

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

1. Robert Rummel led the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
2. The Deputy 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 7:07 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Kaplan, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
Also Present: Lieutenant Luciano
Absent: Council Members Olmo, Savas
5. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of November 2, 2022.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

October 25, 2022

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said BOH President Dr. Morgan is updating the Covid policy for Borough employees for 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 22-18-1600 – Amend Chapter 101-3 Construction Code Uniform Fees,
Specifically Electrical Subcode Fees.

8. Motion at 7:08 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina to introduce Ordinance No. 22-18-1600 – Amend Chapter 101-3 Construction Code Uniform Fees, Specifically Electrical Subcode Fees on first reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

9. Council Member Schultz-Rummel read the title:

AMEND CHAPTER 101-3 CONSTRUCTION CODE UNIFORM FEES,
SPECIFICALLY ELECTRICAL SUBCODE FEES

(Ordinance in full on page 177A.)

BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Cresskill does hereby concur with the award of the Bid to CONQUEST CONSTRUCTION INC. in the awarding of the Riverside Cooperative Master Contract No. RC-35-22-02 for Emergency Water Main and/or Storm and Sanitary Sewer Repairs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk does hereby accept membership into the Riverside Cooperative and accepts all work which may be completed by ConQuest Construction Inc. pursuant to the Emergency Water Main and/or Storm and Sanitary Sewer Repairs, as more further described in the Riverside Cooperative Lead Agency Bid which was accepted by the Borough of Northvale; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Cresskill accepts the Master Contract term commencing December 1, 2022 and expiring November 30, 2024 with a one (1) year extension option.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Clerk, Francesca Maragliano, is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Riverside Cooperative and Alison Altano, CFO.

14. WHEREAS, there exists in the BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL a need for the services of a firm specializing in the investigation, research, planning, preparation and pursuit of programs submitted to various federal, state and county authorities and foundations for obtaining vital financial and other aid for municipal programs; and

WHEREAS, such services involve professional knowledge and public relations consultants as well as specialized knowledge of available federal, state, county and foundation grant programs and the numerous applications, submissions and actions necessary to obtain and successfully pursue such programs and involve such qualified services and knowledge that specifications cannot reasonably be formulated and public bidding is not feasible; and

WHEREAS, the need for such services is great and immediate and the necessary funds are available;

WHEREAS, Section 40A:11-5 of the Local Public Contracts Law exempts professional services from public bidding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, New Jersey, as follows:

1. For the reasons above stated, it is hereby determined that such services and programs involve such qualitative and professional services that drawing of specifications is not practical and public bidding is not appropriate, feasible or required.
 2. The contract for the performance of all necessary professional consultation and work involved in the study of federal, state, county and foundation grant programs on behalf of the BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, New Jersey, and the related research, planning, preparation and submission for such programs is hereby awarded to Bruno Associates, Inc., 1373 Broad Street, Suite 203B, Clifton, NJ 07013, without competitive or public bidding.
 3. Bruno Associates, Inc. shall be paid for such services at a total sum of \$33,000.00, commencing *December 1, 2022* and terminating *December 31, 2023*.
 4. No programs shall be applied for without Council approval.
15. 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 refunds due to overpayment of taxes:

<u>TAX PERIOD</u>	<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
4 th qtr 2022	182	29	C0401	CoreLogic Centralized Funds P.O. Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760 <i>(for: 25 Division St., Unit #401)</i>	\$ 8,470.14
4 th qtr 2022	33	353.01		Jin Chul Lee 200 8 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 2,880.96

16. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill that Francesca Maragliano be approved as Deputy Registrar in the Board of Health Department effective November 16, 2022, at an annual stipend of \$1,500.00.

17. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has been served for over 100 hundred years by volunteer firefighters dedicated to saving the lives of the residents of this Borough; and

WHEREAS, the residents of this municipality depend on these volunteer firefighters to provide these essential emergency services; and

WHEREAS, members of the Volunteer Division of the Cresskill Fire Department have and will in the future, sustain certain economic losses by virtue of the performance of their duties as volunteer firefighters in the servicing of this municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill hired a consultant to investigate and report to the Mayor and Council on ensuring adequate fire protection and ideas to provide assistance to members of the Volunteer Division of the Cresskill Fire Department to reimburse those members thereof for their economic loss and to encourage participation with the Volunteer Division of the Cresskill Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, a committee established to represent the members of the Volunteer Division of the Cresskill Fire Department have approved these recommendations.

