

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

1. Mary Klein 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 7:35 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Chief Wrixon, Deputy Chief Domville
5. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of January 19, 2022.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Board of Health
Planning Board

November 22, 2021
January 11, 2022

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said for the second year the BOH will be engaging in the Mayor's Wellness campaign and working on getting Cresskill designated as "A Healthy Town", which could make us eligible for donations and grants from the State. Thanks to Attorney Diktas for getting a foundation setup for the BOH.

Council Member Savas said the Covid task force met last week and reviewed the current protocols. Recreation has now opened the gym to parents and we're getting ready for our spring activities.

Council Member Olmo suggested Council Member Spina check with our Mel/Jif because there may be some wellness money we qualify for.

Thanks to all our departments for the great work during the snowstorm. The Fire Dept. did a great job containing a fire on 5th Street.

We received money from the insurance company for the damage done to the pumps at the pool from the storm.

Council Member Kaplan said the Historical Committee would like to assist in the dedication of the 9/11 Memorial. Last week I participated in a zoom call with Congressman Pascrell's office and requested an update on his request to the White House for full funding for damages to the middle/high school.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 22-01-1583 –2022 Salary Ordinance

8. Motion at 7:44 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 22-01-1583 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Officers and Employees of the Borough of Cresskill – Year 2022 on first reading by title only.

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

9. Council Member Olmo read the title:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND
 COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
 OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL - YEAR 2022

(Ordinance in full on pages 20A through 20E.)

10. 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. 22-01-1583, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND
 COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES
 OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL - YEAR 2022

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, February 16, 2022, 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, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
 No – None
 Absent – None
 Abstain – None
 Resolution adopted.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

12. WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey requires that each municipality appoint a Certified Tax Collector pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:9-141; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey desire to appoint Alison Altano to the position of Certified Tax Collector effective February 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Alison Altano has successfully executed her exam as required by law, holding a New Jersey State certification (T-8635) and is willing to perform the duties of the Certified Tax Collector for the Borough of Cresskill for an annual salary of \$5,000.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, do hereby appoint Alison Altano to perform all the duties of the Certified Tax Collector for the Borough of Cresskill for an annual salary of \$5,000.00 effective, February 2, 2022.

13. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill Police Department requires the services of 9-1-1 communication; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has previously utilized the services of the Borough of Dumont's 9-1-1 Communications Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Dumont has significantly increased the price for this professional service, and the Borough of Cresskill, in an attempt to address costs, has petitioned the County of Bergen to be admitted into their 9-1-1 communication program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen's proposed cost is one half of the cost of the professional services offered by the Borough of Dumont; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council does hereby authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo or Borough Administrator Edward Wrixon, to execute the Shared Service Agreement between the County of Bergen and the Borough of Cresskill on behalf of its Police Department and by doing same, includes the Borough into Bergen's County 9-1-1 Communications Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to the be true copy of this Resolution be served upon the Cresskill Police Department, att: Deputy Police Chief Domville; Alison Altano, Borough CFO; Edward Wrixon, Borough Administrator; County of Bergen, Att; County Council.

14. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following January 2022 payrolls be ratified and approved:

<u>January 14, 2022</u>	
Current Fund	\$ 325,789.65
Community Center	2,588.81
Library	<u>12,157.14</u>
	\$ 340,535.60

<u>January 28, 2022</u>	
Current Fund	\$ 873,714.91
Community Center	6,894.85
Library	<u>21,422.36</u>
	\$ 902,032.12

15. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is desirous of constructing residential housing at 65 East Madison Avenue for developmentally disabled individuals and families meeting Fair Share Housing Requirements (hereinafter "Housing"); and

WHEREAS the Borough has had numerous discussions with Bergen County United Way (BCUW) and Madeline Housing Partners, LLC, who are in an agency relationship and who will assist the Borough in the management and ownership of the Housing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has petitioned Fair Share Housing and the Court’s Special Master requesting approval of its Spending Plan, which has been accepted without comment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council does hereby authorize Borough CFO, Alison Altano, in conjunction with Borough Administrator, Edward Wrixon, to enter into any and all agreements approved by the Borough Attorney, between the Borough and Bergen County United Way / Madeline Housing Partners, LLC, and others as may be necessary to construct the Housing located at 65 East Madison Avenue as designed by Arcari & Iovino Architects PC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution authorizes Alison Altano, Borough CFO, to release construction fees as may be incurred to BCUW for the exclusive purpose of constructing the Madison Avenue Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be served upon Bergen County United Way / Madeline Housing Partners, LLC; Arcari & Iovino Architects PC; Borough CFO, Alison Altano; and Borough Administrator, Edward Wrixon.

16. 2022 TEMPORARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen with respect to various revenues and 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 \$ 100,000.00 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 revenues and appropriations be and the same are hereby made for:

GENERAL REVENUES – SPECIAL ITEMS OF GENERAL REVENUE

American Rescue Plan Funds	\$100,000.00
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OPERATIONS – EXCLUDED FROM CAPS

American Rescue Plan Funds	\$100,000.00
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2. That said emergency temporary revenues and appropriations will be provided for in the 2022 budget under the various titles listed above.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Benedict Romeo, Mayor

Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

17. WHEREAS, redemption money has been received to redeem Tax Sale Certificate 20-00001, Block 86, Lot 145, also known as 187 E. Madison Avenue Cresskill, NJ in the amount of \$51,878.06;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that, effective immediately, the amount of \$51,878.06 and premium paid by lienholder in the amount of \$50,600.00 for total of \$102,478.06 be paid:

CE Tax Lien Fund I
PO Box 5021
Philadelphia, PA 19111

18. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill do hereby declare February 2, 2022, as the “Borough of Northvale Appreciation Day”; and

WHEREAS, the Cresskill High School (“High School”) sustained significant damage as a result of Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, the High School has been closed and the children are forced to study remotely; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has advised that the repairs to the High School will take months to complete; and

WHEREAS, in the Borough of Northvale is a building which currently houses a private school; the school is used only on the weekends, however, the Northvale Municipal Zoning Ordinance does not permit the utilization of these premises for educational purposes Monday through Friday; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Borough of Cresskill, pursuant to New Jersey Statute, appeared before the Northvale Zoning Board of Adjustment and was unanimously granted, upon recommendation of the Mayor, Board Chair and other Municipal Officials, the right to use the building as the interim Cresskill High School; and

WHEREAS, the courtesies, comradery, thoughtfulness and friendship of the Borough of Northvale will not be forgotten by the Borough of Cresskill; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council do hereby declare February 2, 2022, as “Northvale Appreciation Day”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council and all Residents of the Borough send their heartfelt thanks to the Residents and Municipal Officials of the Borough of Northvale for their kindness and assistance in Cresskill’s hour of need; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Certified Copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Borough of Northvale Zoning Board of Adjustment; Borough of Northvale Mayor and Council; the Residents of the Borough of Northvale; c/o Northvale Mayor and Council; Borough of Cresskill Board of Education; Edward Wrixon, Cresskill Borough Administrator; Francesca Maragliano, Cresskill Borough Clerk.

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

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	<u>Account</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Financial Administration - S/W	130-010	20,000	
Tax Assessment Administration - O/E	150-020	2,000	
Uniform Construction Code - O/E	195-020	4,000	
Landfill/Solid Waste Disposal Costs - O/E	465-020		26,000
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies - O/E	255-020	5,000	
Emergency Medical Services - S/W	260-010	5,000	
Recreation Services and Programs - O/E	370-020	6,000	
Municipal Clerk - S/W	120-010		4,500
Legal Services - O/E	155-020		5,000
Engineering Services - O/E	165-020		6,500
Planning Board - O/E	180-020	7,000	
Employee Group Insurance - O/E	220-020	18,600	
Recreation Services and Programs - S/W	370-010		2,800
Revenue Administration - S/W	145-010		1,800
Aid to Volunteer Fire Companies - S/W	255-010		21,000
Streets and Road Maintenance - O/E	290-020	16,000	
Streets and Road Maintenance - S/W	290-010		16,000
Buildings and Grounds - O/E	310-020	900	
Buildings and Grounds - S/W	310-010		900
		84,500	84,500
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Miscellaneous Business

20. Approve the following Raffle License:

RL 1442 American Legion Post #21 March 5, 2022

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

21. Mayor Romeo said the agreement with Bergen County is to start on our adult home, which is a very worthy cause, and will settle out COAH obligation until 2025.

No one else wished to be heard.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

(Resolution in full on pages 25A through 25F.)

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. Carole Sommer, 262 Piermont Road thanked the Mayor and Council for everything they've done but Piermont Road still floods very bad. Can a camera be lowered and see if things are collapsing down there? Mayor Romeo said he would have the DPW Supt. look at it tomorrow. Mayor Romeo said we've met with the Army Corp. of Engineer's, and they are going to help with the flooding issues in town.

Denise Villani, BOE President thanked the Mayor and Council for everything they did in helping to get the referendum passed. We've joined every co-op that we could so we don't have to go through the bidding process which will speed things up. Everything is in process. It's a huge undertaking, but we are going to get into the Northvale location as soon as we can.

Ms. Villani asked when the senior bus service will return. Borough Clerk Maragliano said we have an interim person who is on vacation this week. He said he will be in touch with me on Friday about possibly starting services next week. Our regular driver is hoping to come back the week after.

Mayor Romeo thanked Ms. Villani, and the parent group I met with including Nurit and Dimple were terrific. We all did it for the kids and there were no politics involved. Now I need your help getting the word out we need Planning and Zoning Board members.

Dimple Kabadi-Berger, 5 Lambs Lane thanked the Mayor for his guidance and sharing his knowledge which aided in getting the referendum passed for the kids.

Council Member Olmo congratulated CFO Altano for passing her Tax Collector's test.

Mayor Romeo thanked the Northvale Mayor & Council and Zoning Board for what they did for the kids of Cresskill. We are very appreciative of the people of Northvale.

David Berger, 5 Lambs Lane asked if the sign at County and Hillside was temporarily reconfigured. I was right next to it and couldn't see it. Deputy Chief Domville said they have to readjust it now and then.

Alba Shick, 27 Churchill Road asked what they are doing in town to the telephone poles. Council Member Olmo said they are doing work to preserve the poles. Ms. Shick asked if Fios will be coming to town. Council Member Olmo said Fios will be here eventually.

Mayor Romeo said we are hoping to have the UNICO carnival and our Memorial Day parade this year.

No one else wished to be heard.

27. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

28. Motion at 8:12 P.M. by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous.

Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Francesca Maragliano
Borough Clerk