

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 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 7:09 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members McLaughlin, Olmo, Savas, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Administrator Lavin, Chief Domville, Chief Ulshoefer
Absent: Council Member Kaplan
5. Motion by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Olmo to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of September 25, 2024.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

September 24, 2024

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. No reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 24-16-1652 – Amend Chapter 263 Article II Parking, Creating §10.1 Entitled Overnight Parking Limited.

8. Motion at 7:11 PM by Council Member Savas and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel to hear Ordinance No. 24-16-1652 on final reading by title only, Amend Chapter 263 Article II Parking, Creating §10.1 Entitled Overnight Parking Limited.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

(Ordinance in full on page 117A in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held September 25, 2024.)

9. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on September 27, 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 Savas and seconded by Council Member Schutz-Rummel to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

13. 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 Ordinance No. 24-16-1652, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 263 ARTICLE II PARKING,
CREATING §10.1 ENTITLED OVERNIGHT PARKING LIMITED

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

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

Bond Ordinance No. 24-17-1653 – Multipurpose Bond Ordinance

14. Motion at 7:13 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to hear Bond Ordinance No. 24-17-1653 on final reading by title only, Bond Ordinance to authorize the making of various public improvements and the acquisition of new additional or replacement equipment and machinery in, by and for the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, to appropriate the sum of \$1,170,000 to pay the cost thereof, to make a down payment, to authorize the issuance of bonds to finance such appropriation and to provide for the issuance of Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds.

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

(Bond Ordinance in full on pages 117G through 117J in Minutes of
Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held September 25, 2024.)

15. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on October 1, 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 Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

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

19. 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. 24-17-1653, entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,170,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

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.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

21. WHEREAS, the Fire Department and EMS Building HVAC units have exceeded their duration of life and;

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief obtained three (3) quotations and Van Natta Mechanical Corp. located at 25 Whitney Road, Mahwah, New Jersey 07430 was the lowest quotation received; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has requested the supply and installation of two carrier units, one for the Fire House and one for the EMS building from Van Natta Mechanical Corp. in the total amount of \$26,600.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has verified that funds are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill authorizes the supply and installation of HVAC units from Van Natta Mechanical Corp. located at 25 Whitney Road, Mahwah NJ 07430 in the amount of \$26,600.00.

22. WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has requested the purchase of (1) 10-75-SUV-COM-GM Tahoe in the amount of \$88,400.00; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has verified that the funds are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill authorizes the purchase under H-GAC Contract #AM10-23 from 1075 Emergency Lighting LLC, 14 1st Avenue, Unit 3, Haskell, NJ 07420.

23. WHEREAS, Planning Board applications were required for several properties; and

WHEREAS, escrow accounts were 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 refunds of Developer Escrow accounts be made:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DE-539	27	69.01	Price, Meese, Shulman & D'Arminio, P.C. 50 Tice Blvd. Ste. 380 Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 <i>(for: T-Mobile Northeast LLC - (350 Madison Avenue)</i>	\$ 1,940.00
DE-463	76	55	Adem Duraku 207 W. Morningside Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 <i>(for: 91 Hillside Avenue)</i>	\$ 515.00
DE-496	90.01	24	Jonathan & Jingjing Sherman 33 Loman Court Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 500.00
DE-516	193	12	Richard Perez 11 Deacon Place Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 500.00
DE-540	1.03	41	Everclear Pools and Spa 144-146 Rossiter Avenue Paterson, NJ 07502 <i>(for: 77 Heather Hill Road)</i>	\$ 500.00
DE-556	158	55	Daniel Murtagh 45 Rivervale Road River Vale, NJ 07656 <i>(for: 47Delmar Avenue)</i>	\$ 500.00

24. WHEREAS, the property located at 186 Hoover Drive, also known as Block 211, Lot 24 has been redeemed. The Tax Collector has received (1) one check in the amount of \$165,265.87 for payment of lien Certificate No. 22-00006; and

WHEREAS the Borough is holding a \$81,000.00 premium in a Trust Account for the above-mentioned lien.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue one (1) municipal check in the amounts of \$165,265.87 and \$81,000.00 respectively for a total of \$246,265.87 as follows:

Payable to:

C & E Tax Lien Fund I
P.O Box 5021
Philadelphia, PA 19111-5021

25. WHEREAS, the Director of Technology has requested the purchase of Security Cameras at the Community Center, DPW, and the Crestron Ballfield, and a Recording device at the Community Center in the total amount of \$45,931.40; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Chief Financial Officer has verified that the funds are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill authorizes the purchase from AC Daughtry, 381 Main Road, Montville, NJ 07045 in the total amount of \$45,931.40.

