

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
December 2, 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 William Yeomans, Borough Historian

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	Present
Council Member	Steven DiMartino	Present
Council Member	Jonathan Ditkoff	Present
Council Member	Sarah Drennan	Present
Council Member	Vincent M. Durante	Present
Council Member	Joanne Florio	Present
Council Member	Roger Masi	Absent

Recognition of Council Member Durante: Mayor Minichetti presented a plaque to Council Member Durante, recognizing him for his years of community service and volunteerism in Upper Saddle River. All Council Members praised Mr. Durante for his dedication and hard work throughout the years as a member of the Council and other Boards and Commissions. Mr. Durante thanked everyone for their heartfelt sentiments.

Northern Highlands Referendum Presentation: Mr. Frank Messineo of Solutions Architecture and Mr. Scot Beckerman, Superintendent of Northern Highlands High School gave an in-depth presentation regarding a planned Referendum scheduled for March of 2022. The Referendum includes various educational and capital projects including classroom renovations, new turf fields and drainage improvements and a new multi-purpose field house. There will be no tax impact on residents for these projects.

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 Florio.

November 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 November 2021 and deposited them with the Collector/Treasurer:

Landscaper Licenses	\$ 100.00
Garage Sales	\$ 4.00
	\$ 104.00

The Borough Clerk’s office issued 1 license for the month of November 4 2021; **\$1.20** was forwarded to the NJ department of Health for the Pilot Clinic and Animal Control Fund.

Proof of publications received:

- ❖ Introduction of Ordinance #16-21: Repeal Ord. 15-21 Emergency Appropriation for TS Ida

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

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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

Approval of Bills: A motion by Council Member DiMartino, seconded by Council Member Durante to pay bills in amount of **\$5,984,910.66** was unanimously approved and Mayor Minichetti declared bills approved for payment and ordered checks drawn.

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

Communications: Mayor Minichetti read a letter offered by the DPW thanking the Garden Club for their hard work and effort in planting seasonal flowers and plantings throughout the Borough and for decorating the Borough Christmas tree at Van Saun County Park in Paramus, NJ.

RULE 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Second Reading– **Ordinance #16-21**

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE #15-21 ENTITLED, “ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-54 FOR TROPICAL STORM IDA”.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Erik Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road asked for clarification on this ordinance. CFO Jim Mangin provided detailed information at this time.

Motion Offered by Council Member Durante
Seconded by Council Member DiMartino

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 Florio
Seconded by Council Member Drennan

- *1 Resolution # 177-21 Purchase of PD Vehicles – Cranford PD Cooperative Pricing System
- *2. Resolution # 178-21 Redeem Third Party Tax Lien
- *3. Resolution # 179-21 Authorizing the Issuance of a Duplicate Tax Sale Cert.
- *4. Resolution # 180-21 Fee Waiver for Duplicate Tax Sale Cert.
- *5. Resolution #181-21 Release of Escrow Funds
- *6. Resolution #182-21 Cancellation of Misc. Reserve Balances Other Trust Fund (Escrow)
- *7. Resolution #183-21 Cancellation of Excess Cash in Net Payroll Bank Account
- *8. Resolution #184-21 Cancellation of Excess Cash in Tax Title Lien Premium Trust Acct
- *9. Resolution #185-21 Cancellation of Capital Improvement Authorization Balances
- *10. Resolution #186-21 Change Order #2 – 4 Clean-Up \$90,500 2020 Road Program
- *11. Resolution #187-21 Transfer of Funds - \$140,500
- *12. Resolution #188-21 2020 Audit Corrective Action Plan
- *13. Resolution #189-21 Sell PD Property on GovDeals
- *14. Resolution #190-21 Professional Services Agmt. BBG Izenberg Appraisal Associates
- *15. Resolution #191-21 Appoint PT Police Department Dispatcher Christopher Spittler

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard.

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items:

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

RULE 7. PUBLIC COMMENT

A statement was read from Local Finance Notice 2020 Chapter 34 regarding public comment protocol in a public meeting that is held electronically.

Erik Friis, 4 Sparrowbush Road stated that the aforementioned statement regarding electronic meeting protocol is a violation of First Amendment rights, particularly in the case of muting a speaker. Additionally, he stated that the Teterboro Airport air traffic is unacceptable.

Daphne Garrity addressed the flight plan change at Teterboro resulting in an increase in air traffic over Upper Saddle River. She has contacted several officials and she was informed that all of the pertinent information and contact information is on the Borough website.

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