

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

1. Captain Lanzilotti 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 7:09 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Kaplan, McLaughlin, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Administrator Lavin
Absent: Council Members Olmo, Savas
5. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of February 7, 2024.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

6. Council Member Spina said the BOH applied for a healthy town designation again for this year. There is a new member on the BOH. Mayor Romeo thanked the BOH for their most recent newsletter.

Council Member Kaplan said he attended the Library Board meeting last night and they passed their budget. The construction is on schedule and should be completed at the end of March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

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

7. Motion at 7:10 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina to hear Ordinance No. 24-03-1639 on final 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, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
No - None
Absent – Council Members Olmo, Savas
Abstain - None
Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on pages 26A through 26C in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held February 7, 2024.)

8. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on February 9, 2024, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
9. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
10. No one wished to be heard.
11. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina to close the public hearing.

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

12. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina:

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

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

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

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

13. Motion at 7:12 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina to hear Ordinance No. 24-04-1640 on final 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 in Minutes of Regular
 Mayor and Council Meeting held February 7, 2024.)

14. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on February 9, 2024, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
15. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
16. No one wished to be heard.
17. Motion by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

18. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina:

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

pass its second and final reading, is hereby adopted and shall be published according to law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

20. 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:

Dana Adika <i>(for: Dakota Adika)</i> 6 Emerson Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00	Inbar Barkay <i>(for: Omer Barkay)</i> 51 Roosevelt Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$180.00	Aviv Canaani <i>(for: Aviv Canaani)</i> 45 Roosevelt Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$180.00
Gil Cnaani <i>(for: Ido Cnaani)</i> 217 Wilson Drive Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$140.00	Hyo Jin Kim <i>(for: Estee Cho)</i> 7 Evans Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$160.00	Irena Bodini <i>(for: Erik Cocka)</i> 14 Park Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00
Michelle Franke <i>(for: Ryan Franke)</i> 110 Roosevelt Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00	Satomi Golan <i>(for: Kai Golan)</i> 145 Broadway Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	Alix Grubbs <i>(for: Hudson Grubbs)</i> 152 Madison Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00
Tanya Mustac Guzman <i>(for: Niko Guzman)</i> 81 Heather Hill Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$150.00	Nazike Duraku <i>(for: Aayan Haxhaj)</i> 207 W. Morningside Ave. Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	JinYoung Kang <i>(for: Jay Heo)</i> 147 12 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00
Yoon Cho <i>(for: Roi Jang)</i> 39 Ridge Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00	Sujung Kim <i>(for: Pheobe Kim)</i> 115 Knickerbocker Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00	Jin Young Kwon <i>(for: Alex Min)</i> 75 Delmar Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00
Liran Peleg <i>(for: Roy Peleg)</i> 176 12 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$100.00	Tanya Puig <i>(for: Ethan Puig)</i> 408 Lafayette Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00	Janie Rhee <i>(for: Kaitlyn Rhee)</i> 34 Heather Hill Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00

Paola Sayag <i>(for: Liel Sayag)</i> 117 Park Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$220.00	Kimberly Semenoro <i>(for: Kimberly Semenoro)</i> 78 Heather Hill Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$95.00	Nurit Shiber <i>(for: Ori Shiber)</i> 11 Elmwood Terrace Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00
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21. BE IT RESOLVED that the following applications for Filling Station Licenses for the year 2024 be and hereby are granted, having been approved by the proper officials:

<u>OPERATOR</u>	<u>TRADING AS</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Lukoil, LLC	Circle Mart, Inc.	229 Knickerbocker Road
Vijay Bawa	Delta Fuel, Inc.	108 Piermont Road

22. AUTHORIZING REDUCTION OF TAX ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, the MOD IV Added Assessment upload for Block 41, Lot 1.06 C002R, 5 Tenakill Park Drive #218. Wehle, Janet Etals erroneously removed the \$250.00 Veteran deduction due to a deed change to life estate; and

WHEREAS, THE MOD IV error also resulted in the tax billing for tax year 2023 was overstated by \$250.00: and

WHEREAS, the tax collector verified the error with the tax assessor and both determined a correction to reinstatement of veteran deduction is in order for the 2023 tax year and recalculating the preliminary 2024 billing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill authorize the Tax Collector to update as needed to carry the deduction forward to current year.

