

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 20, 2020

1. Council Member Spina 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 7:36 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Kaplan, Olmo, Savas, Spina  
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Chief Wrixon, Deputy Chief Domville  
Absent: Council Members Cleary, Mueller
5. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of May 6, 2020.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

6. Council Member Spina said the Environmental Commission will be having a meeting tonight.

Council Member Savas said the Library had a meeting Monday night and their grant application is ready. They are holding some online programs and are getting quite a few hits. They are working on plans for reopening when allowed.

Recreation has been working hard. They have just opened the tennis courts and have those procedures in place. Recreation Director Jason Mitchell is working on how we can safely open the Summer Fun program. We are going to survey the parents first to see how many potential campers we would have and work from there.

Council Member Cleary joined the meeting.

Council Member Olmo said we're watching the number of applicants we get for the swim club and want to create a policy for refunds if people decide they are not comfortable going to the pool. We're hoping to open it on June 29th, but we're waiting on the Governor's order to see what it entails.

Chief Ulshoefer said that no borough employee contracted the Corona Virus from working conditions. Chief Wrixon said we had a dispatcher with it, but don't know where he got it from.

I spoke to CFO Laufeld about lost revenues from Court, which will not go back into session until September and the Building Dept., where the construction ban was just lifted. We'll have to deal with it next year.

Council Member Kaplan said the Historical Committee is planning to meet on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

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## CONSENT AGENDA

## NEW BUSINESS

\*Resolutions

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

May 22, 2020

Current Fund	\$ 292,765.41
Social Security/Medicare	12,926.12
Community Center	1,854.38
Library	<u>11,946.60</u>
	\$ 319,492.51

9. WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed a Negotiating Committee, to negotiate the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the PBA 180, whose contract expired on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Committee has negotiated and presented a Memorandum of Agreement, which has been accepted by the PBA 180, subject to Acceptance by the Municipality and Execution by Mayor Benedict Romeo; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Impact of the Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by the Finance Committee, who are of the opinion that the Municipality has adequate finances to enter into this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby accept the negotiated recommendations presented by the Borough of Cresskill Negotiating Committee, and does hereby Authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo to execute the Memorandum of Agreement confirming same, subject to the inclusion of the Amended Financial Terms into the revised Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to the PBA Local 180, Harold Laufeld, CFO, Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas, Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

10. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is mandated to fund and administer a Municipal Court for the Cresskill Vicinage; and

WHEREAS, the current Magistrate, Alan Bell, Esq., has submitted his retirement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has established a search committee for the position of Municipal Magistrate; and

WHEREAS, the Search Committee has presented to the Mayor the name of Steven Schuster, Esq. as candidate for the Municipal of Cresskill Magistrate; and

WHEREAS, Steven Schuster, Esq., has been preliminary vetted subject to the AOC review and approval and appointment by the Council so he may be named Municipal Magistrate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council does hereby confirm the Mayor's Appointment of Steven Schuster, Esq., as the New Magistrate for the Borough of Cresskill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Steven Schuster, Esq., shall complete the unexpired term of Alan Bell, Esq., the retiring Magistrate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True copy of this Resolution be presented to Steven Schuster, Esq., and the Honorable Anthony Galina, P.M.J.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Magistrates remuneration shall be in accordance with the Borough's Salary Ordinance.

11. WHEREAS, the Borough requires the services of a Municipal Hearing Officer to address various disciplinary issues that occur during the court of the year; and

WHEREAS, Mark Madaio a member of the New Jersey Bar Association since 1986, has been vetted by the Municipality and is Mayor Benedict Romeo's appointment to the position of Hearing Officer subject to the Advice and Consent of the Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby appoint Mark Madaio, Esq., as Municipal Hearing Officer for the calendar year 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby authorize Borough Administrator Ed Wrixon, to negotiate an hourly rate of compensation with Mr. Madaio, Esq., as to each disciplinary hearing as it may occur;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Mark Madaio, Esq., Borough Administrator Ed Wrixon, Borough Clerk, Francesca Maragliano, Borough CFO, Harold Laufeld, and Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas, Esq.

12. WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed a Negotiating Committee, to negotiate the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IAFF Local 4896, whose contract expired on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Committee has negotiated and presented a Memorandum of Agreement, which has been accepted by the IAFF Local 4896, subject to Acceptance by the Municipality and Execution by Mayor Benedict Romeo; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Impact of the Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed by the Finance Committee, who are of the opinion that the Municipality has adequate finances to enter into this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby accept the negotiated recommendations presented by the Borough of Cresskill Negotiating Committee, and does hereby Authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo to execute the Memorandum of Agreement confirming same, subject to the inclusion of the Amended Financial Terms into the revised Collective Bargaining Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to the IAFF Local 4896, Harold Laufeld, CFO, Borough Administrator Ed Wrixon, Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas, and Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

13. WHEREAS, the Mayor has appointed a Negotiating Committee, to negotiate the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Department of Public Works Employees, whose contract expired on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Committee has negotiated and presented a Memorandum of Agreement, which has been accepted by the Department of Public Works Employees, subject to Acceptance by the Municipality and Execution by Mayor Benedict Romeo; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Impact of the Memorandum of Agreement has been reviewed the Finance Committee, who are of the opinion that the Municipality has adequate finances to enter into this Collective Bargaining Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby accept the negotiated recommendations presented by the Borough of Cresskill Negotiating Committee, and does hereby Authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo to execute the Memorandum of Agreement confirming same, subject to the inclusion of the Amended Financial Terms into the revised Bargaining Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Department of Public Works Employees, Borough Administrator Ed Wrixon, Harold Laufeld, CFO, Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas, Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

14. WHEREAS, the Borough has currently employed Christopher S. Ulshoefer, as the Fire Chief of the part-time paid Fire Department;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill Negotiating Committee has met with Chief Ulshoefer, and has negotiated the Amended Financial Conditions to the Employment Agreement with the Chief Ulshoefer's Employment Contract;

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Financial Conditions to the terms of the Contract have been reviewed by the Finance Committee, who are of the opinion that the Municipality has adequate finances to enter into the Amended Employment Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby accept the recommendation of the Negotiating Committee Amending the Financial Conditions of the Contract between the Borough of Cresskill and Chief Christopher S. Ulshoefer,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Chief Christopher S. Ulshoefer, Harold Laufeld, CFO, Borough Administrator Ed Wrixon, Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas, and Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

15. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following School Marshals be re-appointed for term of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021:

Yakov Shvartzayd	Joseph Diggins	Janet Morgan
Yvonne Caldarulo	Donna Smith	Thomas Durakis
John Amicucci	Lisa Langan	Zena (Zainab) Metwalli
John Cook	John Moran	Kevin Morgan
Bridget Roche	Richard Donahue	John Morgan
Robert Kurth	Charles Dean	Boris Karalnik
Michael Gaeckle	Edward Giesemann	Lauraine Bertero

16. WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 Crisis, the Borough is a potential beneficiary for Federal, State, and Bergen County Grants, in order to off-set expenses incurred during the Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received informational packets from various Grant Writers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has established a Committee to Vet potential Grant Writers consisting of the Mayor, Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council does hereby authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo and/or his designee a member of his Committee to negotiate with potential Grant Writers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council does hereby authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo to enter into a Contract reviewed by Borough Attorney with any Committee accepted Vetted Grant Writer whose contractual fees do not exceed \$30,000.00 per year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Mayor Benedict Romeo, Borough Administrator Ed Wrixon, Borough Clerk Francesca Maragliano, and Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas, Esq.

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

17. No one wished to be heard.

18. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

19. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo 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.

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

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#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS

21. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Spina:

(Resolution in full on pages 73A through 73F.)

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.]

22. Deputy Chief Domville said the DPW put up the Borough mail box for taxes, etc. We will notify the public shortly. We'll have a new camera installed pointing to the mail box. We're going to relocate the senior bus to the other side of the parking lot.

Council Member Olmo said we need to remember our Veterans this weekend. Mayor Romeo said the American Legion is planning to have the parade later in the year.

Mayor Romeo said the COVID task force is making good strides and we're getting through it.

No one else wished to be heard.

23. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

24. Motion at 7:58 P.M. by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous. Motion adopted.

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Benedict Romeo  
Mayor

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Francesca Maragliano  
Borough Clerk