BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 16, 2020

- 1. Michael Stevens 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 <u>The Record</u> and delivery to all members of the governing body.
- 3. Mayor Romeo called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.
- 4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Mueller, Savas, Spina Also Present: Chief Wrixon, Deputy Chief Domville, Members of the Police Department Absent: Council Member Olmo
- 5. Resolution by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that following be appointed full-time Police Officer in the Cresskill Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective December 16, 2020, Michael Stevens is hereby appointed to the position of full-time Police Officer in accordance with the pay scale in PBA Local #180 contract effective 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Michael Stevens, Cresskill Police Department; Edward Wrixon; Cresskill Police Chief; and Harold Laufeld III, Borough CFO.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Resolution adopted.

- 6. Borough Clerk Maragliano swore in Police Officer Michael Stevens.
- 7. Resolution by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that following be appointed full-time Police Officer in the Cresskill Police Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective December 16, 2020, Bryan Gil is hereby appointed to the position of full-time Police Officer in accordance with the pay scale in PBA Local #180 contract effective 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bryan Gil, Cresskill Police Department; Edward Wrixon; Cresskill Police Chief; and Harold Laufeld III, Borough CFO.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Resolution adopted.

- 8. Borough Clerk Maragliano swore in Police Officer Bryan Gil.
- 9. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of December 2, 2020.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

10. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

November 24, 2020

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

- 11. No Reports.
- 12. Borough Clerk Maragliano explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

13. WHEREAS the Borough of Cresskill, NJ, has experienced natural hazards that result in public safety hazards and damage to private and public property; and

WHEREAS the hazard mitigation planning process set forth by the State of New Jersey and the Federal Emergency Management Agency offers the opportunity to consider natural hazards and risks, and to identify mitigation actions to reduce future risk; and

WHEREAS the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management is providing federal mitigation funds to support development of the mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS a Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Mitigation Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS the Hazard Mitigation Plan includes a prioritized list of mitigation actions including activities that, over time, will help minimize and reduce safety threats and damage to private and public property; and

WHEREAS the draft plan was provided to each participating jurisdiction and was posted on the County Office of Emergency Management's website so as to introduce the planning concept and to solicit questions and comments; and to present the Plan and request comments, as required by law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill:

- 1. The Bergen County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, as submitted to the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency on August 7, 2020 by the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management is hereby adopted as an official plan of the Borough of Cresskill; minor revisions recommended by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and/or the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management may be incorporated without further action.
- 2. The Borough of Cresskill departments identified in the Plan are hereby directed to pursue implementation of the recommended high priority activities that are assigned to their departments.
- 3. Any action proposed by the Plan shall be subject to and contingent upon budget approval, if required, which shall be at the discretion of the Borough of Cresskill, and this resolution shall not be interpreted so as to mandate any such appropriations.

4. The Emergency Management Coordinator is designated to coordinate with other offices and shall periodically report on the activities, accomplishments, and progress, and shall prepare an annual progress report to be submitted to the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management. The status reports shall be submitted on a yearly basis by a predetermined date as agreed upon by all stakeholders.

PASSED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, this 16th day of December, 2020.

14. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL AND THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

WHEREAS, The Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Cresskill seek to enter into an Interlocal Agreement wherein the Borough of Paramus will provide labor and maintenance services on vehicles owned by the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, both of the parties to such an Agreement are authorized by law to enter into an agreement with one another to provide jointly for any lawful service to and for the residents of the respective municipalities pursuant to the provisions of the "Interlocal Services Act" N.J.S.A 40:8A-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Cresskill recognize the implementation of an Interlocal Agreement to provide labor and maintenance services is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the respective municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, hereby authorize the execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough of Paramus for a period of one (1) year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2021 and end on December 31, 2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of same shall be set forth in the Agreement which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill hereby authorize the execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough of Paramus, subject to the approval of the Paramus Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agreement shall take effect upon the execution of same and adoption of Resolution by both parties as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Agreement be maintained on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk.

15. WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee has scheduled virtual programs; and

WHEREAS, the following participant was unable to attend;

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

Hannah Lee (for: Addison Lee)
273 Jefferson Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$20.00

16. WHEREAS, the following Swim Pool Operating Budget appropriation balances remain unexpended:

Swim Pool Operating Fund	
Salaries and Wages	\$41,000.00
Other Expenses	50,000.00
Social Security	4,000.00
TOTAL	\$95,000.00

17. WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally cancel said balances so that the unexpended balances may be credited to Surplus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, that the above listed unexpended balances of the Swim Pool Operating Fund be canceled.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following old outstanding checks be cancelled from the records of the Borough.

Claims Fund

<u>Date</u>	Check No.	<u>Amount</u>
06-06-19	27222	\$ 35.00
07-18-19	27466	50.00
07-18-19	27546	56.05
08-15-19	27716	20.00
10-17-19	28171	81.21
11-07-19	28288	<u>75.31</u>
Total		\$ 317.57
	Recreation Umpire	
01-21-17	1126	\$ 90.00
01-28-17	1128	90.00
05-07-18	1238	90.00
		\$ 270.00

- 18. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the Mayor is authorized to sign an Interlocal Service Agreement for TV Inspection Services with the Northwest Bergen County Utilities Authority for 2021 and 2022.
- 19. 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:

TAX PERIOD	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	QUAL	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4 th qtr 2020	91.06	23		Kaufman, Semeraro & Leibman, LLP Trust Account 2 Executive Drive – Suite 530 Fort Lee, NJ 07024 (for: 87 Hoover Drive)	\$ 2,745.73
4 th qtr 2020	92.03	14		Pinchas Hecht & Anat Sherf 8 Kenilworth Drive Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 3,334.27

3 rd & 4 th qtr 2020	92.03	12	Pinchas Hecht & Anat Sherf 8 Kenilworth Drive Cresskill, NJ 07626 (for: Kenilworth Drive)	\$ 1,129.44
4 th qtr 2020	137	329.01	LERETA, LLC Attn: Central Refunds 901 Corporate Center Drive Pomona, CA 91768 (for: 46 Pershing Place)	\$ 1,079.81
State Board Judgment	41	1.05	CNL Retirement Suni Cresskill, NJ c/o Garippa, Lotz & Giannuario 7902 Westpark Drive McClean, VA 22102 (for 3 Tenakill Park Drive East	

20. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following December 2020 payroll be ratified and approved:

December 18, 2020

Current Fund	\$ 360,064.91
Social Security/Medicare	14,266.19
Community Center	2,195.61
Library	11,460.32
-	\$ 387,987.03

21. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following transfers be made in the 2020 budget appropriations:

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	Account	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
General Administration – S/W Municipal Clerk – S/W	100-010 145-010	2,000.00	2,000.00
Financial Administration – O/E Financial Administration – S/W	130-020 130-010	3,000.00	3,000.00
General Administration – S/W Computerized Data Processing – O/E	100-010 140-020	7,000.00	7,000.00
Group Insurance Plans for Employees Emergency Medical Services – O/E Fire Hydrant – O/E Fire Department – O/E Fire Department – S/W	220-020 252-020 257-020 255-020 255-010	7,000.00 4,000.00 4,000.00 15,000.00	30,000.00
Group Insurance Plans for Employees Streets and Roads – S/W	220-020 290-010	20,000.00	20,000.00
Buildings and Grounds – S/W Buildings and Grounds – O/E	310-010 310-020	7,000.00	7,000.00
Police – School Marshalls Police – S/W	245-010 240-010	15,000.00	15,000.00
Group Insurance Plans for Employees Defined Contribution Retirement System	220-020 473-000	8,000.00 10,000.00	

PERS Landfill Disposal Costs – O/E	471-000 465-230	10,000.00	28,000.00
Natural Gas Street Lighting	446-000 435-000	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total		117,000.00	117,000.00

22. <u>Resolution to Cancel Tax Overpayments</u>

WHEREAS, there are certain 2018 and 2019 tax overpayments that should be cancelled from the Borough of Cresskill tax records in the amount of \$5,894.33.

Block	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
36 92.03 137	178 18 313	\$ 402.33 \$5,472.00 \$ 20.00 \$5,894.33	2018 Tax Overpayment 2018 Tax Overpayment 2019 Tax Overpayment
		\$5,894.33	

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the above amounts from the tax records.

23. WHEREAS, redemption money has been received to redeem Tax Sale Certificate 19-00005, Block 158, Lot 56, also known as 55 Delmar Avenue, Cresskill, NJ in the amount of \$18,936.04.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that, effective immediately, the amount of \$18,936.04 and premium paid by lienholder in the amount of \$7,000.00 for total of \$25,936.04 be paid to:

Robert Rothman 411 Grand Avenue Englewood, NJ 07631

24. WHEREAS, the Council on July 15, 2020 awarded the Construction Contract for the project known as 2020 Road Program, to American Asphalt and Milling Service, LLC; and

WHEREAS, American Asphalt and Milling Services, LLC has requested payment for the current work completed to date; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, Azzolina & Fuery by way of email dated December 14, 2020 (a copy of which is attached) has certified that the work is completed as stated and recommends progress payment # 2 in the amount of \$200,380.52; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that funds are available;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Borough Treasurer is authorized to make progress payment #2 to American Asphalt & Milling Services LLC in the amount of \$200,380.52.

Payment No. 2 CR-996- 2020 Road Improvement Program

Value Work Completed	\$ 681,891.70
Less 2% Retainage	(\$13,637.83)
Total Due to Date	\$ 467,873.35
Total Previously Paid	\$ 467,873.35
Total Amount Due this Estimate	\$ 200,380.52
Amount due progress Payment #2	\$ 200,380.52

25. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that following be appointed as full-time Police Dispatchers in the Cresskill Police Department effective January 1, 2021, at salary in accordance with Ordinance No. 20-07-1557.

Name Terrence McCabe Andrew Gluckman

26. WHEREAS, Anthony Iovino, AIA, has been appointed Municipal Architect to design the Borough's Affordable Housing Project; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution of Approval dated July 17, 2020 required that each stage of the Development be pre-approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Iovino presented a Flat Fee Proposal for the Design & Construction Services as further outlined in his November 23, 2020, Correspondence, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth in its entirety, in the amount of \$65,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Cresskill does hereby approve the Design & Construction Services Fee Proposal submitted by Anthony Iovino, AIA, Municipal Architect for the Municipality's Affordable Housing Project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be served upon Anthony Iovino, Borough Architect; Edward Wrixon, Borough Administrator; Harold Laufeld, CFO; and Francesca Maragliano.

Motions

27. Appoint Doctor Kiran Jotwani to the Board of Health for the unexpired term ending 12/31/22.

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

- 28. No one wished to be heard.
- 29. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

30. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina 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.

31. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

32. Resolution by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Savas:

(Resolution in full on pages 180A through 180I.)

Roll Call:	Yes – Unanimous	Resolution adopted.
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REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE BOROUGH [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

33. Council Member Savas said a constituent asked her to bring up an ongoing issue. People are blocking driveways by the Merritt School shortening the turn radius from Dogwood causing a hazardous situation as cars then have to back into the crosswalk to make the turn. Chief Wrixon said he'll have an officer watch the area for a few days.

Council Member Spina asked if there were renovations being done to the Tallman House. The CEC wants us to be aware they are storing things in the basement. Mayor Romeo said there's thought of doing some but nothing right now.

Council Member Kaplan said the Menorah lighting went well with a very small crowd.

Mayor Romeo said he received the Hazard Mitigation Plan that needs to be filled out.

No one else wished to be heard.

34. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

35. Motion at 5:21 P.M. by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo	
Mayor	
	Francesca Maragliano
	Borough Clerk