23. WHEREAS, the Borough on December 20, 2023 authorized the Borough Clerk to publish Bids for Cleaning Service for all the Municipal Buildings; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2024, sealed Bids were submitted to the Borough Clerk and opened at 10 a.m. at the Cresskill Municipal Building; and

WHEREAS, the following entities submitted bids: and

	<u>Name of Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1.	Divine Professional	\$55,600.00
2.	Best Cleaning Building Service	\$61,200.00
3.	PJ Building Cleaning LLC.	\$76,500.00
4.	Maverick Building Services	\$97,020.76
5.	AAA Facility Solutions LLC.	\$106,500.00
6.	Reliance Home Remodeling LLC.	\$303,940.00

WHEREAS, a review of all the submitted Bids reveals that the Bids are either non-responsive, have negative professional history with the Municipality, or have exceeded the budgeted Bid Award Amount.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the aforesated Bids submissions are all deemed non responsive as indicated herein and that notice be served upon the respective Bidders as to the non-responsiveness and rejection of their respective Bids;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dianne Lavin, Borough Administrator, is hereby authorized to commence the negotiations with the noted entities or any other Cleaning Service in an attempt to procure a Professional Service Contract for the cleaning of all Municipal Public Buildings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Certified to be True Copy of this Resolution be served upon Diane Lavin, Borough Administrator and acting CFO; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk; Christos J. Diktas, Esq., Borough Attorney; and all Bidders noted herein.

24. A RESOLUTION RENEWING THE GROUP DENTAL BENEFITS PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR COVERED DEPENDENTS THROUGH DELTA DENTAL OF NEW JERSEY, INC.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill, hereinafter referred to as the Borough, provides dental benefits coverage to eligible Employees and their Covered Dependents as part of the comprehensive Employee Health Benefits Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Health Benefits Consultant, as a matter of due diligence, examined the plan usage, claims data and network utilization and further, engaged in active negotiations for the renewal of the Borough's Dental Program, which currently consists of the Premier Plus Advantage Plan and the PPO Plan, administered by Delta Dental of NJ, Inc. and,

WHEREAS, the Consultant was successful in securing a renewal for both the Premier Plus Advantage and PPO Plans and recommends, for consideration, the following:

Provides a 24-month renewal at 1.5% increase in Premium over the expiring, and Ensures all coverages/benefits are unchanged for each respective plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the 24-month Renewal of the dental benefits contract with Delta Dental of New Jersey for the period March 1, 2024 through February 28, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Governing Body does hereby authorize and affirm the implementation of this Renewal, which maintains the current plan design of benefits; thereby ensuring the moral and contractual obligation of the Borough; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the contract award for the insurance component of the Renewal Proposal is to a duly licensed and admitted Insurance Company within the State of NJ and therefore, such award is exempt from the requirements set forth by P.L. 2004, Chapter 19 (as amended by P.L. 2005, c.51) N.J.S.A.19:44A-20.5 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Mayor and/or Borough Administrator/CFO are hereby authorized and directed to execute the Renewal documents in accordance with the existing terms and conditions of the Agreement with the renewal rate provisions, as promulgated herewith; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to PIA Security Programs, A Division of World Insurance Associates, LLC; 429 Hackensack Street, P.O. Box 818 Carlstadt NJ, Health Benefits Consultant to the Borough, the Borough Chief Financial Officer and Municipal Auditor.

Miscellaneous Business

25. Approve the following Raffle Licenses:

RL1468	Woman's Club Cresskill	April 12, 2024
RL1469	Woman's Club Cresskill	April 12, 2024

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

26. No one wished to be heard.

27. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Spina to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

28. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel 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.

29. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

30. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina:

(Resolution in full on pages 38A through 38I.)

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.]

31. Robin Brown of Brentwood Manor's (201 & 255 Piermont Road) Management Company said she is very familiar with everything pickleball, and the location the borough is looking at on Piermont Road is going to cause a lot of noise complaints from her residents. Also, the impervious coverage could increase the possibility of flooding the apartments.

Jane Zimmerman of Brentwood Apts. said it's very peaceful there with the ballparks and all, but it sounds like incoming pickleball courts could greatly change things.

Gergely Barczy, 10 Cresskill Avenue said no one could see the signage on Piermont Road regarding the courts, so no one knew of them possibly relocating.

Mayor Romeo said we didn't put the notice there to hide it, it's because that's what the law says to do. The ground on 3rd Street is too soft and can't hold the weight and if we don't have a viable place, we're not going to build it. We're not going to disturb an entire neighborhood over a game. We're looking at pickleball court locations in other towns and their noise factor. Council Member Spina said the idea didn't originate from the Mayor & Council, there was strong resident interest which is why we investigated it.

Laurent Cunin, 20 Cresskill Avenue said the noise from a pickleball is about 10x's more intense than a tennis ball. It can reach over 65 decibels. There would need to be some kind of noise barrier or sound proofing to minimize the noise. Mayor Romeo said we do not want to do anything that would impact a neighborhood unfavorably.

No one else wished to be heard.

32. Motion at 7:42 P.M. by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel to close the meeting and adjourn.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Francesca Maragliano
Borough Clerk