

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 20, 2016

1. Paul Lerch 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 7:38 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Spina, Tsigounis
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Laufeld, Deputy Chief Domville
Absent: Council Member Savas
5. Motion by Council Member Cleary and seconded by Council Member Olmo to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of April 6, 2016.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Planning Board	March 22, 2016
Municipal Pool Commission	March 14, 2016

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said the Northern Valley Earth Fair is this Saturday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. The stage is being delivered Friday and the Planning Committee will be on hand Friday evening and early Saturday morning to set up. Mike Swan has been running the event and it will be his last year as he is moving out of state. All the departments have done a great job pulling together to make everything run smoothly.

Council Member Olmo said the Municipal Pool has been painted and will be filled next week.

The American Legion have chosen two WWII veterans as the Grand Marshals for the Memorial Day parade.

Council Member Cleary said he will be attending the Senior Citizen's and JIF meetings tomorrow.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 16-04-1483 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation for the Fire Department of the Borough of Cresskill

8. Motion at 7:42 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 16-04-1483 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation for the Fire Department of the Borough of Cresskill on final reading by title only.

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

9. Council Member Olmo read the title:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND
 COMPENSATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
 OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

(Ordinance in full on pages 47A through 47B in Minutes of Regular
 Mayor and Council Meeting held April 6, 2016.)

10. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on April 8, 2016, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
11. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
12. 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, Spina, Tsigounis
 No - None
 Absent – Council Member Savas
 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. 16-04-1483, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND
 COMPENSATION FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
 OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

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

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

Public Hearing – 2016 Budget

15. Motion at 7:43 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to suspend the regular order of business to hold a public hearing on the 2016 Budget.

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

16. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to waive reading in full of the 2016 Budget.

(Resolution in full on page 52A.)

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

(2016 Budget in full on pages 42A through 42HHH
 of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held March 16, 2016.)

17. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to conduct Self-Examination of Annual Budget.

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

(Resolution in full on page 52B.)

18. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public on the 2016 Budget. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

19. Mayor Romeo said the budget reflects an assessed valuation of 1,778,300,000 which is an increase of just \$569,000 from 2015. The assessed valuations on the properties in town did not go up as much as expected. We had an increase of \$594,000 or 3.26% over the 2015 budget. The main reasons are our contribution to the pension and health insurance plans and we had to give more money to the Library. Also, the Capital Improvement fund and Reserve for Uncollected Taxes went up and State aid has remained the same. The budget cap is a 2% allowance and we were \$347,000 below that. We have \$2,000,000 in surplus because all of our departments came in under their budgets. I think it is a good and prudent budget.

No one else wished to be heard.

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

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

21. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adopt the 2016 Budget.

(Resolution in full on pages 52C through 52D.)

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

- 22. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to resume the regular order of business.

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

- 23. Borough Clerk Nasuto explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

- 24. BE IT RESOLVED that the following solicitor’s licenses, which have 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, 2016:

Power Home Remodeling Group
 485 Route 1 South
 Iselin, NJ 08830
 Purpose: Windows/Siding/Roofing Estimates

#16-927 – Gavin Dubleski
 #16-928 – Bradley Mufson

Storm Guard
 16-00 Route 208
 Suite 205
 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410
 Purpose: Storm Guards

#16-929 – Gregory B. Smith

- 25. 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 2015 and said list is hereby approved.

- 26. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following April 2016 payrolls be ratified and approved:

April 1, 2016

Current Fund	\$ 298,174.86
Social Security/Medicare	12,739.37
Community Center	2,802.71
Library	<u>11,548.92</u>
	\$ 325,265.86

April 15, 2016

Current Fund	\$ 294,699.89
Social Security/Medicare	12,722.07
Community Center	2,479.87
Library	<u>11,307.62</u>
	\$ 321,209.45

27. 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>QUAL</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2 nd Qtr 2016		92.06	5	Richard & Grace Rotondo 17 Crest Drive North Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 636.98
1 st Qtr 2015	CT021	181	2	Ulrike Berth 58 Linwood Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$2,564.23
1 st Qtr 2015		19	4	John & Donna Lynn Smith 43 Grant Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 65.00
3 rd Qtr 2015		49	627	J. Chung & S. Jung Park 134 5 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$3,545.95

28. WHEREAS, Cresskill-Alpine Baseball League has applied for a parade permit for Saturday, April 23, 2016, in accordance with the provisions of Section 230-67 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the said applicants appear to have met all requirements of the said code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that a permit be issued to the Cresskill-Alpine Baseball League for a parade on Saturday, April 23, 2016, rain date Saturday, April 30, 2016 on the following route:

1. Assemble at the Cresskill High School at 9:30 AM.
2. Beginning at 10:00 AM, parade will march onto Cresskill Avenue, turn left onto Union Avenue and continue through town.
3. Parade will then proceed on Dogwood Lane and down Margie Avenue to the International Field at Piermont Road and Margie Avenue.

