

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETINGMAY 2, 2018

1. Paul Lerch 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 7:42 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Laufeld, Maragliano, Chief Wrixon, Borough Auditor Lerch
5. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of April 18, 2018.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

April 10, 2018

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said he's done a little more research on the dos and don'ts on dog parks.

Council Member Tsigounis said she attended the Earth Fair in Demarest and our Environmental Commission had a great booth. Carol Banicki of the Historical Committee said that Merritt School received a historic preservation award for its architectural significance. There will be a ceremony at the Bergen County Administration building on May 10th at 7:00 pm and everyone is invited.

Council Member Savas said the Recreation Committee meeting is tonight. The Summer Fun program is almost to capacity and we are currently interviewing for a Camp Director and 12 adult Head Counselors.

Council Member Cleary said he also attended the Earth Fair.

Council Member Mueller said more residents seem to be coming to see Assessor Jim Anzevino and working things out on their reassessments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 18-10-1522 – Amend Chapter 101-3 Fees - Construction Codes, Uniform

8. Motion at 7:46 PM by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 18-10-1522 - Amend Chapter 101-3 Fees - Construction Codes, Uniform on final reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

9. Council Member Savas read the title:

AMEND CHAPTER 101-3 FEES – CONTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM

(Ordinance in full on pages 86A through 86D in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held April 18, 2018.)

10. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on April 20, 2018, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public
11. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
12. Bernard Yoo, 81 Rose Street asked if the fees are just for new construction or any repairs or renovations. Mayor Romeo said many of the fees have been increased because we were under what the state said we should be charging.

No one else wished to be heard.

13. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

14. Resolution by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo:

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. 18-10-1522, entitled:

AMEND CHAPTER 101-3 FEES – CONTRUCTION CODES, UNIFORM

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Public Hearing – 2018 Budget

15. Motion at 7:49 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to suspend the regular order of business to hold a public hearing on the 2018 Budget.

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

16. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to waive reading in full of the 2018 Budget.

(Resolution in full on page 93A.)

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

(2018 Budget in full on pages 74B through 74III
 of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held April 4, 2018.)

17. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to conduct Self-Examination of Annual Budget.

(Resolution in full on page 94A.)

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

18. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public on the 2018 Budget. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

19. Mayor Romeo said the budget is \$20,242,600 and the main increases are from debt service, reserve for tax appeals, uncollected taxes, police and fire pensions and salary increases. It works out to approximately a \$69 increase on the average home. We've been fiscally responsible and are using the money wisely.

No one else wished to be heard.

20. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

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

21. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adopt the 2018 Budget.

(Resolution in full on pages 94B through 94C.)

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

22. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to resume the regular order of business.

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

28. WHEREAS, cash escrow deposits have been paid to the Borough of Cresskill for legal fees in connection with Zoning Board applications for variances within the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the applications have been heard and approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, balances remain in the escrow accounts which are no longer required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following balances in the Trust Accounts be refunded:

<u>ESCROW #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ZE 370	Frank DeCarlo PO Box 531 Alpine NJ 07620 <i>(for: 273 Magnolia Ave.)</i>	\$10.00
ZE 369	Sejong Park 29 Crest Drive South Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$10.00
ZE 368	Liron Gur 344 11 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$10.00
ZE 371	Ilan Doron 27 Clark Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$10.00
ZE 372	James Lee & Jung Yi 35 Oak Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$10.00
ZE 377	Masahiko Fukano 41 Allen Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$10.00

29. WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee has scheduled various programs; and

WHEREAS, the following participant was unable to attend;

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

Sarah Jane Jeannite
(for: Julien Marseille)
1000 Tenakill Park Drive, Apt. 1108
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$150.00

30. WHEREAS, the Construction Code Official has requested the purchase of a 2018 Police Interceptor Utility All Wheel Drive Vehicle in the amount of \$27,970.00.

