

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Work Session held in Caucus Room
July 24, 2019, 5:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Special Session 5:00 PM

Resolution No: 19-07-474: 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 July 1, 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 5:05 PM.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Borough Administrator Joseph D’Arco

Roll Call

Present: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, 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 Verile

RESOLUTION No. 19-07-475: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

Closed session – Affordable Housing – Litigation

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger Second: Councilman Amato

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman Verile

Motion carries 5-0

Borough Attorney Paul Kaufman exits the meeting after Closed Session.

Immediately following Special Session

Work Session 6:37 PM

BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:

- a. Request received from Andy Schuckers from the Golf Commission to participate in Patriot Golf Day from August 30th to September 2 2019. **Approved.**
- b. Request received from Fire Company #3 to hold a wet down on September 8, 2019 to include a Social Affairs Permit from the Division of ABC. **Concern with alcohol on Borough property. Approved.**
- c. Grant report for June 2019 from Millennium Strategies.
- d. Request received from Top Gear Imports LLC to hold a car show at the Garden State Plaza on Sunday, September 29th from 9 AM – 1 PM. **Approved.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger Councilwoman Bellinger provided Borough Clerk with a copy of reports noted below. The Paramus Board of Health is giving out free radon test kits. The Board of Health is offering free

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cancer screenings on Wednesday August 7th at the Paramus Municipal Pool from 1 PM to 3 PM and on Thursday July 25th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM Valley Hospital is offering treatment options for heartburn and acid reflux. The Police Department reported statistical information numbers listing newsworthy events.

Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos No report

Councilman DiPiazza No report

Councilman Amato - Suggests naming the Veterans office after Sam Casiello. Councilman Amato provided Borough Clerk with a copy of reports noted below. DPW update, 4 mechanics successfully completed 3 days of training on Fire apparatus pumps. The DPW assisted with the Fourth of July Parade and fireworks. A PEOSH safety consultation was conducted on July 16th and a Health consultation is scheduled for September. The 2018 recycling tonnage report has been submitted to the State. The new sewer jet-vac is scheduled to arrive within the next month. The Building Department reported their monthly numbers. The Golf Course is holding Library Day at mini golf and the restaurant is providing comedy nights free on July 26th and August 2nd and 9th starting at 8:30 PM. The golf course rounds for June were up 6 percent and the income was down 2.60 percent year to date based on the abundance of rain.

Councilwoman Weber Environmental Commission will have a table at National Night Out. The plastic bag ordinance is on the agenda for discussion. Seniors were upset that at last Tuesday night's concert there was no flag salute. Mayor LaBarbiera apologizes if it was overlooked. A resident asked why a quality of life officer was flipping burgers at the pool.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Appraisal item for closed session.

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.

Roy Hegg 321 Lockwood Drive – what's the status on getting the roots of the trees and the driveway. Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos advises that the Shade Tree Commission discussed it at a meeting and re-did their policy. Mr. Hegg distributes minutes from the Zoning Board regarding double wide driveways. Mr. Hegg asks Mr. D'Arco if he looked into an issue with a sidewalk on From Road.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a. Environmental Commission – Plastic Bag Ordinance

Tony Landa and other members of the Environmental Commission are present to present the Council with the reviewed ordinance and any suggestions/changes. The intention is to vote on the Ordinance next meeting. Mr. Landa and Jade Sobh discuss the changes/suggestions. Mr. Landa references an exemption clause, and describes how it works. He's concerned the fee is too low that we'd get inundated with requests.

Roy Hegg 321 Lockwood Drive – questions the exemption clause and if there's a limit on how many times they can apply.

Naomi Checko –Greenbrook- representing the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commission, thanks the Council for their leadership in passing this type of ordinance and thank you to the Environmental Commission. References Hoboken's ordinance and some of the problems they've had.

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She inquires about the current conversation about paper bags. Mayor LaBarbiera explains that the Council refuses to require retailers to charge a fee for bags.

Carol Peterson – Oakland, NJ – discusses a Styrofoam recycling program offered at two companies in NJ. Mr. Landa will get the details. Commends the Council on their leadership.

Maggie Telupin – Thanks the Council for starting a ripple with this ordinance. Several of Maggie's students are present and give their thoughts on the ordinance. They are grateful that the Council is actually making efforts to make real change.

Melissa Marte – Commends the Council and teachers for making these efforts.

Joann Bergmann – Paramus, NJ – commends the teacher and students present for their involvement and how they choose to give back to the community.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY 7:44 PM – None

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 19-21: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 19-03 AND FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilman Amato Second: Councilwoman Weber
Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilwoman Weber
Nays: None
Abstain: Councilwoman Bellinger
Absent: Councilman Verile
Motion carries 4-0-1

ORDINANCE 19-22: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 253 OF THE PARAMUS CODE (Flood damage Protection)

Motion: Councilman Amato Second: Councilwoman Weber
Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilwoman Weber
Nays: None
Absent: Councilman Verile
Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 19-18: ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAMUS CODE § 419-18 (parking on Borough property)

Motion: Councilman Amato Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos
Explanation by Council President
Open to Public for Comment – None
Yeas: Councilman Amato, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos, Councilwoman Weber

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Nays: None

Absent: Councilman Verile

Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCE 19-19: ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 436A-3 OF THE PARAMUS CODE WITH RESPECT OF BARBERSHOPS, BEAUTY PARLORS AND NAIL SALONS

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Bellinger

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment – None

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman Verile

Motion carries 5-0

A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM NUMBERS 12 AND 13

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-476: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-477: APPROVAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO MIDLAND AVENUE (SECTION 2) PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-478: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES FOR AR PARAMUS INVESTORS LLC, BLOCK 3102, LOT 4 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOROUGH ENGINEER (PAES-2698)

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-479: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY BOSWELL ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$182,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MIDLAND AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-480: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (Gorovoy)

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-481: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF BRIAN LINDEN CLAIM PETITION NUMBER: PARW83818

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-482: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN AMENDED DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH 5058 MIDLAND LLC WITH RESPECT TO 50 EAST MIDLAND AVENUE AND 58 EAST MIDLAND AVENUE, BLOCK 4303, LOTS 1 AND 2 IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH THE EXECUTION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEED RESTRICTION FOR SAID PROPERTIES

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-483: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF FIELD EQUIPMENT

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RESOLUTION NO 19-07-484: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HANNAH S. CHRISTENSEN TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$16.79 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-485: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN GUARINO TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT SNACK BAR MANAGER STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL AT A SALARY OF \$11.04 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-486: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SAM HOPKINS TO THE POSITION OF FULL TIME POLICE TELECOMMUNICATOR GRADE 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE-COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$38,642.83 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-487: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JASPER CHAU TO THE POSITION OF LIFEGUARD STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL AT A SALARY OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-488: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TODD COCHRAN TO THE POSITION OF SEASONAL PART TIME GOLF MAINTENANCE STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$14.59 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-489: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE SPINOSO TO THE POSITION OF SUMMER PLAYGROUND COUNSELOR STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$10.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-490:RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KIERAN COCCARO,VINCENT BRUNDA AND KEVIN PERUSSE TO THE POSITION OF REGULAR FIREFIGHTER FOR THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-491: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ADAM S. GEIER TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$16.79 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-492: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MELISSA M. KINOIAN TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$16.79 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-493: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL KRUSZNIS TO THE POSITION OF MECHANIC STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AT A SALARY OF \$37,890.00 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-494: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF DANIEL PAOLAZZI TO CLERICAL STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS FINANCE DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$10.85 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-495: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF DENNIS ARSLANIAN TO QUALITY OF LIFE INSPECTOR STEP 5 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW/QUALITY OF LIFE DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$13.70 PER HOUR

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RESOLUTION NO 19-07-496: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF JASON KASHANI TO PLAYGROUND COUNSELOR STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$10.32 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-497: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF DAVID TARSHIK TO A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PARAMUS RESCUE SQUAD

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-498: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF AMANDA NATHAN TO A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PARAMUS RESCUE SQUAD

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-499: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF RYAN SCHWARTZ TO A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PARAMUS RESCUE SQUAD

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-500: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THOMAS DAMATO TO THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN TEMPORARY FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-PATROL DIVISION AT THE SALARY OF \$201,886.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-501: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF NICHOLAS W. HARDING FROM THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-502: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF PHILIP MANFREDONIA TO THE POSITION OF SEWER TECHNICIAN STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW- SEWER DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$48,982.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-503: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF KATHLEEN CORNELLA TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$15.51 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-504: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF MIA STAWECKI FROM THE POSITION OF LIFEGUARD STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS POOL TO CLERK STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS POOL AT A SALARY OF \$10.96 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 19-07-505: A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION 19-06-459 APPOINTING OREALY MEDINA TO THE POSITION OF LABORER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW-POOL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$10.16 PER HOUR

APPLICATIONS:

RAFFLE

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| Educational Partnership for Instructing Children | File # 756 |
| Englewood Hospital & Medical Center Foundation | File # 757 |
| Englewood Hospital & Medical Center Foundation | File # 758 |

SOLICITOR

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| Anetta Matias | 2019-SL-43 |
| Herber Lincoln Hanks | 2019-SL-44 |
| John Mattesich | 2019-SL-45 |
| Michael Zito | 2019-SL-46 |

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GOLD/SILVER

Arakel Aydinian

2019-GS-15

Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman Verile

Motion carries 5-0

Borough Clerk announces a request from Capital Grille for a cigar event on September 22nd, 2019 from 12-4 PM. **Approved**

Open to Public for comment

Roy Hegg – inquires about Court interpreters.

Councilwoman Weber inquires if there are any decisions regarding Veterans Affairs Officer position. Mr. D’Arco informs her it is on hold while the Affordable Housing Department is being restructured.

Closed Session 7:51 PM to discuss personnel and appraisal sale of property

Motion: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman Verile

Motion carries 5-0

ADJOURNMENT: 8:08 PM

Motion: Councilman Amato

Second: Councilwoman Tedesco-Santos

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

Nays: None

Absent: Councilman Verile

Motion carries 5-0

APPROVED: AUGUST 21, 2019

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIŚ RMCBOROUGH CLERK