

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Council Chambers
June 14, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Resolution No: 22-06-369: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by the Borough Clerk at 6:31 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

Present: Councilman Antonio, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilwoman Weber, Councilman Quintana, Mayor LaBarbiera

Also Present: Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Deputy Borough Clerk Nicolette Riggi, Borough Administrator Hector Olmo, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin

Absent: Councilwoman Bellinger

PROCLAMATION:

- a. Pride Month – read by Mayor LaBarbiera at 6:32 PM

BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:

- a. Request received from A-Plus Striping for permission to line strip the IKEA property from 9:00 pm to 6:00 am June 15th – June 26th Weather permitting – Approved
- b. Grant Activity Report- May 2022
- c. Request received from Urban Edge Properties to perform work at the Bergen Town Center from 10 PM Saturday June 25th, 2022 to 10 PM Sunday June 26th, 2022 for the removal and installation of cooling towers. Approved
- d. Request received from PSE&G for permission to reschedule night work on Midland Avenue and Rt 17 South to perform electric work. Approved
- e. Request received from Just Jersey Fest to reschedule a food truck festival at Paramus Park Mall to Sunday June 19, 2022 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Due to weather. Approved.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- f. Street Name Change Request – Mack Center Drive to Vermella Way
Borough Attorney will look into it.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilman Antonio No report

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Councilman Kaiser park maintenance has completed mulching at Petruska Park. Golf instructors have been hired and everything is running smoothly. Budget committee met last week. Kudos to the CFO.

Councilman Quintana Washington Township held a meeting and two voting members voted not to use the building on Paramus border for their new DPW. Three other members voted to perform an environmental study. The recommendation of their Borough Attorney is not to proceed. They will be discussing again at their next meeting.

Councilman DiPiazza there is no cook at the Pool currently. The kitchen is closed. The 4th of July Committee discussed with CFO about the money they had in their account. They can borrow from a Borough donations account which is a trust fund.

Councilwoman Weber DPW reported that the broken storm drainpipes on From Road have been repaired. They're working on paving & resurfacing. Shade Tree reported that work at Reid Park will be completed this week. Behnke Museum is preparing for a ribbon cutting. Councilwoman Weber requests that the June 28th meeting begin at 7:00 instead of 6:30. The Chamber of Commerce had their first in-person meeting in two years. September 20th will be Taste of Paramus at the Cupola.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor & Council discuss the RFP that was submitted for the concession at the Golf Course. One RFP was submitted. There is a resolution to award tonight.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: DPW sanitation provides commercial establishments with dumpsters for cardboard. The cost has gone from \$900 to \$1,600. Mayor recommends giving the businesses the choice. If they want to participate in picking up their cardboard, they could be charged a one-time fee. Met with Police Chief today and they will be applying for a school security grant. Mayor points out that our Police Department is ahead of others when it comes to security measures.

Councilwoman Bellinger enters the meeting at 6:49 PM

Councilwoman Bellinger - The Environmental Commission wants to do their Fall cleanup on 9/17/22. Anyone volunteering needs to submit their information by August. Would like to consider doing a flag raising for Pride Month as other communities have begun doing so.

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.

Grace Parisi – the tree stumps that have been discussed the last few meetings are still on her property, and the water is still running across her sidewalk and street. The sidewalk is rusted brown. Mr. Olmo advises that the third party hired for the trees has been working Saturdays and is getting closer. Ms. Parisi advises that they have been like that since 2019 and keeps being told by Shade Tree that she is "on a list". Mr. Olmo will find out when they will be at Ms. Parisi's house and will call her to advise.

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Anna Burrows from Shade Tree is present - the issue with a previous contractor who was hired to do the trees was a licensing issue on their part. Councilwoman Bellinger inquires about the issue as to why they company isn't moving forward with the next phase.

RESOLUTION No. 22-06-370: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- a. Personnel matter affecting employees of the Borough of Paramus

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman Antonio

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

Open 7:28 PM

Borough CFO present to discuss the budget. Explained the process with the budget meetings. Originally we were \$4.5 million over the tax levy cap. Borough CFO & Administrator went line by line and brought it back to the Auditor. Realistic cuts brought it down. This year we will take the \$1.7 million into the budget to offset public safety from the ARPA. That was a big help. There are no other revenues to offset the operating budget. The biggest help in the budget is the tax valuation that went up. That was the saving grace this year as the revaluation rolls to commercial. After the Auditor went through, it came down to a 4.1% increase in this year's budget. Mr. Olmo will have a meeting with department heads to keep 10% of what they are given to start to establish a surplus. Councilwoman Bellinger points out that some department heads have experienced a situation where if they don't spend their budget, they won't be given it next year. Mr. Olmo advises that they will be advised that isn't the case going forward. Bringing in additional revenue is necessary. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that the retail corridor has to be protected. He also believes people should reconsider recreational marijuana. We would be looking at \$1 million in revenue every year.

