

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2014

1. Gina Glynn 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 7:44 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Vaccaro, McKim, Mann, Chief Wrixon
Absent: Council Member Tsigounis
5. Mayor Romeo presented plaques to the winners of the Holiday Home Decorating Contest. (annexed hereto).
6. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of December 3, 2014.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

7. Minutes of the following meetings:

Board of Health	September 22, 2014
Planning Board	November 25, 2014
Recreation Committee	October 22, 2014

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

8. Council Member Spina said at the Library Board meeting, members Andy Paspalas and Julie Kim resigned and the Board elected Les Kaplan as President and Greg Foudy as Vice President.
At the BOE meeting they continued their discussion about the potential reconfiguration of the schools.

Council Member Savas said the Recreation Dept. had the holiday tree lighting on December 7th. Also, they are holding their last meeting of the year tonight.

Council Member Cleary said he recently met with the Fire Chief.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 14-10-1467 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Cresskill – Year 2015

9. Motion at 7:49 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to hear Ordinance No. 14-10-1467 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Cresskill – Year 2015 on final reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina
 No - None
 Absent – Council Member Tsigounis
 Abstain – None
 Motion adopted.

10. Council Member Olmo read the title:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND
 COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
 OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL - YEAR 2015

(Ordinance in full on pages 154A through 154E in Minutes of Regular
 Mayor and Council Meeting held December 3, 2014.)

11. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on December 5, 2014, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.

12. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

No one wished to be heard.

13. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina
 No - None
 Absent – Council Member Tsigounis
 Abstain – None
 Motion adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 14-10-1467, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND
 COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
 OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL - YEAR 2015

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina
 No - None
 Absent – Council Member Tsigounis
 Abstain – None
 Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 14-11-1468 Amend Chapter 80 – Animals - Fees

15. Motion at 7:50 PM by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 14-11-1468 – Amend Chapter 80 – Animal Fees on first reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

16. Council Member Spina read the title:

AMEND CHAPTER 80 – ANIMALS - FEES

(Ordinance in full on page 160A.)

17. Resolution by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, that Ordinance No. 14-11-1468, entitled:

AMEND CHAPTER 80 – ANIMALS - FEES

does now pass on first reading and remain on file with the Borough Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof.

Such hearing shall be held at the Borough Hall in Cresskill on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 S.D. at 6:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as it can be reached, at which time and place all persons interested in said ordinance will be heard.

The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish said ordinance in full, with the notice of hearing thereon, in an official newspaper according to law, also to mail copies of said ordinance when and as required by law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

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

WHEREAS, the following participant was unable to attend;

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

Jessica Cortazzo
(for: Aria Cortazzo)
20 Evans Road
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$50.00

20. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following December 2014 payroll be ratified and approved:

December 12, 2014

Current Fund	\$ 304,068.48
Social Security/Medicare	12,604.15
Community Center	2,102.15
Library	<u>13,810.36</u>
	\$ 332,585.14

21. 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 refunds due to overpayment of taxes:

<u>TAX PERIOD</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1 st Qtr 2014	46	767	Veronica McDonagh 122 Jefferson Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 54.85
4 th Qtr 2014	54	2.02	Yang-Young Sung C. Dan 29 Jefferson Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 1,186.40

22. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following transfers be made in the 2014 budget appropriations:

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	<u>Account</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Computerized Data Processing – O/E	140-020	2,000.00	
Financial Administration – O/E	130-020		2,000.00
Zoning Board – O/E	185-020	500.00	
Zoning Board – S/W	185-010		500.00
Landfill Disposal Costs	465-230	6,000.00	
Vehicle Maintenance – O/E	315-020		6,000.00
Mayor and Council – O/E	110-020	1,500.00	
Senior Citizens – O/E	372-020		1,500.00
Fire Department – O/E	255-020	6,000.00	
Emergency Medical Services – O/E	260-020		6,000.00
Total		16,000.00	16,000.00

23. BE IT RESOLVED that the following solicitor's license, which has been approved by the Chief of Police, be issued under the provisions of Chapter 140 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill for the term ending December 31, 2015:

14-899
Michael Bain
(Edward Jones)
355 Pine Lane
Haworth, NJ 07647
Purpose: Financial Advisor

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

24. No one wished to be heard.
25. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

26. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary 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.

27. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

(Resolution in full on pages 162A through 162E.)

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.]

29. Francis Reiner, 19 Pierce Avenue said at the Forward Planning meeting the Mayor said the Borough is run like a business and the Community Center run for a profit. In order for any child between Kindergarten and 8th Grade to play a sport the parents have to pay 4 separate fees or taxes. We all pay for taxes to the Borough. It pays for DPW to maintain the fields. In Cresskill we passed an ordinance in 2003 for Open Space Tax. Over the course of 11 years, the Borough has collected 1.95M. There is almost 1.2M unused according to your own budget sheet, which I printed out today. The largest single expenditure was a purchase of a house. He continued questioning the open space funds in the budget and said we have no written plan to accommodate where to spend the money. The County also has matching grants. The 3rd tax is for building and maintenance fees at the Community Center. Every child has to pay \$20 for Fall and Spring sports and \$50 for basketball. Parents with 3 children are paying exorbitant fees. The 4th tax/fee is for baseball. Cresskill/Alpine baseball has a program where it hires its own landscapers to keep up the fields. Mr. Reiner was told they received a donation from a private vendor and chose to use the money this way. Mr. Reiner then said the Community Center offers times for children not from Cresskill in CMEK programs. You make this money and offer a 30-year tax pilot for a developer to pay less tax than we do. He felt the Mayor and Council are here to look out for the health and welfare of the residents and not be making money. We need better quality of life for children and seniors.

Anthony Scianna, 62 Park Avenue asked what they plan to do with the properties we purchase. Mayor Romeo said we buy them for open space and will turn them into passive parks.

No one else wished to be heard.

30. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

31. Motion at 8:17 P.M. by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn to Sine Die.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Barbara A. Nasuto
Borough Clerk