BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL BERGEN COUNTY NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 15, 2019

- 1. Maddie Morgan 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 7:39 P.M.
- 4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Chief Wrixon, Deputy Chief Domville Absent: Council Member Olmo
- 5. Motion by Council Member Mueller and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of May 1, 2019.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

6. Mayor Romeo read a Proclamation for the 7th Grade Girls Bergen Travel Basketball Team.

(Proclamation in full on page 87A.)

COMMUNICATIONS

7. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

April 23, 2019

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

- 8. Council Member Savas said the ribbon cutting for the opening of the quasquicentennial celebration is at noon this Saturday in front of Borough Hall. There will be music, food vendors and rides for the kids. There will also be a diorama of Cresskill on display in the Borough Hall.
- 9. Borough Clerk Maragliano explained all items on the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

10. 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:

Renna Campoli Jung Mi Choi
(for: Joseph Campoli) (for: Claire Choi)
50 Carleton Terrace 108 Stonegate Trail
Cresskill, NJ 07626 Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$160.00 Amount: \$20.00

Hyeeun Kang Paola Sayag
(for: Ian Kim) (for: Eliav Sayag)
329 Concord Street 117 Park Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626 Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$140.00 Amount: \$140.00

Michelle Park Mihyun Kim
(for: Helen Park) (for: Ryan Ryu)
160 County Road 401 Laurel Lane
Cresskill, NJ 07626 Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$395.00 Amount: \$40.00

Goosyl Han Tsadok Fox
(for: Ava Pereymybida) (for: Omer Fox)
64 Eisenhower Drive 131 4th Street
Cresskill, NJ 07626 Cresskill, NJ 07626
Amount: \$45.00 Amount: \$340.00

11. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following May 2019 payroll be ratified and approved:

May 10, 2019

Current Fund	\$ 307,272.79
Social Security/Medicare	13,192.99
Community Center	2,298.03
Library	11,733.46
•	\$ 334 497 27

12. 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 refund due to overpayment of 2019 2nd quarter taxes:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>QUAL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
181	2	CT012	Leretta, LLC Attn: Central Refunds 1123 Park View Drive Covina, CA 91724 (for: 52 Palisades Avenue)	\$2,607.00

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

Teni Hajjar Apelian 34 Ridge Road Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$495.00

14. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH P.L. 1994, C.72

WHEREAS, due to the County Board of Taxation unable to certify a tax rate due to various issues at the state level and the Municipal Tax Collector will be unable to mail the

tax bills on a timely basis, it has become necessary to issue estimated tax bills for the 3rd quarter of 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Tax Collector, in consultation with the Municipal Chief Financial Officer, has computed an estimated tax levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and they have signed a certification showing the tax levies for the previous year, the tax rates and the range of permitted estimated levies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey on the 15th day of May 2019 as follows:

- 1. The Borough of Cresskill Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Borough for the third installment of 2019 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as necessary.
- 2. The entire estimated levy for 2019 is hereby set at \$51,504,792.00 for an estimated tax rate of \$ 2.411.
- 3. In accordance with law the third installment of 2019 shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 12, 2019. Any payment received after August 12, 2019 shall have interest calculated from August 1, 2019.
- 15. WHEREAS, application was made to the Planning Board and escrow money was deposited; and

WHEREAS, the work has been completed and inspected by the Borough Engineer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following escrow balance in Developer's Trust Account 1645 be refunded to:

ConnectOne Bank Attn: Paul Tone 301 Sylvan Avenue Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632 Amount: \$153.00

16. WHEREAS, Camp Merritt Post 21 of the American Legion has applied for a parade permit on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019, in accordance with the provisions of Section 230-67 of the Code of the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the said applicants appear to have met all requirements of the said code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that a permit be issued to the Camp Merritt Post 21, American Legion, for a parade to commence at 10:00 AM on May 27, 2019, on the following route:

- 1. Assemble at Merritt Circle, 12th Street north and south of Madison Avenue, and Madison Avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets.
- 2. After ceremonies at the Monument, parade will march east on Madison Avenue to Veterans Square, where the main ceremonies will be held.
- 3. At termination of ceremonies, parade will march east on Union Avenue to Washington Street, south to East Madison Avenue, and terminate at the American Legion parking lot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Camp Merritt Post 21, American Legion, shall determine the order and participants in the parade.

17. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following employees be approved for part time seasonal help as Laborers in the Public Works Department at a salary of \$13.00 per hour.

Stephen Bruttomesso– effective May 6, 2019 Daniel Vitellaro – effective May 13, 2019

18. WHEREAS, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, the Borough Clerk was authorized to advertise invitations to bidders in connection with the Piermont Road Improvements (Section 3) pursuant to Documents and Specifications entitled "NJDOT Municipal Aid Program FY2017 Piermont Road Improvements (Section 3)"; and

WHEREAS, after due advertisement, bids were received at the Borough Hall on May 8, 2019 at 11:00 AM; and

WHEREAS, 4 Clean-Up, Inc., PO Box 5098, North Bergen, NJ 07047, submitted a quotation in the amount of \$161,943.60, which appears to be the lowest responsible bid received; and

WHEREAS, Borough Attorney and Maser, the Borough Engineer have reviewed the said bid and are satisfied that the same can be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, that the Piermont Road Improvements (Section 3) contract be awarded to 4 Clean-Up, Inc., and that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to sign an agreement for same, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Availability of sufficient funds, as determined by the Borough's Chief Financial Officer.
- 2. Compliance with all provisions of the Notice to Bidders and applicable Plans and Specifications.
- 3. Execution of a contract.

