

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Caucus Room
October 18, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Resolution No: 22-10-617: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by the Borough Clerk at 6:35 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Council President

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Absent: Mayor LaBarbiera

Council President Weber chairs the meeting in Mayor LaBarbiera’s absence.

PROCLAMATION:

- a. RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2022 AS ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH – read by Council President Weber

BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:

- b. Request received from Lee & Associates for permission to perform night work on October 21, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am to pave the parking lot at 53 W. Century Road. **Approved.**
- c. Request received from Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul USA to have fireworks at the temple on Sunday October 23, 2022 from 8:30PM to 9 PM. **Approved.**
- d. Grant Activity Report- September 2022
- e. Request received from North Shore Neon Sign to install exterior signs at the new Kohls Department Store located at the Bergen Town Center on Thursday, October 20th and Friday, October 21st from 10PM- 9AM. **Approved.**

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Complaints have been received regarding Sycamore Street. The DPW Superintendent advised that nothing has been done to that road in 20 years. It’s been recommended to vacate that section of the street. Half of the street goes to each property owner and they’d each be responsible for their portion. The business owners are complaining that the street needs to be repaved. Councilwoman Bellinger asks if they are going to want the street. Borough Attorney Brian Giblin advises that it becomes their responsibility.

There have been inquiries regarding the property on Farview Terrace and Prospect Street. We had once gone out to bid and the bid received was less than the appraised value. There is

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someone who is interested now and it's recommended to get an updated appraisal. The Council needs to approve an updated appraisal. A resolution will be added.

The developer for 334 Spring Valley Road wants to name the street. Borough Attorney reminds the Council that the Mayor previously wanted to stay consistent with the street names in that area. The Administrator will look into it.

The Health Officer wants to adjust the code to state that the Health Department does not inspect hair salons but still inspects nail salons. They want the state to inspect them as the number has risen with the new salon suites.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger The Environmental Commission met last night. There was a previous issue with a resident and the private trees on their property. The resident was asking if the ordinance can be changed. She went to the Environmental Commission to discuss the importance of not cutting down the trees. She asked the Commission whether there was progress at the Mayor & Council level with getting samples of other municipalities ordinances. Mr. Giblin advises that he started collecting ordinances from other towns and they are all very different. He needs direction on where the Council wants to go. Councilwoman Bellinger would like input from the department heads on the issue. Councilman Quintana believes trees are one of the number one complaints all over town.

Received a resident email today about an accident with the Senior Bus over the summer and a PSEG pole. The utility pole is still broken and leaning since the summer and this resident wants a status update on when it will be replaced. PSEG owns the pole and they were notified. The Administrator will call again and check.

Councilman Antonio Board of Education appointed a student representative. It gives the students an opportunity to give a report at the meeting and have representation with the Board of Education.

Councilman DiPiazza the Borough is looking for an aquatic Engineer for the pole. The previous vendor was making parts for the pool for years. Someone new won't be making parts so the system will have to be redone.

Councilman Kaiser received an email from Recreation that we are receiving bills for the Board of Education for the use of gyms. It will be discussed in Closed Session.

Councilman Quintana No report

Councilwoman Weber Shade Tree assisted with the 2022 Paramus Run. On October 1st a memorial tree dedication was held at Petruska Park. The Fall tree planting will begin soon. Curb Side leaf collection has begun. DPW is working on an ordinance regarding mailbox damage from snow plowing. The senior bus was totaled in an accident. They are in dire need of a second bus. The Borough Administrator advises that they looked and nobody has one. They pulled 700 orders for vehicles because they're not producing them. They don't have the chips. The borough Administrator will call Bergen County to see if they are willing to help. The Health Department has

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been doing vaccinations to immunize against the flu and COVID-19. They had a senior vaccine program and 28 seniors were vaccinated. The Paramus Walks program has had excellent participation.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

f. Review Borough Code - Chapter 210-9 Eligible exaction

Building Department Head Michael O'Connell is present. He would like to discuss the exemption for COAH and tightening up owner exemption. The Borough's COAH requirement makes an owner obligated to pay a certain percentage towards it. The only way around this is to say that the owner is going to occupy the house. Then as soon as the house is built, they put it on the market and sell it. They are getting away with not paying significant amounts of money. Mr. Giblin advises it would be hard to police. The only way would be to change the ordinance to make owners not exempt from the fee. Mr. O'Connell estimates that there are about 50-100 rebuilds per year. Councilman DiPiazza worries about punishing the majority of the residents who are doing the right thing and are actually living in the homes that they rebuild, just to catch the few that are not doing the right thing. Mr. Giblin reminds the Council that we do have an obligation to COAH. Mr. Giblin & Mr. O'Connell will look into the way some other municipalities handle this.

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. – None

RESOLUTION No. 22-10-618: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- a. Personnel matters**
- b. Tax Settlement**

Motion: Councilman DiPiazza

Second: Councilman Kaiser

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

Nays: None

Abstain:

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-619: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-620: AUTHORIZING THE 2022-2023 RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSES

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-621: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 152 VILLAGE CIRCLE WEST, IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-622: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE FOR CARLSON SHOPPING CENTER, BLOCK 4301, LOT 6 AS RECOMMENDED BY BOSWELL ENGINEERING (PAES-2904)

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-623: 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 (Bonardi Brothers Realty)

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-624: 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 (Eugene Sullivan)

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-625: 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 (Bonardi Brothers Realty)

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-626: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF LODI FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-627: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-628: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PARAMUS BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-629: RESOLUTION APPROVING AMUSEMENT BUSINESS APPLICATION FOR HUMDINGERS

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-630: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SICK TIME PAYOUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108,374.40 TO DAVID LAGRONE

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RESOLUTION NO 22-10-631: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SICK TIME PAYOUT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,658.00 TO JOHN TOOHEY

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-632: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANDREW TEEHAN AS A PROBATIONARY JUNIOR MEMBER OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-633: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KYLE GUZMAN TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATION OPERATOR 1 STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$14.22 AN HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-634: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LUKE A. METZLER TO THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 0 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$20.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-635: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARIA CHUBA TO THE POSITION OF CASHIER-SEASONAL STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$13.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-636: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF OWEN T. REILLY TO THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 0 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$20.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-637: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALARY INCREASE OF HYERAN CHANG TO \$39,430.41 PER YEAR AS LIBRARIAN TRAINEE FOR THE PARMAUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-638: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF BRANDON GARCIA TO THE POSITION OF LABORER 1 STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – SANITATION – RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$36,754 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-639: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF DOMINICK LAELLA TO THE POSITION OF LABORER 1 STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS SHADE TREE AND PARKS DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$36,754 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-640: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF JASON N. CABREJOS TO THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$21.33 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-641: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF JUSTIN OLIVO TO THE POSITION OF LABORER 1 STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – SANITATION – RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$36,754 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-642: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF KRISTEN M. EHREBERG TO THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$24.00 PER HOUR

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RESOLUTION NO 22-10-643: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF LOUIS HOFFMAN TO THE POSITION OF LABORER 2 STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – SANITATION – RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$39,411 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-644: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF XAVIER CALLOWAY TO THE POSITION OF LABORER 1 STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – SANITATION – RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$36,754 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-645: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF CHLOE COLMENARES FROM THE POSITION OF LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-646: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF HUTHAIFAH K. AWAWDEH FROM THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-647: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF STEVEN MENCONI FROM THE POSITION OF CASHIER-SEASONAL FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-648: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF IRENE MAURY FROM THE POSITION OF HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATOR FOR THE PARAMUS HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-649: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE SEPERATION OF VARIOUS EMPLOYEES FROM THE POSITIONS OF CASHIER – SEASONAL FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-650: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VEHICLES OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF HILLSDALE.

RESOLUTION NO 22-10-651: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A LETTER OF INTENT FOR 154-156 COLUMBUS WAY.

RESOLUTION 22-10-652: AUTHORIZING APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY FARVIEW TERRACE WITH CAP OF \$2,500

RESOLUTION 22-10-653: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY TO SETTLE 2013-2021 TAX APPEALS CAPTIONED: PARAMUS PARK SHOPPING CENTER LP V. BOROUGH OF PARAMUS BLOCK 5204, LOT 1 DOCKET NOS. 013347-2013; 002443-2014 PARAMUS PARK V. BOROUGH OF PARAMUS BLOCK 5004, LOT 6; BLOCK 5203, LOTS 2 AND 3; BLOCK 5204, LOT 1; BLOCK 5303, LOT 4 DOCKET NOS. 008416-2014; 000485-2015; 006255-2018 PARAMUS PARK % GENL. GROWTH PROP. V. BOROUGH OF PARAMUS BLOCK 5004, LOT 6; BLOCK 5203, LOTS 2 AND 3; BLOCK 5204, LOT 1; BLOCK 5303, LOT 4 DOCKET NOS. 007485-2018; 007809-2019; 008638-2020; 008261-2021 GS PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS, LLC V. BOROUGH OF PARAMUS BLOCK 5203, LOT 1 DOCKET NOS. 006108-2017; 003966-2018; 007807-2019; 000346-2020; 008635-2020; 008249-2021

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APPLICATIONS:

MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES

Humdinger's

2023-M-001 through 2023-M-077

RAFFLE

Epic Foundation, Inc.

File # 894

Approve Consent Agenda as Amended

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 22, 2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK