

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Work Session held in Caucus Room
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Work Session

Resolution No: 19-05-311: 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 7:05 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco

Mayor LaBarbiera leads a moment of silence for the passing of Veterans Affairs Officer and Former Councilman Sam Casiello.

ROLL CALL:

Present: 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: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger

PROCLAMATION: National Police Week - read by Mayor LaBarbiera

Bergen County Open Space Public Hearing – Peter Blanos from Millennium Strategies is present with a PowerPoint presentation on several Open Space grants being submitted and begins the Public Hearing on this topic. Mr. Blanos explains the proposed improvements on Borough parks. Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco explains that the attorneys are working on the 501(c)(3) “Friends of the Parks”. Mr. Blanos gives project costs. There is also a proposed project to expand the basin at the golf course. Councilman DiPiazza inquires on the cost for certain equipment at Petruska Park and whether or not people will use it. Mayor LaBarbiera references a survey done two years ago and points out that residents showed interest in workout equipment at the park.

Councilman Amato enters the meeting at 7:21 PM.

Mayor LaBarbiera opens to the public for comment on the Bergen County Open Space grants at 7:25 PM – None.

PRESENTATION: Tony Landa from the Environmental Commission is present to discuss a potential plastic bag ordinance. Associate Borough Attorney Justin Santagata has been working on a draft based off the city of Hoboken’s ordinance. Mr. Landa discusses the strong need for environmentalism in the Borough. Hoboken has been able to implement this and we are able to learn what worked and what did not. The Environmental Commission is on board with the draft of the ordinance as it stands. There are exceptions in the ordinance for things such as pharmacy prescription bags, flower bags, and bags for meat at the grocery store. They would like to see a ban on straws as well. Mr. Landa demonstrates to the Council how he carries around his own plastic fork, straw, and paper cup holder so he can reuse them

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instead of getting new ones every time he eats out. Mr. Landa feels if we educate everyone by passing ordinances like these, people will actually do it. Mayor LaBarbiera asks if plastic bags are enough or if we should go further. Mr. Landa doesn't want to see it be less effective if we add too much. It would be smart to get started and pass the plastic bag ordinance and then take further steps in the future one at a time.

Tom Donahue – Mr. Donahue was looking into banning Styrofoam. His research took him to the county and he found that there are grants available to help municipalities adopt policies to ban plastic and Styrofoam. The money for the grant could go to several things but one example is a recycling program.

Councilwoman Bellinger enters the meeting at 7:38 PM

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos reached out to the Chamber of Commerce to get their opinion on the potential effect of this ordinance and is waiting to hear back. Mayor LaBarbiera suggests a ramp up period lasting the duration of this year. Councilman DiPiazza inquires how this would be enforced and Mr. Landa explains that the Health Department would enforce. Councilwoman Bellinger asks if grocery stores would be allowed to sell Styrofoam cups like Dixie Cups to their customers to use in their own homes. During the education period and before it takes effect, the Borough will have several opportunities to give out bags to the public like 4th of July, National Night Out, and the Summer Concert Series.

Mayor LaBarbiera polls the Council on whether we should just start with plastic bags, or add in Styrofoam and straws as well. The majority of the Council agrees that we should start with plastic bags and Styrofoam. Mr. Landa will research an alternative for a plastic lid on a paper cup and get back to the Council.

Open to public for comment 7:55 PM – None

Mayor LaBarbiera suggests that any fine money collected resulting from violation of this ordinance goes back to the Environmental Commission.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:

- A. Request received from Fire Company #3 to host a Wet Down event on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at the Midland Avenue firehouse from 1-6 PM. They would like to have Midland Avenue closed in both directions between Van Binsberger Blvd. and Otto Place during the event. **Approved.**
- B. Request received from Casa de Montecristo by JR Cigar to hold a car show in rear parking lot on Sunday May 19th, 2019 from 9am to 1pm. **Approved.**
- C. Request received to amend an application for Touch A Truck event to hold their event on June 23, 2019, at Garden State Plaza due to bad weather on May 5, 2019. **Approved.**
- D. Notice of an event located at Mantra Restaurant 275 Route 4. On May 12, 2019 there will be a mobile cigar lounge with bourbon tasting and cigars from 5pm to 10pm.
- E. Request received from Paramus Shade Tree to fly all borough flags at half-staff through May 16, 2019. **Approved.**
- F. Request received from Yavneh Academy to hold a sports day at Petruska Park on Thursday, May 23rd 2019 from 8 AM – 2:30 PM. A certificate of insurance has been submitted and Recreation has confirmed that there are no conflicts at Petruska Park on that day. **Approved.**

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Open to the Public for comment at 8:12 PM – None

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger The tree at the Senior Center that shades the garden is interfering with planting. Shade Tree is removing the tree this week. Paramus Boys Lacrosse has the first winning team in 10 years. Please remove 19-05-335 from Consent Agenda.

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos The pool will be open at the end of May. Weekend memberships will be trialed this year for families who can only go on the weekends. This should bring up the attendance of the pool.

Councilman DiPiazza The Historic Commission is looking for a date to have a meeting regarding 527 Paramus Road.

