

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Council Chambers
May 23, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

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Resolution No: 23-05-348: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by Borough Clerk at 6:39 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Luke Mosca

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Borough Administrator Hector Olmo, Borough Clerk Annemarie Krusznis, Borough Attorney Brian Giblin, Deputy Borough Clerk Kristin Rohner

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

PROCLAMATION:

- a. Luke Mosca-a Paramus Catholic High School student Semifinalist of The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program- Mayor DiPiazza presents award at 6:40 PM. Luke says a few words thanking the Mayor and Council.
- b. Laetitia N. Miksi-Sahdo-of Visitation Academy receives Outstanding Catholic School Graduate Award- Mayor DiPiazza presents award at 6:45 PM. Principal of OLV, Miss Karen Chews thanks the Mayor and Council for honoring students this way and says a few words about Laetitia. Laetitia thanks her friends and teachers.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilman Antonio- Recognizes EMS week and thanks Police Captain Jimmy Teehan and Captain Maria O’Riely for running the picnic. The Paramus pool will be opening this weekend and thanks Shade Tree and DPW for all of their hard work. Councilman Antonio asks if anyone objects to an ordinance creating positions for a dive coach and supervisor and add a few additional pay scales for the pool. Mr. Olmo states the Pool Commission wants to increase the pay scale for the dive coach salary and create a new position for a lifeguard WSI supervisor.

Councilman Nadera- Recognizes EMS weeks and thanks Captain James Teehan for organizing the picnic

Councilman Quintana- No Report

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Councilwoman Bellinger- Len Lopinto nominated Kathy Eng for the Amy Job Partnership Award for her great work at the schools. She was given recommendations and recognized by Midland School. She was selected and is being honored at the annual conference on June 1. She has been a fixture in the schools and Branch Library. Councilwoman Bellinger acknowledges Ms. Eng and congratulates her as well.

Mr. Lopinto extends an invitation to the Council to come to the Library for an indoor mini golf event on 5 PM this Thursday 5/25.

Councilman Kaiser- Extends congratulations to the recreation department on their first lacrosse event, and states the lacrosse program is moving in the right direction. He thanks the Board of Education for their assistance on using the fields and working well together.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Congratulates the poetry contest winners at the Library last week and Mr. Lopinto and staff for a great event. The Parkway PTA fundraiser had a huge turnout. Mayor DiPiazza reports that he and Borough Administrator Hector Olmo met with the Teamsters union representatives, to go over salary gaps, and they are working hard with department heads to keep our standards high to keep competitive salaries and fill vacancies. He continues that Chief Ehrenberg will be retiring this week and there will be a walk out this Friday at 3 PM. He thanks Chief Ehrenberg for his 37 years of service and wishes him and his family the best of luck.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Olmo reports there will be a breakfast for Chief Ehrenberg at the Police Station on Thursday morning. He says OEM has proposed an increase in fees. He and the Borough Attorney, Mr. Giblin will review. Mr. Olmo reports on the exemption fees for Veterans and volunteers. He asks for a consensus from the council, whether the Borough should pay the state fees, or should the members be charged the state fee? Mayor DiPiazza suggests the Borough pay the fee. Councilwoman Bellinger recalls this question coming up in the past and asks what we are legally allowed to do? Mr. Giblin says he will look into the exemption fees ordinance and report back to the Council. Councilwoman Bellinger asks how this came about and Mr. Olmo explains that some volunteers have been complaining that they are being charged. Councilman Kaiser states he is in full support for the Veterans. Mr. Olmo continues that the Memorial Day ceremony will be on Friday at 10AM and thanks Hassan Brown and Patti Smith for getting it together for a ninety four year man to be part of the ceremony, but he unfortunately passed away before the ceremony.

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.

Joanne Bergman- Board of Education member, thanks Councilman Kaiser for his kind words. She also thanks Chief Ehrenberg saying he's been a great friend and congratulates him on 37 years of service from the Board of Education.

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Mary Trank- Says her mother lives in the Cupola and there is a no parking sign in front of building. She says after many years of parking there she has recently received a ticket and asks the Council to reconsider the no parking sign there. Mayor DiPiazza says we will relay this to the Police Department for review and adds that there must be a reason why this in place.

Girl Scout Troop 200 Liliana and Sophia- Says they are pursuing their gold award on how the town operates and this meeting has been very informative.

Ms. Parisi- Thanks the Mayor and Council for listening to her complaints and getting her trees taken care of, but now there are tree stumps and it's hard to take care of her lawn. She continues that the roots are still a big problem on the sidewalks. She said she has called Shade Tree and was told that her name is on the list but it might take awhile. Mayor DiPiazza says we have been talking about changing the Shade Tree Committee into a Commission. He says he's putting together a Council Committee consisting of Councilman Kaiser, Councilwoman Weber and Councilman Quintana to sit down and speak with Department head Ken Raschen. Ms. Parisi asks if there has been a change to car lots and car storage as she's noticed the Fire Place now has a lot of new cars. Mayor DiPiazza says he will have Mr. Giblin check with Zoning. Mr. Giblin says that we have been monitoring it and there haven't been complaints made to the Police Department. Ms. Parisi continues to ask about the apartments that are being approved at the mall. Mayor DiPiazza says this is part of the Master Plan that a former Council had approved, with exception to Councilwoman Weber and Councilwoman Bellinger. He adds that Councilwoman Weber did vote no for the Master Plan. Councilwoman Bellinger says that it was also part of the Fair Share Housing. Ms. Parisi believes it is going to be a problem with the school systems with all the additional children and says that she believes its time to put the brakes on for all these apartments. Councilwoman Bellinger explains as part of the Fair Share Housing and the master plan, we only allowed for 16 units per acre. She continues that after second meeting we had to agree on 24 units per acre and nurseries in residential zones to 8 units per acre. She says it was not an option because of what Fair Share dictates to communities. Councilwoman Bellinger adds that this current Council can make a new Master Plan, as well. The discussion continued.