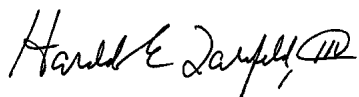
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill authorizes the purchase under State Contract #A88728 from Winner Ford Inc., 250 Haddonfield Berlin Road, Cherry Hill NJ 08034.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

Account: Construction Code Official – Other Expenses

Account No.: 8-01-22-195-051

Certification of Funds:



Harold E. Laufeld III
Chief Financial Officer

31. WHEREAS, the Police Chief has requested the purchase of Glock style Police Pistols and Accessories in the amount of \$14,524.85.

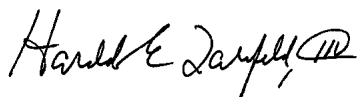
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill authorizes the purchase under State Contract #A81351 from Lawmen Supply Co. of NJ, Inc., 7150 Airport Highway, Pennsauken, NJ 08109.

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified the availability of funds for this contract.

Account: Capital Ordinance No. 18-05-1517

Account No: C-04-55-945-005

Certification of Funds:



Harold E. Laufeld III
Chief Financial Officer

32. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Thomas Shine, Jr. be approved for employment as a probationary full-time Police Dispatcher in the Cresskill Police Department, effective May 14, 2018, at salary in accordance with Ordinance No. 17-12-1506.
33. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that following be approved for part-time employment as Police Dispatchers in the Cresskill Police Department:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Joseph D. Bruttomesso	May 7, 2018	\$16.00 per hour
Christopher Hargrave	May 2, 2018	\$12.50 per hour

34. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following employees be approved for part time seasonal help as Laborers in the Public Works Department at a salary of \$13.00 per hour.

Frank Kraus – effective April 30, 2018

Daniel Smith – effective April 30, 2018

Matthew Domville – effective May 14, 2018

35. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Joseph Bruttomesso be approved for full-time employment as Laborer/Driver/Equipment Operator in the Public Works Department effective May 7, 2018, at an annual salary of \$32,000.

36. BE IT RESOLVED that the following application for Filling Station License for the year 2018 be and hereby are granted, having been approved by the proper officials:

<u>OPERATOR</u>	<u>TRADING AS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Wael Iskandar	Iskoil LLC	229 Knickerbocker Road

37. 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 PERIOD</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3 rd qtr 2018	165	1.02		Karen Inbar & Ran Yizhak 128 Morningside Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$1,470.00
2 nd qtr 2018	14.04	10		Hudson One Title Agency 725 Grand Avenue, Ste. 104 Ridgefield, NJ 07657 <i>(for: 377 12th Street)</i>	\$2,859.00

38. BE IT RESOLVED, as recommended by the Municipal Pool Commission, that the following refund, be authorized from the Municipal Swim Club Account:

Joe & Judy Donovan
217 9th Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$245.00

Miscellaneous Business

39. Approve the following Raffle License:

RL 1407 American Legion Post #21 Camp Merritt June 23, 2018

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

40. No one wished to be heard.
41. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

42. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis 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.

43. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 99A through 99G.)

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.]

45. Mr. Yoo asked how many appeals have been filed so far and how much additional money has been put into the reserve compared to years past? Mayor Romeo said I don't believe it's been increased but we have \$500,000 in reserve. Mr. Yoo asked what happens to the funds if you don't need them. CFO Laufeld said we cancel it to a fund balance. Mrs. Nasuto said we received approximately 140-150 appeals. Mayor Romeo said some are being withdrawn after they meet with the Assessor. Council Member Olmo said the appeals filed are based on the old valuations and not the new reassessment values which are at 100%.

Mr. Yoo asked what the delay was with the houses purchased for the Bryan School addition. Mayor Romeo said we own them, but one resident does not have to be out until October 31st.

Richard Calabrese, 42 Engle Street said the DPW's recycling calendar lists the plastic container numbers that are acceptable for recycling. While at the recycling center, the DPW worker pulled stuff out of my bin that had the acceptable stamped numbers on them and threw them in the garbage. He gave me a pamphlet that said no food containers were allowed. Any idea why? Mayor Romeo said he has not seen the pamphlet but will ask Kevin. Council Member Olmo said the garbage and recycling contracts are up this year and we will be going out to bid.

No one else wished to be heard.

46. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

47. Motion at 8:07 P.M. by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Olmo to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Barbara A. Nasuto
Borough Clerk