

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 29, 2012

1. Dave Philpott led the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The Borough Clerk announced that this is a Special 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 6:11 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Brennan, Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Tsigounis
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Vaccaro, Laufeld, Hamlett, Chief Wrixon, Members of the Fire Dept., Members of the EMS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 12-03-1425 – An Ordinance to fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Cresskill Fire Department

5. Motion at 6:12 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Brennan to introduce Ordinance No. 12-03-1425 – An Ordinance to fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Cresskill Fire Department 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.

6. Council Member Olmo read the title:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND
COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
OF THE CRESSKILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Ordinance in full on page 31A of Minutes of Regular
Mayor and Council Meeting held February 15, 2012.)

7. The Borough Clerk announced that the Ordinance was published in The Record on February 17, 2012 posted in the Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public
8. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
9. No one wished to be heard.
10. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Brennan to close the public hearing.

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

11. 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. 12-03-1425, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND
 COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
 OF THE CRESSKILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

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.

Capital Ordinance No. 12-04-1426 – Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for Terhune Park

12. Motion at 6:13 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Capital Ordinance No. 12-04-1426 – Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for Terhune Park 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.

13. Council Member Olmo read the title:

“CAPTIAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$60,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT TERHUNE PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A COUNTY GRANT AND FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE BOROUGH”

(Ordinance in full on page 32A of Minutes of Regular
 Mayor and Council Meeting held February 15, 2012.)

14. The Borough Clerk announced that the Ordinance was published in The Record on February 17, 2012 posted in the Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public
15. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
16. Mayor Romeo said we received a matching grant from Bergen County and are keeping with our plan to refurbish one park a year.
17. No one else wished to be heard.

18. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Brennan to close the public hearing.

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

19. 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. 12-04-1426, entitled:

“CAPTIAL ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$60,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT TERHUNE PARK IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM A COUNTY GRANT AND FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE BOROUGH”

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.

NEW BUSINESS

20. Mayor Romeo read a letter addressed to Father Sam of St. Therese Church from Social Services Director Carolyn Schultz commending John Brennan, a candidate for Confirmation, for collecting 35 bags of food for the Food Pantry as well as assisting them for 3 hours.

NEW BUSINESS

21. Mayor Romeo said they have worked on what’s about to happen for almost two years. We have decided to go with a combination paid/volunteer Fire Dept. because of the lack of coverage available during the day. I would like to thank Borough Attorney Vincent Salvatore for putting most of this together and Borough Clerk Barbara Nasuto for listening to me and being a great sounding board. This is the right thing to do to protect the citizens of Cresskill. I’m proud of the candidates we’ve put forward and proud of all our volunteers. I think this will become the wave of the future for most towns. Congratulations to all the candidates.

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

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council have, by Ordinance, created a part-paid, part volunteer Cresskill Fire Department ; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor & Council, upon advice from the Fire Commissioners, have agreed to hire Christopher S. Ulshoefer as Chief of the Department, and James J. Lyons II, William J. Oliver IV, and Matthew G. Bickford as paid firefighters; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute contracts employing the aforesaid Chief and firefighters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Borough hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute contracts employing

Christopher S. Ulshoefer as Chief, and James J. Lyons II, William J. Oliver IV and Matthew G. Bickford as paid firefighters, upon the terms and conditions of the contracts annexed hereto.

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

23. Borough Clerk Nasuto swore in Fire Chief Christopher Ulshoefer and Firefighters James J. Lyons II, William J. Oliver IV and Matthew G. Bickford.
24. Police Chief Edward Wrixon thanked the Mayor and Council for taking a bold yet needed step to help protect our town. The Police and Fire Departments have always worked well together. With career firefighters it will take it to a new level. I wish you all safety and success and with the EMS we will make a great 3-way team.

Mayor Romeo thanked all the firefighters for coming to support their brother firefighters. There will be criticism and praise, but we did it for the safety of the residents and property of Cresskill.

Council Member Olmo said this is something that will become a part of the town's history and you are now all a part of the history of when Cresskill hired their first firemen. Congratulations and best of luck.

25. Motion by Council Member Cleary and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

26. Resolution by Council Member Cleary and seconded by Council Member Olmo

RESOLVED that pursuant to Subsection 7(b) of the Open Public Meetings Act the public can be excluded from a public meeting so that proceedings can be conducted in closed session and the Mayor and Council now intending to discuss:

pending or anticipated litigation involving Cresskill;

personnel matters involving employment, appointment, termination, evaluation, discipline or promotion of Cresskill personnel;

negotiations involving employees of Cresskill;

protection of the safety of public property;

matters which, if disclosed, would work an unwarranted invasion of privacy;

purchase or lease of real property;

deliberations after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a penalty or loss or suspension of a license or permit;

matters which, if disclosed, would impair a right to receive United States Government funds;

matters rendered confidential by Federal or State law;

this meeting shall be continued in closed session and the discussion in closed session shall be disclosed to the public upon taking final action thereon, provided disclosure shall not release the attorney-client privilege or constitute an undue invasion of privacy.

RESOLVED further that although not now anticipated, the Mayor and Council reserve the right to return to open session upon conclusion of the closed session.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous.

Resolution adopted.

27. Motion at 6:31 P.M. by Council Member Cleary and seconded by Council Member Brennan to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous.

Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Barbara A. Nasuto
Borough Clerk