

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Council Chambers
January 31, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Mayor DiPiazza asks audience to rise for introduction of Paramus Police Honor Guard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Alan Brundage

Resolution No: 23-01-106: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by the Borough Clerk at 6:32 PM

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Absent: None

APPOINTMENT NEW COUNCIL MEMBER: Alfredo Nadera

Motion: Councilman Kaiser Second: Councilman Antonio

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 5-0

Mayor DiPiazza administers the Oath of Office to new councilmember Alfredo Nadera.
Councilman Nadera takes his seat on the dais.

Oath of office:

- a. James Teehan Captain Paramus Police – Mayor DiPiazza administers the Oath of Office

Police Chief Kenneth Ehrenberg speaks on Captain Teehan’s achievements and highlights on many special moments in his career. Chief Ehrenberg thanks the Mayor & Council for their continued support.

BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:

- b. Request received from Allison Kohler to hold the Just Jersey Fest Paramus Food Truck Event in the parking lot of the Paramus Park Mall on various Sundays through November 5, 2023. Approved.
- c. Request Received from Howard Rosenblatt to hold The Mega Bites Food and Music Fest in the parking lot of the Garden State Plaza Sunday May 7th from 12PM to 7PM. Approved.
- d. Request Received from Howard Rosenblatt to hold The Mega Bites Pre-Fireworks Food and Music Fest in the parking lot of the Garden State Plaza Sunday July 2nd from 12PM to 9PM. Approved.

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- e. Request Received from Dominick Silla to hold the All-American Corvette Club's 22nd Annual Car Show in the parking lot of the Panera Bread on 165 Route 4 West Sunday July 2nd from 8AM to 3PM. Approved.
- f. Request received from Howard Rosenblatt to hold the Mega Bite Farmers Market in the parking lot of the Garden State Plaza on Sunday's from May 14th through October 29th. Approved.

PROCLAMATION

- a. Health for Humanity Yoga-thon

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger she references the 2022-year end report for the Paramus Library. The Library continues to improve and grow, and the attendance is increasing year by year. Councilwoman Bellinger requests again to have the phone system available for the next meeting so more members of the public can participate from home if they can't make it in person. Mr. Giblin advises that there's nothing legal prohibiting it. Many towns are not utilizing this as they are either holding meetings in person or are live streaming. Mayor DiPiazza is open to trying the system again if we can find a way for it not to be disruptive. He references times during Covid where residents called in and those present in person could hear dogs barking or family members in the background. Councilman Kaiser inquires if this was a practice done before Covid. Mr. Giblin suggests making a decision so it can be sent for publishing.

Councilman Kaiser No report

Councilman Quintana Mr. Quintana attended the Shade Tree meeting and he found it very informative.

Councilwoman Weber Shade Tree crews are completing clean up due to good weather. Tree climbers will be taking re-certification classes. DPW crews are working on 2023 road resurfacing lists. They ask to be notified if anyone sees a pothole. Their crew recently repaired a pipe on Frisch Court and saved the Borough 6-8 thousand dollars by doing it in-house. Narcan training was held and attendees all received doses of Narcan. Alfredo Nadera being appointed to the Council creates a vacancy on the Board of Health. Councilwoman Weber would like to appoint Joan Piazza.

Motion to appoint Joan Piazza as a member of the Board of Health to replace Councilman Nadera's vacancy

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Quintana

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

Councilman Antonio – Congratulations to Al Nadera on his appointment to the Council. The inauguration dinner for the Fire Department was very successful and a great time was had.

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Councilman Nadera – Thank you to the Mayor and Council for the appointment to the Council. Mr. Nadera thanks his family for their support and looks forward to working with the diverse community that is Paramus.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Congratulations to Captain James Teehan for his promotion and to the new Councilman Alfredo Nadera.

Mayor DiPiazza asks for motion to appoint Alfred Scrivanich – Alternate 2 – Board of Adjustment

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

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. **7:04 PM**

Jennifer Landa – 165 Heberd Avenue – wants to encourage the Council to re-instate the phone system so members of the public can attend the meeting via phone. She feels very encouraged that the Council is considering it again.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: the Golf Commission has suggested some ordinance changes that they would like the Mayor & Council to consider. Mr. Olmo advises that they want to prevent people from bringing their own carts and also want to consider adding a ride along fee. Another change is that the ordinance states that the Golf Course doesn’t accept cash, which is inaccurate. They also want to add a no-show fee. DPW has another resignation and two more may be coming. The positions will be posted but it’s difficult to fill them. That will need to be addressed because the employees are going to other municipalities or higher pay. There was a meeting today with the Police Department regarding the towing ordinances. There was an opinion given by an attorney. The council will look at the proposed changes prior to introduction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- December 6, 2022

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman Quintana

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Nadera

Motion carries 5-0-1

- b. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- December 20, 2022

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Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Quintana

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Nadera

Motion carries 5-0-1

c. Closed Session Minutes – July 20, 2022

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman Quintana

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Nadera

Motion carries 4-0-2

d. Closed Session Minutes – August 24, 2022

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Quintana

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Nadera

Motion carries 5-0-1

e. Closed Session Minutes – October 3, 2022

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman Quintana

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Nadera

Motion carries 5-0-1

f. Closed Session Minutes – October 18, 2022

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Quintana

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Nadera

Motion carries 5-0-1

g. Closed Session Minutes – November 1, 2022

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Quintana

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

Nays: None

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Abstain: Councilman Nadera
Motion carries 5-0-1

h. Closed Session Minutes – November 22, 2022

Motion: Councilman Kaiser Second: Councilman Quintana
Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber
Nays: None
Abstain: Councilman Nadera
Motion carries 5-0-1

i. Closed Session Minutes – December 6, 2022

Motion: Councilman Kaiser Second: Councilman Quintana
Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber
Nays: None
Abstain: Councilman Nadera
Motion carries 5-0-1

j. Closed Session Minutes – December 20, 2022

Motion: Councilwoman Weber Second: Councilman Quintana
Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Kaiser, Councilman Quintana, Councilwoman Weber
Nays: None
Abstain: Councilman Nadera
Motion carries 5-0-1

