

9. Council Member Olmo read the title:

“BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR JOINT USE WITH THE CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,030,000 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 60H through 60I in Minutes of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held April 19, 2017.)

10. The Borough Clerk announced the Ordinance was published in The Record on April 21, 2017, 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. Richard Calabrese, 42 Engle Street said what you are paying for these two houses is much closer to the assessed value. You paid 40% over the 2012 assessed values for the two houses on Brookside Avenue, and the values have only been going up 3% to 4% a year. Why didn't you offer them a fair price and if turned down, take them by eminent domain? Mayor Romeo said we had three appraisals for the Brookside Avenue homes and went with the middle amount. As for eminent domain, we don't want to throw anyone out of their homes. These two houses have very limited use in value. We will be going out for bids for the rolling assessment program soon and that should help with the over assessment problem. The purchases of all these houses are to alleviate the overcrowding in the schools.

No one else 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, Mueller, Olmo, Spina, Tsigounis
 No - None
 Absent – Council Member 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 17-03-1497, entitled:

“BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR JOINT USE WITH THE CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND OTHER PUBLIC PURPOSES IN, BY AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF CRESSKILL, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$1,030,000 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, Spina, Tsigounis
 No - None
 Absent – Council Member Savas
 Abstain – None
 Resolution adopted.

Public Hearing – 2017 Budget

15. Motion at 7:43 PM by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to suspend the regular order of business to hold a public hearing on the 2017 Budget.

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

16. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to waive reading in full of the 2017 Budget.

(Resolution in full on page 69A.)

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

(2017 Budget in full on pages 51A through 51HHH
 of Regular Mayor and Council Meeting held April 5, 2017.)

17. Mayor Romeo opened the meeting to the public on the 2017 Budget. [Reported by Deputy Borough Clerk Patricia A. McKim.]

18. Richard Calabrese said Cresskill always seems to have the highest tax increase in the area. Also, an article in The Record stated our Capital Improvement Budget is about 4.2 million dollars, but looking at the actual budget it only shows \$175,000. Where is this 4 million dollars in the budget? CFO Laufeld said the 4.2 million is only a plan. We are required to put down 5% of the 4 million dollars. Mayor Romeo said as for the tax increase, there are towns that haven't raised taxes in a few years, and end up with a shortfall and layoffs. Some towns, like Tenafly, have a larger commercial area to draw from. Other towns offer no amenities, like a community center, swim club or their own high school. I think you get a lot of product in Cresskill for the taxes paid. We have over \$450,000 in surplus this year, and every department head has come in under budget for the last four years.

Bernard Yoo, 81 Rose Street asked why there seems to be a discrepancy in the amounts from the "CAP" ordinance. In total it's going to be about \$500,000 for the increase in the appropriations; but looking at the summary appropriations it looks like it went up closer to \$700,000. CFO Laufeld said we spent \$709,000, but only had to raise \$500,000. There is a budget cap on the appropriations side and a levy cap. They're two different caps.

Mayor Romeo said most of the budget increases are out of our control. Sewer charges, health insurance, the capital improvement fund and more, all went up. Also, unlike in the past, we now have to pay 60% of the employee's pensions. The State used to pay it all but have taken that away over the years, as well as cutting our State aid more and more every year.

No one else wished to be heard.

19. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to close the public hearing.

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

20. Resolution by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adopt the 2017 Budget.

(Resolution in full on pages 70A through 70B.)

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

21. Motion by Council Member Olmo and seconded by Council Member Cleary to resume the regular order of business.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

*Resolutions

23. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following be approved for part time seasonal help as Laborers in the Public Works Department at a salary of \$12.00 effective May 1, 2017:

Ted Cebulski, Jr.
 Frank Kraus
 Daniel Smith

24. 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:

Julia Kwon
 (for: Victor Lee)
 130 7th Street
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Amount: \$135.00

Ariel Yankilevich
 (for: Ori Yankilevich)
 145 13th Street
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Amount: \$20.00

Gili Wolf
 (for: Yonathan Wolf)
 422 11th Street
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Amount: \$45.00

Hanan Tawadrous
 (for: David Gorgy)
 1 Knickerbocker Road
 Tenafly, NJ 07670
 Amount: \$225.00

25. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill that the following be approved for employment in the 2017 Summer Recreation Program:

Assistant Director

Ann Fischer
 126 Brookside Avenue
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Salary: \$5,603.21 (full day)

Nature Director

Joanne Dimitriadis
 104 South Street
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Salary: \$2,405.17 (full day)

Camp Monitor

Lee Campbell
 185 Jefferson Avenue
 Cresskill, NJ 07626
 Salary: \$2,200.00 (full day)

26. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill that Michele Wrixon be, and hereby is, appointed as Human Services Director, effective May 1, 2017 at a salary in accordance with Ordinance No. 16-14-1493.
27. WHEREAS, cash escrow deposits have been paid to the Borough of Cresskill for legal fees in connection with Zoning Board applications for variances within the Borough of Cresskill; and

WHEREAS, the applications have been heard and approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, balances remain in the escrow accounts which are no longer required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following balances in the Trust Accounts be refunded:

<u>ESCROW #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
ZE 310	Avi Lavon 79 Cedar Street Cresskill, NJ 07626 (for: 40 New Street)	\$10.00
ZE 290	Elefteria & Nicholas Stathatos 256 East Madison Avenue Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$10.00
ZE 316	D.S.T.G.A Inc. (Amir) 65 Coventry Lane Brewster, NY 10509 (for: 94 Park Avenue)	\$10.00

hereto), who have qualified for credit under the LOSAP program for the Calendar Year 2016 and said list is hereby approved.

32. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI) ADJUSTMENT TO THE LOSAP AWARD PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cresskill has not provided for an annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to the LOSAP award; and

WHEREAS, without this provision, the Borough must authorize increases to the LOSAP contribution by Resolution not subject to a public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Cresskill, authorizes an annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to the maximum LOSAP award for programs in effect since 1999 in the amount of \$1,635.00 for the year 2016.

33. BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council, Borough of Cresskill, that Brandon Moore be approved for part-time employment as Police Dispatcher in the Cresskill Police Department, effective immediately at a salary of \$13.01 per hour.

34. 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 2016 1st quarter taxes:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>LOT</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
189	11	Nakai & Keum 7 Elmwood Terrace Cresskill, NJ 07626	\$ 2,094.70

Motions

35. Appoint Brenda Jamieson to the Cresskill Municipal Pool Commission, for unexpired term ending December 31, 2018.

36. Appoint Tommy Yun to the Recreation Committee for term ending December 31, 2019.

37. Appoint Kathy Schultz-Rummel to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Alternate II for term ending December 31, 2018.

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

38. No one wished to be heard.

39. 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.

40. 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.

41. Motion by Council Member Spina 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

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

(Resolution in full on pages 74A through 74G.)

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.]

43. Mayor Romeo said we've had vandalism in some of our parks and ballfields recently which has to stop. Trash is being left behind and people have to start policing themselves or I'll have the Chief close the parks and fields for a couple of weeks.

The UNICO Carnival is next week and the Memorial Day parade is on May 29th.

Lauren Farrell, 25 Margie Ave. said she and her neighbors are here to get more information on the planned renovations to Merritt Field. We are concerned about the traffic, parking and the lighting you are proposing to install.

Barbara Lightbody, 31 Margie Ave. said their street is in need of paving and there's a lot of truck traffic that use Margie Ave. to avoid the light. Mayor Romeo said Margie Ave. has been added to the list of roads to be paved. Ms. Lightbody read a letter from Laura & Jeffrey Broadhurst of 57 Margie Ave. expressing their concerns about the Merritt Field changes.

Mayor Romeo said the changes to the fields and park are mostly cosmetic. The Johnson house on Piermont Road will be torn down and the baseball field reversed. The lights are laser guided and will have no back splash on the houses. They will be shut off when the games are over. There will be a parking lot where the people currently park on the grass and will exit onto Piermont Road. This should help reduce the parking on your street. The snack shack will be moved away from Margie into center field and a small playground added. Ms. Farrell said this sounds much different than what they read. Mayor Romeo said changes were made to the original plans, not wanting to disturb the Pine Oaks that have been there for many years.

Gary Gonzalez, 21 Margie Ave. asked when the project will begin and if the plans are finalized. Mayor Romeo said the house will probably be torn down in June and the plans should be ready soon. You're welcome to come in and look at them.

John Lang, 51 Margie Ave. asked to see the plans as well. Mayor Romeo asked Ms. Farrell to leave her phone number and we will contact you when they are finalized.

Mayor Romeo said people are moving into Cresskill at a great rate. We are a very desirable town. We have widows and widowers moving out and young families moving in.

Ms. Farrell said a big concern is the children's safety with the speeding and traffic. Chief Wrixon said the parents dropping off and picking up their kids at school are a big problem. They drive very carelessly and we've really cracked down on them by issuing summonses.

Darya Roshan, 5 Margie Ave. said they recently moved into town from NYC for the peace and quiet. Your clarification of the renovations has put my mind at ease. We are at the corner of Piermont and Margie and have problems with the kids cutting across our

property. Fences can only be 4' high and I would like to put up a higher one for more privacy. Mayor Romeo said you could go to the Zoning Board for a variance.

Pat Lang, 51 Margie Ave. asked if sidewalks could be put in. There are no sidewalks and when there's snow, the parents picking up their kids from school, park next to the snow and you have to walk in the middle of the street. Mayor Romeo said we didn't do anything in that area because the Pine Oaks have surface roots and you could kill them digging only 6". I will talk to Kevin about better snow removal on that street.

Rick Lydecker, owner of 31 Union Ave. said back in 2009, he and other property owners whose properties front Allen Street, granted the Borough an easement to build a municipal parking area. What is the status of the Allen Street project? Mayor Romeo said the plans will likely be finalized in about 60 days and put it out to bid mid to late summer. Suez just finished putting in a new water line. We need final approval from the county now that all the utilities are set. Mr. Lydecker said having had an association with Cresskill for so long, it is a well-oiled machine.

No one else wished to be heard.

44. 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.

45. Motion at 8:30 P.M. by Council Member Spina and seconded by Council Member Cleary to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Yes - Unanimous. Motion adopted.

Benedict Romeo
Mayor

Barbara A. Nasuto
Borough Clerk