

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
November 5, 2020 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting held via teleconference
due to Covid19

PRESENT: Mayor Minichetti, Council Members DeFuccio, DiMartino, Durante, Florio, Rotella, Borough Administrator Preusch, Borough Attorney Regan

ABSENT: Council Member Ditkoff

PRESIDING: Borough Administrator Preusch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the following statement:

PUBLIC NOTICE: Pursuant to the Open Sunshine Act P.L. 1975, c. 231, proper notice of this meeting has been provided by submitting appropriate notice to The Ridgewood News and The Record on December 19, 2020 by email in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, the members of the Upper Saddle River Mayor and Council deem it necessary to discuss certain actions under Section 7b of the Open Public Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the discussions more specifically will involve:

1. Contracts
2. Personnel
3. Litigation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at 6:36 p.m. the Mayor and Council deem it necessary to exclude the public from discussion; a motion was made and seconded to go into Closed Session.

The Executive Session resumed at 7:28 p.m.

Lake Road Bridge: This construction project is significantly behind schedule and the Borough has assessed liquidated damages against Tricon in the amount of \$1500 per day beginning on October 2, 2020 until such time as the bridge can be open. They will demobilize through the winter and, on April 1, 2021, will have 30 days to complete the job. Recently, it was determined that the site had been vandalized by the removal of a pump which was re-channeling water away from the construction area. This has been corrected.

USRA Coalition Grant: The Borough has been awarded this grant in the amount of \$125,000 per year for five years. The Borough must re-apply each year and the programs that were funded by this grant in the past were addressed in detail. The mission of this program is to

educate and create awareness in our communities to prevent and reduce substance abuse and related health issues.

Joint Insurance Dividend Checks: The JIF has announced that they will be issuing dividend checks to members. The Borough of Upper Saddle River received a check in the amount of \$11,851.00.

Historic Preservation Commission: The Commission is requesting funds in the amount of approximately \$500 for the purchase of plaques for historic properties; the Mayor and Council agreed that this is an appropriate expenditure.

Shredding Event: The shredding event on October 31, 2020 was very well attended and the Mayor and Council discussed holding an additional event each year. The Northwest Bergen Utilities Authority also conducts two shredding events in this area annually.

Monforth Family Donations: The Monforth family generously made donations to all first responders in the Borough for their tireless efforts during the COVID19 crisis. Mayor Minichetti stated that there was a generous outpouring from the community and community organizations during this unprecedented time, which has greatly fostered community spirit. The Mayor and Council expressed their gratitude to all involved.

A motion to adjourn by was made, seconded and was unanimously approved by all Council members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, RMC