

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 20, 2024

1. Captain Luciano 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 7:19 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Kaplan, McLaughlin, Olmo, Schultz-Rummel  
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Administrator Lavin, Captain Luciano  
Absent: Council Members Savas, Spina
5. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of March 6, 2024.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

## COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

February 27, 2024

Filed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Olmo said the Jefferson/Madison Avenues project is progressing. Engineer Azzolina made certain St. Therese parishioners have access to the church with the holidays approaching.

Council Member Kaplan said the library renovations look great and should reopen in June.

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

\*\*\*\*\*

## CONSENT AGENDA

## NEW BUSINESS

\*Resolutions

9. RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX EXEMPT STATUS DISABLED VETERAN AND AUTHORIZING REFUNDING PROPERTY TAXES PAID

WHEREAS John E. Cooley, who resides 93 Union Avenue (Block 71, Lot 11) in Borough of Cresskill has been deemed a 100% permanently disabled veteran in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30; and,

WHEREAS John E. Cooley made the appropriate claim for tax exemption through the Borough of Cresskill Tax Assessor's Office as a 100% permanently disabled veteran and was approved effective July 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS John E. Cooley submitted an official letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs with the Borough of Cresskill Tax Assessor confirming this information; and,

WHEREAS John E. Cooley is seeking a refund for property taxes paid as follows:

- Q3 2023 \$1,814.96 (pro-rated)
- Q4 2023 \$2,374.85
- Q1 2024 \$2,238.50

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the property known as 93 Union Avenue (Block 71, Lot 11) is hereby designated as tax-exempt property owner, John E. Cooley, is a 100% permanently disabled veteran effective July 20, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all property taxes on said property are hereby cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Cresskill that a refund of property taxes paid is hereby granted and the Treasurer is authorized to issue a borough check payable as follows:

Payable to:

Maureen Cooley  
93 Union Avenue  
Cresskill, NJ 07626

Total Refund \$6,428.31

10. RESOLUTION GRANTING TAX EXEMPT STATUS DISABLED VETERAN  
AND AUTHORIZING REFUNDING PROPERTY TAXES PAID

WHEREAS Edward P. O'Connell, who resides 201 Grant Avenue (Block 11, Lot 3) in Borough of Cresskill has been deemed a 100% permanently disabled veteran in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.30; and

WHEREAS Edward P. O'Connell made the appropriate claim for tax exemption through the Borough of Cresskill Tax Assessor's Office as a 100% permanently disabled veteran and was approved effective March 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS Edward P. O'Connell submitted an official letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs with the Borough of Cresskill Tax Assessor confirming this information; and

WHEREAS Edward P. O'Connell is seeking a refund for property taxes paid as follows:

- Q1 2024 \$814.00 (pro-rated)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the property known as 201 Grant Avenue (Block 11, Lot 3) is hereby designated as tax-exempt property owner, Edward Paul O'Connell, is a 100% permanently disabled veteran effective March 13, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all property taxes on said property are hereby cancelled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Cresskill that a refund of property taxes paid is hereby granted and the Treasurer is authorized to issue a borough check payable as follows:



REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE BOROUGH  
[Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

18. No one wished to be heard.
19. Motion at 7:23 P.M. by Council Member Olmo 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