

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

## REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 7, 2009

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 Press Journal and The Record and delivery to all members of the governing body.
3. Mayor Romeo called the meeting to order at 7:43 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Brassel, Olmo, Savas, Thomasma  
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Vaccaro, Laufeld, McKim, Chief Wrixon  
Absent: Council Members Brennan, Cleary
5. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meetings of September 2 & 16, 2009.

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

6. Mayor Romeo proclaimed October as National Domestic Violence Awareness month.

(Proclamation in full on page 126A.)

## COMMUNICATIONS

7. Minutes of the following meetings:

Board of Health Special Meeting	June 1, 2009
Board of Health Meeting	June 22, 2009
Environmental Commission	July 16, 2009
Planning Board	Sept. 22, 2009

Filed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

8. Council Member Savas said Betty Cleary is a new member on the Library Board.

Council Member Brassel said the DPW have put recycling cans in the town parks. The 2009 road resurfacing program will be starting soon.

Several members of the Environmental Commission will be attending a seminar at Rutgers on October 17, 2009 and receiving an award from ANJEC for EARTHfest.

Council Member Olmo said the High School Press Box is ready for Friday night's game.

## NEW BUSINESS

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

\*Resolutions

10. 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:

Chung Kwan Cho (for: Victoria Cho) 237 Highland Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$40.00	Lina Gomez (for: Santiago Ramirez) 190 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$105.00
Rita Hasenstab (for: Julia Hasenstab) 344 12 <sup>th</sup> Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$75.00	Lina Gomez 190 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Cresskill, NJ 07626  Amount: \$120.00
Shin Yang Hwang (for: Bryan Hwang) 296 Jefferson Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$60.00	

11. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Tax Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to effect the following tax refund due to Stipulation of Settlement on property assessment for Block 81, Lot 1 for 2008 and 2009:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Original Assessment:	\$ 4,698,500.00	\$ 4,698,500.00
Tax Court Judgment:	\$ 4,031,000.00	\$ 3,791,000.00
Decrease in Assessment:	\$ 667,500.00	\$ 907,500.00
Tax Rate:	<u>2.101</u>	<u>2.214</u>
Tax Refund:	\$ 14,024.18	\$ 20,092.05
 Total:	 \$ 34,116.23	

Check to: AG Kings Cresskill, LLC  
 The Irwin Law Firm, P.A.  
 80 Main Street, Suite 410  
 West Orange, NJ 07052

12. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that Evan Triveri be appointed as a permanent Police Officer for the Borough of Cresskill, effective August 4, 2009, as recommended by Police Chief Edward Wrixon.

13. WHEREAS, cash escrow deposits have been paid to the Borough of Cresskill for legal fees in connection with Zoning Board applications for variances in constructing a home and fencing within the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the applications have been heard and approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, balances remain in these escrow accounts, which are no longer required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following balances in the Trust Accounts be refunded:

<u>ESCROW #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ZE 020	No. Jersey Public Adjusters, Inc, 625 18 <sup>th</sup> Street Union City, NJ 07087 (for: 11 Deacon Place)	\$14.00
ZE 023	Peter DeVries 83 Monroe Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$14.00
ZE 024	Robert and Amy Sung 25 Park Ave. Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$14.00
ZE 026	Dom V. Albanese 39 Pierce Ave. Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$14.00
ZE 028	Geraldine Vukasian 30 Westervelt Place Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$14.00

14. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey recognizes that the abuse of alcohol and drugs is a serious problem in our society amongst persons of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further recognizes that it is incumbent upon not only public officials but upon the entire community to take action to prevent such abuses in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has applied for funding to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse through the County of Bergen;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby recognizes the following:

1. The Mayor and Council does hereby authorize submission of an application for the Cresskill Municipal Alliance grant for calendar year 2010 in the amount \$10,356.00.
2. The Mayor and Council acknowledge the terms and conditions for administering the Municipal Alliance grant, including the administrative compliance and audit requirements.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Benedict Romeo, Mayor

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Barbara A. Nasuto, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly authorized by the Mayor and Council of Cresskill on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

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Barbara A. Nasuto, Municipal Clerk



20. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

21. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo 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.

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

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

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#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS

23. Resolution by Council Member Thomasma and seconded by Council Member Savas:

(Resolution in full on pages 130A through 130E.)

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.]

24. Mayor Romeo said there will be a dedication on October 22<sup>nd</sup> on the west side of the Borough Hall for the Robert T. Quinn Court. Light refreshments will follow. Chief Wrixon recently undertook a five day kayak trip from Albany to the Alpine Boat Basin raising funds for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. He did a great job. The Northern Valley Fire Chief's parade is this Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

No one else wished to be heard.

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

26. Motion at 7:51 P.M. by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo 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