

Mayor Romeo said residents gave him suggestions for retention basins and the USACE thought they were good ideas. They thought what we were suggesting for the area around the school could be done.

Council Member Spina said it is still a long-term process.

- 10. Borough Clerk Maragliano explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

- 11. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL AND THE BOROUGH OF PARAMUS

WHEREAS, The Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Cresskill seek to enter into an Interlocal Agreement wherein the Borough of Paramus will provide labor and maintenance services on vehicles owned by the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, both of the parties to such an Agreement are authorized by law to enter into an agreement with one another to provide jointly for any lawful service to and for the residents of the respective municipalities pursuant to the provisions of the “Interlocal Services Act” N.J.S.A 40:8A-1 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the Borough of Paramus and the Borough of Cresskill recognize the implementation of an Interlocal Agreement to provide labor and maintenance services is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the respective municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, hereby authorize the execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough of Paramus for a period of one (1) year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2021 and end on December 31, 2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of same shall be set forth in the Agreement which is attached hereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill hereby authorize the execution of an Interlocal Service Agreement with the Borough of Paramus, subject to the approval of the Paramus Borough Attorney.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agreement shall take effect upon the execution of same and adoption of Resolution by both parties as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Agreement be maintained on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Borough Clerk.

- 12. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following persons be approved for full-time employment as Laborer/Driver/Equipment Operator in the Public Works Department at an annual salary in accordance with Ordinance No. 20-07-1557.

Robert Gidney	Effective January 3, 2022
Jack Bartels	Effective January 3, 2022

13. WHEREAS, with the passage of legislation S3558/A5231, an Act concerning the enforcement of animal cruelty laws, there now exists a need to have a Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer (MHLEO) in the Borough of Cresskill;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that Detective Charles Franke be appointed Municipal Humane Law Enforcement Officer (MHLEO) for the Borough of Cresskill for term beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

14. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following old outstanding checks be cancelled from the records of the Borough.

CLAIMS FUND

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11/19/20	30286	\$ 86.25
11/19/20	30336	23.00
11/19/20	30373	2,880.96
12/30/20	30606	<u>200.00</u>
Total		\$ 3,190.21

15. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Justin Lampe be approved for full-time employment as Mechanic in the Public Works Department effective December 20, 2021, at a salary in accordance with Ordinance No. 20-07-1557.

16. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CGP&H

WHEREAS, CGP&H is an approved New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Affordable Housing Administrative Agent; and

WHEREAS, CGP&H is currently responsible for monitoring thousands of units of affordable housing throughout 40 municipalities in New Jersey.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey does hereby re-appoint CGP&H as its Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for year 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the scope and Professional Requirements to be undertaken by CGP&H shall be fully delineated in a Contract between the Borough and CGP&H; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the Borough of Cresskill or his designee be and is hereby authorized to execute the annexed Professional Service Contract with CGP&H on behalf of the Borough of Cresskill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified True Copy of this Resolution be transmitted to CGP&H, 101 Interchange Plaza, Suite 301, Cranbury, New Jersey 08512; Alison Altano, Chief Financial Officer; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk; and Steven Lydon, Borough Planner.

17. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following transfers be made in the 2021 budget appropriations:

<u>CURRENT ACCOUNT</u>			
	<u>Account</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
General Administration - S/W	100-010	25,000	
Computerized Data Processing - O/E	140-020		20,000
Sewer System - O/E	455-020		5,000
Municipal Clerk - O/E	120-020	5,000	
Municipal Clerk - S/W	120-010		5,000
Planning Board - O/E	180-020	35,000	
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies - S/W	255-010		5,000
Snow Removal - S/W	292-010		20,000
Recreation - S/W	370-010		10,000
Financial Administration - O/E	130-020	20,000	
Recycling - O/E	306-020	20,000	
Recycling - S/W	306-010	9,400	
Buildings & Grounds - S/W	310-010	6,000	
Recreation - O/E	370-020	10,000	
Employee Group Insurance - O/E	220-020		45,000
Workers' Compensation	215-000		9,400
Revenue Administration - S/W	145-000		3,000
Buildings & Grounds - O/E	310-020		8,000
Police Department - S/W	240-010	75,000	
Office of OEM - O/E	252-020	10,000	
Zoning Board - O/E	185-020	2,000	
Legal Service - O/E	155-020		75,000
Uniform Construction Code - O/E	195-020		12,000
Tax Assessment Administration - O/E	150-010	10,000	
Uniform Construction Code - S/W	195-010	10,000	
Emergency Medical Services - O/E	260-020	10,000	
Engineering Services - O/E	165-020		30,000
Police School Marshalls	245-010	30,000	
Mayor & Council - O/E	110-020	10,000	
Electricity - O/E	430-020		20,000
Telephone - O/E	440-020		20,000
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies - O/E	255-020	15,000	
Liability Insurance Premiums - O/E	210-020	15,000	
Police and Fire Retirement System	475-000		30,000
		317,400	317,400

18. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Jessica Glynn be approved as Pool and Recreation Recording Secretary at a rate of \$23.00 per hour, per position, effective immediately.