RESOLUTION No. 23-01-107: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- a. Personnel
- b. Litigation

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

Open 7:38 PM

ORDINANCES:

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ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 2023-06: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2021-52 CHAPTER 121 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED "SALARIES AND COMPENSATION" AND WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT 2020-2022 (Director Fire Prevention)

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE 2023-07: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 429 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED "ZONING" AND SPECIFICALLY SECTION 429-6 TITLED "DEFINITIONS", SECTION 429-121 TITLED "PERMITTED USED" AND SECTION 429-135 TITLED "REGULATIONS APPLICABLE" AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 429-124.1 TITLED "DESIGN STANDARDS FOR SELF-STORAGE BUILDINGS"

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Antonio

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 2023-05: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2021-52 CHAPTER 121 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED "SALARIES AND COMPENSATION" AND WAS SUPPLEMENTED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT 2020-2022 (Director Recreation)

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Antonio

Brief Description by Council President

Open to Public for Comment on Ordinance 2023-05 – None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

A CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED FOR ITEM NUMBERS 17 AND 18

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-108: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-109: PULLED PRIOR TO MEETING

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RESOLUTION NO 23-01-110: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDEMPTION OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR BLOCK 610 LOT 2

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-111: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO PAYMENT OF TAXES FROM TITLE CO. AND BANK

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-112: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 291 TAFT COURT, IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-113: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 127 HENRY ST, IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-114: 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 (NORTHEAST REALTY PARTNERS)

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-115: A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-01-80 AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$(-14,866.85) FOR THE DECREASE IN THE CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE 2022 CDBG-SORBELLO ROAD & RIDGEWOOD AVE IMPROVEMENTS

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-116: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF ALL OF THE OUTSTANDING CLAIMS BY JOSHUA CAPIZZI AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN A "SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZATION REQUEST" DATED JANUARY 16, 2023.

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-117: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER THE FY23 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, SUBAWARD GRANT NUMBER 23-0246

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-118: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RICHARD NEUNER AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-119: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ADRIAN N. DOMARADSKY TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$20.40 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-120: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF JOSE ZAMBRANA FROM THE POSITION OF SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – TRAFFIC DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-121: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF MIGUEL VALENTIN FROM THE POSITION OF LIBRARIAN FOR THE PARAMUS LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-122: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF CHRIS CORCORAN FROM THE POSITION OF MECHANIC FOR THE PARAMUS DPW – MECHANICAL DIVISION

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RESOLUTION NO 23-01-123: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF JOAN BURNS FROM THE POSITION OF CLERICAL SENIOR OFFICE CLERK STEP 10 FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DCA TECHNICAL ASSISTANT STEP 10 FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$72,642.88 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-124: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF LINDA SAVASTANO FROM THE POSITION OF CLERICAL SENIOR OFFICE CLERK STEP 6 FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DCA TECHNICAL ASSISTANT STEP 6 FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$59,046.43 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-125: PULLED PRIOR TO MEETING

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-126: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF NELSON URIBE-VARGAS FROM THE POSITION OF LABORER 1 STEP 1 FOR THE SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT TO THE POSITION OF LABORER 1 STEP 1 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – BUILDING & GROUNDS DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$34,070 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-127: PULLED PRIOR TO MEETING

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-128: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-129: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SEPARATION OF THE FOLLOWING PART TIME STAFF POSITIONS FOR PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-130: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF NICHOLAS BUCCI TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$47,688.00 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-131: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK LICARI, JR. TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$47,688.00 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-132: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF HUGO RODRIGUEZ TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$47,688.00 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-133: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF TIMOTHY ERSTLING TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$47,688.00 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-134 RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF RYAN MENHINICK FROM THE POSITION OF LABORER STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO THE POSITION OF TRAFFIC MAINTAINER STEP 6 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – TRAFFIC DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$49,470.06 ANNUALLY

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RESOLUTION NO 23-01-135 RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF DANIEL CONTE FROM THE POSITION OF RECREATION LEADER FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-136: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF DANIEL PEREZ TO THE POSITION OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF FIRE PREVENTION FOR THE PARAMUS FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

RESOLUTION NO 23-01-137: APPOINTING ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS AS REDACTOR

APPLICATIONS:

HOTEL/MOTEL

Hampton Inn Paramus	2023-H-3
Fairfield Inn and Suites	2023-H-4

RAFFLE

Friends of the Paramus Public Library, Inc.	File # 903
Academy of Our Lady	File # 904
St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church	File # 905
Berkley School PTO, Inc.	File # 906
Berkley School PTO, Inc.	File # 907
Stony Lane Elementary PTA	File # 908
Paramus Catholic Regional High School Parents' Council	File # 909

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda as Amended

Motion: Councilman Antonio

Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: 7:43 PM

APPROVED: FEBRUARY 14, 2023

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Annemarie Krusznis RMC

Borough Clerk