

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2017

1. Chief Wrixon led the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The Borough Clerk announced that this is a Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of which at least 48 hours' notice has been given by posting in the Borough Hall, publication in The Record and delivery to all members of the governing body.
3. Mayor Romeo called the meeting to order at 7:42 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina  
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Laufeld, Chief Wrixon  
Excused: Council Member Tsigounis
5. Mayor Romeo introduced Bergen County Clerk John Hogan. Mr. Hogan explained "The Around the County Initiative". County employees set up temporary satellite offices for three days to do passports, notarizing, ID cards, etc., saving residents a trip to Hackensack. We also encourage people to register to vote by going to schools, senior centers and civic groups. Please contact us if you are interested in having a satellite office in Cresskill. Another part of the initiative is the preservation of records. We started going through old documents to preserve, as well as scan them. Using some of these old documents we created collages for each town. Mr. Hogan then presented the Mayor and Council with a Historical Poster illustrating the Incorporation of the Borough of Cresskill. Also, your town historian is welcome to come to our office to look through old documents and we'll print whatever they'd like.
6. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Sine Die and Annual Meetings of January 4, 2017.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

## COMMUNICATIONS

7. Minutes of the following meetings:

Planning Board

December 13, 2016

Municipal Pool Commission

November 21, 2016

Filed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

8. Council Member Spina said they will be resuming discussions with the Environmental Commission on a tree ordinance.

Council Member Savas said she and some department heads were given a presentation and proposal today by SeamlessDocs about online documents and a new website.

Council Member Cleary said he will be attending the JIF meeting tomorrow night.

9. Borough Clerk Nasuto explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

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CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

\*Resolutions

10. WHEREAS, Jacek Czernek, has applied for a Limo/Taxi Owner’s License and has paid the required fees; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle has been inspected and approved by Chief Edward Wrixon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the license be authorized for term ending December 31, 2017 subject to requirements of Chapter 246 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill.

License No. 17-417  
2017 Mercedes Benz  
Serial # 4JGDF7DE3HA883253

11. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Joseph A. Martin, 1120 Bloomfield Avenue, Suite 204, West Caldwell, NJ 07006 be retained as consultant for the Borough of Cresskill regarding the proposed school referendum at a fee not to exceed \$10,000. The contract will be awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under provisions of the Local Public Contract Law. This appointment is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 in that where required the appointee has filed with the Borough a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.

12. WHEREAS, Sandal Associates is the taxpayer of real estate designated as Block 83, Lot 69 on the official tax map of the Borough of Cresskill and better known as 155 County Road, Cresskill, New Jersey (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, Sandal Associates has made application to the Tax Court of New Jersey to have the assessment of the property listed above adjusted for tax years 2014 & 2015; and

WHEREAS, Sandal Associates has agreed to withdraw the application to the Tax Court of New Jersey for the 2013 appeal; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall not apply; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are satisfied that after proper review and analysis, the settlement, as set forth below, is reasonable and in the Borough’s best interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the adjustments of the assessments of the property specified below be and are hereby approved and ratified as follows:

| <u>Block</u><br>83 | <u>Lot</u><br>69           | <u>Street Address</u><br>155 County Road |                                     |
|--------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Year: 2013</u>  | <u>Original Assessment</u> | <u>County Board Judgment</u>             | <u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u> |
| LAND               | \$ 562,400                 | N/A                                      |                                     |
| IMPROVEMENTS       | <u>\$ 323,600</u>          | <u>N/A</u>                               | WITHDRAWN                           |
| TOTAL              | \$ 886,000                 | N/A                                      |                                     |
| <u>Year: 2014</u>  | <u>Original Assessment</u> | <u>County Board Judgment</u>             | <u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u> |

|              |            |     |            |
|--------------|------------|-----|------------|
| LAND         | \$ 562,400 | N/A | \$ 400,000 |
| IMPROVEMENTS | \$ 323,600 | N/A | \$ 200,000 |
| TOTAL        | \$ 886,000 | N/A | \$ 600,000 |

| <u>Year: 2015</u> | <u>Original Assessment</u> | <u>County Board Judgment</u> | <u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| LAND              | \$ 562,400                 | N/A                          | \$ 400,000                          |
| IMPROVEMENTS      | \$ 323,600                 | N/A                          | \$ 200,000                          |
| TOTAL             | \$ 886,000                 | N/A                          | \$ 600,000                          |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Morrison Mahoney LLP be, and hereby are, authorized to execute the Stipulation of Settlement memorializing the settlement of this matter on behalf of the Borough of Cresskill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials be, and hereby are, authorized to make the necessary adjustments to the assessments.

13. WHEREAS, 92 Union Avenue, LLC is the taxpayer for real estate designated as Block 82, Lot 9 on the official tax map of the Borough of Cresskill and better known as 92 Union Avenue, Cresskill, New Jersey (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, 92 Union Avenue, LLC has made application to the Tax Court of New Jersey to have the assessment of the property listed above adjusted for tax years 2012, 2013 & 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are satisfied that after proper review and analysis, the settlement, as set forth below, is reasonable and in the Borough's best interests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the adjustments of the assessments of the property specified below be and are hereby approved and ratified as follows:

| <u>Block</u>      | <u>Lot</u>                 | <u>Street Address</u>        |                                     |  |  |
|-------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| 82                | 9                          | 92 Union Avenue              |                                     |  |  |
| <u>Year: 2012</u> | <u>Original Assessment</u> | <u>County Board Judgment</u> | <u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u> |  |  |
| LAND              | \$ 225,000                 | N/A                          | \$ 225,000                          |  |  |
| IMPROVEMENTS      | \$ 965,700                 | N/A                          | \$ 607,500                          |  |  |
| TOTAL             | \$1,190,700                | N/A                          | \$ 832,500                          |  |  |
| <u>Year: 2013</u> | <u>Original Assessment</u> | <u>County Board Judgment</u> | <u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u> |  |  |
| LAND              | \$ 225,000                 | N/A                          | \$ 225,000                          |  |  |
| IMPROVEMENTS      | \$ 965,700                 | N/A                          | \$ 607,500                          |  |  |
| TOTAL             | \$1,190,700                | N/A                          | \$ 832,500                          |  |  |
| <u>Year: 2014</u> | <u>Original Assessment</u> | <u>County Board Judgment</u> | <u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u> |  |  |
| LAND              | \$ 225,000                 | N/A                          | \$ 225,000                          |  |  |
| IMPROVEMENTS      | \$ 965,700                 | N/A                          | \$ 607,500                          |  |  |
| TOTAL             | \$1,190,700                | N/A                          | \$ 832,500                          |  |  |

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14. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following January 2017 payrolls be ratified and approved:

January 6, 2017

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Current Fund             | \$ 371,734.27    |
| Social Security/Medicare | 14,382.85        |
| Community Center         | 3,102.24         |
| Library                  | <u>11,619.42</u> |
|                          | \$ 400,838.78    |

January 20, 2017

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Current Fund             | \$ 667,423.47    |
| Social Security/Medicare | 29,050.01        |
| Community Center         | 5,633.57         |
| Library                  | <u>17,044.18</u> |
|                          | \$ 719,151.23    |

15. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following transfers be made in the 2016 budget appropriation reserves:

CURRENT ACCOUNT

|                       | <u>Account</u> | <u>From</u>      | <u>To</u>        |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Tax Assessment – S/W  | 150-010        | 2,000.00         |                  |
| Tax Assessment – O/E  | 150-020        | 500.00           |                  |
| Tax Collection – S/W  | 145-020        |                  | 2,500.00         |
| Police – O/E          | 240-020        | 10,000.00        |                  |
| Police – S/W          | 240-010        |                  | 10,000.00        |
| Gasoline              | 460-020        | 2,000.00         |                  |
| Vehicle Maintenance   | 315-020        |                  | 2,000.00         |
| Gasoline              | 460-020        | 500.00           |                  |
| Senior Citizens – S/W | 372-010        |                  | 500.00           |
| Total                 |                | <u>15,000.00</u> | <u>15,000.00</u> |

Motions

16. Appoint Victor DeCandia to the Cresskill Board of Health, for unexpired term ending December 31, 2019.

REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE CONSENT AGENDA ONLY [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

17. No one wished to be heard.
18. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

19. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Savas to consider all items marked with an asterisk as a single question.

On the question: The Borough Clerk announced that copies of all items marked with an asterisk have been posted in the Borough Hall and made available to the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

20. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Savas to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

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#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS

21. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

(Resolution in full on pages 19A through 19M.)

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

#### REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE BOROUGH [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

22. No one wished to be heard.

23. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

24. Motion at 8:01 P.M. by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Savas to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted.

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Benedict Romeo  
Mayor

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Barbara A. Nasuto  
Borough Clerk