

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

1. Administrator Lavin 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. Council President Savas called the meeting to order at 7:21 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Kaplan, McLaughlin, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina  
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Administrator Lavin, Chief Domville, Captain Lanzilotti  
Absent: Mayor Romeo
5. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel to approve an excused absence for Mayor Romeo.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

6. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of August 14, 2024.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

## COMMUNICATIONS

7. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

August 13, 2024

Filed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

8. Council Member Spina said the BOH's sponsored 5k race will be Sep. 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

Council Member Schultz-Rummel asked the status of the 3<sup>rd</sup> SLEO hiring. I would like to thank all involved in getting the practice net for the high school football kicker.

Administrator Lavin said Recreation's Summer Fun program is over and a success. Maureen Alvarez is acting director of Recreation after Jason Mitchell's resignation.

Council Member Olmo said Council Member Spina and he will meet with the Pool Commission soon to find ways to generate some changes. School is back in session so be extra careful driving.

Council Member McLaughlin said he met with DPW Supt. Noseworthy about an ongoing water issue.

Council Member Kaplan said Cresskill lost a true friend in the passing of Congressman Bill Pascrell last month.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 24-15-1651 – Amend Salary Ordinance No. 23-35-1636 to Fix the Salaries, Wages, Compensation and Other Terms of Employment of Certain Positions of the Borough of Cresskill for the Calendar Year 2024.

9. Motion at 7:29 PM by Council Member Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo to hear Ordinance No. 24-15-1651 on final reading by title only, Amend Salary Ordinance No. 23-35-1636 to Fix the Salaries, Wages, Compensation and Other Terms of Employment of Certain Positions of the Borough of Cresskill for the Calendar Year 2024.

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

(Ordinance in full on page 105A in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held August 14, 2024.)

10. The Borough Clerk announced that the Ordinance was published in The Record on August 16, 2024, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
11. Council President Savas opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
12. No one wished to be heard.
13. Motion by Council Schultz-Rummel and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the public hearing.

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

14. Resolution by Council Member Schultz-Rummel seconded by Council Member Olmo:

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. 24-15-1651, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-35-1636 TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN POSITIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2024

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

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

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

\*Resolutions

16. 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:

Steve Choi <i>(for: Elena Choi)</i> 5 Short Place Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$344.00	Eunmee Jung <i>(for: Yuna Cho)</i> 40 Palisade Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$125.00	Jeannette Smith <i>(for: Jonathan China)</i> 346 Merritt Avenue Bergenfield, NJ 07621 Amount: \$600.00
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17. 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>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr 2024	182	29	Blueland Title Agency LLC 460 Bergen Boulevard Suite 204 Palisades Park, NJ 07650 <i>(for: 23 Legion Drive, Unit 102)</i>	\$ 5,027.91
3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr 2024	6	27.01	Corelogic Centralized Refunds PO Box 9202 Coppell, TX 75019-9760 <i>(for: 201 Brookside Ave.)</i>	\$ 4,750.74

18. WHEREAS, a Planning Board application was required for this property; and

WHEREAS, an escrow account was established for the work; and

WHEREAS, the work has been completed and inspected;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following refund of Developer’s Escrow account be made:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DE-582	1.05	14	ZimZum, Inc. 17 Heather Hill Court Cresskill, NJ 07626 <i>(for: 8 Douglas Drive)</i>	\$ 500.00

19. WHEREAS, application has been made by Samdan Mediterranean Restaurant, Inc. T/A Samdan Mediterranean Restaurant, 178 Piermont Road, Cresskill, New Jersey, for a person-to-person transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License No. 0208-33-007-012; and

WHEREAS, the said applicant has complied with all applicable requirements of the Statutes of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, no written objections to this transfer have been received; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has disclosed, and the authority reviewed, the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business; and

WHEREAS, the authority has received a written statement under oath, affirming that the transferee is aware there are no obligations outstanding to the New Jersey alcoholic beverage manufacturers, wholesalers, and distributors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following transfer license be approved:

APPLICANT

T/A

Samdan Mediterranean Restaurant, Inc.  
License No. 0208-33-007-012

Samdan Mediterranean Restaurant, Inc.  
178 Piermont Road  
Cresskill, NJ 07626

- 20. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Michael Conner be, and hereby is, appointed as part-time Property Maintenance Officer, at an hourly wage of \$30.00, effective September 3, 2024 in conjunction with the Building Department.

Miscellaneous Business

- 21. Approved the following Raffle Licenses:

RL 1471	American Legion Post #21 Camp Merritt	October 13, 2024
RL 1472 & 1473	American Legion Post #21 Camp Merritt	October 12, 2024

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

- 22. No one wished to be heard.
- 23. 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.

- 24. 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 – Unanimous Motion adopted.

- 25. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

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PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

(Resolution in full on pages 115A through 115H.)

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.]

27. Council Member Savas said she instructed a woman waiting at the flashing light at Brookside Avenue that she should hit the button to make the light flash and cars to stop. Chief Domville said he will see about posting the instructions to the borough website and Police Facebook page.

Council Member Spina asked the status of the Pickleball courts. Council Member Schultz-Rummel said Borough Engineer Azzolina must repurpose the grant but first needs information from the BOE.

No one else wished to be heard.

28. Motion at 7:33 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.

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Kathleen Savas  
Council President

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Francesca Maragliano  
Borough Clerk