BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 7, 2021

- 1. Kathy Schultz-Rummel 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 7:39 P.M.
- 4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Chief Wrixon, Deputy Chief Domville
- 5. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of March 17, 2021.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board March 9, 2021

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said we have new members on the BOH and more activities. October 27th will be the Cresskill 5k race. Holy Name Medical Center will be sending their mobile education lab to the Community Center parking lot on June 12th for wellness screenings.

Council Member Kaplan said Tom Sites of the Historical Committee is working on a web page. Tom is grateful to Mike Hamlett for providing access to the borough archives. Tom has also been in touch with the DPW about putting in a walk leading to the Tallman House. In the spring the DPW will put in the post for the approved signage and the Mayor and Council are invited for a photo shoot. Mayor Romeo said an Eagle Scout will be putting in a bench donated by a local nursery.

Council Member Olmo said the Pool Commission is preparing for the opening of the pool.

Council Member Savas said the indoor sports season is done and we had a successful Easter drive-thru event. Spring sports start this weekend and summer recreation registration opens April 19th. Also, we are working on getting the Senior Center reopened.

Mayor Romeo read a Dedication for Crossing Guard Joseph Diggins for 30 years of Service.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Bond Ordinance No. 21-21-1571 – 2021 Road Improvement Program

8. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Spina to amend the 2021 Temporary Capital Budget.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Kaplan. Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina

No – None Absent – None Abstain – None Resolution adopted.

(Resolution in full on pages 39A through 39B.)

9. Council Member Olmo announced receipt of Supplemental Debt Statement.

(Supplemental Debt Statement in full on pages 39C through 39G.)

10. Motion at 7:47 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to introduce Bond Ordinance No. 21-21-1571 – 2021 Road Improvement Program on first reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina

No – None Absent – None Abstain – None Motion adopted.

11. Council Member Olmo read the title:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,420,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

(Bond Ordinance in full on pages 39H through 39L.)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance 21-21-1571 entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,420,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 21st day of April, 2021, at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Mayor and Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its

introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina

No – None Absent – None Abstain – None Resolution adopted.

13. Borough Clerk Maragliano explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

14. 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</u> <u>PERIOD</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	QUAL	<u>NAME</u>	AMOUNT
2 nd qtr 2019	207	6		Menahem & Iris Lehr 41 Buckingham Road Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 479.28
1 st qtr 2020	124	566		Budco Luxurious Home Builders, LLC 438 Andre Avenue Northvale, NJ 07647 (for: 314 11th Street)	\$ 3,701.00
1 st qtr 2020	301	8		Ran & Isabelle Eliasaf 26 Jackson Drive Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 7,717.00
4 th qtr 2020	91.04	9		Jose & Wilma Negron 23 North Pond Road Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 2,864.90

15. RESOLUTION APPOINTING CERTIFYING OFFICER FOR DIVISION OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS IN THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits requires all municipalities to designate a Certifying Officer and Supervising Certifying Officer to certify the accuracy and validity of all documents and forms sent to the Division of Pensions and Benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows, effectively immediately:

- 1. The Certifying Officer for the Borough of Cresskill Public Employees Retirement System and Police and Fire Retirement System shall be Catherine Glynn;
- 2. The Supervising Certifying Officer for the Borough Cresskill Public Employees Retirement and Police and Fire Retirement System shall be Alison Altano, Acting Chief Financial Officer;

3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be filed with the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits.

CERTIFICATION

I, Francesca Maragliano, Municipal Clerk of the Borough Cresskill in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Governing Body at the meeting of April 7, 2021.

Benedict Romeo	
Mayor	
Francesca Maragliano	
Borough Clerk	

16. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Cresskill wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract ("Contract") with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$100,000.00 matching grant award from the 2020 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("Trust Fund") for the municipal project entitled Merrifield Way Park, located at 43 Merrifield Way in Blocks 3.01;4 Lots 1,2,3,4,7 and 12 on the tax maps of the Borough of Cresskill;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement CONTRACT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about February 16, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs to payment and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund's requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should there be an unexpended balance at the completion of the project, Professional Services Costs will be reimbursed from grant award's unexpended balance in accordance with the Municipal Park Improvement Program Rules & Procedures Manual.

This resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill at a meeting on April 7, 2021.

17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following March and April 2021 payrolls be ratified and approved:

March 26, 2021

Current Fund	\$ 384,317.40
Community Center	3,654.60
Library	12,183.72
	\$ 400,155,72

April 9, 2021

Current Fund	\$ 363,334.91
Community Center	3,416.97
Library	12,348.96
-	\$ 379 100 84

18. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following be appointed as part-time Police Dispatcher in the Cresskill Police Department effective April 7, 2021, at salary in accordance with Ordinance No. 21-18-1568.

Name Joseph Gambardella

19. BE IT RESOLVED that the following applications for Filling Station Licenses for the year 2021 be and hereby are granted, having been approved by the proper officials:

<u>OPERATOR</u>	TRADING AS	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Lukoil, LLC	Circle Mart, Inc.	229 Knickerbocker Road
Vijay Bawa	Delta Fuel, Inc.	108 Piermont Road

20. WHEREAS, Planning Board applications, soil permit applications and tree escrow were required for several properties; and

WHEREAS, escrow accounts were established for this work; and

WHEREAS, the work has been completed and inspected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following refunds of Developer Escrow accounts be made:

Account No.	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lots</u>	Applicant	Amount
DE-328	213	1	Nazar Pereymybida 64 Eisenhower Drive Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 168.00
DE-330	35	245	Brian Moscarella & Beatriz Nunez 182 7 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 750.25
DE-347	137	329.02	Avi Lavon 55 Kennedy Drive Cresskill, NJ 07626 (for: 40 Pershing Place)	\$ 2,528.25
DE-357	18	5	57 Cresskill Avenue LLC 1101 Rio Vista Drive Mahwah, NJ 07430 (for: 57 Cresskill Avenue)	\$ 1,361.75
DE-405	33	337.01	Joseph & Louann Funiciello 359 East Madison Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 (for: 182 Madison Avenue)	\$ 1,648.50
DE-415	127	385	Danny & Melissa Panarotto 164 14 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 333.50

DE-419 192 13 David Duff Building Contractors \$ 278.00

P.O. Box 661 Alpine, NJ 07620

(for: 285 Brookside Avenue)

21. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Daniel Vitellaro be approved for full-time employment as Laborer/Driver/Equipment Operator in the Public Works Department effective April 12, 2021, at an annual salary in accordance with Ordiance No. 20-17-1557.

Motions

22. Appoint Dr. James Guarrera to the Board of Health for term ending 12/31/22.

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

- 23. No one wished to be heard.
- 24. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

25. Motion by Council Member Olmo 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.

26. Motion by Council Member Olmo 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 43A through 43J.)

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.]

28. Mayor Romeo said Covid seems to be getting under control. We submitted another request and funding for putting a bridge across the Tenakill. We expect final approval from the DEP for the COAH project on the corner of Washington Street and East Madison Avenue. The Planning Board approved the project at 1 Union Avenue and we're still on target with our COAH obligation through 2025.

Council Member Spina asked the schedule for the corner lot on Knickerbocker Road and Grant Avenue. Mayor Romeo said they are almost ready to put in the slab on the old gas

station location. It will face Knickerbocker and have offices downstairs with apartments upstairs, one being a COAH studio.

Council Member Kaplan thanked Council Member Savas and Jason Mitchell for keeping our Recreation programs going through these trying times. Mayor Romeo agreed saying we are one of the only towns that have a Recreation program.

No one else wished to be heard.

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

30. Motion at 7:55 P.M. by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Francesca Maragliano

Borough Clerk