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

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

21. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Mueller 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.

22. Motion by Council Member Spina 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

23. Resolution by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

(Resolution in full on pages 167A through 167F.)

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.]

24. Soo Park, 89 Heather Hill Rd., asked what recommendations were made by the USACE. Mayor Romeo said one idea was digging out the old ice-skating pond on the left of the high school entrance and putting in a riprap barrier creating a retention basin. Also, make a retention basin on the other side of the drive. They are also looking at other areas around the school if the DEP allows. Council Member Kaplan said they also had ideas about levees and rings, but it's all under discussion right now. Council Member Mueller asked if dredging was discussed. Chief Wrixon said they advised that dredging there wouldn't be much help, as dredging is more for vessels than for water flow.

Ana Solano, 11 Maple St., said if whatever is done will take a couple of years, were there any temporary solutions. Chief Wrixon said they did mention inflatable dams the school could purchase. Council Member Spina said they had tactical ideas that could be done as part of the rebuilding process.

David Berger, 5 Lambs Lane, said he saw a N.J. law that says you need a certain amount of square feet per student. When you add that for grades 6th through 12th it's about 144,000 sq. ft. There's also a N.J. law that you can't spend more than \$143 per sq. ft. Adding that together it's about 21.6 million dollars. Does it make more sense to build a new school that is more protected with grants and FEMA money? Mayor Romeo said you could not legally build a school on the site it's located on now.

Steve Rogut, Borough Bond Counsel said \$143 is the maximum amount that they would give you aid for new construction. New construction would be more like \$300 to \$400 a sq. ft. and there are no grants; it's all debt service aid.

Alba Shick, 27 Churchill Rd., asked if the town could pay for some of the damage caused by the salt from the DPW building. Mayor Romeo said this was an Act of God and you would be suing yourselves. Every solution people have come up, we've investigated, and it comes back to the same thing, that we are on our own.

Mr. Rogut said the legal and financially sound way is the referendum. The BOE can start spending money 20 days after the referendum passes.

Mayor Romeo said you have about a 50/50 chance of this referendum passing. The majority of people in town probably don't know what you're talking about. A lot of the residents don't have children in the school system and have been paying taxes for years. You need to plan your campaign and go door to door. The Council and I are going to write a letter to the residents asking they get out and vote for the kids.

Dimple Berger, 5 Lambs Lane, thanked the Mayor for his help with their campaign. Ana Solano will be leading the efforts from our side following your lead because the information you gave us is gold. Could we get a list of the registered voters in town? Clerk Maragliano said she said she sent it to Supt. Burke on Monday. Council Member Spina advised they also use social media to their advantage.

Rick Gold, 9 South Pond Rd., said he had water from the retention basin behind his house flow into his house during Hurricane Ida. We had another 4 feet of water during the Nor'easter. What are the plans to work on the retention basin? Administrator Wrixon said he spoke to DPW Supt. Jim Noseworthy and they are working on what they can do with all the retention ponds on the East Hill. They hand shoveled paths and are cleaning out all the intakes. They are working with FEMA and are going to try to get it dredged. Mr. Gold asked if additional drainage could be added to the property. Mayor Romeo said we could try to have your engineer meet with Paul Azzolina the Borough Engineer.

Ms. Solano asked if anything can be done to stop the speeding on the side streets around Merritt School. Deputy Chief Domville said he will talk to the traffic officer and have radar along there. We have stopped drivers and it's the parents of children in Merritt School.

Ms. Shick said Churchill Road needs to be paved. Deputy Chief Domville said they started the preliminary 2022 road improvement program. I believe Churchill Road is on the top of the list.

No one else wished to be heard.

25. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Mueller to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

26. Motion at 8:30 P.M. by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Mueller to adjourn to Sine Die.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Francesca Maragliano
Borough Clerk