Jennifer Lando- Asks when will the Shade Tree Commission/Committee and asks when discussion will be held? Mayor DiPiazza states that the Council President and two liaisons will meet with Mr. Raschen to discuss and then present it to the rest of the Council. He adds that thier discussion with Ken will hopefully present findings and will be discussed at next Mayor and Council meeting on June 13th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- April 10, 2023

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Antonio

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

Nays: None

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Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

b. Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes- April 25, 2023

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Nadera

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON FINAL:

ORDINANCE 2023-25: AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE STREET TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 334 SPRING VALLEY ROAD AS "EGO COURT"

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Antonio

Description by Council President

Open to Public for Comment – None

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

Mayor DiPiazza asks for a motion to enter closed to discuss personnel

RESOLUTION No. 23-05-349: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

c. Personnel

Motion: Councilman Antonio

Second: Councilman Kaiser

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

Councilwoman Bellinger asks to make a motion to move non consent resolutions to the consent agenda

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Motion: Councilwoman Bellinger

Second: Councilman Antonio

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilwoman Weber

Motion carries 5-0

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-350: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-351: AUTHORIZING THE 2023-2024 RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSES

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-352: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$12,000,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES OF 2023 OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-353: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS DUE TO TAX COURT APPEALS (block 5203 lot 2)

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-354: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO 100% EXEMPTION (BOYARD)

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-355: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO 100% EXEMPTION (SCHULER)

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-356: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REFUND TO THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYER DUE TO 100% EXEMPTION (CRUZ)

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-357: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,844.84 FOR AS BUILT QUANTITY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO MIDLAND AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-358: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO PAY COLUMBUS CROSSING LLC THE TOTAL SUM OF SIX MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO (\$6,815,852.00) DOLLARS AS AND WHEN THAT AMOUNT IS RECEIVED FROM THE DEVELOPER OF 650 FROM ROAD, LLC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOROUGH'S MANDATORY SET-ASIDE ORDINANCE.

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-359: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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RESOLUTION NO 23-05-360: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN TO SUPERSEDE THE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DATED JULY 1, 2021, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO ESTABLISHING THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-361: AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH AMBULANCE REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THIRD PARY AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2023

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-362: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF A VEHICLE FOR THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM MARYANNE OCONNELL

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-363: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BERGEN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-364: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BERGEN COUNTY FIRE MUTUAL AID PLAN IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-365: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(a)

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-366: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN THE ASSISTANT MANAGER'S CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND NICOLE DELLAPESCA AS ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL

RESOLUTION NO 23-05- 367: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN THE ASSISTANT MANAGER'S CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BOROUGH AND NICHOLAS TROCOLAR AS ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-368: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH CLERK TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO EFFECTUATE THE LEASE AWARDED TO KLBL, INC. D/B/A VIC GERARD GOLF CARS, INC

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-369: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES TO THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL

RESOLUTION NO 23-05- 370: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES TO CASHIER- SEASONAL STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$13.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-371: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JULIA KOENEMUND TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR 3 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$18.58 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-372: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL ORTOLANI TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$14.22 PER HOUR

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RESOLUTION NO 23-05-373: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KATARINA KOVACS TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME 911 TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR 3 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-COMMUNICATIONS AT A SALARY OF \$18.58 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-374: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF KIMBERLY DARQUEA TO THE POSITION OF HEAD SWIM COACH FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL AT A SALARY OF \$2,000 A SEASON

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-375: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP UP OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER STEP 9 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$143,786.00 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-376: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP UP OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER STEP 10 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-PATROL DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$155,798.00 PER YEAR

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-377: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THE PARAMUS POOL

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-378: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING APPLICANTS AS A PROBATIONARY REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-379: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FOLLOWING AS A REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE PARAMUS FIRE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION NO 23-05-380: RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

APPLICATIONS:

RAFFLE

Englewood Hospital and Medical Center Foundation Inc	File # 935
Englewood Hospital and Medical Center Foundation Inc	File # 936
200 Club of Bergen County	File # 937

SOLICITOR

Zach Seager	2023-SL-9
Ray Camacho	2023-SL-10
Ethan Belnap	2023-SL-11
Jett Johnson	2023-SL-12
Hayden Mollat	2023-SL-13
Casper Block	2023-SL-14
Brandis Smith	2023-SL-15
Bailey Standley	2023-SL-16
Adam Clark	2023-SL-17
Adam Lanham	2023-SL-18
Ashton Lamb	2023-SL-19

