

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 96A through 96E in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held July 14, 2021.)

9. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on July 16, 2021, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
10. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
11. No one wished to be heard.
12. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the public hearing.

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

13. 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. 21-29-1579, entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT AND A NEW FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,405,000 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.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 21-30-1580 – Amend Salary Ordinance No. 21-18-1568

14. Motion at 7:42 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to introduce Ordinance No. 21-30-1580 – Amend Salary Ordinance No. 21-18-1568 on first reading by title only.

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

15. Council Member Olmo read the title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 21-18-1568 TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN POSITIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

(Ordinance in full on page 109A.)

16. 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. 21-30-1580, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 21-18-1568 TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN POSITIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

does now pass on first reading and remain on file with the Borough Clerk for public inspection until public hearing thereon and further consideration thereof.

Such hearing shall be held at the Borough Hall in Cresskill on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 7:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as it can be reached, at which time and place all persons interested in said ordinance will be heard.

The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish said ordinance in full, with the notice of hearing thereon, in an official newspaper according to law, also to mail copies of said ordinance when and as required by law.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

18. RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE BERGEN COUNTY MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is a member of the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund; and

WHEREAS, said renewed membership terminates as of December 31, 2021 unless earlier renewed by agreement between the Municipality and the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality desires to renew said membership;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Borough of Cresskill agrees to renew its membership in the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund and to be subject to the Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, coverages, and operating procedures thereof as presently existing or as modified from time to time by lawful act of the Fund.
2. The Mayor and Clerk shall be and hereby are authorized to execute the agreement to renew membership annexed hereto and made a part hereof and to deliver same to the Bergen County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund evidencing the Municipality’s intention to renew its membership.

19. WHEREAS, the Borough has received numerous complaints regarding the real property known as 125 13th Street, Cresskill, New Jersey, 07626, with the owner of record being Jae Choi; and

WHEREAS, the complaints received by the Municipality include, but are not limited to, failure to maintain the property, specifically Lawn and Shrubbery Care; and

WHEREAS, the property owner was Noticed on June 10, 2021, to immediately mow the lawn and trim overgrown trees and shrubbery, or be subject to the Municipal Penalties; and

WHEREAS, it was brought to the Borough’s attention that the Property Owner, Jae Choi, was charged and indicted by the United States Attorney’s Office for obtaining approximately \$9,000,000.00 in payment protection program (PPE) loans and has abandoned the premises at 125 13th Street, Cresskill, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the abandonment of the premises by Jae Choi, the health and safety issues raised by the failure to maintain the grass height at a reasonable level has resulted in the Borough ordering the Department of Public Works to “clean up” and “maintain” the property to Municipal Standards; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2021, the Department of Public Works directed its crew to commence a cleanup of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works has issued an invoice outlining the machinery and labor utilized to clean the property; and

WHEREAS, the labor and machinery expended by the Municipality to clean the property totaled five hundred thirty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$538.58);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council does hereby direct the Cresskill Chief Financial Officer Alison Altano to file a tax lien in the amount of \$534.58 against the property 125 13th Street, Cresskill, New Jersey, 07626, as a result of the “cleanup” of the abandoned property and to maintain the Municipality’s requirement to maintain the property and to restore the land to Municipal health and safety standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this resolution be transmitted certified and first-class mail to Jae Choi, 125 13th Street, Cresskill New Jersey; Chief Financial Officer, Alison Altano; and Borough Administrator, Edward Wrixon.

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 refund due to overpayment of taxes:

<u>TAX</u>						<u>AMOUNT</u>
<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL</u>	<u>NAME</u>		

3rd qtr 2021 190 11 Sonia Minetti Sengos \$ 3,122.38
 145 Heather Hill Road
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 (for: 7 Woodland Road)

21. 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:

<u>ESCROW #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ZE 477	Soohyon & Seongsoon Kim 9 Crest Drive South Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$10.00
ZE 480	Brian Glantz & Chantal Ershadi 488 12 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$10.00
ZE 483	Michael S. Brusco 106 Morningside Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$10.00

22. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
 VIA ON-LINE AUCTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is desirous of selling said surplus property in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, as follows:

- The sale of surplus property shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals is available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Borough of Cresskill.
- The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction is govdeals.com.
- The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- A list of the surplus property to be sold is indicated on Schedule A attached hereto.
- The surplus property as identified shall be sold in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property.
- The Borough of Cresskill reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted

23. BE IT RESOLVED that the following solicitor's licenses, which have been approved by the Chief of Police, be issued under the provisions of Chapter 140 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill for the term ending December 31, 2021:

Power Home Remodeling Group
2147 Lincoln Hwy., Floor 2
Edison, NJ 08817
Purpose: Windows/Siding/Roofing Estimates

#21-1017
Alexander Forcina

#21-1018
Jeremy Hristoforatos

21-1019
Christian Hobbesland

24. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that full-time dispatcher, Terrance McCabe of the Cresskill Police Department be promoted to Step 4 salary increase effective August 11, 2021, in accordance with Ordinance No. 21-18-1568.
25. WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-118 and Cresskill Borough Ordinance §53-21 C., the Chief of Police, as head of the Cresskill Police Department, shall establish and enforce rules and regulations for the conduct of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Edward Wrixon has submitted to the Mayor & Council new Rules and Regulations for the disposition and discipline of the police force and its officers and personnel; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed said proposed Rules and Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Police Chief of the Cresskill Police Department be and is hereby authorized to adopt and administer said Rules and Regulations.

