAREST ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-157:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE 2019 OPEN SPACE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR LAND ACQUISITION WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-158:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY BOSWELL ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,900.00 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDING

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**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-159:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY BOSWELL ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,500.00 FOR THE PARAMUS RESCUE SQUAD BUILDING ADDITION

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-160:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY BOSWELL ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,600.00 FOR THE PARAMUS LIBRARY BUILDING

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-161:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY BOSWELL ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,000.00 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW BUILDING ADDITION

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-162:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD TO EXAMINE WHETHER CERTAIN LANDS DESIGNATED AS LOT 4 IN BLOCK 414 ON THE TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS SATISFIES THE CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT FOR NON-CONDEMNATION PURPOSES

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-163:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-164:** RESOLUTION APPOINTING A RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-165:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF SHERYL A. LUNA TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-166:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF ALEXA SOTO TO THE POSITION OF PRINCIPAL LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$55,014.72 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-167:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF SHELLEY PARKER TO THE POSITION OF PRINCIPAL LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$57,196.71 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-168:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF AHMAD M. SALEH TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$17.47 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-169:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANTHONY GONZALEZ TO THE POSITION OF PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$11.00 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03- 170:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF THOMAS HOLDEN TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 5 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$90,437.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-171:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF LOUIS CARDONE TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 5 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$90,437.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-172:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF DONALD LIU TO PATROL

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OFFICER STEP 5 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$90,437.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-173:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF NICOLE CAPONE TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 5 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$90,437.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-174:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF MATTHEW LOMBARDO TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 5 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$90,437.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-175:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF ROBERT SOBOCINSKI TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 5 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$90,437.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-176:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF MAAYAN SHALVI TO EMT STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$21.45 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-177:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF PARTH K. SHAH TO EMT STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$20.97 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-178:** RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF ISRAEL E. INFELD FROM THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-179:** RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF MATTHEW LEWIS FROM THE POSITION OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER CLASS 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- TRAFFIC DIVISION

**RESOLUTION NO 20-03-180:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING AS MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS POLICE RESERVES

**APPLICATIONS:**

**RAFFLE**

Happy Tails Animal Rescue	File # 793
Happy Tails Animal Rescue	File # 794
Hackensack University Medical Center	File # 795
PTA Paramus High School	File # 796
St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church	File # 797
Radburn Elementary PTA	File # 798

**SOLICITOR**

Brad Edson	2020-SL-7
Jake Horowitz	2020-SL-9

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Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger            Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos  
Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman  
Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber  
Nays: None  
Motion carries 6-0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes – February 4, 2020**

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger            Second: Councilwoman Weber  
Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman  
Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber  
Nays: None  
Motion Carries 6-0

**b. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2020**

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger            Second: Councilman Verile  
Yeas: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman  
Vartolone, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber  
Nays: 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.

Roy Hegg Lockwood Drive – Following up on driveways with Shade Tree. Councilman DiPiazza will inquire at the next Shade Tree meeting. Mr. Hegg raises a concern with the plastic bag ordinance. Mr. Hegg advises that the brook near Route 4 and Route 17 is filled with garbage. Mr. Hegg believes there should be a cop at the Dunkin Donuts on Route 17 North. There are always people without handicap placards parking in the handicap spots. There are plenty of street lights out in town from Century over the overpass to Route 17.

**RESOLUTION No. 20-03-147:** Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- a. Second amendment – legal advice
- b. Obernauer Enterprises– potential litigation
- c. Employee Salary
- d. PBA Negotiations
- e. Personnel

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**Motion to Enter Closed Session**

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

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

Nays: None

Motion Carries 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 PM

APPROVED: APRIL 7, 2020

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:  
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS, RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK