

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

13. Council Member Schultz-Rummel said taxes are due by February 12th because the 10th falls on a Saturday. Alpine sewer bills have been mailed.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 24-03-1639 – An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation for the Department of Public Works Employees of the Borough of Cresskill.

14. Motion at 7:20 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Spina to introduce Ordinance No. 24-03-1639 on first reading by title only, An Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation for the Department of Public Works Employees of the Borough of Cresskill.

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

(Ordinance in full on pages 26A through 26C.)

15. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel:

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. 24-03-1639, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES AND
 COMPENSATION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
 WORKS EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

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 21, 2024 at 7:00 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 Kaplan, McLaughlin, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
 No - None
 Absent – None
 Abstain - None
 Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 24-04-1640 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 151-13 Landscaping Hours of Operation.

16. Motion at 7:21 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to introduce Ordinance No. 24-04-1640 on first reading by title only, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 151-13 Landscaping Hours of Operation.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on page 26D.)

17. 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. 24-04-1640, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 151-13 LANDSCAPING HOURS OF OPERATION

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 21, 2024 at 7:00 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 – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

19. 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 reappoint Ada Vassallo to the position of part-time Certified Tax Collector, effective February 16, 2024; 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 Ada Vassallo to perform all the duties of the Certified Tax Collector for the Borough of Cresskill for an annual salary of \$22,440.00 effective, February 16, 2024.

20. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following old outstanding checks be cancelled from the records of the Borough.

Claims Fund

<u>Date</u>	<u>Check No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02-17-22	32843	\$ 76.25
03-17-22	33041	20.00
06-02-22	33594	10.00
07-14-22	33833	120.00
07-14-22	33875	100.00
12-22-22	34880	10.00
12-22-22	34912	<u>10.00</u>
Total		\$ 346.25

Recreation Umpire

10-23-22	1529	\$ 35.00
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21. WHEREAS, the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act, P.L.1987, c. 102, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent and spirit of the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act to use the tonnage grants to develop new municipal recycling programs and to continue and expand existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is promulgating recycling regulations to implement the Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act; and

WHEREAS, the recycling regulations impose on municipalities certain requirements as a condition for applying for tonnage grants, including, but not limited to, making and keeping accurate, verifiable records of materials collected and claimed by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, a resolution authorizing this municipality to apply for the 2023 Recycling Tonnage Grant will memorialize the commitment of this municipality to recycling and indicate the assent of the Borough of Cresskill to the efforts undertaken by the municipality and the requirements contained in the Recycling Act and recycling regulations; and

WHEREAS, such a resolution should designate the individual authorized to ensure that the application is properly completed and timely filed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that Cresskill endorses the submission of a Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Recycling and designates James Noseworthy, 325 Piermont Road, to ensure that the said application is properly filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the monies received from the recycling tonnage grant be deposited in a dedicated recycling trust fund to be used solely for the purposes of recycling.

22. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Cresskill wish to enter into a Bergen County Trust Fund Project Contract (“Contract”) with the County of Bergen for the purpose of using a \$125,000.00 matching grant award from the 2023 Funding Round of the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) for the municipal project entitled Cranford Park: Phase 2, Sports Field Lighting and New Playground, located in Block 188, Lot 9 on the tax maps of the Borough of Cresskill;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo to be a signatory to the aforesaid grant agreement CONTRACT; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge that, in general, the use of this Trust Fund grant towards this approved park project must be completed by or about December 13, 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant will be disbursed to the municipality as a reimbursement upon submittal of certified Trust Fund payment and project completion documents and municipal vouchers, invoices, proofs to payment and other such documents as may be required by the County in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council acknowledge that the grant disbursement to the municipality will be equivalent to fifty (50) percent of the eligible costs incurred (not to exceed total grant award) applied towards only the approved park improvements identified in the aforesaid Contract in accordance with the Trust Fund’s requirements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should there be an unexpended balance at the completion of the project, Professional Services Costs will be reimbursed from grant award's unexpended balance in accordance with the Municipal Park Improvement Program Rules & Procedures Manual.

This resolution was adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill at a meeting on February 7, 2024.

23. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF DEMAREST FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THEIR MUNICIPAL COURTS

WHEREAS, The Borough of Cresskill and the Borough of Demarest have agreed to enter into a Interlocal Services Agreement for their respective Municipal Court services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Interlocal Services Agreement between the Borough of Cresskill and the Borough of Demarest for consolidation of the Municipal Courts is approved. The terms and conditions of the Agreement, pursuant to N.J.S.A 40A:65-1, et seq, any municipality of the State of New Jersey may contract with any other municipality or municipalities for the shared provision within their several jurisdictions of any service that any party to the agreement is empowered to provide within its own jurisdiction, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2B:12-1(c), two resolutions, or more municipalities, by ordinance or resolution, may agree to share services for courtrooms, chambers, equipment, supplies and employees for their municipal courts and agree to appoint the same employee including, but not limited to, municipal judges, court administrators, prosecutors public defenders and security personnel without establishing a joint municipal court.
 2. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are authorized to sign the Interlocal Services Agreement on behalf of the Borough.
 3. The Interlocal Services Agreement is subject to final approval by the Borough Administrator and Borough Attorney. This resolution shall be void and of no effect in the event that the Borough of Demarest fails or refuses to sign the Interlocal Agreement.
 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Interlocal Services Agreement shall take effect March 1, 2024, or upon signing of the contract.
 5. A copy of this Agreement shall be filed, for informational purposes, with the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1, et seq.
24. BE IT RESOLVED that the following solicitor's license, which has 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, 2024:

Home Run Ice Cream
25 South Prospect Avenue
Bergenfield, NJ 07621
Purpose: Ice Cream Sales

#24-01 – George A. Corbo

25. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that full time employment of Alessandra Sella as Violations Clerk in the Cresskill Municipal Court is hereby ratified and confirmed at an annual salary of \$35,000, effective February 15, 2024.

26. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill, pursuant to Ordinance, has created the Cresskill Fire Department EMS; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department EMS 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

WHEREAS, the following individual:

Jessica Masood – Per Diem EMS

has petitioned the Mayor seeking to become a Member of the Cresskill Fire Department EMS; 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 individual is 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 Firefighter Volunteer Division and Per Diem EMT EMS 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; Dianne Lavin, Administrator; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

27. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Steven J. Weinberg, Community Action Services, P.O. Box 6025, East Brunswick, NJ 08816 be continued as Administrator for implementation of the Cresskill Housing Rehabilitation Program to be paid from the Cresskill Developer's Fee fund as an administrative charge at a fee not to exceed \$3,100.00 per application. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under provisions of the Local Public Contract Law as the Planner is authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not practicable to obtain competitive bids. This appointment is in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.8 in that where required, the appointee has filed with the Borough, a Business Entity Disclosure Certification.

28. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has adopted a LOSAP program for the members of the Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has certified that certain eligible members meet the established criteria, a copy of said list of eligible members being attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, 8 members have been authorized at \$2,023.00 each for a total of \$16,184.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill hereby authorizes the Borough Chief Financial Officer to initiate the LOSAP payments in the names of those deemed eligible to receive them.

2023 Fire Department LOSAP Eligible Members

Christopher Bonanno
Peter DeVries
Neil Hartman
Kenneth Mann
Michael Morrison
Travis Morrison

Collin VanTine
Aerial Gabay

Miscellaneous Business

29. Approve the following Raffle Licenses:

RL 1466	American Legion Post #21 Camp Merritt	March 30, 2024
RL 1467	American Legion Post #21 Camp Merritt	March 30, 2024

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

30. No one wished to be heard.

31. 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.

32. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina 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 – Council Members Kaplan, McLaughlin, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
No - None
Absent – None
Abstain – Council Members Kaplan, Olmo (Agenda item #13, (#29) only)
Motion adopted.

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

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Kaplan, McLaughlin, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
No - None
Absent – None
Abstain – Council Members Kaplan, Olmo (Agenda item #13, (#29) only)
Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

34. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas:

(Resolution in full on pages 31A through 31J.)

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.]

35. Jeanette Rosario, founder and president, along with Treasurer Manoj Sathanathan of Cresskill Cares, a non-profit working out of the Cresskill Congregational Church, shared their plans and goals for 2024 as well as their past accomplishments such as addressing food insecurities and food waste, helping senior citizens, aiding families who qualify for reduced lunch and establishing scholarships. Our two asks are a contact within the

Council and to add Cresskill Cares to the Cresskill Borough website for increased awareness. Thank you.

No one else wished to be heard.

36. Motion at 7:45 P.M. by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the meeting and adjourn.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Francesca Maragliano
Borough Clerk