

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER  
March 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: In Memory of Former Fire Chief Larry Rauch  
In Memory of Senator Gerald Cardinale

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**

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|----------------|----------------------|---------|
| Mayor          | Joanne L. Minichetti | Present |
| 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 to Celebrate “Read Across America” and “Read Across America-NJ”  
beginning on March 2, 2021**

Mayor Minichetti read this proclamation, declaring “Read Across America” and Read Across America- NJ” will begin on March 2, 2021.

**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 Rotella.

February 4, 2021: Executive, Closed and Regular Meetings

**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:

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Landscape Licenses | \$ 482.00       |
| Garage Sales       | \$ 2.00         |
|                    | <b>\$484.00</b> |

The Borough Clerk's office issued 55 licenses for the month of January 2021; **\$84.00** was forwarded to the NJ department of Health for the Pilot Clinic and Animal Control Fund.

Proof of publications received:

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

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 Minutes February 16, 2021  
 NWBUA Work Session Minutes February 16, 2021

**Approval of Bills:** A motion by Council Member DiMartino, seconded by Council Member Durante to pay bills in amount of \$8,550,173.27 was unanimously approved and Mayor Minichetti declared bills approved for payment and ordered checks drawn.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**RULE 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**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 DeFuccio  
 Seconded by Council Member Florio

- \*1 Resolution #55-21: Retroactive Appointment of Firefighter Akira Yamaki
- \*2. Resolution #56-21: NBCUA Shared Services Sanitary Sewer Jetting (2021 & 2022)
- \*3. Resolution #57-21: NBCUA Shared Services TV Inspection (2021 & 2022)
- \*4. Resolution #58-21: Tax Appeal Settlement Blk. 810 Lot 7.10
- \*5. Resolution #59-21: Property Tax Overpayment Refund Blk. 1224 Lot 14
- \*6. Resolution #60-21: 2021 Temporary Budget
- \*7. Resolution #61-21: Transfer of Funds \$11,500
- \*8. Resolution #62-21: Purchase of Three DPW Trucks with State Contract
- \*9. Resolution #63-21: Document Approval/Affordable - Housing Blk. 1002 Lot 4.02
- \*10. Resolution #64-21: Marijuana Legislation
- \*11. Resolution #65-21: Return of Escrow

- \*12. Resolution #66-21: Sale of DPW Property on Govdeals
- \*13. Resolution #67-21: Tricon Enterprises, Inc. - Breach of Contract
- \*14. Resolution #68-21: Tax Appeal Settlement Blk. 1205 Lot 2
- \*15. Resolution #69-21: Tax Appeal Settlement Blk. 1225 Lot 20
- \*16. Resolution #70-21: Tax Appeal Settlement Blk. 1203 Lot 14.09

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

Mayor Minichetti addressed Resolution #64-20, stressing that this resolution is in strenuous opposition to recent legislation (Senate Bill 3454). This bill creates significant burdens on law enforcement and will obstruct police officers from performing their duties and conducting lawful investigations of individuals under the age of 21, who possess or consume any amount of marijuana, hashish, cannabis, or alcohol in any public place, including a school, criminalizing law enforcement actions.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**\*Introduction of Ordinance # 03-21**

**BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE ONE LAKE STREET PARK ATHLETIC COMPLEX PROJECT IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,500,000 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.**

Offered by Council Member Durante  
 Seconded by Council Member DiMartino

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**\*Motion to Appoint Connor Sherlock to the Shade Tree Commission as a Junior Member for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.**

Offered by Council Member Rotella  
 Seconded by Council Member Ditkoff

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**\*Motion to approve Raffle License # 404 – Saddle River Valley Junior Woman’s Club**

Offered by Council Member Durante  
 Seconded by Council Member DeFuccio

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**RULE 7. PUBLIC COMMENT** - No one wished to be heard.

**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