

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2011

1. Maureen Santhagens led the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The Deputy 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 7:38 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Brennan, Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Tsigounis  
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Vaccaro, Laufeld, McKim, Mann, Santhagens, Chief Wrixon
5. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meetings of January 19 & February 2, 2011.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

## COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Board of Health  
Planning Board

November 22, 2010  
Jan. 25, & Feb. 8, 2011

Filed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Savas said the Board of Health meeting has been rescheduled to 3/14. Council Member Brennan and I met with the Recreation Dept. and have taken steps to make sure the Community Center is open from morning to night.

Council Member Brennan said Paragon held a huge event at the Community Center. We made some good revenue from it and the kitchen also did quite well.

Council Member Cleary said he attended the JIF insurance course at the Bergenfield Borough Hall.

Council Member Mueller said he also attended the JIF meeting which had a good turn out. There was an interesting discussion about Workman's Compensation cases and how the claims and values of the claims are rising and what a Municipality can do to help alleviate it. We're going to get some of the information for the Mayor and Council for further discussion. Also, we save \$500 for each Council Member that attends these meetings.

Council Member Mueller said we have solved one of Mr. Rich Calabrese's problems, but he is not here tonight.

## NEW BUSINESS

8. Deputy Borough Clerk McKim explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

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## CONSENT AGENDA

## NEW BUSINESS

\*Resolutions

9. Authorizing Increase in Deferred School Taxes For Local District School Taxes

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires that the Governing Body of any municipality which has Deferred School Taxes must authorize any increase in the deferral amount, and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to increase the Deferred School Taxes to an amount permitted under State statutes and to be effective at December 31, 2010.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough of Cresskill that the following Deferred School Taxes be hereby increased for the year ended December 31, 2010 as follows:

	Deferred Local District <u>School Taxes</u>
Amount Deferred December 31, 2010	\$6,107,660
Amount Deferred December 31, 2009	<u>5,807,660</u>
Amount of Increase	<b><u>\$ 300,000</u></b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

10. WHEREAS, James and Mary Romick made application to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance to construct a covered porch; and

WHEREAS, an escrow account was set up for this application; and

WHEREAS, the applicants failed to show up for the meeting and the application was dismissed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the escrow in Trust Account 1596 of \$150.00 be refunded to James and Mary Romick for Block 18, Lot 2.

11. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following February 2011 payroll be ratified and approved:

February 11, 2011

Current Fund	\$ 237,514.00
Social Security/Medicare	11,646.28
Community Center	<u>1,439.61</u>
	<b>\$ 250,599.89</b>

12. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following escrow account balances (under \$15.00) for projects completed be canceled and returned to General Fund:

Trust E-1316	\$14.50
Trust E-1441	2.50
Dev. Trust 1435	4.40

13. 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:

Eunhee Kang  
*(for: Sungwoo Lee)*  
 400 Madison Ave.  
 Cresskill, NJ 07626  
 Amount: \$40.00

Eunhee Kang  
*(for: Yoonsee Lee)*  
 400 Madison Ave.  
 Cresskill, NJ 07626  
 Amount: \$150.00

14. WHEREAS, Matthew Vaccarino has applied for a 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, 2011 subject to requirements of Chapter 246 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill.

License No. 11-357  
 2005 Lincoln Town Car  
 Serial #1LNHM81W95Y606961

15. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following transfers be made in the 2010 budget appropriations:

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	<u>Account</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Municipal Clerk – O/E	120-020	100.00	
Municipal Clerk – S/W	120-010		100.00
Senior Citizens – O/E	372-020	1,000.00	
Senior Citizens – S/W	372-010		1,000.00
Tax Collection – S/W	145-010	1,500.00	
Tax Collection - O/E	145-020	1,000.00	
Financial Administration – S/W	130-010		2,500.00
Total		3,600.00	3,600.00

16. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Cresskill Fire Department has furnished a certified list of volunteer members (annexed hereto), who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for the Calendar Year 2010 and said list is hereby approved.

17. WHEREAS, William J. Weyer, T/A Punctual Pickups, has applied for a 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, 2011 subject to requirements of Chapter 246 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill.

License No. 11-359  
2005 Chrysler Sedan  
Serial #2C3AA63H35H564805

License No. 11-360  
2003 Lincoln Town Car  
Serial #1L1FM81W43Y640151

18. WHEREAS, Hoe Y. Yang has applied for a 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, 2011 subject to requirements of Chapter 246 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill.

License No. 11-358  
2006 Mercedes Benz Wagon  
Serial #4JGCB65E46A010415

19. WHEREAS, redemption money has been received to redeem Tax Sale Certificate 10-00007, for Block 41, Lot 3, also known as 6 Madison Avenue, in the amount of \$22,102.69;

WHEREAS, a premium was received by the Borough in the amount of \$500.00 paid by the lien holder at the Tax Sale held December 6, 2010 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 \$22,602.69 be paid to:

Empire Tax Fund II, LLC  
PO Box 503  
Purchase, NY 10577

20. WHEREAS, the Police Chief has requested the purchase of two (2) 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors with additional equipment upfit in the amount of \$64,356.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has verified that the funds are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill authorizes the purchase under State Contract #A72467 from Winner Ford, Inc., 250 Haddonfield Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

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

21. No one wished to be heard.
22. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

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

On the question: The Deputy 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.

24. Motion by Council Member Olmo 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

25. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Brennan:

(Resolution in full on pages 38A through 38D.)

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.]

26. Jean Quinn, 34 Glen View Terrace asked if the minutes of the Mayor and Council meetings could be posted on the website more rapidly. Mayor Romeo said we've had illnesses in the office. Also, minutes do not get posted until they have been approved by the Mayor and Council.

Livio Laganis, 201 Madison Avenue said he sent a certified letter a year ago about a tree that is to be taken down. It has both white and orange signs on it. Mayor Romeo explained the markings are from the County and they are responsible for removing the tree. We will call the County this week for you. Mr. Laganis thanked the DPW for working so hard to remove the snow after all the storms. Council Member Brennan said the DPW have received letters from residents regarding their good work on snow removal.

Chief Wrixon said Dunkin Donuts will be opening at 5:30 am this Friday.

No one else wished to be heard.

27. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Brennan to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

28. Motion at 7:52 P.M. by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Brennan to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted.

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Benedict Romeo  
Mayor

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Patricia McKim  
Deputy Borough Clerk