

**Borough of Paramus
Mayor and Council Public Meeting
Council Chambers
May 24, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

Resolution No: 22-05-331: Notification of meetings as required by “The Open Public Meetings Act.” Read by the Borough Clerk at 6:35 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Absent: None

PRESENTATION:

- a. Oliva Klein - Wrestling State Champ
- b. Maxwell H. Rothschild- Eagle Scout

PROCLAMATION: SUPPORTING THE CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION OF MAY 23—JUNE 5, 2022

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS:

Councilwoman Bellinger Apologizes to the Fire Department as she was unaware of the installation dinner & did not attend. Some Council members attended Washington Townships council meeting and Senator Lagana has drafted legislation. The Senator would like the Council to adopt a resolution in support.

Councilman Quintana attended the Fire installation dinner as well as the Washington Townships council meeting and believes several residents are still upset.

Councilman Antonio Apologizes to Councilwoman Bellinger for not informing her about the Fire installation dinner.

Councilman Kaiser Would like to appoint Steve Waxman to the unexpired Golf Commission position.

Motion: Councilman Kaiser

Second: Councilman Antonio

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

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Councilman DiPiazza the paint did not dry at the Pool due to rain but still panning on opening Saturday. They are waiting on filtered grates for the children's pool. The July 4th Committee is experiencing some short falls in the fundraising.

Rich & Michelle Limbacher are present from the July 4th Committee to discuss the fundraising. This year they have not received the funds that they normally do from businesses in town and they are falling short by a lot. The options are either finding another way to raise the money, or cancelling one of the big events. They normally spend about \$110,000 and this year they've only raised \$48,000. This event is normally at no cost to the taxpayer. Ms. Limbacher explains where the expenses go for the parade. There have already been cutbacks and there is still not enough money.

Councilwoman Weber the NJ Dept of Health is expected to award a grant to the Board of Health. The Municipal Pool COVID testing location will be closed for the summer and resume after Labor Day. The Paramus TikTok contest for Paramus High School students ends on May 31st. The DPW reports that pothole repairs are in progress and residents are encouraged to report any that they see. Spring tree planting is scheduled for the week of May 30th.

MAYOR'S REPORT: the Memorial celebration is scheduled for this Thursday so the students at Memorial School could participate. Thank you to the Boy Scouts who repaired the cannon.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT:

- a. Request received from the Church of the Annunciation to hold an outdoor summer family parish concert on Sunday August 28th, 2022 from 2PM- 7PM. Approved.
- b. Request received by Octapharma to hold an outdoor BBQ at 117 W Century Road on Tuesday, June 21st, 2022 from 11:30AM- 2:30PM. Approved.
- c. Request received from Fausto Rossy, to hold a block party on Dogwood Court, on June 4, 2022. Approved.
- d. Request received from Lee & Associates for permission to perform Parking lot paving night work at Paramus Medical Plaza at 30 W. Century Road, on June 2 and 3, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 2:0 0am. Approved.
- e. Request received from Camp Trunk Delivery for permission to operate on Sundays at Frisch School , 100 W Century Road, loading and unloading luggage for campers. Approved.
- f. Request received from 501S17 LLC, for permission to perform Sunday work to seal coat and re stripe the parking lot at Staples Center, 501 Rt 17 at 5:00 am. **Denied. Request that overnight work be done instead.**
- g. Request received from Arcola Country Club to hold a 30 minute fireworks display on Friday, July 1st with a rain date of Sunday, July 3rd, 2022. Approved.

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MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

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.

Tom Locicero – Mr. Locicero doesn't believe closed session should be held in the middle of the meeting and he does not believe a 6:30 start time is accommodating to the residents who work.

Frank Fariello – Has a concern with a street being closed for a wedding. Mr. Olmo advises that 117 Village Circle West to 155 will be closed, but the other side will be open. The closing will be for an hour.

Grace Parisi – Ms. Parisi has previously attended meetings regarding flowing water at the edge of her driveway, and no one has come to see it yet. Ms. Parisi shows pictures. There are also tree stumps that haven't been removed yet. Councilman DiPiazza advises that there is a resolution on tonight's agenda to hire a company that will assist in removing the stumps.

Borough CFO Sheri Luna is present to answer questions about the tax rate. The committee will be copied when the synopsis is sent to the Auditor.

Mayor LaBarbiera calls for a motion to entered closed session at 7:21 PM

RESOLUTION No. 22-05-332: Closing the meeting of the Mayor and Council to the public.

h. Pending litigation

Motion: Councilman Antonio

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

Open 7:32 PM

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Olmo advises that funds have been certified for the Trinity Court project and the resolution to award it to DLS will be added. The JIF inspected parks last week and overall it was good. There are parts that needed to be ordered. Mayor LaBarbiera would like the rose bushes to be removed. Mr. Olmo would also like the Energy Audit RFP to be awarded.

Mayor LaBarbiera doesn't believe the Anti-Nepotism ordinance on the agenda tonight is well thought out and doesn't believe it's necessary in Paramus. He points out that council members come and go, but some employees are here for 25 or 30 years. He doesn't understand why there is no concern for department heads whose children or spouses are reporting directly to them, but there is concern for relatives of council members who have no direct interaction with

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employees. Preferential treatment is a concern but should be across the board. Mayor LaBarbiera believes the system works fine as it is. There are department heads who have interviewed family members, promoted family members, and whose children report directly to them. The Borough prides itself on its employees because we trust them and trust department heads.