19. 2017 TRUST FUND APPLICATION MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill (the "Borough") had received a 2017 Trust Fund matching grant award of \$60,000.00, which was approved via County of Bergen Board of Chosen Freeholders Resolution No. 729-18, dated August 1, 2018, for its "Third Street Recreational Complex" project (Project Contract No. 1800215); and,

WHEREAS, Third Street Recreational Complex project was to include a footbridge crossing at Tenakill Brook; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill desires to transfer its 2017 Trust Fund Municipal Program grant award to the Merritt Field Improvements Phase 2 project; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body has reviewed the County Trust Fund Program Statement, and the Trust Fund Municipal Program Park Improvement application and instructions and desires to make such a request for use of its grant and provide application information and furnish such documents as may be required; and,

WHEREAS, as part of such request, the governing body received public comments on the proposed transfer and use of its 2017 Trust Fund Municipal program grant award on May 15, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Bergen shall determine whether the proposed request and use of the 2017 Trust Fund grant award are complete and in conformance with the scope and intent of the County Trust Fund; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough is willing to use the County Trust Fund grant in accordance with such rules, regulations and applicable statutes, and is willing to enter into an agreement with the County of Bergen for the approved project and ensure its completion on or about the project contract expiration date of August 1, 2020.

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

- 1. That it is hereby authorized to withdraw its 2017 Third Street Recreational Complex project application to the County; and,
- 2. That it will submit a certified copy of this resolution along with its written request to the County Trust Fund to withdraw its 2017 Third Street Recreational Complex project and to apply its 2017 Trust Fund grant award towards the Merritt Field Improvements Phase 2 project; and
- 3. That it has, or will secure, the balance of funding necessary to complete the Merritt Field Improvements Phase 2 project, or modify the project as necessary; and,
- 4. That it is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the Merritt Field Improvements Phase 2 project; and,
- 5. That only those park improvements identified and approved in its Merritt Field Improvements Phase 2 project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
- 6. That it agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project; and,
- 7. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

20. 2019 TRUST FUND APPLICATION MUNICIPAL ENDORSING RESOLUTION

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 outdoor municipal recreation facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill desires to further the public interest by obtaining a matching grant of \$240,000.00 from the County Trust Fund to fund the following project Merritt Field Improvements Phase 2; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body/board 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 governing body held the required Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed park improvements in the application on May 15, 2019; 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 applicant 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 contract 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 May 20th, 2019, 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, Mayor and Council of 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 Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill is committed to providing a dollar for dollar cash match for the project; and,
- 4. That only those park improvements identified and approved in the project application, its Trust Fund contract, or other documentation will be considered eligible for reimbursement.
- 5. That Mayor and Council of 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,
- 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.
- 21. 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 individuals:

Michelle Darlene Martinez
Bethann Chelsea Kiely
Greg Amorosso
Louis Samuel Messer
Joseph Max Gabay
Alexis Jean Menzel

have 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 following individuals

Michelle Darlene Martinez
Bethann Chelsea Kiely
Greg Amorosso
Louis Samuel Messer
Joseph Max Gabay
Alexis Jean Menzel

are 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; Harold Laufeld, CFO; Edward Wrixon, Borough Administrator; Francesca Maragliano, Borough Clerk

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

22. Richard Calabrese, 42 Engle Street asked if the transfer of the funds in Resolution #10 (#19) was because a lot of people didn't want the bridge. Mayor Romeo said it's because Governor Murphy made the DEP permit process much more stringent, so we have to reapply for another permit in the future. We didn't want to lose the funds so we asked the County if we could switch it to the Merritt Field project.

No one else wished to be heard.

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

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous

Motion adopted.

24. Motion by Council Member Mueller 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.

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

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous

Motion adopted.

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

26. Resolution by Council Member Mueller and seconded by Council Member Savas:

(Resolution in full on pages 93A through 93F.)

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 and Council Member Tsigounis got certified after taking a CPR course at the Fire House. Our instructor Alex was great and it was amazing.

Deputy Chief Domville said at a local restaurant on Saturday, some of our officers brought a 50 year old male back after the second shock with a defibrillator.

The traffic layout is set for Saturday's celebration. There will be dump trucks behind the barricades which is now standard procedure.

Alpine will be paving Truman Drive next week and Officer Grubecki is working with their traffic officer to make things as smooth as possible.

On May 31st we will be having our annual Coffee with a Cop at the bagel store.

Council Member Savas said she and the Deputy Chief will be meeting with students at the High School to set up a Youth in Government session at one of our meetings. A student will sit with each of you at a meeting and give a report.

No one else wished to be heard.

28.	Motion by Council Member Mueller and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the meeting to remarks from the public.				
	Roll Call:	Yes – Unanimous	Motion adopted.		
29.	Motion at 7:58 P.M. by Council Member Mueller and seconded by Council Member Savas to adjourn the meeting.				
	Roll Call:	Yes - Unanimous.	Motion adopted.		
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			Francesca Maragliano Borough Clerk		