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

- 1) Any member of the Volunteer Division of the Cresskill Fire Department who shall respond to forty percent (40%) of alarms (Fire Department responses) during any month and fifty percent (50%) of drills in the same month shall be entitled to an additional allowance above any annual clothing allowance previously fixed by resolution or ordinance of this Mayor and Council, in an amount equal to four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per month, which will be paid quarterly. Any member of the Volunteer Division of the Cresskill Fire Department who fails to reach said percentage for three (3) out of the four (4) quarters, shall not be entitled to any clothing allowance. An annual Clothing allowance shall be fixed at six hundred dollars (\$600.00). The maximum payment any member of the Volunteer Division of the Cresskill Fire Department can receive annually shall be five thousand four hundred dollars (\$5,400.00).
- 2) The payments set forth in Paragraph 1 shall constitute reimbursement for various expenses which will be incurred by the members of the Volunteer Division of the Cresskill Fire Department in the faithful performance of their duties and shall not be considered as salary and therefore no medical or pension benefits will be provided.
- 3) All members of the Volunteer Division of the Cresskill Fire Department are entitled to such yearly clothing allowance as shall be fixed and set forth in paragraph 1.
- 4) A Two Platoon system that has been adopted by ordinance shall be used to determine all members of the Volunteer Division Percentage for this stipend program.

- 5) The Chief of the Cresskill Fire Department shall institute such procedure for verification of attendance which shall be approved annually by the governing body. Such procedure shall include, but shall not be limited to a requirement that every firefighter personally sign a roster after each alarm indicating his/her attendance at such alarm and appropriate apparatus designation.
- 6) This resolution shall take effect as of November 1, 2022.

18. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill, pursuant to Ordinance, has created the Cresskill Volunteer Ambulance & Emergency Services Company (hereinafter "CVAES"); and

WHEREAS, the CVAES Members are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling the Membership requirements, as established by the Mayor & Council and the Rules and Regulations of the Cresskill Fire Department and Cresskill Emergency Services Department, plus the requirements annotated in Ordinance §15-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the following individuals:

David A. Lewie - EMS
Joseph A. Petruzzelli - EMS

have petitioned the Mayor seeking to become a Member of the CVAES; and

WHEREAS, each Petition/Application has been submitted to the Board of Fire Officers and approved by same, subject to the final approval and appointment by the Mayor and Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above individuals are hereby appointed by Mayor Benedict Romeo and each respective appointment is confirmed by the Council, subject to the respective appointee complying with the Cresskill Revised General Ordinances, specifically, §15-1 et seq., specifically §15-5, Requirements of the Volunteer Division; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be served upon each Appointee; Fire Chief Christopher Ulshoefer; Alison Altano, CFO; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

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

<u>October 21, 2022</u>	
Current Fund	322,420.92
Community Center	2,103.48
Library	<u>13,810.03</u>
	\$ 338,334.43

<u>November 4, 2022</u>	
Current Fund	310,399.59
Community Center	2,103.48
Library	<u>14,131.73</u>
	\$ 326,634.80

<u>November 18, 2022</u>	
Current Fund	323,628.37
Community Center	2,103.48
Library	<u>14,359.87</u>
	\$ 340,091.72

Motions

20. Appoint Janet Wehle to the Zoning Board of Adjustment effective January 1, 2023.

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

21. No one wished to be heard.
22. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel 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 Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina to consider all items marked with an asterisk as a single question.

On the question: The Deputy 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 Schultz-Rummel 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

25. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

(Resolution in full on pages 182A through 182H.)

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. No one wished to be heard.
27. Motion at 7:12 P.M. by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting and adjourn.

All in Favor. None Opposed. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Patricia McKim
Deputy Borough Clerk