Councilman DiPiazza would like to revise ordinance 2022-14 to include niece and nephew as part of the relatives of elected officials. Mayor LaBarbiera believes that if the council moves forward with this, that "volunteer positions" need to be defined because the Borough doesn't have volunteer Fire or Ambulance. They are all paid employees.

Councilwoman Bellinger does not agree with this ordinance and she believes Paramus needs the best qualified employees and it doesn't matter who they are related to. She trusts the department heads to make decisions. Mayor LaBarbiera gives examples of qualified

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE ON INTRODUCTION:

ORDINANCE 2022-14: ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 95 OF THE BOROUGH CODE ANTI-NEPOTISM POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman DiPiazza

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

Nays: Councilwoman Bellinger

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 5-1

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

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-333: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-334: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994 C.72

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-335: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMERCIAL TAX APPEAL ATTORNEY TO SETTLE TAX APPEAL FOR TAX YEAR 2021 CAPTIONED AS: Geering Family LP v. Borough of Paramus Docket No. 000990-2021

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-336: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 145 HAASE AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-337: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DISCHARGE OF MORTGAGE FOR 324 ROSS ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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RESOLUTION NO 22-05-338: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE ON AN ONLINE AUCTION WEBSITE

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-339: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT FARVIEW AVE AND MIDLAND AVE INTERSECTION

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-340: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT FOREST AVENUE AND SPRING VALLEY ROAD INTERSECTION

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-341: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS AT FOREST AVENUE AND SPRING VALLEY ROAD INTERSECTION

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-342: RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 22-03-223 APPOINTING SAFETY DELEGATES FOR THE JOINT INSURANCE FUND

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-343: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-344: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN D. ENGLISH TO THE POSITION OF EMT FOR THE PARAMUS EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AT A SALARY OF \$20.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-345: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK J. PISERCHIA TO THE POSITION OF PART TIME SUMMER-RECORD'S CLERK STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-RECORD'S DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$18.20 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-346: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTIAN LOOR TO THE POSITION OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS DPW-ROAD DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$51,980.00 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-347: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF LUKE DENICIOLO TO THE POSITION OF CASHIER-SEASONAL STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$13.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-348: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF GIANNA SCOLA TO THE POSITION OF TEMPORARY OFFICE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$13.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-349: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF BEN POUNDS TO THE POSITION OF GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS GOLF COURSE AT A SALARY OF \$13.00 PER HOUR

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RESOLUTION NO 22-05-350: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN R. FORZANI TO THE POSITION OF TRAFFIC MAINTAINER STEP 1 FOR THE PARAMUS POLICE DEPARTMENT-TRAFFIC DIVISION AT A SALARY OF \$35,149.78 ANNUALLY

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-351: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE O'HARA TO THE POSITION OF ON CALL PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A SALARY OF \$13.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-352: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE STEP-UP OF ATTIYA BHATTI TO LIFEGUARD WSI STEP 2 FOR THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL AT A SALARY OF \$17.00 PER HOUR

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-353: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF KRISTINA ANZILOTTI FROM THE POSITION OF PART TIME RECORD'S CLERK STEP 2

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-354: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF HADAR C. MARESKY FROM THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 3

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-355: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF DAMARIS PASANTE FROM THE POSITION OF PART TIME CLERICAL

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-356: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF KIEFER HANDSCHUH FROM THE POSITION OF EMT STEP 4

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-357: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF CARMEN WONG FROM THE POSITION OF PART TIME PAGE FOR THE PARAMUS LIBRARY

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-358: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TERMINATION OF THE FOLLOWING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES FROM THE PARAMUS MUNICIPAL POOL

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-359: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MARIANNE GRADY FROM THE POSITION OF SENIOR OFFICE CLERK FOR THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-360: AUTHORIZE TAX APPEAL 556 ROUTE 17 FOR TAX YEAR 2020 BLOCK 6202 LOT 1

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-361: RESOLUTION ACCEPTING QUOTE FROM DARRIN LAZORCHAK FIREWOOD AND LOGS, LLC

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-362: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A BID FOR JANITORIAL MAINTENANCE

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-363: RESOLUTION AWARDED THE RFP FOR 2022 GOLF COURSE FOOD & BEVERAGE CONCESSION SERVICES TO HIGHLAWN, INC.

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-364: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS DATED JUNE 24, 2015, MARCH 8, 2019, AND AUGUST 12, 2020 FOR BOROUGH EMPLOYEE IRENE MAURY

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RESOLUTION NO 22-05-365: AUTHORIZING THE 2022-2023 RENEWAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL LICENSES

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-366: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY ALAIMO ENGINEERING GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION FOR THE SUPPORTA DRIVE STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATION

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-367: DLS – TRINITY

RESOLUTION NO 22-05-368: Award Energy Audit RFP

APPLICATIONS:

Motion: Councilwoman Weber

Second: Councilman Quintana

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion carries 6-0

ADJOURNMENT: 7:57 PM

APPROVED: JULY 20, 2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
ANNEMARIE KRUSZNIS RMC
BOROUGH CLERK