

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Council Chambers
April 6, 2022, 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Resolution No: 22-04-226- Notification of meetings as required by "The Open Public Meetings Act." Read by the Borough Clerk at 7:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: led by Rich Lambert

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Absent: None

APPOINTMENT NEW COUNCIL MEMBER:

Council President Weber motions to appoint Jorge Quintana to the vacant Council member position.

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 5-0

Mayor LaBarbiera wishes council member Quintana good luck in serving on the Council.

Mr. Quintana is honored to be here and thanks the Council members for appointing him. He thanks his wife, sons, daughters, friends, neighbors and coworkers for supporting his decision to serve. Mr. Quintana will do his best to serve the residents of Paramus. God Bless America.

Francine Goggin – The republican club welcomes Mr. Quintana and thanks him for his service.

Claudio Leo – Mr. Quintana made history as the first Latino member of the Council. Good luck and thank you.

Mary ? – Very proud of Mr. Quintana and she is confident that he will do a great job.

Maureen O'Brien – Congratulations to Mr. Quintana. He is going to do great things and is a great addition to the Council.

(inaudible) – long time friend of Mr. Quintana. Congratulations on serving the community.

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BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:

- a. Request received from All American Corvette Club to hold a car show at the Kohl's Shopping Center on Sunday July 3, 2022 from 8AM to 3PM. **Approved.**
- b. Request received from MegaBite Events to hold Farmers Markets at the Garden State Plaza from May 22, 2022 through November 20, 2022 from 9AM to 2PM. **Approved.**
- c. Request received from St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church to hold their annual Greek Festival from May 19, 2022 through May 22, 2022 from 11AM to midnight. **Approved.**
- d. Correspondence from Salons by JC requesting a review of Sunday exemptions. Council discusses. Salon services are not permitted on Sundays as it is not necessity or charity. Council agrees that they do not want to waive blue laws. **Denied.**
- e. Bruno Associates March Grant report.
- f. Request received from Pfister Energy for permission to perform solar installation at PC Richards Route 17 from 8:00 PM to 12:00 AM on April 19, 2022. Approved.
- g. Request from Primrose School to hold Spring Fling. Approved.

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger The roster of the Environmental Commission has been cleared up. The final position needs to be the Planning Board Liaison and Dennis Niland is appointed to the Planning Board. Brian Bibo and Mark Distler are appointed as alternates to the Environmental Commission.

Mr. LoPinto would like to know if the Council has any questions about the Children's Library addition. Fundraising will continue.

Councilman Quintana No report

Councilman Antonio No report

Councilman Kaiser Recreation had the Easter Bunny come last weekend and it was a huge success. Megan Schaeffer submitted for an open space grant. The Golf Course had their lottery this weekend.

Councilman DiPiazza the Pool Commission meets Thursday. Summer Concert Series will continue this July & August. They received donations from Valley Hospital & Garden State Plaza. July 4th Committee would like Mayor LaBarbiera's recommendation on where he would like the parade to end. In the past it ended at Petruska but there is little to no shade. Memorial would be better.

Councilwoman Weber pothole repairs are continuing. April 16th is the next paper shredding event at the DPW complex. April 23rd is the Borough Cleanup day. Pool registration started this month and they are preparing for opening day, which is Memorial Day Weekend. The Health Department reported that the number of new COVID-19 cases has decreased for the 2nd straight week.

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MAYOR'S REPORT: asks if anyone in the audience received an anonymous letter regarding a building going up in Washington Township 200 feet away from Paramus. Mayor LaBarbiera believes this is not the Borough's jurisdiction but a resolution could be passed urging Washington Township to consider the comments and concerns of the surrounding areas. Council agrees and the resolution will be added to tonight's agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Olmo reports that we have some additional federal money from Congressman Gottheimer and he's going to have the grant writer apply for the pump stations. Mr. Olmo says that we have two applications for the DPW superintendent and he will be starting the interview process shortly. He adds there is also a position out for an opening in the Borough Clerks office. He continues that we have submitted to the Open Space for \$210,000 for the Sports Plex. Mayor LaBarbiera asks Mr. Olmo if there is anything going on with the budget. Mr. Olmo replies that our annual financial statement should be done next week and then we will have a capital meeting. He says he's been working with the engineers with transitioning and the grant writer to make sure we are getting all the monies that we are afforded to. Mr. Olmo says we have the IKEA walk through on the 22nd at 3 PM.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

