

**Borough of Paramus  
Mayor and Council Public Meeting  
Work Session held in Caucus Room  
April 16, 2019, 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

Work Session

**Resolution No: 19-04-283:** 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 7:08 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 Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi, Associate Borough Attorney Deena Rosendahl

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger, Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman

**BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:**

- a. March 2019 Grant report received from Millennium Strategies
- b. Request from The Environmental Commission to hang the Farmer’s Market Banner on Farview Ave from May 29<sup>th</sup> to October 17. **Approved.**
- c. Request received from LEAD to hold a carnival event at Garden State Plaza from May 30 through June 9, 2019. Weekdays from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm and Weekends from 12:00 pm to 11:00 pm. **Approved.** Mayor LaBarbiera gives the history of the carnival.
- d. Maywood and Oradell public defender RFQ. **Approved to put RFQ out.**

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos informs the Council that Councilwoman Bellinger is not present tonight due to her father having a heart attack. The Council will keep Councilwoman Bellinger’s father in their prayers. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos will give Councilwoman Bellinger’s report during the public session in the Council Chambers.

Councilman DiPiazza Inquires about Resolution 19-04-288. Mayor LaBarbiera and the Council discuss that this is just to send this to the Planning Board.

Councilman Amato No report

Councilman Verile No report

Councilwoman Weber No report

Mayor LaBarbiera discusses the tragedy going on in Fair Lawn and expresses that we will extend any resources to them that they need.

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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Items are ongoing. We have received three pianos for Pianos in the Park. Three was the goal. Mr. D'Arco discusses the grant application for the Golf Course. There is a list of scoreboards in the Borough that don't work and it's being worked on.

Mayor LaBarbiera asks Councilwoman Bellinger if the Environmental Commission has made progress with the plastic bag ordinance. Ms. Rosendahl advises that Mr. Kaufman's office is working on it and will have a draft for the May council meeting. Mr. Santagata was researching what other municipalities have done. Ms. Rosendahl will forward a draft to the Environmental Commission to ensure that they are part of the process. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos inquires about an open spot on the Environmental Commission because a gentleman is interested. Councilwoman Weber will confirm his interest at the next meeting. Councilman Amato also knows someone who is interested.

**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. **7:24 PM – None**

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**RESOLUTION No. 19-04-284:** Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

**a. Franklyn v Borough of Paramus - Litigation**

**Motion to Enter Closed Session**

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

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 7:45 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Star Spangled Banner performed by the Paramus Scholarship Show

**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 Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi, Associate Borough Attorney Deena Rosendahl

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger, Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman

**PROCLAMATION:**

- a. 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Paramus Scholarship Show – read by Mayor LaBarbiera  
Mayor LaBarbiera recognizes the Paramus Scholarship Show for their many years of service to the Borough along with Councilwoman Weber who has dedicated many years to the same.

**PRESENTATION**

- a. "Scholarship Show Drive" street sign to Scholarship show

Mayor LaBarbiera and Councilwoman Weber present the Scholarship Show with their street sign and proclamation.

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL:**

Councilman DiPiazza No report

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos reads Police Department numbers for the month. The Board of Health is having an open house for all residents to get their blood pressure taken. No appointments necessary. On April 25<sup>th</sup> Valley Hospital is hosting a Heart to Heart event for women. On May 15<sup>th</sup> Valley Health System will host Coping with the Trauma of Cancer. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos wishes everyone a happy holiday.

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Councilman Verile reads the Fire Department numbers for the month. Summer applications will be accepted by Recreation through this Thursday. Recreation was approved or BC Open Space trust grant for just over \$45,000. On May 27<sup>th</sup> the Memorial Day Parade will commence with a special guest from the U.S. Army. Kudos to the Shade Tree Department for their work at the Sports Complex.

Councilwoman Weber The Environmental Commission has a new chairman Tony Landa. Melissa Marte will be the new vice-chair. Earth day will be April 27<sup>th</sup> at the High School. They requested the bylaws and Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis provided them.

