

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 5, 2023

1. Council Member Schultz-Rummel 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 7:18 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Olmo, Schultz-Rummel, Spina
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Chief Domville
Absent: Council Members Kaplan, Savas
5. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Olmo to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of March 15, 2023.

All in Favor. None Opposed.

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Planning Board
Board of Health

March 14, 2023
January 17, 2023

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said the BOH received a banner and plaque for being "A Healthy Town to Watch" by the Mayor's Wellness Campaign.

Council Member Olmo said the shortage of Crossing Guards is an issue in all towns, not just Cresskill.

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE

Capital Ordinance No. 23-07-1608 – For Various Improvements to Parks and Recreation Facilities

8. Motion at 7:20 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 23-07-1608 on first reading by title only, Capital Ordinance of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey to Appropriate an Additional Sum of \$80,000 for the Undertaking of Various Improvements to Parks and Recreation Facilities in, by and for the Borough and to Provide that such additional sum so Appropriated shall be raised from the Open Space Trust Fund of the Borough.

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

(Ordinance in full on pages 57A through 57B.)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance 23-07-1608 entitled:

CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$80,000 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH AND TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH ADDITIONAL SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE OPEN SPACE TRUST FUND OF THE BOROUGH.

heretofore introduced, does now pass on first reading, and that said ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 19th day of April, 2023, at 7:00 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, at the regular meeting place of the Mayor and Council, and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said ordinance according to law with a notice of its introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage.

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

Ordinance No. 23-08-1609 – Amend Salary Ordinance No. 23-06-1607 for the Year 2023

10. Motion at 7:23 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 23-08-1609 on first reading by title only, An Ordinance to Amend Salary Ordinance No. 23-06-1607 to Fix the Salaries, Wages, Compensation and other Terms of Employment of Certain Positions of the Borough of Cresskill for the Calendar Year 2023.

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

(Ordinance in full on page 57C.)

11. 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. 23-08-1609, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-06-1607 TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN POSITIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

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.

Certifying Officer to certify the accuracy and validity of all documents and forms sent to the Division of Pensions and Benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows, effectively immediately:

1. The Certifying Officer for the Borough of Cresskill Public Employees Retirement System and Police and Fire Retirement System shall be Catherine Glynn;
2. The Supervising Certifying Officer for the Borough Cresskill Public Employees Retirement and Police and Fire Retirement System shall be Dianne Lavin, Borough Administrator;
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be filed with the State of New Jersey, Department of Treasury, Division of Pensions and Benefits.

CERTIFICATION

I, Francesca Maragliano, Municipal Clerk of the Borough Cresskill in the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true copy of the original resolution duly passed and adopted by the Governing Body at the meeting of April 5, 2023.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Francesca Maragliano
Borough Clerk

15. 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 for 2022 payable to Valerie Hofer, Esq. Trust Account, due to Stipulation of Settlements on the property assessments for the following:

<u>2022</u>		
<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT</u>
91.09	11	<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>

Original Assessment:	\$3,161,600.00
Tax Court Judgment:	<u>\$2,950,000.00</u>
Decrease in Assessment:	\$ 211,600.00
Tax Rate:	<u>2.407</u>
Q4 Tax Refund:	\$ 5,093.21

2023 PRELIMINARY

Q1 Tax Refund	\$ 1,273.31
Q2 Adjustment to taxes	\$ 1,273.30

Make Checks payable to: Check refund amount \$6,366.52.
Valerie Hofer, Esq. Trust Account
P.O Box 787
Montville, NJ 07045

16. WHEREAS, Jacek Czernek has applied for a Limo/Taxi Owner's License and has paid the required fees; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle has been inspected and approved by Chief James Domville;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the license be authorized for term ending December 31, 2023 subject to requirements of Chapter 246 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill.

License No. 23-438
2017 Mercedes SUV
Serial # 4JGDF7DE3HA883253

17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill that the following applicant be approved for employment, with no benefits, as a per diem Police Dispatcher in the Cresskill Police Department, effective immediately:

Christine St. Angelo

18. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:9-140.1 et seq requires each municipality to appoint a Chief Municipal Finance Officer; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists a vacancy in the position of Chief Municipal Finance Officer for the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:9-140.13(f) permits the temporary appointment of a Chief Municipal Finance Officer who does not hold a municipal finance officer certificate for a period not to exceed one year; and

WHEREAS, Cresskill wishes to appoint Dianne Lavin, who does not hold a municipal finance officer certificate, as its Temporary Chief Municipal Finance Officer effective April 5, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Diane Lavine wishes to accept such appointment on the terms recited in this Resolution and remuneration per the salary Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council, of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey that Dianne Lavin be and hereby is appointed as Temporary Chief Municipal Finance Officer of the Borough of Cresskill.

Miscellaneous Business

19. Approve the following Raffle Licenses:

RL 1450	American Legion Post #21	June 9, 2023
RL 1451	American Legion Post #21	September 16, 2023
RL 1452	Cresskill Middle School & High School Music Boosters Inc.	June 2, 2023

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

20. No one wished to be heard.
21. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Olmo to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

22. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary 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.

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

- 24. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

(Resolution in full on pages 61A through 61J.)

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.]

- 25. No one wished to be heard.
- 26. Motion at 7:26 P.M. by Council Member Spina 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