Mayor LaBarbiera thanks the budget committee for their work.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 2022-15: CALENDAR YEAR 2022 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman Antonio

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

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Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2022-16: ORDINANCE CREATING NEW TITLE "GOLF INSTRUCTOR"

Motion: Councilwoman Weber Second: Councilman Kaiser
Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 2022-14: ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 95 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Weber Second: Councilman DiPiazza
Explanation by Councilwoman Weber
Open to Public for Comment – None
Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber
Nays: Councilwoman Bellinger
Abstain: None
Absent: None
Motion carries 5-1

NON-CONSENT:

RESOLUTION 22-06-371: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CY2022 BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY

RESOLUTION 22-06-372: GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964"

RESOLUTION 22-06-373: MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022

RESOLUTION 22-06-374: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$15,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF 2022 OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM NUMBERS 15 AND 16

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RESOLUTION NO 22-06-375: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-376: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF ENGINEERING ESCROW MONEY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,650.55 TO AJG ENTERPRISES, LLC, BLOCK 1404, LOT 2 AS RECOMMENDED BY PARAMUS PLANNING BOARD (PAES-3352)

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-377: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 3204 LOT 9

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-378: 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(O'Connell)

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-379: AUTHORIZING THE 2022-2023 RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSES

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-380: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 240 BUTTONWOOD DRIVE, IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-381: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR E-110 ARNOT PLACE IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-382: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE 2022 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS TO INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS MFG., CO., INC

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-383: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-384: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN REVISED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AND THE FARMERS MARKET MANAGER GIGI MANASSE FOR SERVICES FOR THE PARAMUS FARMERS MARKET 2022 SEASON

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RESOLUTION NO 22-06-385: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENTS FOR SERVICES AT THE 2022 4TH OF JULY PARADE

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-386: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND GRIT & WIT ENTERTAINMENT, INC FOR EVENTS WITH PARAMUS RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-387: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND KONA ICE OF PARAMUS FOR EVENTS WITH PARAMUS RECREATION

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-388: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TO ENTER INTO A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH JK FARM AND REALTY LLC.

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-389: PULLED PRIOR TO MEETING

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-390: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF VARIOUS PERSONNEL TO THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL.

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-391: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL POSITIONS FOR PARAMUS RECREATION 2022 SUMMER STAFF

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-392: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS AS A PROBATIONARY REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-393: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING MIKE KUDLAK AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-394: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HENRY BRANCA TO THE POSITION OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$13.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-395: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALEXANDRIA SHEHU TO THE POSITION OF PT 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE – COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$14.22 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-396: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN MENCONI TO THE POSITION OF CASHIER-SEASONAL STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$13.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-397: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MIGUEL VALENTIN TO THE POSITION OF LIBRARIAN FOR THE LIBRARY EFFECTIVE JUNE 6TH, 2022 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$58,000

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-398: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PENINA OUDA ONYANGO TO THE POSITION ON-CALL LIBRARIAN FOR THE LIBRARY EFFECTIVE JUNE 6TH, 2022 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$32.10 AN HOUR

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RESOLUTION NO 22-06-399: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHLOE COLMENARES TO THE POSITION PART TIME LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR THE LIBRARY EFFECTIVE JUNE 6TH, 2022 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$16.98 AN HOUR.

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-400: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF MARK ADAMCZYK TO THE POSITION OF FULL TIME POLICE SENIOR SHIFT SUPERVISOR GRADE 7 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$66,979.86 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-401: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF MICHAEL PIGONCELLI FROM THE POSITION OF PART TIME SENIOR BUS DRIVER STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DIVISION TO PART TIME POOL SNACK BAR COOK STEP 7 FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL AT A SALARY OF \$18.92 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-402: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PANTALEO BELGIOVINE TO THE POSITION OF TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL HHS INSPECTOR FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$35.24 AN HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-403: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF BOBBY MC CALLUM FROM THE POSITION OF LABORER STEP 11 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-SANITATION/RECYCLING DIVISION TO LABORER STEP 11 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$60,927.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-404: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER ANTHONY BENE FROM THE POSITION OF PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR GRADE 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS TO FULL TIME POLICE TELECOMMUNICATOR GRADE 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$41,008.08 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-405: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER CHRIS HULAHAN FROM THE POSITION OF PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR GRADE 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- COMMUNICATIONS TO FULL TIME POLICE TELECOMMUNICATOR GRADE 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$41,008.08 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-406: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-407: A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF CHRISTOPHER FEATHERSTONE FROM THE POSITION OF PART TIME LABORER STEP 3

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-408: A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF LOUIS ALBANESE III FROM THE POSITION OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER- CLASS 1

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-409: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF FRANK SCARDINO FROM THE POSITION OF ELECTRICAL SUBCODE HHS FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-06-410: RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE RFP FOR 2022 GOLF COURSE FOOD & BEVERAGE CONCESSION SERVICES TO TAVERNA ON THE GREEN, LLC.

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APPLICATIONS:

RAFFLE

Paramus Elks BPOE # 2001	File # 874
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County, Inc	File # 875
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County, Inc	File # 876
Boys & Girls Clubs of Lower Bergen County, Inc	File # 877

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman Antonio

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 PM

APPROVED: AUGUST 24, 2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK