

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Council Chambers
November 1, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Resolution No: 22-11-654: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” **Read by the Borough Clerk at 6:34 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Girl Scout Madison Ver Hage

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Absent: None

PRESENTATION:

- a. Sun Rise Rotary Donations – Mayor LaBarbiera introduces Dennis Arslanian. Mr. Arslanian presents the donations to the Police Department, Fire Department, & Rescue.
 - Police/Fire/Rescue

Dennis Arslanian introduces Bruce Harper, former New York Jets running back. Mr. Harper began a mentoring program, Heroes & Cool Kids, which mentors children. Mr. Arslanian presents the donation check to Heroes & Cool Kids.

- Bruce Harper- Heroes & Cool Kids

- b. Madison Ver Hage- Girl Scout Silver Award. – Mayor LaBarbiera introduces Madison who presents her project for her Silver Award, which is the second highest award for Girl Scouts. Her project brings awareness to parents on water safety.

PROCLAMATION –

- a. Company 1 for 100th Anniversary – Read by Mayor LaBarbiera
- b. Company 4 for 100th Anniversary – Read by Mayor LaBarbiera

BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:

- c. Request Received from All American Auto Group 375 Route 17, for permission to perform Sunday work in order to install sidewalks and bollards for electric vehicle charging stations on Sunday November 6th, rain date of November 13th between the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **Approved.**

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- d. Request received from Garden State Plaza to install Big Santa on Sunday, November 6th and 13th, 2022 and remove the structure on January 8th and 15th, 2023. **Approved.**
- e. Request received from Sordoni for permission to extend a previously approved night work request to perform renovations at Target - Bergen Town Center to November 30th, 2022 during the hours of 10:00 pm to 7:00 am. **Approved.**
- f. Request received from Garden State Plaza for permission for Industrial Steam Cleaning to clean the food court loading dock beginning Friday, November 4th, 2022 through Sunday November 6th, 2022. **Approved.**
- g. Request received from Camp Towanda to hold their summer camp reunion in the parking lot of the Garden State Plaza on Sunday November 20th, 2022 from 11:00am-1:00pm, to include approved food trucks. **Approved.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger inquires about Ordinance 2022-27. Mr. Giblin advises that her questions should be asked in Closed Session. Inquires about resolution 22-11-664 and what the Ford Explorer will be used for. Mr. Olmo advises her that there is a shortage of vehicles, and this vehicle could be used for the Police Department or another department head. Councilwoman Bellinger is concerned with purchasing items that we don't necessarily need. Mr. Olmo says the procedure is to bring this purchase to the Council and they can either approve or deny it. Councilwoman Bellinger would like to move this resolution to the non-consent agenda. Councilman DiPiazza suggests pulling the resolution altogether and have Mr. Olmo provide a report on what we currently have and what we need.

The resolution will be amended to delete the Ford Explorer and leave the purchase of the F150.

Motion to Amend

Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger

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

Councilman Quintana No report

Councilman Antonio Happy birthday to Councilman DiPiazza. The Rescue Halloween event was great and the children really enjoyed it. Councilman Antonio would like to table ordinance 2022-27.

Motion to Table

Motion: Councilwoman Antonio

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

Councilman DiPiazza No report

Councilman Kaiser No report

Councilwoman Weber Happy birthday to Councilman DiPiazza

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: we received a \$1 million grant for the intersection Spring Valley & Forest Avenue regarding left and right turn lanes. Congratulations to the Fire Official who will be retiring in March of 2023. A meeting was held with the unions regarding health insurance and the Borough will be shopping around.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Fire Official is one of the most important positions in the town. He is retiring. Whoever is put in the position in the future must be competent and ready to do business. Mayor LaBarbiera would like to discuss Recreation in Closed Session as well as the salary ordinance that was pulled.

RESOLUTION No. 22-11-655: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- h. Litigation: Joanne Guadara v. Borough of Paramus
- i. Potential Litigation
- j. Negotiations
- k. Salary Ordinance

Motion: Councilman Antonio

Second: Councilman Kaiser

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Quintana

Absent: None

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7:16 PM

Open 7:43 PM

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- I. Ordinance amendment – Chapter 383 – Mailbox replacement

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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

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 2022-24: AN ORDINANCE RENAMING MACK CENTER DRIVE TO VERMELLA WAY

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

ORDINANCE 2022-25: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE DESIGN AND OTHER ENGINEERING PHASES FOR UPGRADES TO VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER PUMP STATIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$750,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

ORDINANCE 2022-26: BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL IN, BY AND FOR THE SWIMMING POOL UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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

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ORDINANCE 2022-27: TABLED AT MEETING

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-656: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-657: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 807 LIVINGSTON COURT, IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-658: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF OUTSTANDING CHECKS FROM MUNICIPAL COURT GENERAL ACCOUNT AND BAIL ACCOUNT TO THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-659: 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 (2 Forest Ave.)

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-660: 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 (695 Ellington Rd.)

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-661: 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 (706 Gerald St.)

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-662: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF TREE PRESERVATION DEPOSIT FROM SHADE TREE TRUST ACCOUNT #2-03-56-286-851-802 TO THE FOLLOWING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION (5 Churchill Ct.)

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-663: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF TREE PLANTING DEPOSIT FROM SHADE TREE TRUST ACCOUNT #2-03-56-286-851-802 TO THE FOLLOWING AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE SHADE TREE & PARKS COMMISSION (8 Churchill Ct.)

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-664: AS AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 F150 TRUCK FROM WINNER FORD

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-665: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF SADDLE BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES

RESOLUTION NO 22-11- 666: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT TELEPHONE SYSTEM BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER

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RESOLUTION NO 22-11-667: GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE JULY 2020-JUNE 2025

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-668: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING ANTHONY BENE AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-669: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING NEVIN MATTESSICH AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-670: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNE SCHNEIDER AS HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR AT A YEARLY STIPEND OF TEN THOUSAND (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-671: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF EMIDIO VITOLO FROM THE POSITION OF SKILLED TRADESMAN FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-672: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF FILIS K. SULEJMANI FROM THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-673: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF JEFFREY J. ALTONJY FROM THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-674: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF JOEL A. TORRES FROM THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-675: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF RICHARD DEMURJIAN FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME PISTOL RANGE MAINTAINER FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – TRAINING DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-676: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF THERESE GRIMALDI FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-677: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF NAT LOVE TO LABORER 2 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SANITATION – RECYCLING DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$39,411 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-678: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO 22-11-679: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND NO. 285053 TO GS PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS FOR 700 PARAMUS PARK (PAES-2785)

APPLICATIONS:

SOLICITOR

Joel S. Heredia

2022-SL-27

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Paramus Rotary Club	File # 895
Paramus Rotary Club	File # 896
Church of Annunciation	File # 897
Stony Lane Elementary PTA	File # 898

Approval of Consent Agenda as Amended

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellingier, Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Quintana

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: 7:49 PM

APPROVED: NOVEMBER 22, 2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK