

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER  
July 1, 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

**Appointment of Sarah Drennan as Council Member to fill vacancy of Douglas Rotella**

Motion offered by Council Member Durante

Seconded by Council Member Ditkoff

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

Council Member Drennan was sworn in at this time by Mayor Minichetti.

**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	Present
Council Member	Steven DiMartino	Present
Council Member	Jonathan Ditkoff	Present
Council Member	Sarah Drennan	Present
Council Member	Vincent M. Durante	Present
Council Member	Arman Fardanesh	Present
Council Member	Joanne Florio	Present

**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.

June 3, 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 June 2021 and deposited them with the Collector/Treasurer:

Landscape Licenses	\$ 715.00
Garage Sales	\$ 16.00
	<b>\$ 731.00</b>

The Borough Clerk's office issued 5 licenses for the month of June 2021; **\$12.00** was forwarded to the NJ department of Health for the Pilot Clinic and Animal Control Fund.

Proof of publications received:

- ❖ Adoption of Ordinance #07-21: Establish CAP Bank
- ❖ Adoption of 2021 Municipal Budget
- ❖ Adoption of Ordinance #05-21: Cannabis Prohibition
- ❖ Introduction of Ordinance #08-21: Peace and Good Order (Cannabis)
- ❖ Professional Service Agreements: Retain Todd Bakal, Esq. & Brian Quinn, Esq.

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

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

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

**Communications:** NBCUA Agenda June 15, 2021

**Approval of Bills:** A motion by Council Member DiMartino, seconded by Council Member Durante to pay bills in amount of **\$2,413,774.66** was unanimously approved and Mayor Minichetti declared bills approved for payment and ordered checks drawn.

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

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

1. Second Reading, – **Ordinance #08-21**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 100 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER ENTITLED, "PEACE AND GOOD ORDER".**

Offered by Council Member Durante  
Seconded by Council Member Florio

#### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

Eric Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road asked for a detailed explanation on Ordinance #08-21. He was informed that this Ordinance pertains to the Prohibition of Cannabis Businesses in the Borough of Upper Saddle River.

**Roll Call Vote: 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

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

- \*1. Resolution #115-21 2022 Municipal Alliance Grant Agreement
- \*2. Resolution #116-21 Submit Grant Application to DOT for Pleasant Ave. Improvements
- \*3. Resolution #117-21 Extension of BREA Agreement to April 8, 2025
- \*4. Resolution #118-21 Accepting Maintenance Bond from Toll NJ XII LP
- \*5. Resolution #119-21 Appoint Municipal Rep to BC Comm. Dev. Committee
- \*6. Resolution #120-21 Property Tax Overpayment Refund Blk. 915 Lot 21
- \*7. Resolution #121-21 Property Tax Overpayment Refund Blk. 917 Lot 4
- \*8. Resolution #122-21 Redeem Third Party Tax Lien Blk. 202 Lot 2
- \*9. Resolution #123-21 Redeem Third Party Tax Lien Blk. 1301 Lot 12
- \*10. Resolution #124-21 Sale of Police/DPW Equipment on GovDeals
- \*11. Resolution #125-21 CFO Certification – Self Examination of Budget
- \*12. Resolution #126-21 Items of Revenue & Appropriation - Donation from Sheleg Estate
- \*13. Resolution #127-21 Items of Revenue & Appropriation – 2021 Clean Communities Grant
- \*14. Resolution #128-21 Terminating Lake Rd. Bridge Contract/Surety Comp. in Default
- \*15. Resolution #129-21 Retain Peter Lupo, Esq. 5G Technologies
- \*16. Resolution #130-21 Return of Escrow Funds Blk. 1204 Lot 16

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items: **Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

\*Introduction of Ordinance #09-21

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND “AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE COMPENASATION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER, COUNTY OF BERGEN STATE OF NEW JERSEY”**

Offered by Council Member Ditkoff  
Seconded by Council Member Durante **Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

**Appointment of Council Members as Follows:**

Offered by Council Member Durante  
Seconded by Council Member DiMartino

- Appointment of Council Member Fardanesh to the Finance Committee
- Appointment of Council Member Fardanesh to the Emergency Management Council
- Appointment of Sarah Drennan to the USRA Coalition
- Appointment of Sarah Drennan to the Historic Preservation Committee

**Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous**

Mayor Minichetti to make the following appointments to the Planning Board:

- Appointment of Christian Wiederholz to Planning Board – Alt. #3
- Appointment of Roger Masi to Planning Board – Mayor’s Rep

**RULE 7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eric Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ stated that the tenor of the June Mayor and Council Meeting was insulting to the public. He further stated he feels that there is no place for the censorship of residents during these meetings.

**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