

**Borough of Paramus  
Mayor and Council Public Meeting  
Work Session held in Caucus Room  
March 19, 2019, 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

Work Session

**Resolution No: 19-03-227:** Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.”

In Accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting of The Borough of Paramus Mayor and Council was transmitted to the Bergen Record on January 7, 2019. Notice was posted on the bulletin board of the municipal building and on the Borough of Paramus website.

**Read by the Borough Clerk at 7:10 PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco, Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi, Associate Borough Attorney Justin Santagata

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger

**BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:**

- a. February 2019 Grant Report submitted by Millennium Strategies.
- b. Request received from TopGear Imports LLC to hold a car show on Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 9 AM to 1 PM in the parking lot of the Garden State Plaza. **Approved.**
- c. Request received from Yavneh Academy to hold its Annual 5K Run on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 6:30 AM to 11 AM at the Garden State Plaza. **Approved.**
- d. Request received from Just Jersey Food Truck Festival to hold a Festival on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 11 AM to 7 PM at the Garden State Plaza. **Approved.**
- e. Request received to temporarily name Jockish Square “Scholarship Show Drive” to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the week of March 25, 2019. **Approved.**
- f. Request received from Glass Gardens, Inc. to sell flowers outside of ShopRite for Easter and Mother’s Day from April 12<sup>th</sup> through April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Approved.**

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**a. Proposed Stormwater Ordinance-** Borough Engineer Peter Ten Kate & Michael O’Connell from the Building Department are present. Mr. Ten Kate describes a proposed ordinance for site work applications below major developments. This would give the Borough something to enforce when it comes to properties being affected by neighbors’ development. It gives us the ability to require storm water recharge. The issue is the threshold. Some towns have are more restrictive when it comes to the amount of feet. We can say above a certain cutoff, they need storm water recharge. Mr. O’Connell states that it’s the number one nuisance complaint, especially for a dry town where these complaints usually don’t happen. Mayor LaBarbiera states that we aren’t trying to inhibit development, just trying to protect homeowners from being affected by their neighbors during development. Mr. Ten Kate advises the Council that as far as other towns, 300 foot threshold has been the most restrictive he’s seen. The Council has to decide what seems reasonable. Mr. Ten Kate believes 500 feet would be reasonable but wouldn’t feel comfortable going above that. Mayor LaBarbiera suggests looking into it before we decide at 500 feet. Mr. Ten Kate will come up with a draft and have it ready for Council at the next meeting. Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman advises Mr. Ten Kate to contact the BCUA.

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos No report

Councilman DiPiazza Advises the Council that Glen Rock has an anti-nepotism ordinance that he would like to look into for Paramus. He believes it is important to restrict the hiring of relatives of elected officials. Mr. Kaufman will look into it. Mayor LaBarbiera inquires if Mr. DiPiazza has specific concerns and questions his motivation. Councilman Amato states that he dealt with this at the Board of Education and it was very hard to enforce. Mayor LaBarbiera expresses that he doesn't feel it's fair to punish a relative of an elected official. Councilman DiPiazza would like to see this on next week's agenda. Mayor LaBarbiera brings up former Councilman Fred Hayo and his son Ryan, who was the top of his academy class and became a Borough Police officer and eventually saved the life of another police officer. This wouldn't have happened with an anti-nepotism policy.

Councilman Amato No report

Councilman Verile No report

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 above. Comments will be made at the public portion of tonight's Public Meeting in the Council Chambers.

Bill Holzmänn – Morningside Road – states his opinion that legalizing marijuana is dangerous. Mr. Holzmänn would like to do everything possible to protect our youth. Mr. Holzmänn reads some statistics and surveys regarding the topic. Mayor LaBarbiera advises Mr. Holzmänn that the Council shares his concerns, but right now it is illegal and anything restrictive right now would be a moot point. There is no state law that permits it right now. When and if it's made legal, the Borough would need to have a conversation. Councilwoman Weber does not agree with waiting and questions why other communities have already done something but Paramus has not. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos explains that we can't draft anything until we know what we want to prohibit. Councilman DiPiazza asks if we can enact a Borough tax if it does become legal. Mr. Kaufman advises we would have to wait to see how the law reads before we can decide what to do or whether or not we can tax. Mayor LaBarbiera asks Mr. Holzmänn how it's going with the Board of Education budget. Mayor LaBarbiera advises Mr. Holzmänn that we have removed polling from Midland School and switched it to Fire Company #3. Mr. Holzmänn thanks the Council for that.

