### **BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL**

### MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY

### REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 6, 2018

- 1. Deputy Chief Domville 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 <u>The Record</u> and delivery to all members of the governing body.
- 3. Mayor Romeo called the meeting to order at 7:44 P.M.
- 4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Olmo, Spina, Tsigounis Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Laufeld, Maragliano, Deputy Chief Domville

Absent: Council Members Mueller, Savas

5. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of May 16, 2018.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Municipal Pool Commission April 9, 2018 Planning Board May 8, 2018

Filed.

# REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. No reports.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

# ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

# Ordinance No. 18-12-1524 – Amend Salary Ordinance No. 17-12-1506

8. Motion at 7:45 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 18-12-1524 – Amend Salary Ordinance No. 17-12-1506 on final reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Olmo, Spina, Tsigounis

No-None

Absent - Council Members Mueller, Savas

Abstain – None Motion adopted.

9. Council Member Olmo read the title:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 17-12-1506 TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN POSITIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018

(Ordinance in full on page 102A in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held May 16, 2018.)

- 10. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in <u>The Record</u> on May 18, 2018, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public
- 11. Mayor Romeo 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 Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Olmo, Spina, Tsigounis

No – None

Absent - Council Members Mueller, Savas

Abstain – None Motion adopted.

14. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary:

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. 18-12-1524, entitled:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 17-12-1506 TO FIX THE SALARIES, WAGES, COMPENSATION AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN POSITIONS OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018

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

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Olmo, Spina, Tsigounis

No - None

Absent – Council Members Mueller, Savas

Abstain – None Resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 18-13-1525 – Amend Chapter 263-36. Schedule V: Trucks Over Four Tons Excluded; 263-45. Schedule XIV: Prohibited Turns at Intersections.

15. Motion at 7:47 PM by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 18-13-1525 – Amend Chapter 263-36. Schedule V: Trucks Over Four Tons Excluded; 263-45. Schedule XIV: Prohibited Turns at Intersections on final reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

16. Council Member Spina read the title:

AMEND CHAPTER 263-36. SCHEDULE V: TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS EXCLUDED; 263-45. SCHEDULE XIV: PROHIBITED TURNS AT INTERSECTIONS.

# (Amended Ordinance in full on page 102B in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held May 16, 2018.)

- 17. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in <u>The Record</u> on May 18, 2018, amended and republished on May 23, 2018, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public
- 18. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
- 19. Mayor Romeo said this is restricting large trucks on Cottage Place because they cannot make the turn onto Cresskill Avenue. This should ease some of the parking problems for the students. It also removes the no right turn from Brookside Avenue onto Merrifield Way.

No one else wished to be heard.

20. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

21. Resolution by Council Member Spina and 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 Amended Ordinance No. 18-13-1525, entitled:

# AMEND CHAPTER 263-36. SCHEDULE V: TRUCKS OVER FOUR TONS EXCLUDED; 263-45. SCHEDULE XIV: PROHIBITED TURNS AT INTERSECTIONS.

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 ORDINANCE

# Ordinance No. 18-14-1526 - Amend Chapter 275 Zoning Article XXXII Fences

22. Motion at 7:48 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 18-14-1526 – Amend Chapter 275 Zoning Article XXXII Fences on first reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

23. Council Member Olmo read the title:

### AMEND CHAPTER 275 – ZONING - ARTICLE XXXII - FENCES

(Ordinance in full on pages 112A through 112C.)

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

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. 18-14-1526, entitled:

AMEND CHAPTER 275 – ZONING - ARTICLE XXXII - FENCES

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, June 20, 2018 at 7:30 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.

Yes – Unanimous Roll Call: Resolution adopted.

25. Borough Clerk Nasuto explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

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### **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### \*Resolutions

26. WHEREAS, the Recreation Committee has scheduled various programs; and

WHEREAS, the following participants are unable to attend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the recreation fees be returned to:

Priyanka Modi **Rob Sung** 

(for: Anika Modi) (for: Isabelle Sung) 194 8th Street 25 Park Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$315.00 Amount: \$90.00

Revital Katuni Davis Tzila Weissy (for: Ben Weissy) (for: Einav & Inbar Davis) 126 14<sup>th</sup> Street 3 Laurel Road Demarest, NJ 07627 Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$45.00 Amount: \$705.00

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the Tax 27. Collector be, and hereby is, authorized to effect the following tax refund due to Stipulation of Settlement on property assessment for Block 91.07, Lot 10 for 2016 and 2017:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Original Assessment:	\$ 2,587,400.00	\$ 2,587,400.00
Tax Court Judgment:	\$ 2,487,400.00	\$ 2,437,400.00
Decrease in Assessment:	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Tax Rate:	2.641	2.722
Tax Refund:	\$ 2,641.00	\$ 4,083.00
Total:	\$ 6,724.00	

Richard A. Hubschman, Jr., Attorney

Trust Account

Check to:

460 Bergen Boulevard Palisade Park, NJ 07650 (for: 98 Hoover Drive)

28. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following May 2018 payrolls be ratified and approved:

May 11, 2018	
Current Fund	\$ 336,015.28
Social Security/Medicare	13,557.04
Community Center	2,143.53
Library	12,234.99
•	\$ 363,950.84
May 25, 2018	
Current Fund	\$ 336,254.36
Social Security/Medicare	13,957.48
Community Center	1,896.32
Library	12,303.53
	\$ 364,411.69

29. WHEREAS, the Bergen County Open Space, Recreation, Floodplain Protection, Farmland & Historic Preservation Trust Fund ("County Trust Fund"), provides matching grants to municipal governments and to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the development or redevelopment of municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant of \$50,000 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project: Cranford Park Playground (Block 188, Lot 9) – basketball court reconstruction and playground equipment replacement; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make an application for such a matching grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process, the Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing on June 6, 2018 to receive public comments prior to the submission of said application; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the application is complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill is willing to use the County Trust Fund in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the above named project and ensure its completion on or about the project expiration date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill:

- 1. That it is hereby authorized to submit the above completed project application to the County by the deadline of June 18, 2018, as established by the County; and
- 2. That, in the event of a County Trust Fund award that may be less than the grant amount requested above, the Borough of Cresskill has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the project, or modify the project as necessary; and.
- 3. That the Borough of Cresskill is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and
- 4. That the Borough of Cresskill agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and
- 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

30. WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has entered into a three year Cooperative Agreement with the County of Bergen as provided under the Interlocal Services Act N.J.S.A. 40A:8a-1 et seq. and Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, this program requires a representative be appointed by the Council to represent the Borough on the Northern Valley Committee, having input into the funding recommendations made by that Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Kevin Terhune be, and hereby is, appointed to serve as said representative, effective July 1, 2018 for term ending June 30, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Harold Laufeld, III be, and hereby is appointed to serve as the Mayor's alternate, effective July 1, 2018 for term ending June 30, 2019.

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24 Elmwood Terrace

Cresskill, NJ 07626

Amount: \$495.00

31. BE IT RESOLVED, as recommended by the Municipal Pool Commission, that the following refunds, be authorized from the Municipal Swim Club Account:

Oren & Natalie Melamud 104 14<sup>th</sup> Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$575.00

- 32. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Maureen Alvarez be approved as Summer Fun Camp Director for the 2018 Summer Recreation Program, effective July 2 through August 3, at a salary of \$4,125.00.
- 33. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Tax Appeal Attorney Christopher E. Martin of the firm Morrison Mahoney LLP, be compensated at a rate of \$175.00 per hour for services to the Borough, effective June 1, 2018.
- 34. Resolution to Approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Fiscal Year 2017

  Audit Report of the Borough of Cresskill

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services requires the Chief Financial Officer to file a "Corrective Action Plan" outlining the actions to be taken by the Borough relative to the findings and recommendations in the annual audit report; and

WHEREAS, the "Corrective Action Plan" shall be prepared by the Chief Financial Officer with assistance from other officials affected by the audit findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the governing body is required by resolution, to approve said "Corrective Action Plan"; and

WHEREAS, the "Corrective Action Plan", as prepared by the Chief Financial Officer and approved by the Governing Body, shall be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Borough Clerk's office;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill approves the "Corrective Action Plan" for the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Report submitted by the Chief Financial Officer.

# 35. GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions, and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2017 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the Municipal Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, <u>R.S.</u> 52:27BB-34 authorizes the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5, a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall, by resolution, certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all members of the governing body have reviewed, as a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed, as a minimum, the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled "Comments and Recommendations, as evidenced by the group affidavit form of the governing body attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the Governing Body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the local governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52, to wit:

R.S. 52:27BB-52: A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his office.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, hereby states that it has complied with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

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

36. Mayor Romeo said Resolution #4 (#29) is enabling the borough to apply for grant money from Open Space to improve Cranford Park.

Bernard Yoo, 81 Rose Street said regarding the fence ordinance that was just introduced, he has seen homes where the fence is closer than 10 feet to the curb. This seems to be new. Mayor Romeo said we need those addresses because the first 10 feet is Borough property. People have been requesting fencing right at the curb, but we need that right of way. Borough Clerk Nasuto said if he had any additional questions, he could speak to Construction Official Bob Rusch,

No one else wished to be heard.

37. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

38. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis 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. 39. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question. Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted. \*\*\*\*\* PRESENTATION OF BILLS 40. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary: (Resolution in full on pages 117A through 117H.) 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.] 41. Mayor Romeo said at the Primary Election yesterday, former Councilman John McCann won and will run for Congress in the 5th district in November. Councilman Cleary and I ran with him in 2000. Also, Councilman Olmo won to run for Freeholder. Congratulations to both. No one else wished to be heard. 42. Motion by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public. Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted. 43. Motion at 7:55 P.M. by Council Member Tsigounis and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted. Benedict Romeo Mayor

> Barbara A. Nasuto Borough Clerk