Councilman Amato Inquires about what will happen for Memorial Day in the wake of Sam Casiello's passing.

Councilman Verile Fire had 75 calls in April. May 28th is a softball game fundraiser for the Paramus Children's Health Foundation.

Mayor LaBarbiera points out that we are approaching the one year anniversary of the Paramus board of education bus accident. The East Brook community is having a memorial and there will also be a memorial at Besen Park. We will continue to take the lead from the Board of Ed and we stand behind them. The Little League asked if there should be Rec programs that night or if they should be shut down. This is a new territory and there is no way to be sure what the right way to handle it is. East Brook will be holding a day of service on that day and they may also do a balloon release during the day. The Council agrees that there should be no recreation sports on the one year anniversary. We will close town fields and recreation fields will not play. We have no control over Little League but it's expected that they won't play. Councilwoman DiPiazza asks if we can put a message all day on the electronic signs.

Councilwoman Weber Earth Day was very successful and was well attendance. There were many who disliked the indoor concept and those who also thought selling products was inappropriate on Earth Day.

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

Open to Public 8:32 PM

Joe Vardelone – 6 Clauss Avenue – There are no Rec games scheduled for May 17th.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: The DPW complex is getting reviewed again. Solar applications are pending. Anthony Iovino is reviewing the concept for the Rescue Building and meeting with the rescue staff. Friends of the Library is already a 501(c)(3). The employee manual has been completed by the attorney's office and should be ready for the next meeting. Finance is working on the part time salary ordinance due to the minimum wage changes. There are several items for closed session. Fire Company No. 1 is requesting that their small patch of grass can be taken over by the Borough. They currently pay a landscaper to cut it.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-313: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-314: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF BRIAN LINDEN CLAIM PETITION NUMBER: PARW83818

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-315: A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR PASCACK VALLEY COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM (#107-PVCPS) 2019 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-316: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND 2019 MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENT GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-317: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND 2016 MUNICIPAL PARK IMPROVEMENT "REPURPOSE" APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-318: RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BERGEN COUNTY OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, FARMLAND & HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND 2019 LAND ACQUISITION GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-319: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE BERGEN COUNTY TAX BOARD TO CONDUCT AN ANNUAL REASSESSMENT FOR THE TAX YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2024

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-320: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF MARK WILLIAMS TO PART TIME LABORER STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- SANITATION/RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$11.93 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-321: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM ROLLINS TO THE POSITION OF FULL TIME LABORER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- ROAD DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$32,105.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-322: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT A ALEXIOU TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$16.79 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-323: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS HOFFMAN TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME LABORER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- SANITATION/RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-324: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN ACCARDI TO THE POSITION OF FULL TIME MECHANIC STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- MECHANICAL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$37,890.00 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-325: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK KEARNY TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL MAINTENANCE FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$11.93 PER HOUR

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RESOLUTION NO 19-05-326: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM SPICER 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 19-05-327: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SICK TIME PAYOUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$806.21 TO KARL VANDERSLUIS

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-328: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SICK TIME PAYOUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,533.14 TO MARTIN FEUER

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-329: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GINA FUJII 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 19-05-330: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL BARNES TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PART TIME GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-331: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF AMIT VAIDYA TO TRAFFIC OFFICER STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$113,685.825 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-332: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF CHRISTIE TENEWITZ TO THE POSITION OF SENIOR LIBRARIAN FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$64,608.81 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-333: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF DEBORAH TARABOCCHIA TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SUPERVISING BRANCH LIBRARIAN FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$58,208.41 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-334: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF REANNA VALENCIA TO THE POSITION OF ON CALL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-336: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF GINA H. WESTHOVEN FROM THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-337: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF HARRY PROKOP FROM THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PART TIME CASHIER FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-338: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF SEAN M. GILL FROM THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-339: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF MARGARET ABBAMONT TO THE POSITION OF DCA TECHNICAL ASSISTANT STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$55,640.77 PER YEAR

APPLICATIONS:

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| The Orthodox Church of Christ The Saviour | File #749 |
| The Orthodox Church of Christ The Saviour | File #750 |
| L.E.A.D. Inc. | File #751 |
| Friends of the Paramus Public Library | File #752 |

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Oasis – A Haven for Women and Children

File #753

SOLICITOR

Jonathan Delman

2019-SL-12

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda with the removal of 19-05-335

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a. Amusement Gaming license – NJ Legalized Games of Chance application
(Resolution and Ordinance required if approved)

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 19-11: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 161 OF THE PARAMUS CODE (CEC Entertainment)

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 19-10: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 363 OF THE PARAMUS CODE (Stormwater management)

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

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"

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Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Weber

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment: None

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

RESOLUTION No. 19-05-312: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilman Verile

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

NON-CONSENT:

RESOLUTION NO 19-05-335: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF MEGAN SCHAFFER TO THE POSITION OF RECREATION DIRECTOR STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$80,315.00 PER YEAR

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilman Verile

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Bellinger

Motion carries 5-0-1

ADJOURNMENT: 9:27 PM

APPROVED: MAY 21, 2019

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK