

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETINGMAY 18, 2022

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 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, Kaplan, Olmo, Schultz-Rummel, Spina  
Also Present: Attorney Gillen, Chief Wrixon, Deputy Chief Domville, Mitchell, Rummel  
Absent: Council Member Savas
5. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of May 4, 2022 and Mayor and Council Special meeting of May 11, 2022

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

## COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

April 26, 2022

Filed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Mayor Romeo said we have a young man in town who has reached the rank of Eagle Scout and his project was making and installing bat houses to help control mosquitos. We'll do a proclamation and reach out to Environmental Commission Chairman Bill Celentano and see if he would like to present it to him.

Mayor Romeo said we will be having the Memorial Day parade this year.

## NEW BUSINESS

## INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Bond Ordinance No. 22-07-1589 – 2022 Road Improvement Program

8. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Spina to amend the 2022 Temporary Capital Budget.

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

(Resolution in full on pages 79A through 79B.)

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

(Supplemental Debt Statement in full on pages 79C through 79G.)

10. Motion at 7:39 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Bond Ordinance No. 22-07-1589 on first 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 \$1,200,000 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, Olmo, Schultz-Rummel, Spina  
 No - None  
 Absent – Council Member Savas  
 Abstain – None  
 Motion adopted.

(Bond Ordinance in full on pages 79H through 79L.)

11. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Spina:

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance 22-07-1589 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 \$1,200,000 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.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022, 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, Kaplan, Olmo, Schultz-Rummel, Spina  
 No - None  
 Absent – Council Member Savas  
 Abstain – None  
 Resolution adopted.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

\*Resolutions

13. WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee has scheduled various programs; and

WHEREAS, the following participants were unable to attend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the recreation fees be returned to:

Nina Song (for: Owen Song) 133 Hillside Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$160.00	Michele Shaim (for: Ofke Shaim) 123 Park Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$128.00	Erez Hoffman (for: Sean Fiterman) 15 Allen Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$108.00
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Anne Moy (for: Kalyn Moy) 29 Douglas Drive Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$150.00	Ji Lee (for: Ji Lee) 42 Cresskill Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$108.00	Sally Kim (for: Sally Kim) 177 Lexington Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$135.00
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14. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Library Board of Trustees, the following full-time employment be made:

Marianne Brennan  
Youth Services Librarian  
Effective: May 20, 2022  
Annual Salary: \$55,000

15. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has been engaged in a program with Appraisal Systems Inc., to annually re-assess all lands, buildings, and improvements within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, funds have been set aside in the 2022 Municipal Budget to continue the process; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Assessor recommends the approval of a contract between the Borough of Cresskill and Appraisal Systems Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby approves a contract with Appraisal Systems in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 per year for the five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the required contract and forward to the Bergen County Board of Taxation.

16. 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 PERIOD</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup> qtr 2022	91.06	33.01		CoreLogic Centralized Refunds P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760 (for: 174 Vaccaro Drive)	\$ 18,315.00

17. WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk of the Borough of Cresskill was previously authorized to advertise for Bids for the Union Avenue Streetscape Improvement, 2020 N.J.D.O.T. Municipal Aid Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Notice, the receipt and opening of Bids took place on May 13, 2022; at which time the following bid was received:

Company	Base Bid
Zuccaro, Inc.	\$729,812.00

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough of Cresskill has confirmed the availability of funds for the project, specifically that the project will be funded through Capital Ordinance and NJ DOT Grants; and

WHEREAS, Azzolina Fuery Engineering has recommended acceptance of the Bid submitted by Zuccaro, Inc. as being the apparent low and most Responsible Bidder;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Cresskill does hereby award the Bid for Union Avenue Streetscape Improvement, 2020 N.J. D.O.T. Municipal Aid Program, to Zuccaro, Inc. in the amount of Seven Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve Dollars and Zero cents (\$729,812.00); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Bid Award is subject to the New Jersey Department of Transportation approval and issuance of Grant Funds in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars. (\$225,000.00)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough requires the submission of the following Original Documents: Performance Bond and Payment Bond, Certificate of Insurance, Affirmative Action Affidavit and Initial Project Workforce Report (Form AA-201) before the Contract is issued; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Attorney has prepared all necessary documents to effectuate this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Benedict Romeo or, in his absence, Borough Administrator Edward Wrixon, is authorized to execute, on behalf of the Borough, the Approved Construction Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Zuccaro Inc; Azzolina & Fuery Engineering; Alison Altano, Borough CFO; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk; Edward Wrixon, Borough Administrator; and Christos J. Diktas, Esq., Borough Attorney.

18. 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to various Appropriations listed below and no adequate provision has been made in the 2022 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 2022 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, P.L. 1951 (N.J.S. 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$ 3,957,000.00 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

Municipal Clerk	
Salaries and Wages	20,000.00
Financial Administration	
Other Expenses	5,000.00
Tax Assessment Administration	



5. 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.
  6. The Borough of Cresskill reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.
20. WHEREAS, Camp Merritt Post 21 of the American Legion has applied for a parade permit on Memorial Day, May 30, 2022, in accordance with the provisions of Section 230-67 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the said applicants appear to have met all requirements of the said code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that a permit be issued to the Camp Merritt Post 21, American Legion, for a parade to commence at 9:30 AM on May 30, 2022, on the following route:

1. Assemble at Merritt Circle, 12<sup>th</sup> Street north and south of Madison Avenue, and Madison Avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets.
2. After ceremonies at the Monument, parade will march east on Madison Avenue to Veterans Square, where the main ceremonies will be held.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Camp Merritt Post 21, American Legion, shall determine the order and participants in the parade.

21. WHEREAS, the Borough has received numerous complaints regarding the real property Block 142 Lot 169, also known as 125 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Cresskill, New Jersey, 07626; 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 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 continuing as long as needed; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works will issue an invoice outlining the machinery and labor utilized to clean the property for every occurrence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council does hereby direct the Chief Financial Officer Alison Altano to file a tax lien for said work as a result of the “cleanup” 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 the property owner of Block 142 Lot 169 also known as 125 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Cresskill New Jersey; Chief Financial Officer, Alison Altano; and Borough Administrator, Edward Wrixon.

#### Miscellaneous Business

22. Approve the following Raffle License:

RL 1443

American Legion Post #21

July 9, 2022

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

23. No one wished to be heard.

24. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

25. Motion by Council Member Olmo 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.

26. 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.

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#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

(Resolution in full on pages 84A through 84G.)

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.]

28. Mayor Romeo presented a plaque to Police Chief Ed Wrixon, who is retiring June 1<sup>st</sup>, citing his many accomplishments and achievements, and thanking him for everything he's done over his many years working for the Borough.

Chief Wrixon thanked the Mayor and Council stating he is blessed and learned so much about how to be respected, fair and how to work together leaving the politics out. You have all been a very big part of my success due to your faith in me.

Eric Holme, 8 Douglas Drive asked why we were offering employees \$25K to retire. Mayor Romeo said we bought out longtime employees saving at least a year's salary on each one and hiring new employees at much lower salaries.

No one else wished to be heard.

29. Motion at 7:54 P.M. by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting and adjourn.

All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion adopted.

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Benedict Romeo  
Mayor

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Francesca Maragliano  
Borough Clerk