#### BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

#### MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY

#### REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 2, 2021

- 1. Robert Rummel 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 7:38 P.M.
- 4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Olmo, Savas, Spina Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Deputy Chief Domville, CFO Altano, Auditor Paul Lerch Absent: Council Member Mueller
- 5. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of May 19, 2021.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

May 11, 2021

Filed.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said Dr. Lee of the BOH will be leading the first Community Outreach program, "Safe Fun in the Sun" this Saturday at the pavilion on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Council Member Savas said the Recreation Dept is purchasing a Gagasphere. Gaga is a form of dodgeball. Summer concerts will be coming back with some good bands. We have 200 kids signed up for Summer Fun camp so far.

Council Member Olmo thanked the DPW for prepping Veteran's Square for our Memorial Day parade. I would also like to thank the American Legion, Mayor and Council and Police Dept. for the very subdued event.

The Swim Club is opened and are updating the guidelines as the Governor's Executive orders come out.

Council Member Cleary said there's a large construction project on Palisade Avenue.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## Public Hearing – 2021 Budget

8. Motion at 7:43 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to suspend the regular order of business to hold a public hearing on the 2021 Budget.

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

No - None

Absent – Council Member Mueller

Abstain – None Motion adopted.

9. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to waive reading in full of the 2021 Budget.

(Resolution in full on page 68A.)

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

No – None

Absent – Council Member Mueller

Abstain – None Resolution adopted.

(2021 Budget in full on pages 54A through 54BBBB of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held April 5, 2021.)

10. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to conduct Self-Examination of Annual Budget.

(Resolution in full on page 68B.)

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

No – None

Absent – Council Member Mueller

Abstain – None Resolution adopted.

- 11. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public on the 2021 Budget. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
- 12. Mayor Romeo thanked CFO Alison Altano for a great job putting this budget together. It was a difficult year with the extra charges we had because of Covid. The increase this year for the average home is approximately \$185. We have some retirements coming up so I think next year will be better.

No one else wished to be heard.

13. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the public hearing.

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

No – None

Absent – Council Member Mueller

Abstain – None Motion adopted.

14. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adopt the 2021 Budget.

(Resolution in full on pages 68C through 68D.)

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

No – None

Absent – Council Member Mueller

Abstain – None Resolution adopted.

15. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to resume the regular order of business.

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

No – None

Absent – Council Member Mueller

Abstain – None Motion adopted.

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

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**CONSENT AGENDA** 

**NEW BUSINESS** 

#### \*Resolutions

# 17. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF GOODS OR SERVICES ON THE SOURCEWELL NATIONAL PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is authorized by law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:34-6.2(b)(3), to purchase goods or contract for services through the use of a national cooperative purchasing Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell is a National group purchasing, marketing and administrative support for its members, including governmental entities, without cost or fee for membership or the support services it provides; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has instituted a cooperative purchasing program under which its members may utilize Master Price Agreements made between a Public Procurement Authority and certain vendors of goods and services solicited and selected by Public Procurement Authority by means of a formal competitive process; and

WHEREAS, the Master Price Agreements made between Public Procurement Authority and its selected vendors provide that all qualified governmental entity-members of Sourcewell may purchase goods and services on the same terms, conditions and pricing as the Public Procurement Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and determines that, in order to obtain the benefits and savings associated with the use of a national cooperative purchasing agreement, it is in the interest of the Borough of Cresskill to become a member of Sourcewell; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and determines that, in order to obtain the benefits and savings associated with the use of a national cooperative purchasing agreement, it is in the interest of the Borough of Cresskill to endorse and authorize an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with a Public Procurement Authority which regulates use of its Master Price Agreements and reserves to the Borough of Cresskill complete and absolute discretion over whether it will purchase any goods or services available to it pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement; and

WHEREAS, no contract award to a vendor pursuant to a national cooperative purchasing agreement may be made by the Borough of Cresskill unless and until the notice requirements and cost savings determination required by N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3) have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is a participating member in Sourcewell Account No 192154; and

WHEREAS, any contract award to a vendor pursuant to a national cooperative purchasing agreement shall require the approval of the Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes Borough Administrator Edward Wrixon to establish the Borough of Cresskill as a member of Sourcewell; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes Borough Administrator Edward Wrixon to execute the Sourcewell's Cooperative Purchasing Agreement's Participating Agency Endorsement and Authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes Borough Administrator Edward Wrixon to perform the due diligence as to the contract proposed to be awarded to Thor Performance Products, Inc. pursuant to the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement as required by N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3) and to present his findings and recommendations thereon to the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Sourcewell; Borough Administrator, Edward Wrixon, Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk, Borough CFO, Alison Altano, and Borough Attorney, Christos J. Diktas.

# 18. AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF GOODS OR SERVICES ON THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL NATIONAL PURCHASING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is authorized by law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:34-6.2(b)(3), to purchase goods or contract for services through the use of a national cooperative purchasing Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Houston-Galveston Area Council is a National group purchasing, marketing and administrative support for its members, including governmental entities, without cost or fee for membership or the support services it provides; and

WHEREAS, Houston-Galveston Area Council has instituted a cooperative purchasing program under which its members may utilize Master Price Agreements made between a Public Procurement Authority and certain vendors of goods and services solicited and selected by Public Procurement Authority by means of a formal competitive process; and

WHEREAS, the Master Price Agreements made between Public Procurement Authority and its selected vendors provide that all qualified governmental entity-members of Houston-Galveston Area Council may purchase goods and services on the same terms, conditions and pricing as the Public Procurement Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and determines that, in order to obtain the benefits and savings associated with the use of a national cooperative purchasing agreement, it is in the interest of the Borough of Cresskill to become a member of Houston-Galveston Area Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council hereby finds and determines that, in order to obtain the benefits and savings associated with the use of a national cooperative purchasing agreement, it is in the interest of the Borough of Cresskill to endorse and authorize an Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreements with a Public Procurement Authority which regulates use of its Master Price Agreements and reserves to the Borough of Cresskill complete and absolute discretion over whether it will purchase any goods or services available to it pursuant to the Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement; and

WHEREAS, no contract award to a vendor pursuant to a national cooperative purchasing agreement may be made by the Borough of Cresskill unless and until the notice requirements and cost savings determination required by N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2(b)(3) have been satisfied; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill will be a participating member in Houston-Galveston Area Council; and

WHEREAS, any contract award to a vendor pursuant to a national cooperative purchasing agreement shall require the approval of the Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Cresskill in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey hereby authorizes Borough Administrator Edward Wrixon to establish the Borough of Cresskill as a member of Houston-Galveston Area Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council hereby authorizes Borough Administrator Edward Wrixon to execute the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Cooperative Purchasing Agreement's Participating Agency Endorsement and Authorization; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified true copy of this Resolution be tendered to the Houston-Galveston Area Council; Borough Administrator, Edward Wrixon, Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk, Borough CFO, Alison Altano, and Borough Attorney, Christos J. Diktas.

19. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following May and June 2021 payrolls be ratified and approved:

#### May 21, 2021

Current Fund	\$ 374,477.46
Community Center	2,460.95
Library	13,230.23
	\$ 390,168.64

### June 4, 2021

Current Fund	\$ 368,848.23
Community Center	2,620.86
Library	13,382.56
	\$ 384.851.65

20. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, C.72

WHEREAS, due to the County Board of Taxation unable to certify a tax rate due to various issues at the state level and the Municipal Tax Collector will be unable to mail the tax bills on a timely basis, it has become necessary to issue estimated tax bills for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Collector, in consultation with the Municipal Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated levies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2021 as follows:

- 1. The Borough of Cresskill Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough for the third installment of 2018 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as necessary.
- 2. The entire estimated levy for 2021 is hereby set at \$53,718,278.00 for an estimated tax rate of \$ 2.454.

3. In accordance with law the third installment of 2021 shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10, 2021. Any payment received after August 10, 2021 shall have interest calculated from August 1, 2021.

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

21. Mayor Romeo said the Houston-Galveston Purchasing Program is terrific. It's a National Co-op and you don't have to go out to bid. Auditor Paul Lerch said you need to be careful with the National Co-ops because you have to do an economic analysis to be sure that the prices they are offering are actually a savings compared to a State contract. Mayor Romeo said we were looking to buy a fire truck and there aren't any fire truck manufacturers in New Jersey; but we will be very careful and look into it.

No one else wished to be heard.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 72A through 72E.)

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.]

26. Deputy Chief Domville advised that they met with the County Superintendent and Tilcon today. County Road will finally be milled next Wednesday and Thursday and paved on Monday.

Council Member Savas asked what filming was going on in town. Borough Clerk Maragliano said the filming is in Tenafly, but they are temporarily storing vehicles in the pool parking lot.

No one else wished to be heard.

27.	Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close meeting to remarks from the public.			
	Roll Call:	Yes – Unanimous	Motion adopted.	
28.	Motion at 7:52 P.M. by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Clear to adjourn the meeting.			
	Roll Call:	Yes – Unanimous.	Motion adopted.	
Benedict Romeo Mayor				
Mayor				
			Francesca Maragliano	
			Borough Clerk	