

BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

CRESSKILL

BERGEN COUNTY

NEW JERSEY

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 17, 2017

1. Elliott Malone 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 7:43 P.M.
4. Present: Council Members Cleary, Mueller, Olmo, Savas, Spina, Tsigounis
Also Present: Attorney Salvatore, Borough Officials Laufeld, Deputy Chief Domville
5. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to approve the minutes of the Mayor and Council Regular meeting of May 3, 2017.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous

Motion adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Minutes of the following meetings:

Planning Board

April 25, 2017

Municipal Pool Commission

April 17, 2017

Filed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICIALS

7. Council Member Spina said members of the Greenway Project will be meeting with the Cresskill BOE tomorrow for their input.

Council Member Savas said she attended the Library Board meeting and John Orfini, head of the High School's Library Media Center, is working on a safety program with Fire Chief Ulshoefer and Police Officer Birnie.

There are two book collection boxes in town, and the Library makes approximately \$500 a month recycling old books. They are looking for a third location, perhaps near the Community Center.

The Fire Department got new defibrillators consistent with the others in town for the Borough Hall, Library and DPW.

Council Member Olmo said the DPW did a great job on the soccer fields and the parks as well.

Council Member Cleary said he will be attending the JIF meeting tomorrow night where they'll be voting on various cases.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

9. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the following May 2017 payroll be ratified and approved:

<u>May 12, 2017</u>	
Current Fund	\$ 326,117.52
Social Security/Medicare	13,258.99
Community Center	2,430.77
Library	<u>12,426.76</u>
	\$ 354,234.04

10. 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 for overpayment of 2017 1st quarter taxes:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
17	2	Matthew Sislowitz 120 Grant Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 759.30

11. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that employment of following people, as approved by the Cresskill Municipal Pool, is hereby ratified and confirmed:

Jason Ordini Pool Manager Salary \$12,500	Ann-Marie Grieco Assistant Pool Manager Salary \$8,500
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12. 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:

Michelle Ko (for: Yuna Ko) 91 12 th Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$420.00	Eunjoo Lee (for: Dayoung Yoon) 47 Glenview Terrace Cresskill, NJ 07626 Amount: \$315.00
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13. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that the Mayor and Borough Clerk be, and hereby are, authorized to sign an Agreement with the Borough of Alpine for leaf disposal and library privileges.

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 2017; 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 17th day of May 2017 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 2017 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as necessary.
 2. The entire estimated levy for 2017 is hereby set at \$48,886,773.00 for an estimated tax rate of \$ 2.726.
 3. In accordance with law the third installment of 2017 shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10, 2017. Any payment received after August 10, 2017 shall have interest calculated from August 1, 2017.
15. WHEREAS, redemption money has been received to redeem Tax Sale Certificate 14-00002, Block 24, Lot 33, also known as 129 Madison Avenue, in the amount of \$54,425.99; and

WHEREAS, a premium was received by the Borough in the amount of \$29,000.00 paid by the lien holder at the Tax Sale held December 4, 2014 and upon redemption is refunded the premium paid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that, effective immediately, the amount of \$83,425.99 be refunded to:

Pam Investors

Mail to:

Pam Investors
127 S. Washington Avenue
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

16. Chapter 159 Resolution – Amendment to 2017 Budget

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any Special Item of Revenue in the budget of any County or Municipality when such item shall have been available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of any item of appropriation for equal amounts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill requests the Director of Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an Item of Revenue in the 2017 Budget in the sum of \$5,500.00 which is now available from NJ Highway Safety – 2017 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a like sum of \$5,500.00 is hereby appropriated under the caption

General Appropriations
Operations Excluded from CAPS
State and Federal Programs Offset by the Revenues
NJ Highway Safety – 2017 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant

17. A Resolution Authorizing Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program

WHEREAS, certain Federal funds are potentially available to the County of Bergen under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the HOME Investment Partnership Act of 1990, as amended; and the Emergency Solutions Grant of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the current Interlocal Services Cooperative Agreement contains an automatic renewal clause to expedite the notification of the inclusion process; and

WHEREAS, by June 12, 2017, each Municipality must notify the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its intent to continue as a participant in the Urban County entitlement programs noted above; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough of Cresskill and its residents to participate in said Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill hereby notifies the Bergen County Division of Community Development of its decision to be included as a participant Municipality in the Urban County entitlement programs being the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program for the Program Years 2018, 2019, 2020 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Bergen County Division of Community Development no later than June 12, 2017.

Miscellaneous Business

18. Approve the following Raffle License:

RL 1390 American Legion Post 21 June 24, 2017

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

19. No one wished to be heard.

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

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous Motion adopted.

21. 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.

22. Motion by Council Member Spina 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 80A through 80G.)

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.]

24. Keren Binderman, 51 6th Street said for the past 1½ years she has collected over 300 signatures of residents in favor of a dog park. Having a dog park could be beneficial to the town. Small businesses could benefit from non-residents that come to use the park, and currently the closest one to Cresskill is a 20 minute drive. People could use it instead of walking their dog on the fields and streets, making for a healthier environment. An enclosed area is safer for pedestrians and the dogs' welfare. Council Member Savas asked Ms. Binderman if she had any ideas where to put the park. Ms. Binderman said there's a lot of open space near the Community Center. Also, there's a large field on Cranford Place that doesn't get much use. Mayor Romeo asked her to leave her phone number. This would be a big project and there could be some EPA restrictions, but we will look into it and then meet with you again.

Faye Graye, 24 Godfrey Place said she brought her 28 year old son Max with her so he could see how the political system works. I'm here to advocate for a residence in Cresskill where developmentally disabled young adults could live safely and as independently as possible. Max works at Jan's barbershop and worked at Griffin's Restaurant for eight years until it closed. He wants to have an independent life, but there are very few places available. A residence recently opened in Tenafly that was built by the United Way. It would be great if Cresskill could have the same and it would get COAH credits. Mayor Romeo said we are looking at developing the area where the food pantry is into COAH housing, Max could be put on the list for an apartment. Ms. Graye said she is talking about a more supervised residence. These young adults get a budget from the state to buy private services to help them with shopping, cooking, etc. Council Member Olmo said it's like a Spectrum for Living setup. Ms. Graye asked if the Mayor and Council would be willing to meet with Tom Toronto of Bergen United Way. Mayor Romeo said he would.

Deputy Chief Domville said the UNICO carnival went off well. The walking track was a great help and well utilized because we moved the pedestrians out of the roadway and onto the walking track.

No one else wished to be heard.

25. Motion by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the meeting to remarks from the public.

Roll Call: Yes – Unanimous Motion adopted.

26. Motion at 8:04 P.M. by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Olmo to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Barbara A. Nasuto
Borough Clerk