

**Borough of Paramus  
Mayor and Council Public Meeting  
Council Chambers  
April 10, 2023, 6:30 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**The Public May Participate In The Mayor And Council Meeting By Telephone:**

**Phone Number** 866-390-1828  
**Participation Access Code:** 8902290

**Resolution No: 23-04-263:** Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by Borough Clerk at 6:34PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mark Distler**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Also Present: Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Administrator Hector Olmo, Acting Borough Attorney Randy Pearce

Absent: Councilwoman Weber, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin

**PROCLAMATION:** Supporting the “UDrive. UText. UPay.” Distracted Driving 2023 Crackdown  
Read by Mayor DiPiazza at 6:35 PM

**Councilwoman Weber enters meeting at 6:38 PM**

**BOROUGH CLERK’S REPORT:**

- a. Request received from Arcola Country Club to hold 30-minute fireworks show on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 with a rain date of Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. **Approved**
- b. Grant Activity Report- March 2023

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** A Regular Member of Planning Board Position has recently vacated and Mayor DiPiazza appoints Chuck Fields to the position. Board of Adjustment also has a vacancy and Mayor DiPiazza asks for a motion to appoint Maryellen Rizzo.

**Motion to appoint Maryellen Rizzo to 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**

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**COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:**

Councilman Antonio- Spoke with IT regarding utilizing Zoom in the future. Councilwoman Bellinger asks what Board already has this in place and was informed the Planning Board has previously utilized it.

Councilwoman Bellinger- Councilwoman Bellinger inquiries about Resolution No. 23-04-274 pertaining to shared service agreement for mechanical maintenance and repairs and asks if we have enough sufficient man power to handle this. Borough Administrator Hector Olmo says that its only two vehicles that will require services. Councilwoman Bellinger says that she has a contract issue she would like addressed in closed.

Councilman Nadera - No Report

Councilman Quintana -No Report

Councilwoman Weber- No Report

Councilman Kaiser- No Report

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** The Health Department has been looking into Ordinance 439-6 regarding recertification procedures for food safety. They are requesting the Ordinance be made more consistent with the national standards and to change our certification standards from 3 years to 5 years. Pending Mayor and Council approval Mr. Olmo will submit the potential changes for review by the Borough Attorney.

**RESOLUTION No. 23-04-264:** Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

**6:45 PM**

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilwoman Antonio

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Motion carries 6-0

Borough Administrator Mr. Olmo says that an application was submitted by Cousins Maine Lobster to park in the Paramus Park lot and has been denied based off the review performed by a Paramus Zoning Officer.

**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.

**Mayor DiPiazza opens to the public to comment at 7:00 PM**

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Zehra Nagvi -802 Minagoge Terrace – Would like to know what the steps need to be taken to obtain a proclamation against Islamophobia from the Borough of Paramus. Mayor DiPiazza says that we will look further into the processing of the proclamation for a future meeting.

**Mayor DiPiazza moved all resolutions from non-consent to the consent agenda and moves Resolution 23-04-274 to the non-consent agenda**

**ORDINANCES:**

**ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:**

**ORDINANCE 2023-13:** BOND ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 4 OF THE BOND ORDINANCE (ORD. NO. 2021-33) ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$7,700,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE VARIOUS GRANTS, 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," ADOPTED ON AUGUST 25, 2021, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12 ADOPTED ON MAY 10, 2022.

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 2023-21:** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 395 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TITLED "SWIMMING POOLS" BY REPEALING AND REPLACING §395-4, §395-5, §395-6, 397-7 AND §397-8.

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 2023-15:** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING SEVERAL SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE 429 TITLED "ZONING" AND ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XXXIV TO BE TITLED "ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS"

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Motion: Councilman Kaiser Second: Councilman Antonio

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment on Ordinance 2023-14: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**Motion carries 6-0**

**ORDINANCE 2023-20**: ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 141-12 BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 141-12H CREATING A NEW TITLE "FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE" AND SETTING FORTH THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND ESSENTIAL DUTIES

Motion: Councilman Kaiser Second: Councilwoman Weber

Explanation by Council President

Open to Public for Comment on Ordinance 2023-14: None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

**Motion carries 6-0**

**NON-CONSENT:**

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-274**: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO EXECUTE A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF WALLINGTON FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF VEHICLES

Motion: Councilman Kaiser Second: Councilwoman Weber

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Councilman Antonio

**Motion carries 5-0**

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-265**: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-266**: A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 23-02-196 AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,032.60 FOR THE INCREASE IN THE CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE 2021 CDBG-TRINITY COURT IMPROVEMENTS

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-267**: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE 2023 SUMMER PREPARATION AND WINTERIZATION OF THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000.00 TO NAUTILUS SWIMMING POOL SUPPLIES & SERVICES INC.

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**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-268:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF THE 2023 ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES RE-BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,400.00 TO TYCO MUNICIPAL ANIMAL CONTROL, LLC

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-269:** RESOLUTION REJECTING BID FOR 2023 SURFACE PREPARATION AND PAINTING OF THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-270:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH CLERK TO ADVERTISE BIDS FOR PEST CONTROL SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-271:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TO DISPOSE OF MUNICIPAL VEHICLES THAT NO LONGER HAVE VALUE

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-272:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-273:** A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AWARD AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS AND THE NEW JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY AND CITY HEALTH OFFICIALS (NJACCHO) FOR THE ENHANCING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$193,416.00

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-275:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRENDA HALL TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME OFFICE CLERK FOR THE PARAMUS HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$25.00 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-276:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUHANAD AZIZ OUGHALI TO THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 0 FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$20.40 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-277:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UPS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE POSITION OF PATROL OFFICER STEP 8 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT – PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$131,774.00 PER YEAR

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-278:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF DAVID TASHIAN TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME MINI GOLF MANAGER FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$14.00 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-279:** RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRANSFER OF TRACY COLASURDO FROM THE POSITION OF CLERICAL SENIOR OFFICE CLERK STEP 3 FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DCA TECHNICAL ASSISTANT STEP 4 FOR THE PARAMUS BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$52,248.19 ANNUALLY

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-280:** RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF FRANCES P. PECORARO FROM THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-281:** RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF TOM THOMAS FROM THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-282:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF JOANNE BLUNDO FROM THE POSITION OF SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT- TRAFFIC DIVISION

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-283:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF CLARE PIGONCELLI FROM THE PARAMUS HEALTH DEPARTMENT

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-284:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF LUKE CASALLAS TO THE POSITION OF RECREATION SUPERVISOR FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$19.00 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-285:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF MICHAEL HERON TO THE POSITION OF RECREATION SUPERVISOR FOR THE PARAMUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT A SALARY OF \$19.00 PER HOUR

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-286:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES OF A PROPERTY OWNER CERTIFICATION WITH N.J.D.E.P. REGARDING STREAM MAINTENANCE EASEMENT AT 337 SPRING VALLEY ROAD

**RESOLUTION NO 23-04-287:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROMOTION OF KRISTIN ROHNER TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CLERK STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS BOROUGH CLERKS OFFICE AT A SALARY OF \$78,754.37 ANNUALLY

**APPLICATIONS:**

**RAFFLE**

Paramus Sunrise Rotary

File # 928

Closter Animal Welfare Society

File # 929

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**

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:12 PM**

APPROVED: MAY 23, 2023

Respectfully Submitted:  
Annemarie Krusznis, RMC  
Borough Clerk