

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETINGOCTOBER 21, 2009

1. Peter Lulaj 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 Press Journal and The Record and delivery to all members of the governing body.
3. Mayor Romeo called the meeting to order at 7:41 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Brassel, Brennan, Cleary, Savas
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Vaccaro, Laufeld, McKim, Chief Wrixon
Absent: Council Members Olmo, Thomasma
5. Motion by Council Member Brennan and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of October 7, 2009.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Brassel, Brennan, Cleary, Savas
No - None
Absent – Council Members Olmo, Thomasma
Abstain – None
Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Community Center Board of Trustees	September 15, 2009
Cresskill Environmental Commission	September 17, 2009

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Savas said the Municipal Alliance will be sponsoring another teen event in March 2010.
I just attended a rally with Michael Dressler at Farleigh Dickinson attended by President Obama, Caroline Kennedy, Senator Lautenberg and Representative Steve Rothman.

Council Member Brennan said Recreation Director Tony Bertone has resigned and we are collecting resumes.

Council Brassel said the DPW has begun the fall leaf pickup.

Council Member Cleary said PSE&G rates will be going up by 1.4% which is an increase of \$18.32 per household per year.

I have a diseased maple tree on my street which Rockland Electric and the DPW will be taking it down.

NEW BUSINESS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

9. WHEREAS, the Building Department issued permit # 09-0209 to Mia Homes, LLC for work to be performed at 441 Piermont Road; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that there was an overpayment for this permit due to incorrect calculations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officials be and hereby are directed to return the amount of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) held under permit #09-0209 to Mia Homes, LLC, 360 River Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666.

10. WHEREAS, the following permits have been issued under Sections 132-91 and 132-27 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill and cash bonds deposited therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public Works has inspected the work and found it to meet all requirements of the applicable Section;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officials be and hereby are directed to return the bonds held under the following permits:

<u>Code Sec.</u>	<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
132-91	3652	Emerson Paving Company 448 Demarest Ave. Closter, NJ 07624 <i>(for: 105 Union Avenue)</i>	\$50.00
132-91	3863	J & D Landscaping 4901 Kennedy Blvd. North Bergen, NJ 07047 <i>(for: 268 Highland St.)</i>	\$50.00
132-91	3866	Landscape Design, Inc. P.O. Box 1154 Paramus, NJ 07653 <i>(for: 68 Churchill Rd.)</i>	\$50.00
132-27	3870	Gregory Foudy 34 Gilmore Ave. Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$100.00
132-27	3877	Rev. D. Sung 23 Clark St. Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$100.00
132-27	3878	Jun Xue Or 153 Hillside Ave. Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$100.00

11. WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee has scheduled various programs; and

WHEREAS, the participants are unable to attend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the recreation fees be returned to:

Sangyeon Lee
(for: *Soobyeong Lee*)
66 Merritt Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$140.00

Selina Law
P. O. Box 604
Nutley, NJ 07110
Amount: \$50.00

Raquel Zypman
(for: *Tobias Zypman*)
171 Broadway
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$135.00

Chris Green
(for: *Emily Green*)
495 11th Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$60.00

Susan Carbonell
(for: *Audrey Carbonell*)
232 Truman Drive
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$145.00

Samantha Fawcett
(for: *Brianna Fawcett*)
158 Roosevelt Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$95.00

Denise Rafferty
(for: *Charley Rafferty*)
77 Roosevelt Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$40.00

Marie San Pietro
(for: *Antoinette San Pietro*)
126 Morningside Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$175.00

12. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that Carly Cerone be approved for part-time employment at the Community Center, effective immediately, at an hourly rate of \$10.00.

13. WHEREAS, redemption money has been received to redeem Tax Sale Certificate 2008-08, Block 74, Lot 40, also known as 41 Union Avenue, in the amount of \$31,267.46; and

WHEREAS, a premium was received by the Borough in the amount of \$10,100.00 paid by the lien holder at the Tax Sale held December 4, 2008 and upon redemption is refunded the premium paid.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that, effective immediately, the amount of \$41,367.46 be refunded to:

Plymouth Park Tax Services, LLC
PPTS Lockbox
P.O. Box 5822
New York, NY 10087-5822

14. WHEREAS, redemption money has been received to redeem Tax Sale Certificate 2008-10, Block 177, Lot 29.01, also known as 50 Piermont Road, in the amount of \$74,151.41; and

WHEREAS, a premium was received by the Borough in the amount of \$26,000.00 paid by the lien holder at the Tax Sale held December 4, 2008 and upon redemption is refunded the premium paid.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that, effective immediately, the amount of \$100,151.41 be refunded to:

U.S. Bank-Cust/Sass Muni V dtr
c/o U.S. Bank Corporate Trust Services
Tax Lien Services Group
2 Liberty Place
50 South 16th Street – Suite 1950
Philadelphia, PA 19102

24. Peter Lulaj, 26 Cresskill Avenue asked if the light rail would be coming through Cresskill. Mayor Romeo said the last we heard it will end in Tenafly near the pistol range and the parking garage will be across the street from Benjamin Brothers.

Mr. Lulaj said over the last couple of years he has had a problem with the DPW snow plows pushing the snow back onto his property after he snow blows his and his neighbor's property. The winter before last, the plow came down Cresskill Avenue, the wrong way, and the DPW worker yelled at me about putting the snow in the street and it wasn't in the street, it was on the grass on the sidewalk. He called the police who also told me not to put the snow in the street. Councilman Brassel said he would speak to Supt. Terhune tomorrow.

Richard Calabrese, 42 Engle Street asked if the Special Needs program being held at the Tallman House is for the school year or calendar year. Mayor Romeo said it was for a calendar year. Mr. Calabrese asked why the program couldn't be held (2) times per year; then twice as many kids could participate in the program. Mayor Romeo said the program is for challenged young adults, ages 18 to 21 years old. It is to help mainstream them into the workforce by teaching the basics like cooking, gardening, laundry, etc. This is the first year of the program and the parents are very happy with it. There are (6) kids in the program now, which is every kid that applied, and in time that number will grow. Some may not need a full year; the school decides who needs this program and how much time they need to participate in it. The State is responsible for educating them until they are 21 years old. With the \$10K the Borough gets for the use of the Tallman House and the one cent tax from the Open Space Fund the house pays for itself and is not costing the Borough anything.

Councilman Cleary explained that each child has an Independent Development Plan (IDP). If they choose to, after completing this program, they can go to Bergen Community College. They will be tested and Bergen will find classes for further training to help them be more independent.

Mayor Romeo said we will be dedicating the garden area outside Borough Hall tomorrow in memory of our long time Borough Attorney and friend Robert T. Quinn.

No one else wished to be heard.

25. Motion by Council Member Brennan and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

26. Motion at 7:59 P.M. by Council Member Brennan and seconded by Council Member Savas to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Barbara A. Nasuto
Borough Clerk