

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 20, 2013

1. Captain Domville 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 Brennan, Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Tsigounis
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Vaccaro, Laufeld, Chief Ulshoefer, Captain Domville
5. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of March 6, 2013.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Council Member Olmo announced receipt of Determination and Award Certificates.

(Determination and Award Certificates on pages 59A through 59B.)

7. Minutes of the following meetings:

Environmental Commission
Planning Board

February 20, 2013
February 26, 2013

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

8. Council Member Savas said they will be running a Recreation program during the spring break from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm which will help working parents. It will be for Kindergarten through 8th grade and the cost is only \$25.00.

Council Member Brennan said we are also going to have three open gym nights at the Community Center during that week of April 8th.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 13-02-1445 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Cresskill – Year 2013

9. Motion at 7:46 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 13-02-1445 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Cresskill – Year 2013 on final reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Brennan, Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Tsigounis
 No - None
 Absent – None
 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 2013

(Ordinance in full on pages 53A through 53E in Minutes of
 Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held March 6, 2013.)

11. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in the The Record on March 9, 2013, posted in the 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.]
13. No one wished to be heard.
14. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

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

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

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. 13-02-1445, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND
 COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
 OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL - YEAR 2013

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

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

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

WHEREAS, the participant is not able to attend;

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

Stacey Distell
(for: *Samantha Distell*)
391 12th Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626

Amount: \$15.00

18. 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 overpayment of 1st quarter 2013 taxes for the following property:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
208	9	47 Kennedy Road Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 5,262.00

Make check payable to: Wells Fargo Real Estate Tax Services, LLC
P.O. Box 14506
Des Moines, IA 50306

19. 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 93 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill for the term ending December 31, 2013:

13-864
George A. Corbo, Jr.
(Home Run IceCream)
25 South Prospect Avenue
Bergenfield, NJ 07621
Purpose: Ice Cream Sales

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

21. A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT COVERAGE ENHANCEMENTS TO THE ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS POLICY FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL VOLUNTEER AND CAREER FIREFIGHTERS, JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORP. THROUGH VFIS, INC.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill, hereinafter referred to as, the Borough, provides an Accident & Sickness Program to all eligible emergency services volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Risk Management Consultant, has secured a proposal through VFIS that provides notable coverage enhancements to the Borough's emergency services volunteers over the existing VFIS Program; and

WHEREAS, the VFIS proposal has been reviewed by the Mayor and has been deemed reasonable and competitive within the marketplace, with the recommendation to secure the Proposal, as detailed on the attached spreadsheet presented to the Mayor and Council for action;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby accepts the recommendation of the Risk Management Consultant and supports the coverage enhancements detailed for the Accident & Sickness Program currently underwritten by VFIS, which provides enhanced coverage for the Emergency Services Volunteers, while providing the Borough with budget stability, as detailed in the spreadsheet prepared by the Risk Management Consultant and made a part of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents to effectuate this change as soon as reasonably practical after the passage of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to PIA McCarthy Forde, 429 Hackensack Street, P.O. Box 818, Carlstadt, NJ, Risk Management Consultant to the Borough, the Borough Chief Finance Officer and Municipal Auditor.

22. 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 209, Lot 3 for 2011:

	<u>2011</u>
Original Assessment:	\$1,037,300.00
Tax Court Judgment:	<u>\$ 965,000.00</u>
Decrease in Assessment:	\$ 72,300.00
Tax Rate:	<u>2,348</u>
Tax Refund:	\$ 1,697.60

Check to: Joseph J. Rotolo
50 Summit Avenue
Hackensack, NJ 07601
(for: 174 Hillside Avenue)

23. Preliminary Cost Studies – Allen Street Utilities

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill hereby acknowledges the requirement of preliminary costs to proceed with initial engineering design of underground utilities in Allen Street. The purpose of these preliminary costs is to relocate the Verizon lines in Allen Street and the amount to be charged is for the purpose for which bonds may be issued under Chapter 2 of Title 40A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount appropriated for preliminary costs shall not exceed \$35,000.00 and the treasurer is authorized to set up a reserve for preliminary expenses out of the Capital Improvement Fund of the General Capital Fund.

24. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following March 2013 payroll be ratified and approved:

<u>March 22, 2013</u>	
Current Fund	\$ 283,952.36
Social Security/Medicare	13,586.35
Community Center	1,621.31
Library	<u>17,192.86</u>
	\$ 316,352.88

25. RESOLUTION OPPOSING S2364/A3553

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-2364 and Assembly Bill A3553 propose to create a system of early voting in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the goal of accommodating voters in pursuit of greater participation in the democratic process is a worthy goal; and

WHEREAS, these bills would in reality increase workloads, add more costs to the election process, and ultimately serve to confuse voters more than it would accommodate their needs; and

WHEREAS, these bills would require for each primary and general election a public facility, except a public school, located in each municipality in an area of a high concentration of population to be open and available to registered voters starting 15 days before an election for early polling, possibly conflicting with, if not pushing out, other important uses for these buildings, causing inconvenience to residents; and

WHEREAS, these bills require retraining of poll workers and dramatically increased hours, as well as chain of custody requirements to protect the voting process, despite the fact that recruiting and training poll workers is already a difficult process; and

WHEREAS, these bills would increase costs to municipalities, including overtime pay for workers; and

WHEREAS, although these bills allow municipalities to request reimbursement for extra costs and provide an appropriation, the appropriation does not outline a specific amount nor dedicated funding, only that which the State Treasurer and the Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting deem necessary, and they do not outline the procedure for a municipality whose reimbursement request is denied; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity for "Early Voting" already exists in the State of New Jersey through the Vote by Mail ballot process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen does hereby oppose S2364 and A3553; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill does hereby call upon its representatives in the State Legislature to oppose the adoption of this bill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Office of the Governor, Senate President Sweeney, Senators Gill and Whelan, sponsors of S2364, Speaker Oliver, Assemblymen Wisniewski, Diegan, Benson, Conaway, and Coughlin, sponsors of A3553, our State Senator and Assembly representatives, the County Board of Elections, and the New Jersey League of Municipalities.

26. WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and Cresskill Borough Ordinance §53-21 C., the Chief of Police, as head of the Cresskill Police Department, shall establish and enforce rules and regulations for the conduct of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Edward Wrixon has submitted to the Mayor & Council new Rules and Regulations for the disposition and discipline of the police force and its officers and personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed said proposed Rules and Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Police Chief of the Cresskill Police Department be and is hereby authorized to adopt and administer said Rules and Regulations.

Miscellaneous Business

27. Approve the following Raffle Licenses:

RL 1339	PTA Edward H. Bryan School	April 19, 2013
RL 1340	HSA Merritt	May 3, 2013

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

28. No one wished to be heard.

29. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

30. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis 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.

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

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

(Resolution in full on pages 64A through 64C.)

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.]

33. Howard Tiedemann, 101 7th Street said today is Mustang Day and Merritt School has been participating for 33 years. We fly the flags of deceased veterans over Merritt School for the year. On May 24 at 2:00 pm, there is a nice program that lasts about 40 minutes with a choir and they talk about what the veterans did in the service. Mayor Romeo asked what we can do to help. Mr. Tiedemann said if anyone knows or has the flag of a deceased veteran, we would like to fly their flag over the school. At the end of the year they fold the flag up and present it to the family member. Pauline Rooney, 5 Tenakill Park Drive said she would like her husband's flag flown. Captain Domville said his Fire Dept. does it every year and the Color Guard shows the kids how to correctly fold a flag.

Mayor Romeo asked Mr. Tiedemann if he knows anyone he can interview about George Clark or Fred Tietjen for his Memorial Day speech. Captain Domville said Mr. Tietjen's son Bruce works for the DMV in Oakland. Council Member Olmo said he would get in touch with him.

Mayor Romeo said the Easter egg hunt is this Saturday at 10:00 am at the Community Center.

No one else wished to be heard.

34. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

35. Motion at 7:56 P.M. by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous.

Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Barbara A. Nasuto
Borough Clerk