- 26. WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have appointed Dianne Lavin as full-time Borough Administrator effective February 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Employment Contract for the position of Borough Administrator was for a term of one year; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Amended Financial Conditions to the Employment Agreement with Dianne Lavin’s Employment Contract have been reviewed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council does hereby accept the recommendation presented and does hereby Authorize Mayor Benedict Romeo to execute the Contract between the Borough of Cresskill and Borough Administrator Dianne Lavin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified to be true copy of this Resolution be tendered to Dianne Lavin, Borough Administrator, Borough Attorney Christos J. Diktas, and Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

- 27. WHEREAS, the Police Chief, along with the recommendation of the Police Committee, has requested the purchase of 10 Body Cameras inclusive of Hardware and Software and Equipment for the Interview/Evidence Room in the amount of \$289,874; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has verified that the funds are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill authorizes the purchase under Contract State of New Jersey T0106/17-FLEET-00738GAC from Axon Enterprises, Inc. 17800 N 85th Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85255.

- 28. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Wellington Ventura be approved for employment as a probationary full-time Police Dispatcher in the Cresskill Police Department, effective October 21, 2024, at Step 1 salary in accordance with Ordinance No. 23-35-1636 through December 31, 2025.

- 29. WHEREAS, the 2024 Salary Ordinance No. 23-35-1636 adopted on December 20, 2023, which indicates the minimum and maximum base salaries for job titles in the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor has made a recommendation to approve a schedule identifying the job title and corresponding base salary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill approve the schedule as indicated:

POSITION	2024 BASE SALARY
Borough Administrator	138,500.00
Borough Clerk/Election Official	102,000.00
Deputy Borough Clerk	85,680.00
Administrative Assistant – Full Time	45,900.00
Secretary - Part Time	41.74 Per Hour
Municipal Housing Liaison	5,000.00 Stipend
Municipal Housing Trust Fund Preparer	10,000.00 Stipend
Confidential Assistant	10,000.00
Grant Writer Liaison	10,000.00
Tax Assessor	32,879.00

Registrar/Billing Clerk	45,900.00
Deputy Registrar	1,500.00
Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer	51,000.00
Tax Collector- Part Time	22,440.00
Payroll Clerk	65,216.00
Accounting Clerk	78,466.00
Purchasing Agent	6,120.00
Construction Code Official	59,574.00
Fire Sub-Code	10,437.00
Plumbing Sub-Code	17,319.00
Electrical Inspector	12,190.00
Building Dept. Secretary	57,754.00
Property Maintenance Officer	39,462.00
Director of Human Services	15,457.00
Fire Marshall	18,644.00
Library Director	93,847.00
Librarian	51,537.00
Librarian	57,222.00
Librarian	61,200.00
Library - Accounting Clerk	16,778.00
Library - Recording Secretary	1,967.00
Judge	25,381.00
Violations Clerk	38,000.00
Court Administrator	17,240.00
Prosecutor	17,384.00
Public Defender	200.00 Per Session
Planning Board - Recording Secretary	15,885.00
Chief of Police	209,000.00
Police Administrative Assistant	25.98 Per Hour
Dispatcher – Step 1	38,968.00
Dispatcher – Step 2	42,705.00
Dispatcher – Step 4	50,182.00
Dispatcher – Step 6	57,659.00
Dispatcher – Step 10	72,610.00
Buildings and Grounds	47,000.00
Fire Chief	181,631.00
Superintendent of Public Works	159,181.00
Superintendent of Public Works - C-2 License	2,500.00
Superintendent of Public Works - CPWM	10,000.00
Superintendent of Public Works - SWMC	3,500.00
DPW Administrative Assistant	50,000.00
Recycling Coordinator	9,400.00
Director of Parks and Recreation	80,972.00
Recreation Program Supervisor	51,000.00
Recreation Administrative Assistant	42,411.00
Recreation Secretary	23.96 Per Hour
Community Center Coordinator	52,892.00
Archivist	5,000.00
Newsletter Coordinator	6,000.00
Technology Officer	10,000.00 Stipend
Senior Citizens Director	66,146.00
Senior Citizen Van Driver	24.47 Per Hour
Swim Club Pool Manager	16,320.00
Swim Club Assistant Pool Manager	9,680.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment Recording Secretary	32.08 Per Hour

30. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill, pursuant to Ordinance, has created the Cresskill Volunteer Ambulance & Emergency Services Company (hereinafter “CVAES”); and

WHEREAS, the CVAES 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 Cresskill Emergency Services Department, plus the requirements annotated in Ordinance §15-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the following individual:

Jack Renke - EMS

has petitioned the Mayor seeking to become a Member of the CVAES; 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 Volunteer 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

31. WHEREAS, the Director of Technology has requested Monitored Cybersecurity protection and Managed Back-up with Cloud Replication for Cybersecurity protection for the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of appropriation created, including the appropriation to be created by this resolution is \$39,000 and \$21,600, respectively. Available ARPA funds will be appropriately utilized for these appropriations; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Chief Financial Officer has verified that the funds are available.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill authorizes the purchase from Five Rivers IT, Inc., 395 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662.

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

32. No one wished to be heard.
33. 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.

34. 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.

- 35. 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 – Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 36. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Schultz-Rummel: (Resolution in full on pages 130A through 130J.)

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.]

- 37. No one wished to be heard.
- 38. Motion at 7:17 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