

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 1, 2024

1. Council Member Savas 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 7:08 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Kaplan, McLaughlin, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Administrator Lavin, Chief Domville, Chief Ulshoefer
Absent: Council Member Olmo
5. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of April 17, 2024.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

April 9, 2024

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said the CEC held their annual shredding day last Saturday.

Council Member Kaplan said he attended an event at Care One honoring First Responders and veterans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 24-06-1642 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 207 Rental Business and Commercial Properties, Article II Lead Based Paint Inspections.

8. Motion at 7:10 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Spina to hear Ordinance No. 24-06-1642 on final reading by title only, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 207 Rental Business and Commercial Properties, Article II Lead Based Paint Inspections.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on page 62A in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held April 17, 2024.)

9. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on April 19, 2024, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
10. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
11. No one wished to be heard.
12. Motion by Council Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

13. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel 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. 24-06-1642, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 207 RENTAL BUSINESS AND
COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, ARTICLE II LEAD BASED PAINT INSPECTIONS

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 24-07-1643 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 207 Rental Business and Commercial Properties, Article II Specifically §14 Recordkeeping and Investigations

14. Motion at 7:12 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Ordinance No. 24-07-1643 on final reading by title only, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 207 Rental Business and Commercial Properties, Article II Specifically §14 Recordkeeping and Investigations.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on page 62B in Minutes of Regular
Mayor and Council Meeting held April 17, 2024.)

15. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on April 19, 2024, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
16. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
17. No one wished to be heard.
18. Motion by Council Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

19. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel 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. 24-07-1643, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 207 RENTAL BUSINESS AND
COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES, ARTICLE II, SPECIFICALLY §207-14
RECORDKEEPING AND INVESTIGATIONS

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 24-08-1644 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article II, General Penalty Specifically §1-15 Violations and Penalties

20. Motion at 7:13 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Ordinance No. 24-08-1644 on final reading by title only, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 General Provisions, Article II, General Penalty Specifically §1-15 Violations and Penalties

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on page 62C in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held April 17, 2024.)

21. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on April 19, 2024, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
22. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
23. No one wished to be heard.
24. Motion by Council Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

25. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel 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. 24-08-1644, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE II. GENERAL PENALTY, SPECIFICALLY § 1-15. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 24-09-1645 – Amend Chapter 53, Article VIII Special Duty Assignments

Ordinance No. 24-11-1647 – Amend Chapter 53, Section 32 Police Promotions

26. Motion at 7:14 PM by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Spina to introduce Ordinance Nos. 24-09-1645 and 24-11-1647 on first reading by titles only.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

(Ordinances in full on pages 70A through 70G.)

27. Resolution by Council Member Savas 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 the following Ordinances entitled:

Ordinance No. 24-09-1645 – Amend Chapter 53 Article VIII Special Duty Assignments
Ordinance No. 24-11-1647- Amend Chapter 53, Section 32 Police Promotions

do 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, May 15, 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 ordinances will be heard.

The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to publish said ordinances with the notice of hearing thereon, in an official newspaper according to law, also to mail copies of said ordinances when and as required by law.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 24-10-1646 – 2024 “CAP” Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.14)

28. Motion at 7:17 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Savas to introduce Ordinance No. 24-10-1646 on first reading by title only, 2024 “CAP” Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a CAP Bank (N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.14)

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

(Ordinance in full on page 71A.)

29. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel 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. 24-10-1646, entitled:

2024 “CAP” ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL
BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

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, May 15, 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, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
No - None
Absent – Council Member Olmo
Abstain - None
Resolution adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF 2024 BUDGET

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following statement of revenues and appropriations attached hereto constitute the local Budget of the Borough of Cresskill, Bergen County, New Jersey for the year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the said budget be published in The Record in the issue of May 28, 2024 and that a hearing on the Budget will be held at the Municipal Building on June 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be reached.

Introduced by: Council Member Schultz-Rummel

Seconded by: Council Member Savas

ATTEST

Approved: May 1, 2024

Borough Clerk

Mayor

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

(2024 Budget in full on pages 72A through 72CCCC.)

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

32. WHEREAS, the Building Department issued permit # 24-135 to Netta Doron for work performed at 256 Truman Drive; and

WHEREAS, it was determined that there was an overpayment made for this permit;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following refund be made:

Netta Doron
256 Truman Drive
Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$80.00

33. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to sign a contract with the County of Bergen for snow removal for the 2024/2026 season.
34. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill that the following be approved for employment, with no benefits, as a per diem Police Dispatcher in the Cresskill Police Department, effective immediately:

Andrew Gluckman

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

35. No one wished to be heard.

36. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

37. Motion by Council Member Savas 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.

38. Motion by Council Member Savas 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 73A through 73E.)

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.]

40. Tenafly Councilwoman Julie O'Connor requested the Mayor and Council pass an ordinance preventing pet stores to open in town that get their animals from commercial breeders. New York State passed a ban, and the worry is that these establishments will move into New Jersey towns. Ms. O'Connor said she will share the sample ordinance and background information. Attorney Diktas said New Jersey is subject to the Pet Protection act right now. Mayor Romeo said we'll take it under advisement.

No one else wished to be heard.

41. Motion at 7:33 P.M. by Council Member Savas 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