

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

1. Council Member Tsigounis 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 7:41 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis  
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Vaccaro, Chief Wrixon  
Absent: Council Member Olmo
5. Motion by Council Member Cleary and seconded by Council Member Savas to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of September 3, 2014.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

## COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Environmental Commission	July 24, 2014
Library Board of Trustees	June 16, 2014
Planning Board	August 26, 2014

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## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said the CEC's Carlson Park project is on track. Mike Swan, the new co-chair will be meeting with Supt. Terhune to lay out a plan. Asst. Principal Bergamini will be in touch with Borough Attorney Salvatore about insurance and liability issues in regard to the high school students doing outside projects for some of our senior residents. The library is looking for a location for their second book drop off box.

Council Member Savas said the last concert of the summer was on September 12<sup>th</sup>. It was under the pavilion and was well attended. Next year we are going to promote the summer concerts and drive-in movie nights more because they were so successful. Councilman Olmo and I recently met with the Fair Lawn Parks and Recreation Director. We toured their beautiful facility and he explained how their operation works.

Council Member Cleary said at tomorrow night's JIF meeting he will turn in his report on the Borough's electronics and computers.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

\*Resolutions

9. 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 for overpayment of 2014 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
112	30.02	Lereta, LLC 1123 Park View Drive Covina, CA 91724 <i>(Re: 394 11<sup>th</sup> Street)</i>	\$10,136.98

10. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that Douglas M. Carroll III be approved for part time employment in the Community Center, at a salary of \$8.25 per hour effective immediately.

11. WHEREAS, application was made for a building permit and escrow money was deposited for soil movement; and

WHEREAS, final inspection was made and certificate of occupancy was issued.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following balance in Developer’s Trust 176 be returned to:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Acct. No.</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lumaj Builders, LLC 545 Route 17 South, Ste. 2005 Ridgewood, NJ 07450	DE-176	189	8	\$197.84

12. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Laurel Carnazza be appointed as part-time Court Administrator in the Cresskill Municipal Court, effective immediately, at a salary in accordance with Ordinance No. 13-13-1456.

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

<u>September 19, 2014</u>	
Current Fund	\$ 275,834.05
Social Security/Medicare	11,422.25
Community Center	2,335.55
Pool Commission	7,743.05
Library	<u>13,992.65</u>
	\$ 311,327.55

14. MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK - OCTOBER 5-11, 2014

WHEREAS, mental illness is a term used for a group of disorders causing severe disturbances of thinking, feeling and relating; and

WHEREAS, mental illness can affect persons of any age, sex, race, religion, social and economic background; and

WHEREAS, during the course of any given year, 5.5 million Americans are disabled by severe mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of all people with diagnosable mental disorders do not seek treatment because of stigma, ignorance, and lack of appropriate service and treatment options; and

WHEREAS, mental illness impacts 1 in 4 individuals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Cresskill recognizes and proclaims the week of October 5-11, 2014 as Mental Illness Awareness Week, as I have set forth my hand and seal on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of 2014.

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Mayor Benedict Romeo

15. WHEREAS, Arnold Serchuk is the taxpayer of real estate designated as Block 301, Lot 3 on the official tax map of the Borough of Cresskill and better known as 260 Wilson Drive, Cresskill, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Arnold Serchuk has made application to the Tax Court of New Jersey to have the assessment of the property listed above adjusted for tax years 2012 and 2013, and to carry through in 2014 and 2015; and

WHEREAS, the parties to said action have agreed that the assessment for 2012 is \$1,534,900, the assessment for 2013 is \$1,336,200, the assessment for 2014 is \$1,311,200 and the Freeze Act to remain for 2015 only; 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 only apply to tax year 2015; 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> 301	<u>Lot</u> 3	<u>Street Address</u> 260 Wilson Drive	
<u>Year: 2012</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u>
LAND:	\$ 479,500	\$ 479,500	\$ 479,500
IMPROVEMENTS:	<u>\$1,055,400</u>	<u>\$1,055,400</u>	<u>\$1,055,400</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,534,900	\$1,534,900	\$1,534,900
<u>Year: 2013</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u>
LAND:	\$ 479,500	\$ 479,500	\$ 479,500
IMPROVEMENTS:	<u>\$1,055,400</u>	<u>\$1,055,400</u>	<u>\$ 856,700</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,534,900	\$1,534,900	\$1,336,200
<u>Year: 2014</u>	<u>Original Assessment</u>	<u>County Board Judgment</u>	<u>Requested Tax Court Judgment</u>
LAND:	\$ 479,500	\$ 479,500	\$ 479,500
IMPROVEMENTS:	<u>\$1,055,400</u>	<u>\$1,055,400</u>	<u>\$ 831,700</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,534,900	\$1,534,900	\$1,311,200

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 adjustments to the assessment.

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

16. No one wished to be heard.

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

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

18. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Mueller 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.

19. Motion by Council Member Savas 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 133A through 133C.)

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.]

21. Geraldine Kearns of Mahwah said she attended Cresskill Day and it was wonderful. I'll also be attending Safety Night this weekend.

Council Member Savas said Safety Night is on September 20<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 9pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Our Police, Fire and EMS will be there as well as some County Departments. We will have some booths with safety and medical information.

Chief Wrixon said September 20<sup>th</sup> is also the National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the American Legion from dawn to dusk.

No one else wished to be heard.

22. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