- a. Turf field division – Bill Comery is present to discuss. He would like to urge the council to return field division to Shade Tree. It was part of Shade Tree for 50 years but the previous Administrator had a personal vendetta against the Shade Tree Commission. A crew was developed at the Golf Course to maintain the fields but that failed as well. Mr. Comery says the program put together with the Recreation crew failed as well because of lack of experience. Mr. Comery believes that the previous administrator also withheld equipment from the Shade Tree Department. The Shade Tree never stated that they were unable to maintain the fields. Mr. Comery has seen destructive things in the last two weeks that is costing the Borough unnecessary money. Mr. Comery references broken equipment at several parks. The crews either don't know the rules or are not following them. There is no supervision. They have excessive overtime and they don't work a 40 hours week. He believes these duties should be returned to Shade Tree where they belong.

Mr. DiPiazza thanks Mr. Comery for his report. There is a new council member tonight who needs to get up to speed so the Council won't act tonight. The Administrator is instructed to look into anything violating insurance standards. Mr. Giblin advises the Council not to discuss this matter where it relates to personnel as no employees have been issued a Rice Notice. Mr. Kaiser advises that Shade Tree & Recreation had a 2-hour meeting together about two weeks ago and from what he witnessed, it was a successful meeting that both parties left satisfied with. He is confused to hear now that Shade Tree is unhappy. It will be looked into. Mayor

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LaBarbiera adds that this has been discussed for months now and we need to decide and go with it. Mr. DiPiazza points out that himself, Councilwoman Bellinger and Councilwoman Weber were all on the council when the Parks maintenance was given to Recreation and they all voted on it unanimously. Councilwoman Weber believes she didn't have all the facts and believes now that it should be given back to Shade Tree.

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.

Daniel ? – expresses his disappointment in his taxes being raised almost 13% since 2020. He was told by the Tax Assessor that this will be going on until 2024. Mayor LaBarbiera advises the resident that only 25% of the dollar collected is controlled by the Borough. The rest is the County and the Board of Education who currently has a \$107,000,000 budget this year with a decreasing enrollment. Councilwoman DiPiazza advises the resident that he should sit down with Mr. Anzevino because he does a great job of explaining the issue. Mayor LaBarbiera explains that the home value is very high right now. Taxes would be stable if everyone went up by the same proportion. The resident believes the Council should check on all resident complaints thoroughly to ensure no money is being wasted. Mayor LaBarbiera explains that the beauty of the rolling assessment is if the housing market drops, we are able to make quick adjustments.

Jane Myers – Ms. Meyers was at the last meeting where they discussed the removal of trees. She would like a timeline & plan on the removal of the trees. Ms. Meyers would like to know how she would be notified if there were a cell tower going up in her neighborhood. Mayor LaBarbiera explains. Mr. Olmo explains that the trees that are hazardous have to be handled first before they start going through the list.

Maritza – inquires about the Washington Township project that was discussed earlier in the meeting and Mayor LaBarbiera advises her that a resolution will be placed on tonight's agenda. She thanks Mayor LaBarbiera and his wife for staying with her son when he sustained a baseball injury.

Washington Township Resident – is very concerned about the DPW building going up and wants to know if the Paramus Governing Body is against this building. Mayor LaBarbiera advises that he is concerned with anything that affects the residents. If it were Paramus's project they would be transparent and notify the residents. The resident believes they are rushing this through without telling the residents. Mayor LaBarbiera doesn't know why they would take a piece of property like that off their taxes. She thanks the Council for listening.

