

## BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2019

1. Isabella Garritano and Eden Levy 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 7:40 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis  
Also Present: Attorney Diktas, Borough Officials Laufeld, Chief Wrixon, Deputy Chief Domville, Borough Historian Tom Sites
5. Isabella Garritano & Eden Levy read their winning essays regarding Cresskill in the future which will be placed in the time capsule.
6. Children from Bryan and Merritt Schools presented their items to be placed in the time capsule to be opened in 50 years.
7. Mayor Romeo read his letter to the future Mayor of Cresskill which will also be placed in the time capsule.
8. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of December 4, 2019.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

## COMMUNICATIONS

9. Minutes of the following meeting:

Planning Board

November 26, 2019

Filed.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

10. Council Member Tsigounis thanked Tom Sites for organizing tonight's presentation for the time capsule. Marlys Lehmann only needs to add 2019 to complete the book for the quasiquicentennial.

Council Member Savas said the new Library Director Laura Chumas is doing a good job.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING

Ordinance No. 19-17-1548 – Amend Chapter 170, Article II §170-24 entitled White Goods

11. Motion at 8:07 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to introduce Ordinance No. 19-17-1548 – Amend Chapter 170, Article II §170-24 entitled White Goods on final reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

12. Council Member Olmo read the title:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL ORDINANCE  
OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, COUNTY OF BERGEN,  
SPECIFICALLY, CHAPTER 170 ARTICLE II §170-24,  
ENTITLED “WHITE GOODS”

(Ordinance in full on page 166A in Minutes of Regular  
Mayor and Council Meeting held December 4, 2019.)

13. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on December 6, 2019, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
14. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
15. No one wished to be heard.
16. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

17. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas:

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. 19-17-1548, entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL ORDINANCE  
OF THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, COUNTY OF BERGEN,  
SPECIFICALLY, CHAPTER 170 ARTICLE II §170-24,  
ENTITLED “WHITE GOODS”

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

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Resolution adopted.

Bond Ordinance No. 19-18-1549 – Appropriate Funds for DPW Fuel Tanks

18. Motion at 8:08 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to introduce Bond Ordinance No. 19-18-1549 – Appropriate Funds for DPW Fuel Tanks on final reading by title only.

Roll Call: Yes – Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis  
No – None  
Absent – None  
Abstain – None  
Motion adopted.

19. Council Member Olmo read the title:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UPGRADING OF THE DPW YARD  
FUELING STATION IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE

COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$225,000 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.

(Bond Ordinance in full on pages 167A through 167D in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held December 4, 2019.)

20. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on December 6, 2019, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
21. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
22. No one wished to be heard.
23. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

Roll Call:     Yes – Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis  
                   No – None  
                   Absent – None  
                   Abstain – None  
                   Motion adopted.

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

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. 19-18-1549, entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UPGRADING OF THE DPW YARD FUELING STATION IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$225,000 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 Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis  
                   No – None  
                   Absent – None  
                   Abstain – None  
                   Resolution adopted.

Bond Ordinance No. 19-19-1550 – Appropriate Additional Funds for Merritt Field Improvements

25. Motion at 8:10 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to introduce Bond Ordinance No. 19-19-1550 – Appropriate Additional Funds for Merritt Field Improvements on final reading by title only.

Roll Call:     Yes – Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis  
                   No – None  
                   Absent – None  
                   Abstain – None  
                   Motion adopted.

26. Council Member Olmo read the title:

BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$225,000 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT MERRITT FIELD

(FORMERLY REFERRED TO AS MARGIE AVENUE ATHLETIC FIELD) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE BOROUGH OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT FUNDS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

(Bond Ordinance in full on pages 168F through 168J in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held December 4, 2019.)

27. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on December 6, 2019, posted in Borough Hall, and copies made available to the public.
28. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]
29. No one wished to be heard.
30. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the public hearing.

Roll Call:     Yes – Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis  
                   No – None  
                   Absent – None  
                   Abstain – None  
                   Motion adopted.

31. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas:

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. 19-19-1550, entitled:

BOND ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$225,000 FOR THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT MERRITT FIELD (FORMERLY REFERRED TO AS MARGIE AVENUE ATHLETIC FIELD) IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE BOROUGH OPEN SPACE TRUST ACCOUNT FUNDS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH ADDITIONAL 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 Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis  
                   No – None  
                   Absent – None  
                   Abstain – None  
                   Resolution adopted.

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

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CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

\*Resolutions

33. WHEREAS, a Planning Board application and Tree Escrow was required for this property; and

WHEREAS, an escrow account was established for this 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 Escrow account be made:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DE-387	14	61	Dana & Eyal Koblenz 73 Van Horn Street Demarest, NJ 07627 <i>(for: 260 Concord Street)</i>	\$2,000.00

34. 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:

Hyeun Kang <i>(for: Gianna Kim)</i> 329 Concord Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$215.00	Soyoun Park <i>(for: Seoyoon Han)</i> 25 Park Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$190.00	Vivian Chung <i>(for: Isabelle Lee)</i> 16 Delmar Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$165.00
Krishna Nadaella <i>(for: Kavya Nadella)</i> 236 Grant Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$170.00	Meirav Tamir <i>(for: Alma Tamir)</i> 57 Merrifield Way Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$200.00	

35. Cancel Taxes Receivable/Tax Overpayments

WHEREAS, there are certain 2019 and 2017 taxes that should be cancelled from the Borough of Cresskill tax records due to property owned by the Borough and tax overpayments from prior years.

<u>Block</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
15	7	\$12,095.18	2019 Taxes Cancelled – Borough owned property
38	98	\$ 6,319.11	2017 Tax Overpayment
181	2 CT 017	\$ 13.01	2017 Tax Overpayment

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized to cancel the above amounts from the tax records.

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

December 20, 2019

Current Fund	\$ 352,747.85
Social Security/Medicare	13,454.18
Community Center	3,306.49
Library	<u>12,723.77</u>
	\$ 382,232.29

37. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following transfers be made in the 2019 budget appropriations:

CURRENT ACCOUNT

	<u>Account</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Garbage Disposal Costs	465-020	5,000.00	
Gasoline	460-020	5,000.00	
Group Health Insurance	220-020	10,000.00	
Snow Removal – S/W	292-010	15,000.00	
Solid Waste Collection – O/E	305-020		35,000.00
Mayor and Council – O/E	110-020	8,000.00	
Engineering – O/E	165-020	10,000.00	
Tax Administration – O/E	150-020	2,000.00	
Legal Services – O/E	155-020		20,000.00
Social Security	472-000	5,000.00	
Police School Marshalls – S/W	245-010		5,000.00
Group Health Insurance	220-020	3,000.00	
Computerized Data – O/E	140-020		3,000.00
Total		63,000.00	63,000.00

38. 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:

Alexander Naylis  
Kristine Tobias

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 above individuals 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.]

39. No one wished to be heard.
40. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the meeting to remarks on agenda items.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

41. Motion by Council Member Olmo 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.

42. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adopt all items with an asterisk as a single question.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

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#### PRESENTATION OF BILLS

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

(Resolution in full on pages 182A through 182J.)

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.]

44. Mayor Romeo thanked Council Member Tsigounis for all her years of service to the town.

No one else wished to be heard.

45. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

46. Motion at 8:15 P.M. by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Savas to adjourn to adjourn to Sine Die.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous. Motion adopted.

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Benedict Romeo  
Mayor

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Francesca Maragliano  
Borough Clerk