

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETINGSEPTEMBER 15, 2021

1. Bernard Yoo 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 Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina  
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Chief Wrixon  
Absent: Council Member Kaplan
5. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of September 1, 2021.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

## COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

August 24, 2021

Filed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said the BOH is planning a 5k run on October 17<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Cresskill Health and Wellness Foundation.

Council Member Savas said the band The Nerds will be playing in the pool parking lot on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm. The fall sports programs have begun. Mayor Romeo said the football trailer was ruined in the flood.

Council Member Olmo thanked all the departments for the work they did and are still doing for the residents due to Tropical Storm Ida. FEMA has opened a disaster recovery center at Bergen Community College in Hackensack.

Council Member Cleary said he will be attending the JIF meeting tomorrow night.

Council Member Mueller said Table to Table lost all their refrigeration trucks so if anyone has a lead on one, please let me know.

## NEW BUSINESS

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Bond Ordinance No. 21-31-1581 – Amend Bond Ordinance No. 21-27-1577

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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 124A through 124D.)

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

(Supplemental Debt Statement in full on pages 124E through 124I.)

10. Motion at 7:43 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Mueller to introduce Bond Ordinance No. 21-31-1581 - Amend Bond Ordinance No. 21-27-1577 on first reading by title only.

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

11. Council Member Olmo read the title:

**BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$25,000 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL 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 124J through 124M.)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance 21-31-1581 entitled:

**BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$25,000 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina  
 No – None  
 Absent – Council Member Kaplan  
 Abstain – None  
 Resolution adopted.

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

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## CONSENT AGENDA

### NEW BUSINESS

#### \*Resolutions

14. WHEREAS, the Cresskill Department of Public Works has requested the purchase of a 2021 John Deere Wheel Loader in the amount of \$183,702.88; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has verified that the funds are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill authorizes the purchase under ESCNJ Co-op # MCESSCCPS from Jesco, 1275 Bloomfield Avenue, Fairfield, NJ 07004.

15. WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida has devastated portions of the Borough as a result of flash flooding and severe water damage; and

WHEREAS, Borough Residents and Municipal Employees are working tirelessly to clean up the debris and damage caused as a result of the storm; and

WHEREAS, many of the premises are without electric power or have suffered structural and non-structural damage; and

WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that the residents who have been significantly effected by Hurricane Ida, requiring contracting services to repair their property, should have their Construction Permit Fee waived; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council does hereby waive all construction, demolition, electrical, structural and plumbing permits for any properties effected by Hurricane Ida for the calendar year 2021. In order to obtain the waiver, the Homeowner must execute the Certification of Necessity, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as if set forth in its entirety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be true copy of this Resolution be served upon Bob Rusch, Construction Code Official; Allison Altano, CFO; Edward Wrixon, Borough Administrator; and the Borough of Cresskill Building Department.

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

16. 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:

Stephanie Victoria Hernandez – EMS

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 individual is 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.

17. WHEREAS, Bergen County, through its Department of Safety, Division of Communication, currently operates a state-of-the-art public safety operation center (Trunked Radio System), providing communication and dispatch services to municipalities and throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to utilize Bergen County's Trunked Radio System for Police, Fire and EMS communications; and

WHEREAS, the Borough either possesses or will procure any equipment necessary to utilize the Trunked Radio System; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County has a sufficient system capacity to permit the Borough to utilize its digital Trunked Radio System; and

WHEREAS, Bergen County has proposed a Shared Service and Consolidation Act Agreement, which will promote the use of shared services which will reduce expenses funded by Property Tax Payers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-5, Bergen County and Borough have each adopted Resolutions to enter into this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby agree to authorize the Borough to enter into a Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County so that the municipality's essential services will have the benefit of utilizing Bergen County's Trunked Radio System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council does hereby authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo, Borough Administrator Edward Wrixon, or Deputy Police Chief, James Domville, to execute the Shared Service Agreement with Bergen County for the use of Bergen County's Trunked Radio System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to the office of the Bergen County Counsel; Cresskill Police Chief, Edward Wrixon; Cresskill Deputy Police Chief, James Domville; and Borough Clerk, Francesca Maragliano

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

18. No one wished to be heard.
19. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

20. Motion by Council Member Savas 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.

- 21. 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.

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 22. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

(Resolution in full on pages 127A through 127D.)

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.]

- 23. Bernard Yoo, 81 Rose Street asked if the town lost a lot of equipment from Tropical Storm Ida. Mayor Romeo said a fire truck and some DPW equipment, plus the damage to the DPW garage which is under repair. Clerk Maragliano said we have flood insurance, and the paperwork is still being processed. Mr. Yoo asked if we’ve heard the timelines for repairing County Road in Demarest and Hillside Avenue in Alpine which is causing more traffic through Cresskill. Chief Wrixon said probably 3 to 6 months at least. Mr. Yoo asked if we could have more crossing guards or Police around Merritt School due to the extra traffic. Chief Wrixon said we do not have extra crossing guards or Police, but you should ask the school if they can assist in any way.

Borough Historian Tom Sites asked if a report was made by Borough Engineer Paul Azzolina or DPW Superintendent Jim Noseworthy on the conditions at the Tallman House. Mayor Romeo said Mr. Azzolina is currently writing up a report.

No one else wished to be heard.

- 24. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

- 25. Motion at 7:57 P.M. by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Mueller 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