

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 2020

1. Chief Wrixon 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 7:30 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Olmo, Savas, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Chief Wrixon, Deputy Chief Domville, Lieutenant Looby, Lieutenant Cebulski, Detective Sergeant Lanzilotti
Absent: Council Member 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 November 18, 2020.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, the following be promoted to the rank of Police Captain in the Cresskill Police Department:

Name	Effective date
Bert Looby	December 2, 2020

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

7. Borough Clerk Maragliano swore in Captain Bert Looby.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, the following be promoted to the rank of Police Captain in the Cresskill Police Department:

Name	Effective date
Theodore Cebulski	December 2, 2020

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

9. Borough Clerk Maragliano swore in Captain Theodore Cebulski.

COMMUNICATIONS

10. Minutes of the following meetings:

Board of Health	September 28, 2020
Planning Board	November 10, 2020

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

11. Council Member Savas said the Governor's executive order prohibits indoor sports until January.

Council Member Spina said the Environmental Commission are continuing their pursuit of a Sustainable New Jersey Certification for Cresskill.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 20-17-1567 – An Ordinance Creating a Retirement Incentive to all Employees who have attained twenty-five or more years of service.

12. Motion at 7:38 PM by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to introduce Ordinance No. 20-17-1567 on final reading by title only - An Ordinance Creating a Retirement Incentive to all employees who have attained Twenty- Five or more years of service.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on pages 158A through 158B in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held November 18, 2020.)

13. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on November 20, 2020, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
14. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
15. No one wished to be heard.
16. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Kaplan to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

17. 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. 20-17-1567, entitled:

ORDINANCE CREATING A RETIREMENT INCENTIVE TO ALL EMPLOYEES
WHO HAVE ATTAINED TWENTY-FIVE OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

19. WHEREAS, the following permits have been issued under Section 132-27 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill and cash bonds deposited therefor; and

WHEREAS, the DPW Superintendent and Property Maintenance Officer have inspected the work and found it to meet all requirements of the applicable Section;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proper officials be and hereby are directed to return the bonds held under the following permits:

<u>Code Sec.</u>	<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
132-27	4272	A. Macchione Brothers, Inc. 71 S. Newman Street Hackensack, NJ 07601 <i>(for: 115 Delmar Avenue)</i>	\$50.00
132-27	4301	Kijae Chung 26 Willis Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$50.00
132-27	4304	A. Macchione Brothers, Inc. 71 S. Newman Street Hackensack, NJ 07601 <i>(for: 4 Deacon Place)</i>	\$50.00

20. 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 2020	75	46		Joel Sneed (etal) 64 Churchill Road Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 4,601.01
1 st & 2 nd qtr 2020	13	1		15 Wakelee Drive Corp. 127 So. Washington Avenue Bergenfield, NJ 07621 <i>(for: 462 Knickerboack Road)</i>	\$ 23,204.00
2 nd & 4 th qtr 2020	59	38		Fadil & Ana Avdicevic 66 Jefferson Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 971.98
4 th qtr 2020	91.04	13		Ronald & Cynthia Low 35 Huyler Landing Road Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 9,395.09
3 rd qtr 2020	181	2	CT006	Dennis Kim 12325 Maypole Bend Austin, TX 78717 <i>(for: 10 Linwood Avenue)</i>	\$ 2,965.37
3 rd qtr 2020	75	4		Hitendra R. & Heena H. Patel 105 Westervelt Place Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 2,781.08
4 th qtr 2019	88	1	C0203	Philip Kang & Yousen Lim 203 Orchard Terrace Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 250.00

21. WHEREAS, the Municipality requires the services of a Hearing Officer in order to address personnel disputes; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are of the opinion that it would be in the best interest of the Municipality that the services of a retired Superior Court Judge be retained to address all issues pursuant to Statute, fairly, and equitably; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Benedict Romeo does hereby nominate, for appointment, Thomas Olivieri, P.J.Ch. (Ret) for the position of Municipal Hearing Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby accept the Mayor’s recommendation and appoint Thomas Olivieri, P.J.Ch. (Ret), as Hearing Officer;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hearing Officer shall be remunerated at the rate of \$500.00 per hour, with a maximum fee cap of \$15,000.00, which can only be extended pursuant to Council Resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be served upon Thomas Olivieri, P.J.Ch. (Ret) David B. Friedrich, Esq., Edward Wrixon, Borough Administrator, Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk, Harold Laufeld, III, Borough CFO, and Christos J. Diktas, Esq., Borough Attorney.

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

<u>December 4, 2020</u>	
Current Fund	\$ 368,598.98
Social Security/Medicare	15,912.25
Community Center	2,396.27
Library	<u>11,942.52</u>
	\$ 398,850.02

23. WHEREAS, the 2020 Salary Ordinance No. 20-11-1561 was adopted on August 12, 2020 which indicates the minimum and maximum base salaries for job titles in the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor has made a recommendation to approve a schedule identifying the job title and corresponding base salary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill approve the schedule as indicated:

POSITION	2020 BASE SALARY
Borough Clerk/Election Official	90,232.00
Deputy Borough Clerk	78,236.00
Administrative Assistant – Full Time	45,800.00
Secretary - Part Time	37.38 Per Hour
Municipal Housing Liaison	5,000.00 Stipend
Municipal Housing Trust Fund Preparer	10,000.00 Stipend
Tax Assessor	30,375.00
Registrar/Billing Clerk	41,154.00
Deputy Registrar	1,500.00
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer	125,237.00
Tax Collector	53,915.00
Payroll Clerk	55,020.00
Accounting Clerk	67,260.00
Accounting Clerk - Part Time	25.00 Per Hour
Purchasing Agent	5,000.00
Construction Code Official	55,037.00
Fire Sub-Code	8,229.00

Plumbing Sub-Code	16,000.00
Electrical Inspector	11,262.00
Building Dept. Secretary	51,000.00
Property Maintenance Officer	25.00 Per Hour
Director of Human Services	14,280.00
Fire Official	17,224.00
Library Director	86,700.00
Librarian	55,040.00
Librarian	42,867.00
Library - Accounting Clerk	15,810.00
Library - Recording Secretary	1,853.00
Judge	20,676.00
Violations Clerk	36,000.00
Court Administrator	31.21 Per Hour
Prosecutor	13,289.00
Public Defender	200.00 Per Session
Planning Board - Recording Secretary	14,676.00
Chief of Police	191,000.00
Deputy Chief of Police	183,600.00
Police Administrative Assistant	24.00 Per Hour
Dispatcher – Step 8	60,174.00
Dispatcher – Step 5	49,813.00
Dispatcher – Step 2	39,453.00
Dispatcher – Step 1	36,000.00
Buildings and Grounds	38,837.00
Fire Chief	145,095.00
OEM Coordinator	15,000.00 Stipend
Fire Department - Firefighter	118,190.00
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Superintendent of Public Works	152,438.00
Superintendent of Public Works - C-2 License	2,500.00
Superintendent of Public Works - CPWM	10,000.00
Superintendent of Public Works - SWMC	3,500.00
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works	138,808.00
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works - C-2 License	2,500.00
Assistant Superintendent of Public Works - CPWM	10,000.00
DPW Secretary - Dispatcher	53,846.00
Recycling Coordinator	9,400.00
Director of Parks and Recreation-eff. 7-1-20	70,000.00
Recreation Program Supervisor	34,470.00
Recreation Secretary	22.57 Per Hour
Assistant Summer Director	4,292.00
Community Center Coordinator	46,964.00
Archivist	5,975.00
Newsletter Coordinator	6,087.00
Technology Officer	10,000.00 Stipend
Senior Citizens Director	61,108.00
Senior Citizen Van Driver	23.52 Per Hour
Swim Club Pool Manager	13,000.00
Swim Club Assistant Pool Manager	8,900.00
Swim Club Assistant Pool Manager	8,000.00
Swim Club Snack Bar Manager – N/A 2020	0.00
Swim Club - Recording Secretary	29.54 Per Hour
Zoning Board of Adjustment Recording Secretary	29.64 Per Hour

24. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill on April 3, 2019 adopted Resolution No. 13 awarding a bid for the Allen Street Community Parking Facility to 4 Clean-Up Inc. in the amount of \$1,044,841.50.00; and

WHEREAS, 4 Clean-Up Inc. has requested payment for the current work completed to date; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer, Azzolina & Fuery by way of letter dated November 30, 2020 (a copy of which is attached) has certified that the work is completed as stated and recommends progress payment #5 in the amount of \$36,663.08; 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 #5 to 4 Clean-up Inc in the amount of \$36,663.08.

Payment No. 5
CR-728- Allen Street Community Parking Facility

Value Work Completed	\$ 1,044,600.10
Less 2% Retainage	(\$20,892.00)
Total Due to Date	\$ 1,023,708.10
<u>Total Previously Paid</u>	<u>\$ 987,045.02</u>
Total Amount Due this Estimate	\$ 36,663.08
 Amount due progress Payment #5	 \$ 36,663.08

25. WHEREAS, the Cresskill Police Department, Traffic Division, Police Chief Edward Wrixon and Deputy Chief James Domville have recommended that the provisions of General Ordinances §263-1, Abandoned Vehicles, be amended to clarify the Parking Fines under said Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has recommended that a Parking Violation under §263-1, et seq., should be \$100.00 (one hundred dollars);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby raise the Parking Fine to \$100.00 per any offense under §263-1, et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby enact a temporary Resolution prior to the enactment of an Ordinance to determine the viability of the recommendation of the Police Department in regard to this increased fine amount; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and the Fines noted herein shall sunset on June 30, 2021, unless extended by Resolution or permanently amended through Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be served upon the Cresskill Municipal Court for comments, recommendations, etc.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be served upon Police Chief Edward Wrixon and Deputy Police Chief, James Domville, on behalf of the Cresskill Police Department.

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

26. No one wished to be heard.

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

28. 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.

29. Motion by Council Member Savas 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 172A through 172K.)

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.]

31. Deputy Chief Domville said the Traffic Division has been working with the County and we're finally getting the culvert under County Road/East Madison Avenue fixed beginning Monday. Notices will be going out and it could take up to two weeks.

No one else wished to be heard.

32. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Kaplan to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

33. Motion at 7:44 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