

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETINGSEPTEMBER 2, 2009

1. Police Chief Wrixon 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 Press Journal and 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 Brassel, Brennan, Cleary, Savas, Thomasma
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Vaccaro, Laufeld, McKim, Chief Wrixon
Absent: Council Member Olmo
5. Motion by Council Member Brennan and seconded by Council Member Brassel to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of August 12, 2009.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Community Center Board of Trustees
Planning Board

June 8, 2009
August 11, 2009

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Savas said the woman whose house was destroyed in the storm is back at work and very appreciative to the local organizations and residents that helped them out with the \$2,500 in donations. They are doing well and she is going to write a letter to the editor of The Suburbanite thanking everyone.

Council Member Brennan said he attended the St. Baldrick's fundraiser at the Firehouse. My 11-year old son shaved his head and came in second place with \$2,198 in donations.

Council Member Brassel said the Environmental Commission is still receiving good feedback about EARTHfest09.

Historical Committee - The planned event for poetry readings at the Tallman House never came to fruition.

DPW – the road resurfacing project of Devonshire and Grant Ave. is bearing on Paul Azzolina and should be starting shortly. Benches are still being installed in the parks and are making a big difference.

Council Member Cleary said the Fire Chief also shaved his head and raised \$1,000.

NEW BUSINESS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

9. 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:

Sanguyeon Lee
(for: Soomin & Soobyeong Lee)
66 Merritt Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$300.00

Alan Araje
(for: Christian & Alejandro Araje)
4 Lambs Lane
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$198.00

Nancy Picinich
(for: David and James Picinich)
2 Fenway Court
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$140.00

Charlie Hong
(for: Ashlyn and Eryn Hong)
19 Burton Place
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$30.00

10. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE BERGEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2009 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Borough of Cresskill agrees to renew its membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.

2. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality's intention to renew its membership.

11. WHEREAS, the Cresskill Volunteer Fire Department has applied for a parade permit for the Northern Valley Fire Chief's Parade on Sunday, October 11, 2009, 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 Volunteer Fire Department for a parade on October 11, 2009 on the following route:

1. Assemble on 12th, 11th, 10th, and other streets that filter into Madison Avenue up by the monument.
2. Beginning at 1:00 PM, the parade will proceed east on Madison Avenue to Jefferson Avenue.
3. Parade will then continue north on Jefferson Avenue, east onto Grant Avenue to Union Avenue, south on Washington Street to East Madison Avenue, west on East Madison Avenue past the Firehouse to Third Street, terminating at the Third Street Fields.
4. Parade should take about 2 hours.

12. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following August 2009 payroll be ratified and approved:

August 28, 2009

Current Fund	\$ 203,612.44
Social Security/Medicare	8,815.98
Community Center	1,273.39
Municipal Pool	<u>24,925.12</u>
	\$ 238,626.93

13. WHEREAS, the Police Chief has requested the purchase of one (1) 2010 Ford Expedition in the amount of \$34,925.16; 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 #A73844 from Winner Ford, Inc., 250 Haddonfield Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034.

Miscellaneous Business

14. Approve the following Raffle License:

RL 1283	Cresskill Woman's Club	1/19/10, 2/23/10, 3/16/10, 4/20/10 and 5/11/10
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REMARKS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE CONSENT AGENDA ONLY [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

15. Mayor Romeo said Asst. Fire Chief Neil Hartmann is here to request hanging a banner across Union Avenue for the Northern Valley Fire Chief's parade. Do we need to have it

on the agenda to approve the banner? Borough Clerk Nasuto said it does not, the Mayor and Council can just approve it, which they did.

No one else wished to be heard.

- 16. Motion by Council Member Brennan 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 Brennan 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 Brennan 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

- 19. Resolution by Council Member Thomasma and seconded by Council Member Brennan:

(Resolution in full on pages 117A through 117F.)

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. Richard Calabrese, 42 Engle Street said that since Ed Wrixon has been appointed Chief of Police, the quality of life in Cresskill is better. Mayor Romeo said the Mayor and Council and Police Dept. are working hand in hand and everyone’s getting along.

Mr. Calabrese asked what the \$840 check to Stage Right Broadway Trips was for. Mayor Romeo advised that the Recreation Dept. has scheduled a trip to see a play. The kids pay the Recreation Dept. and the town cuts one check for the tickets.

Mr. Calabrese asked who the liaison to the Tax Assessor is. Mayor Romeo said that it’s Councilman Thomasma. Mr. Calabrese asked if Councilman Thomasma would assist him because when he met with Mr. Anzevino after the last reassessment he felt he was basically dismissed. My neighbor’s home values went up \$15K to \$20K and mine went up by \$85K, and all I did was put in a new furnace and hot water heater. He told me the assessed values go by comparable sales. He never asked how much I was looking to have it lowered and said I should go to the County to appeal. The County lowered the value by \$35K which was more than I was looking for. Currently my neighbor, whose property is larger than mine, is paying less per square foot than I am. My taxes should be lowered or my neighbor’s increased. Mayor Romeo told Mr. Calabrese to get his information together and Councilmen Thomasma and Brassel would meet with him and Mr. Anzevino and look everything over.

Neil Hartmann, 82 Grant Ave. asked if the curbs would be involved when the lower part of Grant Ave. is paved, as his curbs have been ripped up over the years by snow plows. Councilman Brassel said the curbs were not being repaired. Mayor Romeo said he would have DPW Supt. Terhune take a look.

Mayor Romeo said Cresskill Day is on Saturday, September 12th and the Northern Valley Fire Chief's Parade is on Sunday, October 11th.

Mayor Romeo advised we finally have the picture of the one Cresskill Mayor that we were missing, Mayor Guy A. Cowley.

No one else wished to be heard.

21. Motion by Council Member Brennan and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

22. Motion at 7:59 P.M. by Council Member Brennan and seconded by Council Member Savas to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Barbara A. Nasuto
Borough Clerk