29. Title: Support to Deny Parole for Christopher Righetti

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1976, Kim Montelaro, a resident of New Milford, Bergen County, then 20 years old, was forcibly abducted, brutally assaulted and murdered by repeat offender, Christopher Righetti; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti, Prisoner #598431, is currently incarcerated for the killing of Kim Montelaro; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti has gone many times before the Parole Board of Northern State Prison. His release was denied each time, as the parole board found that Christopher Righetti was unwilling to take responsibility for abducting, assaulting and murdering Kim Montelaro; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Righetti has never shown any remorse for his crime and has made no substantial progress in addressing the issues that led him to murder Kim Montelaro and has demonstrated a substantial risk for recidivism; and

WHEREAS, Kim's family should not be made to relive this horrible crime every few years when there is a parole hearing. They are forced to travel long distances from their current residence in Florida each time there is a parole hearing for their daughter's killer. They continue to suffer unnecessarily on Christopher Righetti's account; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the efforts of the Montelaro Family, the Borough of Cresskill hereby supports the position that Christopher Righetti should not be granted parole and should serve out the full remainder of his life sentence. If a future eligibility date is set, we urge the Board to select a date at least 35 years from now. The abduction, rape and murder of an innocent young woman is a serious crime that demands justice; and the family of Kim Montelaro should be given the peace of mind of knowing that their daughter's murderer will remain behind bars for the rest of his life, as ordered by the court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Cresskill hereby abides by the conclusion that Christopher Righetti be denied parole and be made to serve out his life sentence, otherwise this creates a grave injustice to the family of Kim Montelaro as well as to society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Bergen County Police Chiefs Association, the New Jersey PBA, the Office of the Bergen County Prosecutor, Keep NJ Safe, and to Chairman James T. Plousis of the New Jersey State Parole Board.

30. BE IT RESOLVED, as recommended by the Municipal Pool Commission, that the following refund, be authorized from the Municipal Swim Club Account:

Sergei Kochlatyi & Irina Kagrananov
110 5th Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$470.00

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

WHEREAS, the following participants are unable to attend;

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

Victoria Gelman
(for: Ido Gelman)
473 12th Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$155.00

Dennis Madison
(for: Jack Madison)
70 Monroe Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$199.00

Melissa Rudner
(for: Jacob Rudner)
165 Grant Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$140.00

Monalisa Disaverio
(for: Isabella Disaverio)
80 South Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$140.00

David Paz
(for: Peleg Paz)
105 Mezzine Drive
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$140.00

Gregory Dedeian
(for: Lily Dedeian)
90 Delmar Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$140.00

Brian Glantz
 (for: Nicolette Glantz)
 488 12th Street
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Amount: \$295.00

Leslie Kania
 (for: Liam Kania)
 53 Palisades Avenue
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Amount: \$140.00

32. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)
 ADJUSTMENT TO THE LOSAP AWARD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has not provided for an annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to the LOSAP award; and

WHEREAS, without this provision, the Borough must authorize increases to the LOSAP contribution by Resolution not subject to a public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, authorizes an annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to the maximum LOSAP award for programs in effect since 1999 in the amount of \$1,614.00 for the year 2015.

Miscellaneous Business

33. Approve the following Raffle License for Casino Night:

RL 1377 American Legion Post #21 Camp Merritt June 10, 2016

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

34. No one wished to be heard.
35. 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.

36. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis 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.

37. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 56A through 56E.)

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.]

39. Mayor Romeo reminded everyone that the Earth Fair and the Little League parade is this Saturday. The High School band will be marching in Washington D.C. for Memorial Day so the Bergenfield band will march for our parade before the Bergenfield parade.

No one else wished to be heard.

40. 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.

41. Motion at 7:52 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