Councilman Amato DPW – Front doors have been replaced at Borough Hall as well as the roof. Pothole repairs continue town-wide. DPW received a \$3,000 grant from BCUA for recycling center upgrades as well as a \$12,000 grant for vehicle charging stations. The Building Department has a lot of new construction this month. The Golf Course pro-shop is open from 6AM-6PM on weekdays and 5AM-6PM on weekends. They are up 8.3% to date. The ice cream building plans are being discussed. The project will be re-bid in August. Kudos to the Scholarship Show for their 60 years of service. They have raised approximately \$1.2 million during those years. Happy Holidays.

Mayor LaBarbiera wishes everyone a very happy holiday.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY 8:04 PM – None**

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:**

ORDINANCE 19-09: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 16-22, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER A460 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED "FEES"

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**

**NON-CONSENT:**

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION NO 19-04-285: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 19-04-286: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ADDITIONAL ESCROW MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$241.07 TO DESIGN WITHIN REACH FOR BLOCK 302 – LOTS 1 AND 3

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**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-287:** RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS CONCURRING WITH THE PLANNING BOARD'S INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATION AND DESIGNATING BLOCK 4808, LOT 6.Q and 6.QQ ON TAX MAP OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AS AN AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-288:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PLANNING BOARD TO EXAMINE WHETHER CERTAIN LANDS DESIGNATED AS LOTS 1 & 3 IN BLOCK 204 AND Lots 1, 2 & 3 IN BLOCK 205 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 19-04-289:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL APPLICATION (TWA) FOR AVAK SERVICE STATION, 224 ROUTE 4 EAST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER (PAES-2856)

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-290:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Scf Realty Corp)

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-291:** AUTHORIZING THE PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0246-33-003-012 LOCATED AT 1 GARDEN STATE PLAZA.

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-292:** BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2019 PROJECT ENDORSING RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-293:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF MATTHEW MCGUIRE TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$99,788.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-294:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF GIL MAYNARD TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$99,788.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-295:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF CONNOR NUTLAND TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$99,788.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-296:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF RICHARD PALDINO TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$99,788.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-297:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF TIMOTHY REED TO PATROL OFFICER STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$99,788.00 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-298:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW SPICER TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PART TIME CASHIER STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.96 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-299:** RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF RYAN SCHWARTZ

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FROM THE POSITION OF MECHANIC STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW – MECHANICAL DIVISION

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-300:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF EFRAIM J. RUDIN TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$16.79 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-301:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANDON GARCIA TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME LABORER FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- SANITATION/RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-302:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANGELA LATTANZI TO THE POSITION OF ON CALL ASSISTANT TO PROGRAM & PUBLICITY COORDINATOR FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$15.51 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-303:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DOROTHEA O'SULLIVAN FROM THE POSITION OF SECRETARY FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-304:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH SONYE TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PART TIME CASHIER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-305:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF KARI POLIFRONE TO \$47,107.45 ANNUALLY AS CLERICAL SENIOR OFFICE CLERK STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- RECORD'S BUREAU

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-306:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF JOANN VITALE TO \$47,107.45 ANNUALLY AS CLERICAL SENIOR OFFICE CLERK STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- PATROL DIVISION

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-307:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CERI SPAZIANI TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$16.79 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-308:** RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF MARK MUSELLA FROM THE POSITION OF PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR THE MAYWOOD AND ORADELL MUNICIPAL COURTS

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-309:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 279 FARVIEW AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

**RESOLUTION NO 19-04-310:** RESOLUTION TO SETTLE LITIGATION IN THE MATTER ENTITLED, CARL FRANKLYN V. LORD & TAYLOR, BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, PARAMUS POLICE DEPT., OFFICERS BETANCOURT AND FOX, ET ALS. DOCKET NO. 2:18-cv-13707 (New Jersey District Court)

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**APPLICATIONS:**

**GOLD/SILVER**

Aret Altinbas 2019-GS-3

**MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT**

Zy Healthy Way Inc. 2019-ME-8

**MASSAGIST**

Li Juan Zhang 2019-M-15

**RAFFLE**

Myocarditis Foundation File #746  
PTA Paramus High School File #747  
PTA Paramus High School File #748

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilman Verile

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger

**Motion carries 5-0**

Open to the Public 8:05 PM – None

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 PM**

APPROVED: MAY 21, 2019

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC  
BOROUGH CLERK