RESOLUTION No. 22-04-227: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

- b. Potential litigation
- c. Personnel

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Motion: Councilman DiPiazza

Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Quintana

Absent: None

Motion carries 5-0-1

Open 9:01 PM

RESOLUTION 22-04-251 will be added regarding Washington Township.

RESOLUTION 22-04-249 will be amended to state accepting resignation.

RESOLUTION 22-04-250 will be moved from non-consent to consent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

d. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- January 25, 2022

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Quintana

Absent: None

Motion carries 5-0-1

e. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- February 8, 2022

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Quintana

Absent: None

Motion carries 5-0-1

f. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- February 22, 2022

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilwoman Bellinger, Councilman Quintana

Absent: None

Motion carries 4-0-2

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 2022-11: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 259 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF

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PARAMUS ENTITLED "GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUBS" BY REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTIONS 10 AND 18 THEREOF *AMEND 259-58C*

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

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-228: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-229: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND THEIR SOVEREIGNTY

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-230: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A TREATMENT WORKS APPROVAL PERMIT (TWA) FOR GENESIS PARAMUS HOUSING URBAN RENEWAL, LLC, BLOCK 601 – LOT 5 AS RECOMMENDED BY BOSWELL ENGINEERING (PAES-3151)

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-231: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 138 GEERING TERRACE IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-232: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-233: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE 2022 PARAMUS CHILDRENS LIBRARY ADDITION BID TO PRACTICAL, LLC

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-234: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-235: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL OF RIDGEWOOD FOR USE OF THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL IN ACCORDANCE TO THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT FOR A RENTAL FEE OF \$2,088.00

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-236: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHAYNA E. TRAVIS TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$20.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-237: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES TO THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL 2022 SUMMER STAFF

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RESOLUTION NO 22-04-238: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF PAUL BARNES TO THE POSITION OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$14.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-239: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF EMILIANO NARCISO TO THE POSITION OF STARTER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$13.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-240: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COREY FONZETTI TO THE POSITION OF LABORER-1 FOR THE PARAMUS SHADE TREE AND PARKS DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$34,070.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-241: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIAN LIRANZO TO THE POSITION OF LABORER-1 FOR THE PARAMUS SHADE TREE AND PARKS DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$34,070.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-242: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LILIANA T. ESMAIL TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$20.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-243: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF DANIEL BELLINA TO MECHANIC STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-MECHANICAL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$42,759.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-244: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF WILLIAM ROLLINS FROM THE POSITION OF LABORER-1 STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-ROAD DIVISION TO LABORER -1 STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-BUILDING & GROUNDS DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$42,127.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-245: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SEPARATION OF ARTHUR SARRO JR. FROM THE PARAMUS DPW MECHANICAL DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-246: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SEPARATION OF MARK TOMASELLI FROM THE PARAMUS DPW MECHANICAL DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-247: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF KEVIN POSSEHL FROM THE POSITION OF SEWER TECHNICIAN FOR THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-SEWER DIVISION

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-248: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-249: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN ANG FROM THE PARAMUS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

RESOLUTION NO 22-04-250: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-01-22 AND APPOINTING A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR TO SERVE THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

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RESOLUTION NO 22-04-251: RESOLUTION ADDRESSING 95 LINWOOD AVEUNE, WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

APPLICATIONS:

RAFFLE

The Valley Hospital Auxiliary	File # 865
HSA Academy of Our Lady	File # 866
Long Memorial School PTO	File # 867
Paramus Scholarship Show Fund, INC	File # 868
Bergen Catholic Athletic Association	File # 869

SOLICITOR

William Estyven Yoc Diaz	2022-SL-3
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GOLD/SILVER

Danny Yildiz	2022-GS-10
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Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman Antonio

Yeas: Councilman Antonio, Councilwoman Bellingher Councilman DiPiazza, Councilman Kaiser, Mr. Quintana, Councilwoman Weber

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: 9:08 PM

APPROVED : MAY 10, 2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK