

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF UPPER SADDLE RIVER
July 7, 2022 6:30 p.m.**

*Meeting held via
teleconference due to
COVID19*

PRESENT: Mayor Minichetti, Council Members DiMartino, Ditkoff, Drennan, Fardanesh, Florio, Masi, Borough Administrator Preusch, Borough Attorney Regan

ABSENT:

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 15, 2021 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. Update on Hillside Avenue
2. Litigation: Appeal of Hillside Mikvah
3. Litigation: DEP Notice of Violation Lake Road Bridge Project
4. Personnel: Police Department
5. Personnel: Tax Assessor

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that at 6:33 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 Meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

Drainage Improvements: The Mayor and Council addressed drainage improvements, including developing a long range plan to update and improve the sewer systems throughout the Borough. Renting Jet Vac equipment to clear out all of the catch basins was discussed, with the funding to begin in 2023. A plan will be implemented by the Borough Engineer in conjunction with the DPW and Borough Administrator.

Engineering Fee Resolution: Moving forward, all larger municipal projects involving the Borough Engineer will require the approval of the project as well as a statement of the engineering costs for said project which will include a “not to exceed” clause.

Purchase of new Fire Truck: The Fire Department is currently working on final specifications and a bid price for the purchase of a new fire truck. Once the packet is complete, it will be submitted to the CFO for review. The donation of the old truck was also discussed and an appraisal will be done in order to determine its current value.

In-Person Mayor and Council Meetings: The Mayor and Council addressed resuming in-person meetings. All were in agreement that some sort of a hybrid arrangement would have to be made available to residents so they can have an option of attending or participating on Zoom.

League of Municipalities Conference, November 15-17, 2022: A headcount of the Mayor and Council was taken to ascertain who will be attending the League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic, November 15-17, 2022.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini, RMC
Municipal Clerk