

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER  
February 4, 2021 8:00 p.m.**

*Meeting held via teleconference  
due to COVID19*

**PRESIDING:** Borough Administrator Preusch called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence – Pledge of Allegiance

**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 15, 2020 by email in which the time, place and purpose of the meeting was set forth.

**RULE 1. ROLL CALL**

Mayor	Joanne L. Minichetti	Absent
Council Member	DeAnne DeFuccio	Present
Council Member	Steven DiMartino	Present
Council Member	Jonathan Ditkoff	Present
Council Member	Vincent M. Durante	Present
Council Member	Joanne Florio	Present
Council Member	Douglas Rotella	Present

**Proclamation in Recognition of Reverend William Fretz's Retirement**

Acting Mayor Florio read this proclamation to the public.

**RULE 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The following minutes were delivered to all members of the governing body, posted on the bulletin board and were unanimously approved following a motion by Council Member Durante, seconded by Council Member Ditkoff.

**January 7, 2021:** Reorganization Meeting

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**RULE 3. BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT**

The Borough Clerk's office received the following fees for the month of January 2021 and deposited them with the Collector/Treasurer:

Landscafer Licenses	\$ 160.00
Garage Sales	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	<b>\$162.00</b>

The Borough Clerk's office issued 116 licenses for the month of January 2021; **\$166.20** was forwarded to the NJ department of Health for the Pilot Clinic and Animal Control Fund.

Proof of publications received:

- ❖ Introduction of Ordinance #01-21      Bond Ordinance \$2,350,000 - Affordable Housing
- ❖ Introduction of Ordinance #02-21      Ordinance to Amend Chapter 3 "Administration of Government"
- ❖ Resolution #04-21                      Professional Service Resolution#04-21

The following reports were received and are on file for the month of November:

- 1) Police Report
- 2) DPW Report
- 3) Fire Department Report
- 4) Construction Report
- 5) Municipal Court Report

#### **RULE 4. COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND BILLS**

**Communications:** NWBCA Reorganization                      February 16, 2021  
                            NWBUA Work Session Minutes                      January 12, 2021  
                            NWBUA Regular Meeting Minutes                      January 12, 2021

**Approval of Bills:** A motion by Council Member DiMartino, seconded by Council Member Durante to pay bills in amount of \$3,473,549.77 was unanimously approved and acting Mayor Florio declared bills approved for payment and ordered checks drawn.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

#### **RULE 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing:**                      **Ordinance #01-21**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF A GRANT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,350,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, 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.**

Resolution Offered by Council Member Durante  
Seconded by Council Member DeFuccio

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Eric Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road ask for clarification on this ordinance; Borough Attorney Regan explained that this ordinance will fund the construction of nine affordable housing units adjacent to Route 17.

**Roll Call: AYES, Unanimous**

**Public Hearing:**                      **Ordinance #02-21**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER ENTITLED, "ADMINISTRATION OF GOVERNMENT".**

Resolution Offered by Council Member Durante  
Seconded by Council Member Rotella

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard

**Roll Call: AYES, Unanimous**

## **RULE 6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Consent Agenda:**

All items listed with an asterisk (\*) hereunder, are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Council and shall be so approved. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member or citizen so requests, in which case the item will be considered in its normal sequence.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items offered by Council Member Ditkoff  
Seconded by Council Member DiMartino

- \*1. Resolution #21-21: Professional Services, Rogut, Bond Counsel.
- \*2. Resolution #22-21: Professional Services-Risk Management Consultant.
- \*3. Resolution #23-21: Professional Services. Burgis & Associates, Planner.
- \*4. Resolution #24-21: Professional Services, Boswell Engineering.
- \*5. Resolution #25-21: Professional Services, Lerch, Vinci, Auditor.
- \*6. Resolution #26-21: Professional Services, Izenberg Appraisals.
- \*7. Resolution #27-21: Professional Services, Piazza & Associates.
- \*8. Resolution #28-21: Professional Services, R. Regan, Borough Attorney.
- \*9. Resolution #29-21: Appoint Robert T. Regan, PACO Officer.
- \*10. Resolution #30-21: Appoint T. Preusch, JIF Commissioner.
- \*11. Resolution #31-21: Interlocal Agreement, Waldwick, Well Baby Clinic.
- \*12. Resolution #32-21: Recycling Tonnage Coordinator, Helena Loveless.
- \*13. Resolution #33-21: Boswell Engineering, Zoning Code Official.
- \*14. Resolution #34-21: Interlocal Agreement, Park Ridge Pistol Range.
- \*15. Resolution #35-21: Use of North Arlington Police Range.
- \*16. Resolution #36-21: Acting Municipal Court Administrator with Allendale.
- \*17. Resolution #37-21: Acting Municipal Court Administrator with Montvale\*33.
- \*18. Resolution #38-21: NWBUCA- Licensed Collection Operator.
- \*19. Resolution #39-21: 9-1-1 Dispatching Services with Paramus.
- \*20. Resolution #40-21: Interlocal Agreement w/Paramus, Street Sweeping.
- \*21. Resolution #41-21: Bergen County Health Shared Services
- \*22. Resolution #42-21: Valley Medical Group, Drug/Alcohol Testing.
- \*23. Resolution #43-21: Toll Brothers Bond Release: The Grove Phase
- \*24. Resolution #44-21: Redeem Third Party Lien – Blk. 1016 Lot 1.22 22 Chapel Lane
- \*25. Resolution #45-21: Appoint Thomas Cusumano Probationary Firefighter
- \*26. Resolution #46-21: Redeem Third Party Lien Blk. 805 Lot 1.02
- \*27. Resolution #47-21: 2021 Temporary Budget
- \*28. Resolution #48-21: Transfer of Funds
- \*29. Resolution #49-21: Eliminate Public Assistance Petty Cash Fund
- \*30. Resolution #50-21: PD Petty Cash Custodian Change
- \*31. Resolution #51-21: Clerk Petty Cash Custodian Change
- \*32. Resolution #52-21: Release of Escrow
- \*33. Resolution #53-21: Authorization of Execution of Documents – Affordable Housing
- \*34. Resolution #54-21: Auth. Award of State Contract; Purchase of SUV for Bldg. Dept.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC (For Consent Agenda Items Only): No one wished to be heard.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**\*Motion to approve the 2021 Tow Truck Companies, per Police Chief Rotella**

Offered by Council Member Durante  
Seconded by Council Member DeFuccio

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**\*Motion to approve Raffle License # 403 – Diabetes Foundation**

Offered by Council Member DiMartino  
Seconded by Council Member DeFuccio

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**Overview of Athletic Facility at One Lake Street:**

Council Member Durante outlined this project and asked CFO Jim Mangin to explain the financial details of the project. Mr. Mangin stated that An Open Space grant in the amount of \$1.6M was procured and a referendum was passed for this project. The grant was used to offset the purchase price of the property; the approximate cost of the project will be \$5.5M with another \$1M of grant monies potentially available over the next three years. Over the first five years, the proceeds from the Open Space Grant will be used to offset debt and residents will not realize any tax increase. In year five, short term and then long-term financing will be utilized and a slight tax increase will be implemented. Should another Open Space Trust Fund referendum be executed and is renewed, those funds would continue to pay off the debt service. Fund raising and additional grants can reduce the debt as well. Council Member Ditkoff stated that he has received many emails from residents, in favor of this project. The Council was in agreement that this facility will benefit the youth of our community as well as enhance home values. The field has been approved for lighting and turf and is very conveniently located.

**RULE 7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ron Dario, resident stated that he has four sons and has coached extensively in town. He stated that practice times are very limited due to the number of teams utilizing existing fields. He is in favor of this project.

Dina \_\_\_\_\_, resident, stated that she is in favor of this project but suggested that a playground be added for younger children. The Council will discuss this with the borough engineer.

Eric Friis, resident, stated that he has spoken with residents that are not in favor of this project. He further stated that a binding referendum should be instituted in order to obtain the opinion of all residents. He is opposed to Boswell Engineering working on this project.

Lawrence DeLuise, resident, stated that he has lived in Upper Saddle River for 10 years and feels that this project will be an asset to the town. He further stated that it will benefit the youth of Upper Saddle River as well as continuing to foster a sense of community.

Frank DePiero, resident, stated that he is in support of this project and thanked the Council for all their hard work in getting this project implemented. He further stated that the facilities in other towns are far superior to the facilities in Upper Saddle River and this project makes good financial sense.

Council Member DiMartino stated that the ability to have a lighted field will enable parents that return from work later to have the opportunity to coach as well as watch their children participate in sports.

**RULE 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, RMC, Municipal Clerk