Ms. Matahen – Primrose Lane – states concerns regarding Styrofoam being poisonous and asks the Council to enact something banning it. Mayor LaBarbiera advises Ms. Matahen that we are discussing an ordinance banning plastic bags, Styrofoam and other plastic products. We are waiting for the Environmental Commission to get back.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Employee Manual drafted in 2016 is out of date now and we will need to revise it. A military leave policy consistent with state and federal law will be included. The fabric store next to Borough Hall may be selling and there was an inquiry whether the Borough would be interested in the back parking lot. Mr. D'Arco will find out if it's really for sale and go for an appraisal. PSEA is in the final stages of negotiation and have had productive meetings.

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**RESOLUTION No. 19-03-228:** Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- a. Redevelopment Area 1
- b. DEP legal matters

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger

**Motion carries 5-0**

**Recess to reconvene in Council Chambers**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to Order by Mayor LaBarbiera at 8: 25 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**NOTICE OF MEETING:**

This is a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council and the notice requirements provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in a notice which was transmitted to the Record, filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Paramus and posted in the Borough Hall all on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: Borough Administrator Joseph D'Arco, Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi, Associate Borough Attorney Justin Santagata

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger

**PRESENTATION:**

- a. **Winter Wonderland** – Mayor LaBarbiera emphasizes the importance of celebrations such as Winter Wonderland which bring the community together.

Dennis Arslanian and Mayor LaBarbiera present awards to the sponsors of Winter Wonderland.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Councilman DiPiazza No report

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Reads Councilwoman Bellinger's report as Councilwoman Bellinger is absent. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos gives police department numbers. Shade Tree reports that ash tree removal is 95% complete. Tree planting list is being finalized. Crews have been working to get fields ready for spring sports. The pool is finalizing the rates and the brochure should be going out.

Councilman Verile April 4<sup>th</sup> is the Recreation Dinner. Rich Conte is the recipient. Recreation registration is underway and programs are filling up quickly. An application has been submitted for improvements at Borough parks. Library is happy to announce that the Reid Library was named the best library in Bergen County by 201 Magazine. Reid has 40,000 visitors per year. They also won the national winter reading challenge for the most readers of a library that size.





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**ORDINANCE ON FINAL:**

**ORDINANCE 19-06:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ORDINANCE 17-11 AND APPROVING/ADOPTING THE REVISED REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREA NO. 1

PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCE 19-06 8:53 PM – None

Mr. Kaufman suggests carrying this ordinance. There will be no need to republish or have another public hearing. What's being deferred is the vote.

**NON-CONSENT:**

**A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM NUMBERS 10 AND 11**

**RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-229: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-230: TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATION RESERVES

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-231: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-232: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF STREET OPENING BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO 278 MIDLAND LLC

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-233: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ACCUMULATED TIME PAYOUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,724.99 TO MICHAEL GUGLIELMO

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-234: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Carlson Family Foundation)

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-235: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE GREEN GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE POLICY

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-236: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF A 2019 BI ANNUAL SAFETY SHOE ALLOWANCE OF \$125.00 TO MARK CASIELLO AS PER THE CURRENT P.E.A. CONTRACT

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-237: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF THE 2019 JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE BID

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-238: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND FUN SERVICES FOR THE 2019 EASTER EGG HUNT

RESOLUTION NO 19-03-239: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE BOROUGH CLERK TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN WEAR UNIFORMS FOR 2019 UNIFORM SERVICES

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**RESOLUTION NO 19-03-240:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF LAUREN CARPENTER TO PART TIME RECORDS CLERK STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT RECORDS BUREAU AT A SALARY OF \$11.50 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 19-03-241:** RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF JUDITH WARNKE FROM THE POSITION OF SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC DIVISION

**RESOLUTION NO 19-03-242:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH LUTERZO JR. TO THE POSITION OF FULL TIME SEWER TECHNICIAN STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- SEWER DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$48,982.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-03-243:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DERRICK BAUER TO THE POSITION OF FULL TIME SEWER TECHNICIAN STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- SEWER DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$48,982.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-03-244:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF ANDREW ULRICH TO THE POSITION OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- ROAD DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$48,982.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-03-245:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES TO THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE

**RESOLUTION NO 19-03-246:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD LAAMANEN TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PART TIME GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$15.47 HOURLY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-03-247:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF RICHARD PEASE CLAIM PETITION NUMBER: PARW81621

**APPLICATIONS:**

**GOLD/SILVER**

Sari Yildiz 2019-GS-11

**SOLICITOR**

Jake Horowitz 2019-SL-8  
Brad Edson 2019-SL-9  
Richard T. Sloezen 2019-SL-10

**RAFFLE**

Paramus Fire Department Co. #1 File # 741  
St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church File # 742  
The Darren Clark Jr. Memorial Corp File # 743  
Valley Program Foundation for Children with Autism File # 744



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**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilman Verile,  
Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger

**Motion carries 5-0**

Open to Public for Comment 8:54 PM – None

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:54 PM**

APPROVED: MAY 21, 2019

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

*Annemarie Krusznis RMC*

BOROUGH CLERK