

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 4, 2015

1. CFO Laufeld 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 7:43 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis  
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Official Laufeld, Deputy Chief Domville  
Absent: Council Member Olmo
5. Motion by Council Member Mueller and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of February 18, 2015.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

## COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Planning Board

February 10 and 24, 2015

Filed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Savas said they moved up the alarm inspection at the Community Center due to an error signal on the back wall alarm.

Council Member Cleary said he read about the new Medicare requirements for ambulance service.

Council Member Mueller said the Zoning Board applicant for the use variance at the corner of Milton St. and East Madison Ave. withdrew their application without prejudice.

## NEW BUSINESS

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

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## CONSENT AGENDA

## NEW BUSINESS

\*Resolutions

9. WHEREAS, Katherine A. Gokce T/A Mavi Limousine LLC, has applied for Taxi Owners' Licenses and has paid the required fees; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles have been inspected and approved by Chief Edward Wrixon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the licenses be authorized for term ending December 31, 2015 subject to requirements of Chapter 246 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill.

License No. 15-400  
2014 Lincoln MKT  
Serial #2LMHJ5NK4EBL53922

License No. 15-402  
2014 Lincoln MKT  
Serial #2LMHJ5NKXEBL54735

10. BE IT RESOLVED that the following solicitor's licenses, 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:

15-898  
Family Health Education Service  
(Wayne Watson)  
PO Box 266  
Pine Forge, PA 19548  
Purpose: Health Education

15-900  
George A. Corbo, Jr.  
(Home Run IceCream)  
25 South Prospect Avenue  
Bergenfield, NJ 07621  
Purpose: Ice Cream Sales

15-901  
Stephen Shapiro  
(Power Home Remodeling Group)  
485 Route 1 South  
Iselin, NJ 08830  
Purpose: Free Estimates for Windows/Siding/Roofing

15-902  
Matthew Coughlin  
(Power Home Remodeling Group)  
485 Route 1 South  
Iselin, NJ 08830  
Purpose: Free Estimates for Windows/Siding/Roofing

11. WHEREAS, Matthew Vaccarino has applied for a Limo/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, 2015 subject to requirements of Chapter 246 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill.

License No. 15-403  
2005 Lincoln Town Car  
Serial #1LNHM81W95Y606961

12. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following March 2015 payroll be ratified and approved:

March 6, 2015

Current Fund	\$ 298,581.29
Social Security/Medicare	13,505.97
Community Center	2,657.64
Library	<u>11,921.14</u>
	\$ 326,666.04

13. WHEREAS, Mahfouz and Renee Tadros are the taxpayers of real estate designated as Block 210, Lot 17 on the official tax map of the Borough of Cresskill and better known as 197 Hoover Drive, Cresskill, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Mahfouz and Renee Tadros have made application to the Tax Court of New Jersey to have the assessment of the property listed above adjusted for tax year 2013; and

WHEREAS, the parties to said action have agreed that the assessment for tax year 2013 shall be reduced to \$1,600,000 with the Freeze Act to be applied; and

WHEREAS, the parties to said action have agreed upon an adjustment of the assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are satisfied that, after review and analysis, the settlement, as set forth below, is proper and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the adjustment of the assessment of the property specified below be and is hereby ratified as follows:

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Street Address</u>	
210	17	197 Hoover Drive	
<u>Year: 2013</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u>
LAND:	\$ 570,000	N/A	\$ 570,000
IMPROVEMENTS:	<u>\$1,180,000</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$1,030,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,750,000	N/A	\$1,600,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Morrison Mahoney LLP be, and hereby are, authorized to execute the Stipulation of Settlement memorializing the settlement of the matter on behalf of the Borough of Cresskill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper officials be, and hereby are, authorized to make the necessary adjustment to the assessment.

14. WHEREAS, Andrew and Nancy Picinich are the taxpayers of real estate designated as Block 200, Lot 17 on the official tax map of the Borough of Cresskill and better known as 6 Fenway Court, Cresskill, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Andrew and Nancy Picinich have made application to the Tax Court of New Jersey to have the assessment of the property listed above adjusted for tax years 2012, 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, the parties to said action have agreed that the 2012 and 2013 Complaints will be withdrawn and the 2014 assessment will be reduced to \$630,000 and remain at \$630,000 for 2015; and

WHEREAS, the parties to said action have agreed upon an adjustment of the assessments; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:51A-8 (Freeze Act) shall not apply; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are satisfied that, after review and analysis, the settlement, as set forth below, is proper and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the adjustments of the assessments of the property specified below be and are hereby ratified as follows:

<u>Block</u> 200	<u>Lot</u> 17	<u>Street Address</u> 6 Fenway Court	
<u>Year: 2012</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u>
LAND	\$ 262,800	\$ 262,800	
IMPROVEMENTS	<u>\$ 439,100</u>	<u>\$ 439,100</u>	WITHDRAWN
TOTAL	\$ 701,900	\$ 701,900	
<u>Year: 2013</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u>
LAND	\$ 262,800	\$ 262,800	
IMPROVEMENTS	<u>\$ 426,000</u>	<u>\$ 426,000</u>	WITHDRAWN
TOTAL	\$ 688,800	\$ 688,800	
<u>Year: 2014</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u>
LAND	\$ 262,800	\$ 262,800	\$ 262,800
IMPROVEMENTS	<u>\$ 426,000</u>	<u>\$ 426,000</u>	<u>\$ 367,200</u>
TOTAL	\$ 688,800	\$ 688,800	\$ 630,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Morrison Mahoney LLP be, and hereby are, authorized to execute the Stipulation of Settlement memorializing the settlement of the matter on behalf of the Borough of Cresskill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the proper officials be, and hereby are, authorized to make the necessary adjustments to the assessment.

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

15. No one wished to be heard.
16. Motion by Council Member Mueller and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.
- Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.
17. Motion by Council Member Mueller 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.

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

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

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#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS

19. Resolution by Council Member Mueller and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

(Resolution in full on pages 35A through 35D.)

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.]

20. Mayor Romeo said we are working on this year's budget and it is going well.

We are getting pricing in connection with the 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls Project Citizen project for refurbishing the Merritt Monument area. We looked into getting grant money to help with the project and were told we could use Open Space money.

The Borough buying and tearing down the Westervelt house on County Road is all rumor.

Snow removal is going well and we still have salt remaining.

No one else wished to be heard.

21. Motion by Council Member Mueller and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

22. Motion at 7:49 P.M. by Council Member Mueller and seconded by Council Member Cleary 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