BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 21, 2021

- 1. Jason Mitchell 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, Jason Mitchell
- 5. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of April 7, 2021.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

6. Council Member Savas said spring sports has started and we're working on the guidelines for summer camp.

Council Member Spina said due to covid the shredding event has been postponed until the fall and the Earth Fair has been canceled until next spring.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

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

7. Motion at 7:43 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Spina to introduce Bond Ordinance No. 21-21-1571 on final reading by title only - 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.

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

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

(Bond Ordinance in full on pages 39H through 39L in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held April 7, 2021.)

- 8. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in <u>The Record</u> on April 9, 2021, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
- 9. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
- 10. No one wished to be heard.
- 11. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

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

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

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

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. 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.

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

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. 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:

Hyewon Yoo (for: Julia Kim) 158 12th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$66.63 15. 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 refund due to overpayment of taxes:

| <u>TAX</u> <u>PERIOD</u> | <u>BLOCK</u> | <u>LOT</u> | QUAL | <u>NAME</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|-------|--|---------------|
| 4 th qtr 2020 | 181 | 2 | CT012 | Ji Eun Kim 52 Palisades Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 | \$ 3,122.89 |

16. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Library Board of Trustees, the following part-time employment be made:

Gina Scalise Adult Services Librarian \$27.00/per hour, effective April 19, 2021

17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF THE ADA COOPERATIVE CURB RAMP GRANT PROGRAM WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ADA RAMPS ALONG COUNTY ROADS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge recognizes that it would benefit tremendously from adopting the County of Bergen's ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen maintains and controls approximately 450 miles of County roads; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation ("NJDOT"), the Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA"), the Americans with Disabilities act Accessibility Guidelines ("ADAAG), and Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines ("PROWAG") mandate that public sidewalks at intersections provide, at a minimum: depressed curb cuts, detectable warning surfaces and a landing area at all crosswalk locations as designated by the County Engineer or his designee; and

WHEREAS, public sidewalks, including handicap ramps, are a municipal responsibility in as much as the County's road responsibility is limited to improved road areas from curb face to curb face as set forth in N.J.S.A. 27:16-8; and

WHEREAS, the County seeks to assist municipalities with their obligation to comply with NJDOT and Federal ADA regulations on County roadways by dedicating a portion of the County's New Jersey Department of Transportation, Bureau of Local Aid funds for the design and inspection of ADA improvements, as designated by the County Engineer or his designee, on County roads; and

WHEREAS, the County's ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Grant Program requires cooperation and coordination between the County and the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Grant Program between the County of Bergen and the Borough will serve to memorialize the respective responsibilities of the County and the Borough in connection with the ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Borough are authorized to enter into shared services agreements pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:65-1 et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey to adopt the County of Bergen's ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk and/or CFO are authorized to sign applicable paperwork associated with the execution of the County of Bergen's ADA Cooperative Curb Ramp Grant Program listed above in this Resolution.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file in the Municipal Clerk Office, the Office of the Borough Administrator and a copy be transmitted to the Borough Attorney.

18. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF BERGEN FOR COUNTY ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge recognizes that it would benefit tremendously from adopting the County of Bergen's Shared Services Road Resurfacing Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen maintains and controls approximately 450 miles of County roads; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of the County roads requires periodic resurfacing for the benefit of the drivers and residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen's Department of Public Works performs this resurfacing through periodic Road Resurfacing Projects; and

WHEREAS, the County's Road Resurfacing Projects require cooperation and coordination between the County and the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Shared Services Road Resurfacing Agreement between the County of Bergen and the Borough will serve to memorialize the respective responsibilities of the County and the Borough in connection with a Road Resurfacing Project; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Borough are authorized to enter into shared services agreements pursuant to the Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey to adopt the County of Bergen's Road Resurfacing Shared Services Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Borough Administrator, Borough Clerk and/or CFO are authorized to sign applicable paperwork associated with the execution of the County of Bergen's Road Resurfacing Shared Services Agreement listed above in this Resolution.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution shall be placed on file in the Municipal Clerk Office, the Office of the Borough Administrator and a copy be transmitted to the Borough Attorney.

- 19. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Renee Morgan be appointed as a School Crossing Guard, effective April 21, 2021.
- 20. 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:

| ESCROW # | <u>NAME</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|----------|---|---------------|
| ZE 472 | F. Brancato Assoc., LLC 1341 Hamburg Turnpike Suite 2-6 Wayne, NJ 07470 (for: 251 Brookside Avenue) | \$10.00 |
| ZE 473 | Adam Burlison 425 East 63 rd Street Apt. E5B New York, NY 10065 (for: 46 Crest Drive South) | \$10.00 |
| ZE 474 | Michael & Christine Yang 314 Chase Court Edgewater, NJ 07020 (for: 182 4th Street) | \$10.00 |
| ZE 475 | Law Offices of Dennis J. Francis, Esq. Attorney Business Account 37 Liberty Street, Ste. 1 Little Ferry, NJ 07643 (for: 80 Merritt Avenue) | \$10.00 |
| ZE 478 | Anecia Manaiza 3 Meadow Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 | \$10.00 |
| ZE 479 | Anirudh & Priyanka Modi 194 8 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 | \$10.00 |

21. <u>2021 TEMPORARY BUDGET</u>

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to various Appropriations listed below and no adequate provision has been made in the 2021 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose, and N.J.S. 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, said total emergency temporary resolutions adopted in the year 2021 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$ 2,000,000.00 and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-20:

1. The following temporary appropriations be and the same are hereby made for:

OPERATIONS - WITHIN CAPS

| Financial Administration | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Other Expenses | \$ 10,500.00 |
| Planning Board | |
| Salaries and Wages | 2,800.00 |
| Liability Insurance Premiums | 10,000.00 |
| Employee Group Insurance | 107,000.00 |

| Police Departments | |
|--|------------|
| Salaries and Wages | 350,000.00 |
| Fire Hydrant Service | 12,000.00 |
| Recycling | |
| Other Expenses | 45,000.00 |
| Buildings and Grounds | |
| Other Expenses | 8,500.00 |
| Snow Removal | |
| Salaries and Wages | 2,100.00 |
| Welfare/Administration Public Assistance | |
| Salaries and Wages | 2,000.00 |
| Maintenance of Library | 118,100.00 |
| Telephone | 3,000.00 |
| Natural Gas | 9,000.00 |
| | |

Total \$ 680,000.00

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2021 budget under the various titles listed above.

3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

| Benedict Romeo, Mayor | |
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| Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk | |

22. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill, pursuant to Ordinance, has created the Cresskill Volunteer Ambulance & Emergency Services Company (hereinafter "CVAES"); and

WHEREAS, the CVAES Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling the Membership requirements, as established by the Mayor & Council and the Rules and Regulations of the Cresskill Fire Department and Cresskill Emergency Services Department, plus the requirements annotated in Ordinance §15-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the following individual:

Ariel Gabay- FIRE

have petitioned the Mayor seeking to become a Member of the CVAES; and

WHEREAS, each Petition/Application has been submitted to the Board of Fire Officers and approved by same, subject to the final approval and appointment by the Mayor and Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above individuals are hereby appointed by Mayor Benedict Romeo and each respective appointment is confirmed by the Council, subject to the respective appointee complying with the Cresskill Revised General Ordinances, specifically, §15-1 et seq., specifically §15-5, Requirements of the Volunteer Division; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be served upon each Appointee; Fire Chief Christopher Ulshoefer; Harold Laufeld, CFO; Edward Wrixon, Borough Administrator; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk.

Miscellaneous Business

23. Approve the following Raffle Licenses:

| RL 1436 | PTA Edward H. Bryan School | June 9, 2021 |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------|
| RL 1437 | PTA Edward H. Bryan School | May 21, 2021 |

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

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to consider 26. 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.

27. 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 51A through 51F.)

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.]

29. Mayor Romeo said there is a draft cannabis ordinance in the Council Members packets so please review it.

No one else wished to be heard.

30. 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.

31. Motion at 7:49 P.M. by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo Mayor

> Francesca Maragliano Borough Clerk