26. WHEREAS, redemption money has been received to redeem Tax Sale Certificate 18-00004, Block 86, Lot 104, also known as 25 Oak Street, Cresskill, NJ in the amount of \$67,435.02.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that, effective immediately, the amount of \$67,435.02 and premium paid by lienholder in the amount of \$25,000.00 for total of \$92,435.02 be paid to:

John Finan
55 McArthur Avenue
Closter, NJ 07624

27. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, that Robert Rusch continue to serve as Borough Construction Official, Building Subcode Official, Building Inspector and Zoning Officer thereby granting him tenure of office in that position, effective August 1, 2021.

28. WHEREAS, redemption money has been received to redeem Tax Sale Certificate 19-00001, Block 17, Lot 1.01, also known as 138 Grant Avenue, Cresskill, NJ in the amount of \$55,599.24;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that, effective immediately, the amount of \$55,599.24 and premium paid by lienholder in the amount of \$25,600.00 for total of \$81,199.24 be paid to:

MMU Profit Sharing Plan
6971 N. Federal Hwy Ste 100
Boca Raton, FL 33487

29. WHEREAS, applications have been made to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill for renewal of liquor licenses and the proper fees have been paid therefor; and

WHEREAS, all applicants have complied with the laws of the State of New Jersey and ordinances of the Borough of Cresskill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following licenses be approved for the year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, subject to approval of the Police and Fire Departments:

PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE

Fee: \$1,320.00

Brick City Investment
Group LLC
Lic. No. 0208-33-009-009

GRK Grill

39 Union Avenue

RRACI, LLC
Lic. No. 0208-33-002-016

Delvina

172 Piermont Road

30. 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:

Younmin Kang
(for: Hajun Song)
268 Highland Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$748.25

31. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill's 1985 American La France Fire Truck, VIN 1AFAD1182F1A18221 will be legally disposed and has limited, if any, Trade in Value; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Philip King, Mayor of the City of Bardwell, Kentucky, has respectfully requested that the Mayor and Council of Cresskill donate the Borough's 1985 American La France Fire Truck, VIN 1AFAD1182F1A18221 to the City of Bardwell. Bardwell is a small rural Municipality of 760 residents located in Carlisle County of Kentucky, with the County having a total population of 2100 Residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bardwell and the Bardwell Fire Department have limited Financial Resources, and are unable to purchase a Fire Truck to service their constituents;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill does hereby Happily donate to the City of Bardwell, Kentucky for the exclusive Public Use by the Bardwell Fire Department, its 1985 American La France Fire Truck, VIN 1AFAD1182F1A18221; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council does hereby authorize Borough Administrator Edward Wrixon, Borough Clerk, Francesca Maragliano or Office of Emergency Management Director Christopher Ulshoefer to execute all Motor Vehicle Title Transfer Documents necessary to convey ownership of the 1985 American La France Fire Truck, VIN 1AFAD1182F1A18221 to the City of Bardwell, Kentucky; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill and its Residents wholeheartedly endorse the donation of this Fire Safety Vehicle to the City of Bardwell and are Pleased that the Borough is able to assist; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Certified True Copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Philip King, Mayor of the City of Bardwell; David Hutchinson, Bardwell Fire Chief; Alison Altano, CFO; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk; Edward Wrixon, Borough Administrator; and Christopher Ulshoefer, Cresskill Fire Chief.

32. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill and the Cresskill Police Department have submitted an application to the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General for the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the application has been submitted by Cresskill's Police Department with the Approval of the Mayor and Council who will honor any mandatory cash amount as may be required pursuant to the Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has petitioned the Office of the Attorney General for a grant to be expended by the Department to purchase Police Officer Body Cameras through the calendar years commencing on April 1, 2021, through December 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Cresskill Police Department is authorized to accept the grant award in the amount of \$32,608.00 for the specific purpose of purchasing the SFY21 Body-Worn Cameras for distribution to Departmental Officers who have not been issued or who have nonfunctioning Body Cameras;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Borough of Cresskill does hereby authorize the Cresskill Police Department to accept the Office of the Attorney General's Grant for the purchase of the SFY21 Body-Worn Camera; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council and the Department do hereby accept the grant award in the amount of \$32,608.00 for the specific purpose of purchasing the SFY21 Body-Worn Cameras pursuant to a State Contract through WatchGuard for distribution to the members of the Cresskill Police Department through the Calendar years 2021 to December 31, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, A Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be served upon the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Office of the Attorney General; Police Chief Edward Wrixon; Deputy Police Chief James Domville; and Chief Financial Officer Allison Altano.

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

33. Deputy Chief Domville said the Resolution for adopting rules and regulations for the Police Dept. is for our re-accreditation.

No one else wished to be heard.

34. 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.

35. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo 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.

36. 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 115A through 115I.)

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.]

38. Jerry Zapantis owner of GRK Grill on Union Avenue said he is looking for a designated parking spot in the back of his restaurant for unloading supplies and for deliveries. Chief Wrixon said he recalls discussing with him creating a time limited loading zone spot, but not designated just to him. When Covid started everything just stopped. We will send the traffic officer over this week to look at it. We will make it a commercial vehicle only spot so patrons can not park there.

Deputy Chief Domville said the Police have had some anonymous concerns about the way bicyclists, both kids and adults, are conducting themselves, especially along Jefferson Avenue. We are keeping an eye on it.

Officer Grubecki and some of the younger officers are engaging with a lot of the youth. There's a program called Operation Chill that Seth works in conjunction through the County with 7-Eleven. When they see kids doing something positive, they give them a coupon for a free slurpee.

We need to give credit to Lt. Lanzilotti who did a lot of work in getting the grant money we received for our body-worn cameras.

No one else wished to be heard.

39. 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.

40. Motion at 7:59 P.M. by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Francesca Maragliano
Borough Clerk